51 – all tournaments have been arranged for 1994. The spring outing will be held over Gunnane number 2 on 12 April. This of course is also the Hayter qualifier. We go to Uphall GC in the autumn. A full list of events will be available shortly.

Please remember your subscriptions are now due – you could miss out by paying them late. Why not this year’s endeavour to recruit at least one new member each? I am sure you all must know someone who is not a member. The Association is strong, let’s make it stronger.

WILLIE BLAIR

NORTH SCOTLAND

A welcome to the section to Bruce Forsyth, (no, not that Bruce Forsyth) who has come up to be Assistant Head at Peterhead after 13 years at Gleneagles, where he worked on the Kings and Queens courses. Bruce also attended Elmwood College.

The section AGM took place, with thanks to Nairn Dunbar GC, at the end of November. During a week of terrible weather it was heartening to see 24 worthy souls attend. The AGM was called to order by Bruce Forsyth. The business of the AGM was to elect a committee for the year for 1994.

A full list of events being held over Gunnane No. 2 Club was read out by the Secretary. This of course is also the Hayter qualifier. A new member was appointed for the section.

Bruce worked on the Kings and Queens courses. Bruce also attended the training school at Peterhead and received his Assistant Head qualifications.

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SOUTH WEST AND SOUTHWEST WALES REGION

The South West and South Wales regional seminar at Caerphilly GC on 23 November turned out to be another arcitic expedition for some members. Winter wonderland came early to Somerset and looking out the window, one’s first expectation of the reindeer’s appearance was all but a few delegates arrived to enjoy a very full and successful day.

We thank our speakers for braving the elements and giving us an educational treat, also our sponsors, Nightingale Trace for their support. We must thank all of them to see, along with students, 150 delegates present.

The day opened with Karran Daly’s paper on the “Taking of the Master Greenkeeper Certificate”, followed by HND student Graham Martin on his views of greenkeeping from a student’s point of view. No one would have known that this was Graham’s first paper, a measure of his fine delivery.

After a break for coffee, the excellent start was maintained by Hugh Murray, Head Greenkeeper at Caernarfon, who spoke about the maintenance of the 200 Club draws, the winners of which are as follows: 1st: C Allen, M Ring, P Wright, C Tate. 2nd: M Clayden, M Dale, T Collier, Dr Benivet. 3rd: P Ray, J Warner, P Wright, C Tate. 4th: W Francis, D Lawlow, D Haste. 5th: G Parg, B Negus, T Jones, E Docherty. Nearest the pin(s): Chris Allen, Jon Budd, Duncan Haste and P Dunbar. Longest drive(s): Raymond Day and M Stannard.

The day was rounded off with a superb turkey dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by the caterers of Littlehampton GC. The prizegiving and raffle were presented by the comedy double act of Bar and Day (I think this is going to be the worst storms since the ’87 hurricane and what better place to be battered by 70mph winds than by the sea in Littlehampton?)

Once again Dave and the boys did a grand job in preparing the course and setting up the alcohol and mince pies at the halfway stage.

The morning started well at 8.30am with a cooked breakfast and coffee, with the first teams teeing off at 9.45.

The format was the ever popular Texas scramble and considering the appalling conditions, the teams of four all came in with respectable scores.

The results were as follows: 1st: C Allen, M Ring, P Wright, C Tate. 2nd: M Clayden, M Dale, T Collier, Dr Benivet. 3rd: P Ray, J Warner, P Wright, C Tate. 4th: W Francis, D Lawlow, D Haste. 5th: G Parg, B Negus, T Jones, E Docherty. Nearest the pin(s): Chris Allen, Jon Budd, Duncan Haste and P Dunbar. Longest drive(s): Raymond Day and M Stannard.

How time flies! It only seems like yesterday that we were playing the links at Littlehampton GC for our annual turf war and another year passed, 59 brave guys and one brave lass weathered the worst storms since the ’87 hurricane and what better place to be battered by 70mph winds than by the sea in Littlehampton?

The short par three, 129 yards, is a beauty but one who bought tickets. 1994 tickets will be out soon

For anyone does not wish their ticket then please send it to David Wood and his boys at the preparation of

The day was closed by Huw Parry, who presents for the retirement Regional Chairman, with applause, for his services to the region. In his closing of the seminar Huw gave thanks to everyone concerned.

GORDON CHILD

EVENTS DIARY

January 17-21: BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition (BTME), Trade Show and Educational Seminar Programme, Harrogate, North Yorkshire

January 19: BIGGA Annual General Meeting, Trade Show and Educational Seminar Programme, Harrogate, North Yorkshire

February 4-7: GCSAA Conference and Show, Dallas, Texas

March 8: Scottish Region Annual Conference, Elmwood College, Cupar

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June 29: Southwark, Turf Care Trade Exhibition, Motspur Park

September 2-5: Saltex (previously loG) Trade Exhibition, Royal Windsor Racecourse, Berkshire.

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