**SOUTH WEST**

"An excellent show." "The best yet." "Very worthwhile exhibiting."

Just some of the remarks made about Westurf from both visitors and the trade alike, who were there in even greater strength this year. I am sure those sentiments would be echoed by the majority who took time out to visit the exhibition at Long Ashton Golf Club on April 27. On a day spoilt only by the occasional shower, the range of machinery and accessories on display was extensive with what appeared to be record gate attendances, judging by the full car park.

Westurf’s success is again largely due to the unrelenting enthusiasm and organisation of Gordon and Marion Child, whose planning for 95’s event will no doubt set the scene for our own next year. Their thanks go to them, Long Ashton as hosts, the many section members who helped prior to the event and on the day, too numerous to mention all by name, but in particular Robin Greaves. Finally, thanks to the trade and yourselves for visiting.

A less than average attendance played at Chippenham Golf Club on April 21 in what was the Spring Tournament and section’s Hayter Qualifier. Those who played around a compact little venue were treated to a compact greenkeeper’s paradise, especially considering the earliness of the season and previous winter conditions. Course manager Chris Sealey and his staff take the credit for the conditions which made for an enjoyable round.

Thanks are extended to Hayter, the sponsors again this year, for their participation and prize funding, to Chippenham GC for hosting the event, and to the steward for a first-class meal and to greens chairman Andre Waring for his generosity in providing the wise and the “contingency fund” that, hopefully, Chris took in good faith.

The next two fixtures for ’94 are the section match v Stressholme at Filton GC on July 27. Firstly let me welcome more new members to the section — P. Jackson and D Little of Backworth GC, K Hope and C Seedhouse of Gosforth GC, J Devlin of Wearside GC, G Forder of Aiston Moor GC.

The following new members prefer to be in the North East section rather than the Cleveland section: Y Carmichael of Eglishale GC, R Ord of Castle Eden GC, R Varley of Crook GC, A Savits of Castlecarrick-Garrison.

**SOUTH TURF**

**EVENTS DIARY**

- June 8-9: BALI Trade Show, Stoneleigh
- June 29: Southturf, Turf Care Trade Exhibition, Motspur Park, south west London
- July 14-17: Open Championship, Turnberry
- August 1-2: National Tournament, Dartmouth Golf Club, Devon
- September 6-8: Saltex (previously Log) Trade Exhibition, Royal Windsor Racecourse, Berkshire
- September 22: Hayter Challenge Final, Pannal Golf Club, Harrogate
- November 8-10: Scotsurf, Ingleston, Edinburgh
- December 1: Scottish Region North Section one-day conference at Craibstone Estate, Bucksburn, Aberdeen
- January 25-27, 1995: BTME ‘95, Harrogate International Centre

Southturf is set to make its mark on the trade show calendar when it makes its debut on Wednesday June 29, 10am-5pm at Motspur Park in south-west London.

Organised by the South-East region of BIGGA, more than 35 companies have already booked space with many more promising to be there.

But this event is going to be more than just an exhibition. As well as being able to view the latest machinery and products, there is an education marquee where the colleges will be available to discuss courses, and a turf clinic where leading agronomists and greenkeepers will analyse your hole plugs (so bring a sample with you). The Greenkeepers Training Committee will be on hand to answer questions regarding greenkeeper training. There will be a special exhibit of weather recording equipment. Outside a charity golf clinic is to be staged. Greenkeepers will be able to have their swings analysed by a PGA professional in exchange for a small donation. The pavilion will be open all day for refreshments. But of all, parking, entrance and catering staff preparing a good test of golf, and to the catering staff for first-class fare.

**AYRSHIRE**

Our thanks go to Thornhill GC for allowing us to use their facilities for the Southlawn Spring Tour which was held on May 22. The event was a great success, with more than 35 companies having booked space with many more promising to be there. The day proved to be a good test of golf, with the event being a great success.

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The annual tournament between the North West and North Wales sections, played at Oaklands GCC, was hailed as a great success. In addition, both teams could only field a team of 12, instead of the required 16, but competitively nothing was lacking. The course, which is reasonably new and has great potential, played long in gale-force winds but both teams mastered the wind and played good golf.

On the other hand I played what was supposed to be a friendly game with Andy Hardy from Gem Professionals who told me he hadn’t played since last summer but hit the ball like a pro. 1 did manage eventually to wear him down and beat him 3 and 2, but the wind and the undulations certainly took its toll on both of us. An unlikely pairing of Bill Merritt and Jane Ryan played a great game with Bill sinking a 10ft putt on the 16th green to win, and his partner Jane on her hands and knees, with her head buried in a grass mound not daring to look.

An excellent meal followed the golf, paid for by Gem Professionals who sponsored the day. Many thanks to them and to Oaklands GCC for their hospitality and for allowing us the courtesy of this fine moorland course and to the catering staff for first-class fare.

**Teeside GC**

Teeside GC is hoping to build a new greenkeepers’ shed.

BIGGA’s vice-chairman Barry Henney was among the guests who turned up at Eglishale GC for my 30-year service dinner. A trophy has been named in honour of long service, and CLEVELAND presented four engraved wine glasses. I thank you all sincerely for your good wishes and I shall continue as your section chairman with pleasure. Thanks also to the trade for your support and to David Munro for organising the event and to George Malcolm for his excellent speech.

**BRUCE BURNELL**

**AROUND THE GREENS**

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

**GREENKEEPER INTERNATIONAL**

June 1994
SURREY
Our Spring Tournament/Hayter Qualifier took place at Malden GC. Thanks go to A Bradshead and his staff for turning out the course in such good condition and thanking the greenkeeper at the end. The results are as follows: 1. R. Christie, 139 on countback; 2, D. Walder, 139; 3, P. Careswell, 141; 4. J. Rigby, 141; nearest the pin - M. Lincolin Smith; best am - A. Lock, best pm - D. Wyborn; scratch - A. Hedges.

Events to look forward to include England v Scotland at Leatherhead GC on July 13 and the McMillan Tournament at Malden GC on July 26.

Congratulations to Brian Gibbs on his appointment as manager at the new Park Wood golf complex in Westerham, Kent. Many congratulations also go to Effingham GC's Peter Broadbent and his wife on the birth of their baby, Samantha.

Ted Sibles of the Drift Bridge GC reports that they have been thrilled with the seed and dyes purchased and I am interested to know the reason why, is it too expensive? Has your golf club failed to pay your subscriptions? Or are you just not interested? Your views may help us at the Association. Please write to me at Harthill Lodge, Harthill Road, Liverpool L18 3HU or phone me on 051 7254512.

BERT CROSS

SOUTH EAST
Mid Anglia
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MICK LATHROPS

CENTRAL SCOTLAND
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The racing was excellent and the final resulted in a win for Jamie Bennett. In second place was the past champion, Martin McMillan, and third was Murray Long. Many thanks, Jamie, for organising the event.

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Around the Green

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few more of last year’s members have rejoined, but there is still some to go.

A big thank you must go to David Goldberg and his colleagues at the GTA who have given the section a grant for our one-day conference in Aberdeen this year. This will allow us to finance the entrance fee by £2 per person to the benefit of all.

A North member currently making a name for himself in another sport is Kingussie’s assistant Michael Clarke. He is captain of the all-conquering Kingussie shinty team, who are yet again winning just about everything this year. Now we know how he hits the ball so true and straight at section outings.

Tain assistant John Urquhart is the latest member to join the North District golf team, albeit as a trialist, but he performed well and if his early season scores and pounding of the Tain practice ground are anything to go by he will soon get his debut proper. With so many members in various district teams, I am trying to fix up a challenge match against the World Circuit to see what we are like. Club members could be forgiven for thinking we spend more time golfing than working, just it put down to natural ability!

The North section will be well represented in the greenkeeper support team at this year’s Open Championship at Turnberry. Gordon Mckie, Paul Murphy, Gordon Moir and I will be there to fly the flag. I am sure it will be a great success and, as usual, George Brown will have the course in excellent condition.

IAIN MACLEOD

SOUTH WALES

The Wales section’s Hayter Qualifier and Spring Tournament was held at Newport GC, Rogerstone. The course was in superb condition, presented to an extremely high standard by Robert Johnston and his team, the weather couldn’t have been better and the evening meal was excellent. What more could anyone ask for? A better attendance perhaps!

Robert Boys of Hayter’s presented each category winner (results below) with a superb set of cut-glass crystal brandy glasses. Winner of the Club Cup was Andrew Jenkins, nett 70. Robert Johnston took the Waycott Shield with a gross 73 and Ted Thompson won the John O’Gorman Cup with a nett 71. Trade winner with a nett 68 was Terry Adkinson. Our sincere thanks to the trade again for their wonderful support, namely Avoncrop, Farmura, Hayers, Gem Professional, Ted’s/Christ Hopkins and Colin Murphy. Thanks also go to the golfers for donating the prize for the nearest the pin once again.

The ‘Birds’ annual golf and demonstration day was held at Royal Porthcawl GC. The weather again was fine, albeit a little breezy, and the course was well attended. Thanks go to Roger and Jeff Bird for ensuring this long-standing event remains firmly attached to our fixture card each year. Westwood was a popular choice! Do the show that goes from strength to strength. By 10.30am we’d run out of catalogues and by 11am we needed extra car parking space, so I’d say that numbers were definitely up on last year. It was good to see so many faces from the South Wales section supporting this regional event, something that has been lacking in the past - well done! It’s this kind of backing that will allow the region to continue to subsidise our education programme both at home and in the future. The section would like to thank Gordon and Marion Child for all their hard work and effort in making yet another truly excellent exhibition.

Lastly, congratulations to Mr and Mrs Andrew Phelps on the birth of their baby boy. Unfortunately, Andrew was unable to attend Hayter’s for part of the (unilmit) arrival of the youngster - better luck next year!

NORTHERN

Our Spring Competition and Hayter Qualifier was played at Bingley St Ives GC, Bingley. The sun shone for us, the course was in excellent condition, the food was good and everyone that took part had a good day. I must thank head greenkeeper Joe Baxter and his team for preparing such an excellent course under such adverse weather conditions. I must also thank St Ives GC for allowing us the use of their course and our Bingley friends for a truly excellent exhibition.

Our Spring Tournament was held at the Test Valley Golf Club. After weeks of unsettled weather we had a super day except for a swift torrential shower during the morning, one of those that you wish you had sheltered from but the rain has stopped but you’re soaked anyway. Nearly 40 played so this was a good turnout for the first outing of the year.

Test Valley has only been open for two years and is maturing fast. Laid out on the lines of the great old links of Scotland and Ireland (Barse and Catherine was what Emmon Darcy, the consultant, had in mind). Bunkers are a particular feature of the course. These certainly caused the most common comment over dinner!

Our thanks go to Nicholas McDonagh, the president and owner for the courtesy of the course. Also to Andy Blackwell and his team for the presentation of the course. But of course, the highlight of the day had to be the golf and Kevin West and the catering and bar staff looked after everyone really well.

We would also like to thank our sponsors Hexagons Maintenance and Jim Fry our official photographer, who was unable to be with us. Our raffle prizes were donated by Avoncrop, Jemman Engineering, Romney Garden Machinery and Sta-Brite. My apologies if I have left anyone out.

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Results were as follows: Tregunna Trophy - Joe New- man; Rosebud - Paul Fitzgerald; Rosybud - Paul Jack- son; Denyer Cup - Shaun White; Nila Stimson Trophy - Gordon Payne; Christopher Fry Trophy - Robert Crouch. This next tournament is at Southwick Park on August 15. Will previous trophy winners please remember to bring their silverware with them or, if you can’t make it, give it to the organiser prior to the event.

ALAN MITCHELL
Our '94 season started with the superb venue of Willingdon GC down on the south coast at Eastbourne. Peter Negus and his staff as usual presented the course in superb condition. The sun finally shone at around midday, and what turnout, two tees were utilised and the first pair of triples went off from the 1st and 10th at about 8.15am. We had to struggle for most of the morning with sea mist which kept rolling in from the Channel and then laying in the bowl from which the course was originally built. The sun finally shone at around midday, and what turnout, two tees were utilised and the first pair of triples went off from the 1st and 10th at about 8.15am. We had to struggle for most of the morning with sea mist which kept rolling in from the Channel and then laying in the bowl from which the course was originally built. The sun finally shone at around midday, and what turnout, two tees were utilised and the first pair of triples went off from the 1st and 10th at about 8.15am.

The new lecture season starts in October but I look forward to seeing you all at our summer competitions. Our Spring Tournament was held in glorious weather and playing conditions at Workop GC. We would like to thank Workop GC for allowing us courtesy of the course and making us all very welcome. Also our thanks go to the steward and his staff for an excellent meal and service, and to Barry Lax and his staff for providing a course in such excellent condition, even though I heard that some Workop groundstaff members were four-putting on some greens. I'd also like to thank Barry Heaney for organising the whole day and to all the trade members who contributed to the prize table. The winners were: 1, Barry Heaney, 38pts; 2, Matin Scorthorn, 38; 3, Steve Currie 37. Finally, I would like to welcome back to our section Kevin Caples of Cookhill Park GC who has been working out of the area for the last few years. IAN COLLETT

HAYTER QUALIFIERS

NORTH EAST: 0-9 - B Wilson, D Carutherton, J Hutton, res - C Parkinson; 10-18 - B Udberg, J Johnson, D Street, res - S Thompson; 19-28 - T Harrison, J Rippon, M Harvey, res - T Mooney.

DUNCAN HASTE; trade/guests - D Bell; stableford - 1, Chris Reed, 2 Robert Hudson; 3, Peter Ray; trade/guests - 1, Chris Reed, 2 Robert Hudson; 3, Peter Ray; trade/guests - 1, Chris Reed, 2 Robert Hudson; 3, Peter Ray; trade/guests - 1, Chris Reed, 2 Robert Hudson; 3, Peter Ray; trade/guests - 1, Chris Reed, 2 Robert Hudson; 3, Peter Ray; trade/guests - 1, Chris Reed, 2 Robert Hudson; 3, Peter Ray; trade/guests - 1, Chris Reed, 2 Robert Hudson; 3, Peter Ray; trade/guests - 1, Chris Reed, 2 Robert Hudson; 3, Peter Ray; trade/guests - 1, Chris Reed, 2 Robert Hudson; 3, Peter Ray; trade/guests - 1, Chris Reed, 2 Robert Hudson; 3, Peter Ray; trade/guests - 1, Chris Reed, 2 Robert Hudson; 3, Peter Ray.