Continuing the education theme, the annual regional seminar will be held at Canterbury College on November 30. This has been well supported in recent years so an early return of the application form is suggested. Amongst the speakers will be Mike Smith, soil scientist at Myerscough College, and David Golding from the GTC. He will be explaining the NVQ system.

AGM The results of the last AGM should reach me in writing by the end of this month. I would be grateful if you would remind your members that only those present are entitled to vote. The deadline for the AGM is November 26. We need to receive reports from each section so please ensure that these are sent out.

EVENTS DIARY

- November 9–10: Scotslogout, Ingleston, Edinburgh
- December 1: Scottish Region North Section AGM, Auchenhowe Lodge, Aberfeldy
- December 9: South Coast at Warleigh, Bath
- December 10: Graduated at IAPME, St Andrews
- January 25–27: BTME '95, Harrogate

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- November 1: Filton GC, Bristol
- November 2: Alresford Golf Club on Wednesday November 2 starting at 7pm
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- November 3: Warwickshire GC on October 12 courtesy of Rigby Taylor
- November 10: It will follow a morning round of golf, lunch and a short afternoon lecture. Any proposals for discussion at the AGM should reach me in writing by the end of this month. This year’s Summer Tournament was held at my course, Filton. My greenstaff and I had the pleasure - if that’s what it can be called - of preparing the course for a field of 42.

Apologies to those members who have had to contact me about courses injured or out of work. We need to keep a list of the potential for work in the future so that we can make the best use of our members’ expertise. It is a pity that we have so many members who are unable to work due to injury or illness.

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

Well, on the summer golfing front, no Kent winners at the county championships but the county has done well in the Inter-Regional match.

Our summer tournament at Southwick Park Golf Club went well and a profit was made towards section funds. Prizes were donated by Parker Hart and Rolfey Bros and we would like to thank them for once again supporting our events. Also our thanks to the management of Southwick Park for the use of the course and to David Hinko and his team for their services. Bill Davis and Mark Webber had to consider whether to use the fee’s for the organisation, they’re getting the hang of it now!

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Treasurer

Kevin Green

Ayrshire

By now you should have received this report we will be well into the autumn programme, yet it seems like only yesterday everyone was batten¬ing to get some growth in the severest of this spring. Hopefully our work this back end will be welcomed by something better in the spring.

The section is hoping to run some winter events this year, with possibly two evenings - or even afternoons - given over to guest speakers.

The annual games event will again be held, but this time a little earlier to avoid clashing with the festive season. Hopefully this initiative will encourage more membership partici¬pation leading even to some new faces helping to run the section. Please respond quickly when the details of each event are sent out.

It was good to see many old faces at the Open, it’s turning into a great meeting place.

Recent movements include: Vince Reid going to take over Colvend GC and Dean Whan going from Kircubright GC to take on his first head greenkeeper’s job at Castle Douglas GC. Steve McWhan is the new apprentice at Dumfries and County GC. Dumfries and Galloway, part of our section, is seeing a bit of a boom in course construction with five golf courses and five bowling greens for Kyle and Carrick College. The section, is hoping to run some winter events this year, to the trade and hopefully attract three Master Greenkeeper credits.

Some major manhandling, poking and prodding of the amateur opinion of his staff was that they may have dug up a bomb and after calling the police and disposal experts it was necessary to explode the device on a secluded corner of the course. On inquiry the maintenance manager confirmed one of the experts reported that a small metal object stored in the corner was in fact an unexploded incendiary bomb, again requiring some attention. It appeared that the only attention that Neil’s staff had been giving it was to occasionally kick it around the area. It was a good job it had not been used for indoor cricket practice.

But I can claim a bigger find. The lamp of metal that I dug out of that same last tee shot of the tournament. The section’s honours list and also Colvend extending to 18 holes from nine.

DUNCAN GRAY

(Gruncan, who wrote an article for us recently on the course at Loch Lorond, is not a course manager. He is the contract lawnmower. He is able to send the odd sharp letter into the magazine. I will say some more than I am presently having greens rebuilt on my Ruxley course and 100% of our winter course is not well specified in my opinion, choosing to re-turf these greens. I understand it does in some!)

Paul Copsis

South Coast

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Alan Mitchell

North West

The section’s AGM was held at Mottram Hall in the heart of Cheshire. This is a very impressive De Vere hotel and golf complex, and golf co-ordinator Natalie Cymbalisty and course manager Barry Gregson made us most welcome.

The course was in great condition despite having recent problems with the greens, which Barry tells me were caused by algae in the watering system. (I seem to remember Derek Gunn telling me at the Mere seminar about a similar problem at his course.) Anyway, the course was in very good order and the new lawn was in very fine condition.

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Kevin Green

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Greencare International
this is. Jocky had just returned from Muirfield where he had been playing in the Pringle Championship of Champions, but was not quite so successful there! Incidentally the lady champion at Muirfield was one Emma Daggertsey who once worked at BISGA head office.

At a recent Scottish executive meeting, two things of note came out. Firstly, this year's Patrons Award will be given to two members from each section, with a price of £200 per group to be used for educational purposes. This can be put towards a course or a trip to Harrogate '95. We thank the Scottish compa-
nies that make this award possible by joining the patron scheme each year. Secondly the region will be organising a package trip to Harrogate again in January. A bus will take people down on the Tuesday evening and return after the exhibitions closes on the Friday. Details are as follows and so hopefully interested should be ready for the forms coming and return them promptly.

Copies of the proposed review to take the Association into the future are in my care and available to any member who con-
tacts me.

Finally, a belated good wish message to Alan Grant who retired earlier this month at Fraserburgh GC. We will see him out at dunes in the meantime we wish him all the best for a stress-free retirement.

IAN MACLEOD

SURREY

There were more than 50 entries for the latest McIlvan Tankard at Sunningdale Golf Club. Thanks to Jack McMillan for present-
ing the prizes and to Geoff Cotton for donating an additional price of which our Surrey Section were most grateful. Results are as follows: 1. J Roberts 37 on countback; 2. G Kyle 37; 3. G Roberts 36.

Members interested in attending next year's BTME at Harro-
gate should contact David Andrews on 061 6512525 as a course and accommodation need to be booked.

Tickets for our annual prize-giving-dance at Regate Manor Hotel on November 11 are still available. Anybody interested please contact your committee members. Tickets are priced at £15. These have to be booked as soon as possible.

The first winter lecture has been set for November 9, 7-
30pm at Kingswood Golf and Country Club. The lecture by Bill Oliver of Hardy Sprayers will be held in the Warren Room.

Prizes donated on the day came from Liam Galway (I had been spending many midnight hours slaving over the Towards 2000' document. Stewart and Co turf farm and compost works. Hopefully numbers will

be high so that it is worth Stewart and Co putting this on for us.

WILLIE BLAIR

BUCKS, BERKS & OXON

My apologies to you all for the lack of reports lately but I've been spending many midnight hours slaving over the 'Towards 2000' document.

As a thank-you from the section to the golf clubs that have supported us this year:

Mill Ride for the Spring Tournament won by Paul Reeve of Ullesthorpe Golf Club. The Summer Tournament won by Ken Flint, the section secretary (of 'Fix' all round). In particular we would like to thank the clubs' committeemen, Gordon Irvine and his staff at Mill Ride and David Childs and his staff at Ebley.