CLEVELAND
Keith Lough has handed over the treasurer's job to Gary Munro and the following is an up to date list of officers for the Cleveland section: chairman: Bruce Burnell, secretary/treasurer: Gary Munro, regional chairman: Ian Holoran, golf organisers: Bob Lawton and Chris Fiddel, entertainment: Kevin Heslop. Other officers are Roger Shaw, Keith Lough, Philip Walshaw and Ian Pemberton.

During the March meeting, an NVQ discussion with officials from Houghall College took place. A full report will follow in next month's issue.

Gary Munro has two meetings arranged for this coming autumn and suggestions are welcome for February and March 1996.

The section has a request for an autumn tournament and venue and full details will appear in the July edition of the magazine.

A friendly match versus Eaglescliffe Greens Committee, eight people per team, is being planned for late July. All people interested, please contact Bob Lawton on 01740 650466.

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members which mean, for the first time, we have over 100 members in the section: New faces are: Anthony Cheeseborough, Wearside Golf Club; Stuart Cook, Saltburn Golf Club; Robert Eversham, Hallgarth Hotel Golf Club and from Ramside Hall Golf Club, Jack Gash, Jason Stafford, Stephen Gott and David Robinson.

SCOTTISH EAST
It's been a busy start to the season for me both on and off the course. I hope everyone received a form for the spring outing at the Glen Golf Club. If not, please do not hesitate to 'phone and let me know and I guarantee any problems will be sorted out. Membership of the section is now at an all-time high. Let's hope this trend continues. Sorry to hear Willie Blair, our past secretary, has not been too well recently. Hope you're well on your way to recovery. In March we held a quiz night at the Black Bull in Dalkeith, which was won by Mike Williamson and his Torwoodlee terrors. A fine night was enjoyed by everyone. Well done to all the East Section members who have just completed the HNC course at Oakridge College – no easy feat, lads!

The committee at present are setting up a library for members. Watch this space for further details.

Congratulations to Stuart and Caroline Crawford from North Berwick West Golf Club and also Ronnie and Michelle Frame on the arrival of baby girls respectively. All the best from everyone in the East Section.

Date for your diary - a barbecue has been arranged at the Kilspindie House Hotel on Saturday, 10 June. Bring all the family.

And finally, thanks to Jimmy Neilson, Willie Blair, Andy Forrest and Elliott Small for helping me get on my feet as I take over as Section Secretary. Any news to 01721 722832.

ANDY FORREST
and ROBERT HOGARTH

EVENTS DIARY
June 21: South Turf, Motspur Park, South West London
July 20-23: The Open Championship, St Andrews
July 31-August 2: National Tournament, St Annes Old Links Golf Club, Lytham
September 13-14: Hayter Challenge Tournament Final, West Lancashire Golf Club, Blundellsands

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our members, please pass this on to myself at 0141 942 5554.
JAMES S TAYLOR

NORTH-WEST

This year's North West seminar was attended by 104 greenkeepers, golf club officials and members of the trade. The venue for the event was the magnificent club house at the Tytherington Club, which is the headquarters of the Women's European Tour.

The seminar kicked off with Ken Richardson, BIGGA Education Officer, speaking about the opportunities at colleges for greenkeeper training and also the plans for local training initiatives, by setting up one day training courses at locations around the country.

The main speaker of the day was Jon Allbutt with his theme on 'Health and Safety on Golf Courses'. This is a subject that involves everybody employed on golf courses, from the greens staff to the catering staff. Jon genteelly led us into the talk with the legislation, which can be mind-boggling, but with his 'overview and update', he managed to simplify things a little.

The afternoon session was 'Health and Safety Policies and Risk Assessment'. The message from this was to bring in the expert, and there was none better than Jon. Have your course assessed and work within the rules of Health and Safety. Many thanks to Ken Richardson and Jon Allbutt for a most interesting and informative day.

I would like to thank John Millen, the caterers, and the Tytherington Club, for allowing us to use their excellent facilities. Thanks also to Sisis, Rigby Taylor, British Seed Houses and Acorn Supplies for supporting us with advertising and also the patrons of the Northern Region who attended the Seminar.

In the Section events on your fixture list, at the bottom of the page, it reads 4BBB. I have many enquiries about its meaning. It simply means Four Ball Better Ball and if anybody is interested in entering, get yourself a partner and ring Paul Pearse on 01625 859258 and he will arrange the knockout.

Any problems or queries please ring me on 0151 724 5412.
BERT CROSS

SOUTH WEST

After our members' approval at the last AGM, the Section trophy cabinet, formerly held at Tracy Park Golf Club, was taken to Headquarters for their use on a relevant basis.

This was moved up when I attended this year's Annual Section Secretaries and Regional Administrators' meeting, by setting up one day training initiatives, by setting up one day training courses at locations around the country.

Congratulations to Jon Scoones of Woodspring Golf Club who takes up a position as First Assistant at Studley Wood Golf Club in Oxfordshire. We wish him every success at his new club.

The summer tournament takes place this year at Long Ashton Golf Club, Bristol on 26 July.

I look forward to seeing you there in large numbers.
KEVIN GREEN

SCOTTISH NORTH

The North Section welcomes two more new members and two old members who have rejoined. The newcomers are Paul Teviotdale, apprentice at Arrochar and Alexander Campbell, a student at Elmwood College, who hails from Monroso. We welcome back Iain Gunn, now Head Greenkeeper at Strathpeffer and Mike Wilson who is in charge at Fraserburgh. Whilst on the subject of membership, it was most disappointing to see the amount of 1994 members who have not renewed their membership by the end of March. Hopefully this was an oversight and by the time you are reading this column, it has been rectified. We will never move forward if we lose more members than we gain each year, so have a word with you if you know someone who has not renewed and try to get them back in the fold.

The Scottish Conference in Glasgow was a great success as usual. Unfortunately with the distance involved, there were not many members from the North down. Nevertheless the hall was full and those that did travel found it very worthwhile.

I attended the Section Secretaries' annual get-together and found it very productive and informative. North members can look forward to more professional presentations at the outings, after all the tips picked up during the Presentation Skills seminar on Monday.

There has been a change of venue for next month's Scottish greenkeeping championships. Instead of being held at the Carnegie Club, Skibo, the championship has been moved five miles further North to Royal Dornoch. Unfortunately, Skibo felt unable to cater for the expected numbers, but will welcome any members in the area for the competition who would like to play the course.

Thanks must go to Royal Dornoch for stepping in at such short notice and I can thoroughly recommend to anyone to make the journey North to play this superb golf course. The date has changed to Monday, 19 June with the tee bookings from 10.30am. Miss it at your peril!
IAN MACLEOD

WEST OF SCOTLAND

Well, the season has started and everybody will be busy cutting and preparing their courses.

On 5 March at Brox, a football match was arranged between the North and South of the River Clyde. A poor turnout on the day (only 16), was probably due to the snow elsewhere, but it did not hinder the enthusiasm. The eventual winners were the North, for a change, with a score of 11-7.

The best of the 16 then went on to represent the Section against Central. A good game was had by all, with a scoreline of 0-10, 1st: A Donlevy, Walton Heath GC, 247yds; 2nd: I Warn, 241yds; 3rd: D Gibbs, 240yds. Nearest pins: E Dickinson: 31" 2nd hole; D Violer: 7" 7th hole; I Sutcliffe: 33", 10th hole.

Fortcoming events: South Turf Exhibition, Motspur Park – 21 June; The McMillan Tankard – Sunningdale Golf Club – 3 August – (Maximum 40 spots); The Parker Salver – Tyrells Wood Golf Club Invitation – (Club Secretary, Greens Chairman etc) – 25 pairs only.

I would appreciate any items of news that may be of interest to members of our Section. Please contact me on 01737 832015.
DAVID GIBBS
Around the Green

That night. After some discussion, I was informed that I could arrive in York at 3.45pm, if I travelled via London.

The arrangements were set. I had to catch the 8.40am train from Exeter on Sunday morning, which meant I had to leave home at around 7am. On drawing back the curtains that morning I saw to my horror an unknown car blocking my garage entrance. After trying the doors and with time ticking by, I phoned the police, hoping they could unlock the car so I could push it back a few yards. Within ten minutes a WPC arrived and because it was locked, she couldn't open it without the owner being present. She then proceeded to wake the neighbourhood. After nearly an hour, she found the owner.

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Club would like to thank his Captain, Len Snow and his Committee for their ongoing support which will continue through his period as Section Secretary and Regional Board member.

RICHARD PAGE

SHEFFIELD
On 6 April we held our final winter lecture, given by Mr Will Adams of ADAS, who works on construction of golf courses. He gave a very interesting talk on the elements of a good course, the condition and presentation, the beauty and attractiveness and the qualities of the course. In particular, it was interesting to learn the construction of golf greens.

On 12 April, we held our first golf tournament at Phoenix Golf Club, which was in excellent condition. Thanks to Keith and his staff. The winner of the President's prize was Paul Unwin, of Hallamshire Golf Club. The following qualified for the Regional Final of the Hayter Tournament, to be played at Middlesbrough Golf Club on 4 July: Division 1, 0-9: Derek McLennan (Sherwood Forest), 72-0-72; Stephen Currie (Hicklenton), 82-9-73; David Chapple (Thrybergh), 82-9-73. Division 2, 10-18: Colin Hopper (Town Moor), 86-13-73; Neil Maltby (Wheatley), 88-15-73; Antony Whittington (Worksop), 92-18-74. Division 3, 19-23: Paul Unwin (Hallamshire), 98-22-76; Barry Lax (Hallamshire), 98-22-76.

On 3 July at 10.30am, President, K Arnold, Les Purdy, Rhône-Poulenc, P Fell – Aitkens, Steve Burroughs – Amenity Turf Supplies, A Dyson – Gem, M Bearns – Trident. Our next golf tournament will be held at Cavendish Golf Club on 3 July at 10.30am.

RON ULLATHORNE