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Huw Morgan, Course Manager at the Wildenese Golf Club in Kent kick

started a busy month of lectures with an evening lecture at Pencoed College entitled “From the Wilderness to the Wildenese”. You know you can

always count of Huw to be controversi-

al and, as true to form, he was.

Huw’s talk was based on the main differences between managing a golf course in the south of England com-

pared to that of south Wales. Huw’s talk provoked much feedback and audience participation and left us with much food for thought.

The following Wednesday the newly-developed Celtic Manor golf and

country club hosted a greatly organised STRI/WGU seminar entitled “On course in the 21st century”. The semi-

ci which encouraged an audience of

well over 60 covered many topics

including an in depth assessment of what the STRI is, does and is all presented by the STRI’s new Executive Director, Dr Mike Camawey. Other pre-

sentations were from Kate York – Dis-

dees; Dr Bob Taylor – Ecology and our STRI regional Advisory Agronomist – Gareth Goddard. An informative day, coupled with a chance to see the Celtic Manor complex in all its glory.

The following day at the Parc Golf Club, Newport, Liquid Sod held a greenkeeper invitation day. The day consisted of a series of morning presenta-

tions followed by an afternoon round of golf.

The morning presentation made by the company’s proprietor Jesse John-

son, an American agronomist, who scale the limelight with many interesting views and claims including control-

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The BIGGA South West and South Wales Annual Seminar held recently at

Cannington College again was a resounding success with some 100 pay-

ing guests and around 40 students in attendance. A sincere thank you to the sponsors Barenbrug and in particular the ever smiling John Bradley, Area Manager of Barenbrug UK Ltd.

The region’s policy at our seminar is to have two students make a 20-30 minute presentation and this year’s stu-

dents John Wilson and Mark Anderson were of the highest quality. Well done lads!

Other presentations came from Ger-

ard van’tKlooster - an explanation of plant diseases and their control, An no-

ing. Mr John Linneker - “Golf Club Management” in his opinion. Dr Mike

Canaway - a look at the continuing research work of the Sports Turf Research Institute. Dr Anne Maria Brennan, the EGU’s practising Ecologist on: “On course conservation, golf and
golf in partnership” and last but defi-

nitely not least Mr George Shiel’s;

“The presentation of a golf course from an agronomists point of view.”

A half day, thoroughly educa-

tional and for all £10. What more

could you ask for? Perhaps a better attendance from this side of the bridge!

On the Friday evening Cannington College for the use of their facilities, to

Barenbrug for their support and spon-
sorship and to Gordon and Marion

Child for their organisation of this semi-

nar. Possibly the best yet.

You should have received a list of the winter evening lectures. If you haven’t then contact me, but they are Pencoed College on Wednesday evenings commencing at 7pm. January

17 – Gordon Jaaback “Dispelling the myths in golf course drainage and overview of golf club drainage”, February

14 – John Moseley of the National Rivers Authority “Quality control, abstraction and record keeping”; March 15 – Bob Scott of British Seed Houses “Golf course renovation”.

It’s good to see so many new mem-

bers not only joining the section but participating in events. Let’s hope we see a lot more of you throughout 1996.

I hope Tony Bull is back on his feet, Tony of the Clyne Golf Club recently underwent surgery to remove two toes.

Fixture cards again sponsored by TACIT will be with you shortly.

Don’t forget the BTME 22-25 Jan-

ary at Harrogate. See you there!

Peter Lacey

South West

I am writing this opportunity to wish all section members a happy, if not

belated, New year. A warm welcome is also extended to several new members who have joined the section among them Steven Blackmore from Taunton Vale Golf Club, Robert Jordan from Puckrup Hall Hotel & Golf Club and Kenneth Abraham from Isle of Wight Golf Club. The season looks forward to your support at forthcoming section events, the first being at Stinch-

combe Hill Golf Club on Wednesday February 28 where it is intended to

have a guest speaker as well as playing the usual golf.

All members of the section will once again be able to keep track of the year’s events thanks to the offer from T.H. White to produce a fixture card for 1996. Assistance in every respect isalways appreciated from trade mem-

bers and thanks are once again given to Pat Smith and T.H. White for their continued support.

The winter months there is more opportunity at section level for education with, once again, what will be a full coach from the South West going to the BTME exhibition at Harro-

gate on January 23.

A management course organised by Headquarters at a greatly subsidised price of £200 of weeds in ponds and

Thornbury Golf Centre on February 12

and 13. Frank Newbury is the instruc-
tor for a course entitled “Essentials for Busy Supervisors”.

It is the intention to run a Pesticide training course (PA1) in the near

future with instruction being given by

Noel Stevens formerly a senior lecturer from the Gloucester College of Agricultu-

ture. A venue and date are yet to be

finalised but if interested in being included please contact me on 0117 907X0123. It is worthwhile noting that a change in legislation now means that anybody wishing to use a knapsack sprayer now needs qualification to PA6 standard as it is no longer covered by the PA2 certificate.

Continuing with education, a First Aid course held on Tuesday November

21st at the Celtic Manor Golf Club was

very successful for those who attended. Don’t for-

get for those who have already done the course that the certificate is valid for three years only before a refresher course needs to be taken.

Finally I close by wishing you suc-

cessful greenkeeping and good golf for the forthcoming year.

Kevin M. Green

North West

An evening lecture and AGM took place at West Derby Golf Club recently.

Clive Heghinotham of Mirage Profes-

sional gave a very interesting talk on the situation of weed in ponds and

waterways. Clive stressed the need to consult the National Rivers Authority before using any products to control aquatic plants and generally keeping the members

informed. It just remains for me to wish you all a Happy New Year and a prosperous 1996. Assistance in every respect is

requested.

It is the intention to run a Pesticide course in conjunction with Rhone Poulenc for the use of their facilities, to

Barenbrug for their support and

sponsors to attend. The theme of the

session is Foreword Together”, and is of interest to everybody in the business of golf.

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tion events are almost complete and

will be posted to you as soon as possi-

ble. It just remains for me to wish you all a happy and prosperous new year and to see you all at Harrogate.

Bert Cross

Scottish Region – North

The inaugural section dinner/dance in Aberdeen was a great success with around 60 people attending and a good time was had by all. A special thanks to Mr Mark Bell and his staff for organising the semi-

nar with was well attended by both greenkeepers and greens chairman.

I must mention there that the N/W section has our own seminar at Ayr on March 26 and I would like as many greenkeepers, greens chairman and secretaries to attend. The theme of the seminar is “Forward Together”, and is of interest to everybody in the business of golf.

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Peter Lacey
**Around the Green**

The reason for Gordon McKie not having a phone number just now is because he has moved to join Gordon Moor at St Andrews as Deputy Head Greenkeeper on the Eden Course. We wish him well. Robert Hardie is back in the area, welcome back.

The golf section that Coffey qualifies from the North section are as follows: Sct-9. B. Wood, Westhall; G. Mitchell, Newmacher; B. Cameron, Inverurie and A. Grant, Fraserburgh. 10-18. B. Cocker, Drumoig; G. McKie, St Andrews; K. Kinnaird, Grantown-on-Spey and I. Grant, Alyth. 19-25. H. McLatchie, Peterhead; K. Wood, Hazlehead; D. Duguid, Westhill and B. Anderson, Kings Links. They go forward to the Scottish final at Royal Aberdeen at the end of May.

I hope to see a good amount of North members at Harrogate this month. Minnie's a Becks!

Iain Macleod

**East Midlands**

Our section AGM was held at Kirby Muxloe GC in Leicestershire on November 8, The day started at 9am with a phone call from Trevor Bennett who had lost all his balls (golf balls). This was quickly rectified by sorting out some more. I also had put aside for such occasions. The winners in the Texas Scramble were: 1. Dave Leatherland, Chris James and Antony Bindley; 2. Richard Barker, Roger Barker and Martin Smith; 3. Mike Billings, Brian Booth and Gary Thurman.

Moving on to the serious business of the AGM with the following members duly elected to the committee, Chairman, T. Allard. Vice Chairman, D. Leatherland; Secretary A. Bindley; Treasurer, R. Barker; Committee members, G. Robson, P. Tatlow, P. Forsshaw, A. Porter and G. Arnold. Regional representatives R. Barker and A. Bindley. I would like to thank our retiring Chairman Steve Goode for all the hard work he put into the section while in office. I'm sure members would agree that the section prospered under Steve's leadership. Thanks should go to Kirby Muxloe GC for concern of their course and to the kindness and hospitality shown to us. Also I would like to thank Vitax for sponsoring such a fine prize table.

A cheque was also presented to our National Chairman Barry Heaney for £200 towards the BIGGA building fund. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Barry and Scott MacCallum for making the long journey down to Kirby Muxloe to be with us.

More golfing success was enjoyed for the section with Steve Goode and I finishing runners-up in the Ramsdale Park Society Open with a score of 63 Stableford points.

A snooker evening has been arranged for members on February 28 at the Willie Thorne Snooker Centre in Leicester. Any member who has not received a form can give me a ring and I will forward them a copy. Please remember to send your form back to me before the closing date.

A series of lectures has been arranged courtesy of Brockenhurst College for the benefit of all greenkeepers. The dates and speakers are as follows:

- Thursday February 22, 7pm, John Boothman, Brockenhurst Manor House management team for hosting this event and I know Brian Booth for being our main sponsors.
- Thursday February 29, 7pm, Stuart Rich – Hewitt sportsground, Aspects of modern sportsground and golf course construction.
- Thursday March 7, 7pm, Howard Storey – John Dee UK – Machinery developments and moving trends in golf course construction.
- Friday March 13, 7pm, Anthony Bindley – Modern software and its use. If anybody requires any further information on any of these lectures they can contact Ann Hunt at the college Tel: 01164 343291.

**Cleveland**

Our November lecture and slide presentation was by Gerald Brady of Rhone Poulenc Ltd on “Pesticides in Perspective” who explained the low risk factor of using modern pesticides and herbicides. Follow the label and we can have full confidence of success. He was thanked by Chairman Bruce Burnell.

Ian Pemberton has a new address and can be found at 53 Edission Drive, Bedale, North Yorks.

This year's Hayter Regional Final is at Manor House Hotel in Bulwell, Nottingham on Thursday February 22, 7pm, John Symonds, as always the walk turned scorching quality. We have to apply some open water on the course by Head Greenkeeper, Mike Williams, before the closing date. Please remember to send your form back to me.

Hello again. Well here we are at the beginning of another year with lots of things going on. It's only a couple of weeks to the start of BTME. This promises to be bigger and better this year and with most of the major companies exhibiting it is the place to visit. I myself will be looking forward to it and hope to see other members of our section there.

Our next winter lecture is on February 27 at Muxloe Golf Club. The speaker will be Ed McCabe of Brockenhurst Manor Golf Club and his topic will be 'Communication'. This is not to be a very interesting talk so please come along, the more the better.

The South West region are holding their 7th annual Meeting at Alresford Golf Club. The day started with golfing members arriving at 8.30 am to compete in the morning's foursome competition for the Toro Trophy. Unfortunately I was under the weather with flu and unable to share the delights of playing such a wonderful course, although this gave me the opportunity to join our none golfing members on the guided tour of the course by Head Greenkeeper, Mike Symonds, as always the walk turned out to be more informative.

After lunch the prize presentation for the Toro trophy took place with Alan Downham of Devon Green Machinery presenting the prizes to: I. E. Barber (Teign Valley) & G. Rawlings (Padbrook) 25 pts; 2. R. Pipes (Holmshurst) & T. Jenkins (Teigns) 4 pts; 3. L. Andrew (Ashbury) & P. Gross (Ashbury) 21 pts; 4. R. Ridgeway (Fingle Glen) & T. Hughman (Ashbury) 30 pts.

Our thanks to Alan for donating and presenting the day's prizes, and to the Manor House management team for

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Jeff Drake

**Sheffield**

Artists New Year to you all!

On November 29 we held our Christmas Competition at Wortley Golf Club. Once again the course was in excellent condition and our thanks go to Barry Heaney and his staff.

The weather tried its best to spoil the day, but it was still very enjoyable. Congratulations to all the prize winners and to Sherwood Golf Club for making a clean sweep of the first three: 1. J. Cumberland; 2. K. Kirkham; 3. P. Porter.

D. Chappell; 5. S. P. Stain; 6. B. V. Lax Well done to you all!

I hope to see you all out next month on February 1 which will be given by Duncan McGilvary, Course Manager of Letchworth Golf Club, at Rotherham Golf Club at 2.30 pm.

John Lax

**Devon and Cornwall**

Happy New Year to all.

We would like to thank Wortley Golf Club for the courtesy of their course and to the steward and his staff for providing an excellent Christmas dinner once again.

Finally our thanks go to Rigby and Brian Booth for being our main sponsors, and to all the other trade members who provided prizes.

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allowing the section use of their excellent facilities. Also our thanks to Head Greenkeeper, Mike Symonds, and his staff who had the course in excellent condition, hopefully we will have the pleasure of Mick's company at another meeting soon!

The section AGM followed the golf presentation and was opened by section chairman, Bill Mitchell. The secretary in his report thanked Bill Mitchell, Steve Evans and Gordon Child for all their hard work put into the section, region and national board over the last year. The secretary mentioned that Gordon was part of a brilliant double act with his wife Marion without whose efforts our section would not be in the position it is today. The flagship of the region is Westurf, members must continue to support the show which will enable the region to continue its commitment to education. The secretary thanked Hennings of Cornwall for their commitment to education. The secretary mentioned that there was a very good standard of work in the region with the Best New Course being awarded to one of the 130 competitors. The secretaty thanked Secretary Richard Whyman for his advice and for their hospitality.

The Chairman opened his report by thanking all the trade for their support over the year. The Chairman also thanked John Palfrey for his advice and for their hospitality. The Chairman went on to thank President Rob Duncan for his excellent work at our Christmas meeting. The Chairman mentioned that the section and Gordon Child for their work in running our region and the Westurf Trade Show. The President on retiring from office thanked members for their tremendous support, he felt that the trade and the membership are in partnership towards higher standards.

The election of officers saw Richard Wisdom re-elected as Devon committee member and as regional board officer. Richard Wisdom was re-elected as Secretary and Cornish committee member. John Palfrey was elected as President and Rob Guntrip was elected as a trade member. Any other business concluded the proceedings. Richard Whyman

**London**

The November winter workshop was attended by 43 people representing 23 golf clubs. John Allbutt kept everybody on their toes during his presentation.

His enthusiastic approach and depth of knowledge got through to everyone and I would like to thank John for his presentation. I would also like to thank Mill Hill Golf Club and the Grass Roots Trading Company for their help in the organisation of the event.

Our Turkey trot and AGM was held at Aldenham Golf Club in November. I would like to thank Mervin Downing and his staff for preparing the course. Although weather meant that we were not to win the Weather cup, the scores were impressive. The overall winner was Roger Mace with 36 points. Roger received a voucher from Rigby Taylor for a turkey. The runner up was Benjamin Knowles-Jackson with 34 points. The nearest the pin prize was won by Mervin Downing and the longest drive was won by David Kirk.

I would like to thank the trade for supporting us on the day and also for the generosity of Mick's company at another meeting. Hopefully we will have the bus to the Hayter Regional Final.

We have had the course in excellent condition, hopefully we will have the bus to the Hayter Regional Final. On the day, £100 was raised for the Matthew Fell Appeal. Well Done.

The Christmas Tournament was played at Worfield Golf Club, Grab, Bridgenorth, on December 7 1995. The weather was very seasonal with snow on the ground first thing. It was decided to play a 9 hole Stableford competition, with a mad rush to the Professional Shop for orange and yellow balls. The results were as follows: Team event: 1. P. Holtman, S. Mucklow; 2. J. Thomas. B. Crowse; 2. M. Hughes, A. Ross, R. Stonebridge, A. Cornes; 3. M. Cuthler, R. Thomas, S. Wragg, L. Toon. Singles Cup – R. Thomas.

R. Thomas thanked everyone for attending, and thanked all trade members old and new for their support. Richard Minton presented the Christmas Hampers to the winning team, for which we thanked Miracle Professional Products. Thanks to Rigby-Taylor for the wine which they supplied for dinner, and many thanks to all the staff at Worfield Golf Club for their hospitality and assistance on the day. Peter Jeford of Rufford Top Dressing presented R. Thomas with his prize. Unfortunately there was no prize for the last team, so N. Tyler missed his chance. Everyone wishes you well 1996. I would also like to thank Mrs Phillips for presenting the prizes and for allowing us to use the facilities.

The AGM went very well with no problems arising and the committee was elected as follows:

Craig Handside, Barry Muggeridge, Don Wiltton, Tony Dunstan, Ian Semple, David Kirk

Finally I would like to thank Jamie Bennett from Grass Roots and Baren- brug for the excellent weekend in Holland. Many local ladies attended and the visit to the factory and breeding station was very informative.

The company organisation was superb and I would like to thank them for their hospitality.

Happy New Year on behalf of the London section.

Tony Dunstan

**West of Scotland**

Happy New Year to all! And best wishes for the coming season on behalf of myself and the rest of the West Section Committee.

A few things to mention, firstly the 130th of Russell Lewis Jarvis, son of Gavin Jarvis and his wife. Gavin is Head Greenkeeper at Lenzie Golf Club, may we wish him and the family all the best and future. Everybody wishes you well 1995.

Secondly, congratulations to John Scott jar on his recent appointment as Head Greenkeeper at Kirkhill Golf Club. We all wish him good luck. The course is not quite as high up as Fenersee so a reduction in the oxygen intake may be required. Everybody wishes you well John, I'm sure you will do a fine job.

Finally the Annual Dinner held at the Admiral Bar proved to be a winner for a change, thanks are due to Roy Auld and Steven Hogg for organising everything. Ronnie said the needful after a nice meal and handed over to Gary Davis to entertain for the evening. He completed the task admirably and the onlookers heartily enjoyed the one liners. Numbers were up slightly on previous years for the Craft, which seems a lucky formula has been discovered. The results of the football will hopefully be available for the next issue. If anybody has information to be included next month please contact 0141 942 5554.

Once again best wishes and I hope everybody enjoyed their festivities.

Stuart Taylor

**Midland Section**

Initially did everybody spot the mistake in last month's issue? Yes, I thought I would make the East Midlands Section feel good for Christmas, by making the wrong reference to the West Midlands Section. According to the Midland Team, this is the only way they would! Ha Ha! Belated congratulations to the Midland Team. Thank you Gary Davis for entertaining for the evening.

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Tony Dunstan

**East of England**

The last competition of the year was held at Belton Park with a very good turn out for a November day. The prize winners were as follows: 1. C. Mac- Donald, Newark Golf Club, 2. P. Fell, Atkins, S. Ogden, Stokie Rochford Golf Club.

There were too many prize winners to mention as our main sponsors Groundcare and John Dee provided us with so many excellent prizes.

After the competition we went on a trip to Ransomes, Ipswich. All interested parties should contact your section secretary as numbers are limited.

Congratulations go to Simon Osborne upon his appointment as Course Manager of the Wildwood Golf Club and also to Rob Budgen who was Simon's Deputy at Selcond Park upon his promotion to Head Greenkeeper at Selcond Park Hotel, good luck to the both of you.

David Gibbs

**Surrey**

The first Winter lecture was held at Kirkham Golf Club back in November. The lecture was given by Gordon Jaacka on the subject of drainage. The lecture was well attended by over 30 greenkeepers we hope that a similar attendance or better for February 12 for the second Winter lecture which will be given by British Seed Houses at Walton Heath Artisans, 7pm.

Not to mention a big thank you to Gordon Jaacka for giving this talk and thank you to Kingswood for supplying the evening.

On February 14 a coach has been organised for a trip to Ransomes, Ipswich. All interested parties should contact your section secretary as numbers are limited.

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David Gibbs
Straight into the AGM and the only chance we have to thank the AGM and the only new committee in place this year was the reinstatement of Phil Batten, Ramsey GC, everybody else still retain their posts.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the clubs for allowing us courtesy of our courses and a than you to all our many sponsors for their excellent prizes.

The new fixture cards will be coming to you soon as the competition schedule is now complete for 1996.

Thank you to Howard Storey of John Deere for his help in organising the cards.

The Winter education programme carries on from last year's success with John Hacker and possibly D. Walden giving a talk on various topics at Kenwick Park, Louth in February.

In March a tour of the John Deere factory is arranged and will incorporate a quiz or machinery workshop. (Dates to be confirmed). 

A welcome to our new members who are: Steven Simpson, James Herring, Mark Hammond, David Elatking, Geoffrey Hill.

Your secretary has moved to the new post of Head Greenkeeper at Ryston Park, Downham Market, Norfolk, from Eyebury Golf Club which closed in September 1995.

Any more information on moves, promotion etc, let me know on 01733 260297 anytime.

A G A MacDonald

East of Scotland

Well welcome to this month's report the new year and hope you all have a good one. So now down to business.

November we had our AGM at Swanton Golf Club which was sponsored by Stewarts & Co who put on a lecture in the morning, a buffet lunch then we had a "small get together" in the afternoon for the AGM which was poorly attended as usual considering the membership we have. P. Ormiston stepped down after two years in the chair and S. Dixon took over for his second stint as he has grasped this position before four years ago. So best wishes for the future as Peter Ormiston stood down from the committee after a number of years. A good luck to Steve for the next two as he will need it! Stevie picked one of the old timers as his vice-chairman Jimmy Neilson - best wishes to you. There was a space on the committee and only one nomination this was Mike Williamson, Torwoodlee, and he was duly elected. So we welcome on board Mike, see you at the first meeting.

In January the Committee now reads: Chairman – S. Dixon, Vice-Chairman – J. Neilson, Secretary/Treasurer – R. Hogarth, Messrs C. Yeaman, G. Wood, S. Greenwood, T. Murray, A. Forrest, M. Williamson. There wasn't a lot discussed so not a lot to report except our Summer half-day tournament returns in '96 and from 1997 our Spring/Autumn outing will be 18 holes only starting at about lunch time, but the members of the section can prepare their courses before coming to the outing.

The Annual Dance on December 2 was a great success and as usual the 15 Greenkeepers turned out and as usual it was the band. Well 1, and the other 95%, thought they were excellent. So as the old saying goes, thanks for a pleasant evening. So if you revert to a disco you will lose a big proportion of those attending who have supported us through the years, when you next have a disco please let me know on 01733 260297.

The Winter education programme is now complete for 1996. 

Thank you to Howard Storey of John Deere, Stewart & Bob McKay of St Nicholas. After a closely fought battle, with scoring rather erratic than thought would be, John Storey and Andy Wilson won in a tie break from the “Winners” (Jim Paton and Derek Wilson).

Well this month is to wish all our friends in BIGGA a happy and successful 1996 and hope to meet many of you again at Harrogate for the annual get together.

Duncan Gray

North Wales

It's the time of the year when we need to know what is going on over the next few months. Well here it is!

January 10, Grasses Workshop with Phil Davies, Northop College; January 19, Karnataka: Tour availability details with Terry Anderson for details on 01745 826695; February 14, Factory visit to GEM Pro with Terry Anderson; February. Details later on a seminar at Northop College on Golf Course Management; March 15, Dutch visit to Montsermet, see Phil Davies or Terry Adamson for details; April. Details later on a seminar at Northop College with Terry Anderson to be held at Heswall GC; July, Hayter Qualifier to be held at Abergele GC; details later.

I will let you know about any updates, changes and dates as I get them.

I would like to say thank you to all those concerned with the smooth running of this section this year and the many friends I have made.

Whether I am Competition Secretary next year or not I would like to say that I hope to go on and wish you a happy New Year.

TP Evans

Scottish Region

The Region wish to extend their best wishes to Walter Woods on his retirement as Assistant Superintendent at St Andrews. Walter Woods has decided to call it a day. However I am sure he will never be too far away from a golf course. We know that he is just retiring from his "job" but he will still be available to help and assist his many friends in BIGGA.

For all the work you have done for the Scottish Region and BIGGA, Walter, thanks for all the good times.