East
Well, we now have had our last tournament of the season. This was held at Peebles Golf Club down in the beautiful border country. On behalf of the members I would like to thank the Captain and Council for the courtesy of the course. Also, the Steward for keeping us fed and well watered and Head Greenkeeper, Donald Menzies and his staff, for the excellent condition of the course.

The weather could not have been better. Perfect sunshine from the first tee off to the last part. We had a good turn out from members. Nice to see some new faces, also the trade was well represented. Our thanks to them for providing us with raffle prizes.

Results.
First Prizes - George Tripe - Stewart Quaich. Winner: Kenny Mall, 73pts; HandicapXWatermatin Cup 1. Ian Bell, 75 pts; 2. T. Murray, 78 pts; 3. A. Holmes, 79 pts; 2nd Class - S.GM Cup. 1. C. Perrycook, 70 pts; 2. N. Ferpe, 71 pts; 3. Litchfield, 72 pts. 3rd Class - STSRighty Taylor 1. S. Hayes, 68 pts; 2. I. Cowan, 73 pts; 3. G. Stavert, 75 pts Vetern Winner - Eddie Holt Cup. 1. Nesbit: Trade - I. Henderson; Best Nett - Dave Russell Cup S. Hayes, 68 pts; Best Spring/ Autumn Aggregate - Bill Beveridge Trophy, K. Mail, 65 & 71 pts; Highest Score of 445 7165 or at the house 01620 683278.

Well, that's all folks. Must dash, got to go and meet Mickey Mouse. pp Andrew Forrest.

Chris Yeanan.

North
The Section AGM took place recently at Murray G. Lowesmor. 22 souls braved the elements to play in the Chairman versus Vice-Chairman golf match over the new course. The Vice-Chairman's team won by 4 matches to 2 and I duly received the Davyl trophy from Dennis Slater, sales rep for the North. We thank Alex Cruicksbackn, of Davyl, for providing the trophy and handy bottle to go with it.

The meeting passed off very smoothly with myself taking over the chairmanship from Hugh Mclathe and Wilson Morrison becoming my Vice-Chairman, being the only changes on the Committee. I would like to thank Hughie for all his hard work as Chairman for the last two years and hope I can keep the ball rolling in the Section. A very big thank you to all at Murray Golf Club for the use of their fine facilities and especially to Neil Ballingall and his staff for the course.

The final four 200 Club winners were drawn and are as follows, September 1st Class - No. 30. No. 183 James Whyte Fraserburgh, October £30, No. 37 David Inglis, Balrugs, November £30, No. 299 William Beveridge, Kinross and Fraserburgh and December £100, No. 14 Alistair Angus Elgin. Once again thank you to all who bought tickets and if you were unsuccessful this year, better luck next year.

Chris Pearson has re-joined the Section and has taken the Head Greenkeeper job at the Crathstone course in Aberdeen. Steve Dave is on the move, leaving Craigleith GC Perth to work at King James GC also in Perth. Once again the Scottish Region are running a bus to BTME in Harrogate next month. The cost is only £142 for bus, three nights B&B, entry to all seminars and the exhibition, for further details contact Peter Boyd on 0141 6163440, miss it at your peril.

Our two Patron winners, Stuart Hogarth and Brian Wilson, will receive their awards at the Patron's Lunch in Stirling this month and will be on the bus to BTME.

We finish the year with 239 members, our highest figure yet and on that note we try to find the Sections oldest surviving members, any help will be gratefully received. A happy Christmas and soberish new year to all and one, Iain Macked.

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Ayrshire
Nobody's phoned any news this month. What a surprise, so I'll report what I could collate myself.

Our secretary, Derek Wilson, had an enjoyable and enlightening time at the Hayter International Cup, although the 'links lifted the silverware. He has organised another steering meeting this month and have decided on some of the courses that the Section is going to enter. Please remember that committee members are your representatives, if you want answers about something, ask them or they will then endeavour to obtain those answers for you or will put your question to the appropriate people.

The social events I'm sure will be well attended and a good time had by all.

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North East

Firstly let me congratulate Tony Mcure and John Surtees on winning the Carbulo Knock Out Cup for the second year in running in beating Craig Partridge and David Cuthbertson 3/2 in a closely fought match at Tynside Golf Club. Both finalists will collect their prizes at the AGM date and venue will be announced soon. The annual match against East of Scotland was played at Tyneside CC recently. Our thanks to the club President, Geoff White, on coming to the rescue for this game at such short notice as the original venue was not available. So, on behalf of the Section we would like to thank Tyneside and Cuthbertson 3/2 for their support.

All of this, I am sure, will mean extra work in the lead up to our Spanish trip, but we will be holding a seminar at Morson once again in March.

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The autumn meeting was held at Denbigh with smaller numbers than normal due to everyone being behind with their programmes. The sun shone all day so the wind blew (as always) and the trees got in the way. The course was in very good condition, also to the stewards of Denbigh for their donation towards the car park. Thanks again to Post Office Savings Bank for sponsoring the event had been a little wet to say the least, but thankfully it stayed dry on the day. Thanks to Jeremy Duffield and his team for presenting the course in such good condition, also to the caterers for the first class meal and to the professional and his assistant for their hard work in setting up the prize table. A big thank you to G Adams and associates for sponsoring the prize table. A big thank you to Tony Jenks for attending on behalf of the college.

RESULTS FOR THE DAY WERE AS FOLLOWS:


North West

How was your year? February and March promised a great start to the year with warm dry weather allowing all fairways and greens to be cut and make the courses look really tidy. Then April came along and the rain started. I remember writing in the April Section notes that it had been the wettest April on record for many years and at the same time the Midlands were suffering severe flooding.

After the April rains the grass took off and combined with the rain and warm weather it was difficult to keep on top of the mowing. Even after cutting fairways and semi rough, the courses looked untidy with wet grass lying around. The day would end with you all containing to stop, gaging, I'm sure, many of you sleepless nights. Today, October 24, writing these notes, the news is that severe flooding has occurred in South Wales due to continual rain for three days and gale force winds are bringing down trees in many parts of the country.

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Bert Cross

Sheffield

On November 5 we held our first winter lecture at Rotherham Golf Club and we had a very good attendance. Our thanks go to Richard Ives, of "Boswe Turf and Spray Ltd", who gave an interesting and informative talk on spraying which was enjoyed by everyone after the lecture. We held our Annual General Meeting which also had a good attendance. The meeting showed that the Section has had a good year and is in very good condition. It was passed that the committee remain the same: President, Ken Arnold; Chairman, Neil Mathby; Vice Chairman, Jeremy Duffield; Secretary, Ron Ullathorne; Treasurer, Barry Heaney. Other committee members, David Chappell, Steve Carr, John Lax. Also elected to the committee was John Coleman.

Greetings all. I would just like to thank Ron Ullathorne and Barry Heaney for the excellent work they have done in the past year.

Congratulations to John Coleman from Abbeydale golf club who has won the Terra Excellence in Greenkeeping Award. Well done John! This is the first for our Section and once again shows our Section is moving forward all the time. Congratulations also to Kevin Hazzard and Lindrick Golf Club for winning the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition. Well done! Once again, another first for our Section.

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Cleveland

Well, this will be the last bit of Section news before Santa pays us all a visit. Quite a bit of news this month, I'll start with the Autumn Tournament first. The turn out was atrocious. Ten greenkeepers, two from the trade. The winners were as follows: 1. Martin Woods; 2. Tony Burge; 3. Barry Walker; 4. Steve Jacques. The trade prize once again went to Alan Cordingley. We did.

We have also had our first lecture, which was on environmental conservation. Again, poor turn out. I myself did not get to the above lectures but all members should make an effort to attend. The committee put a lot of time and effort into booking these speakers.

Pat on the back this month. Eaglescliffe GC, greenkeeper, Nick Davison, has been awarded Ashkan Bryan Student Greenkeeper of the Year. The college presentation of a new trophy was handed over to Nick by no other than HRH Prince Andrew, Duke of York at a ceremony in October. Nick has completed Phase 4.

Also successful at passing Phase 4 was Geoff War, Course Manager at Eaglescliffe GC. This club now has four staff qualified up to Phase 4. A very good achievement.

Well, don't forget the Christmas Quiz December 16, 7.30 Mount Oswald. I have had a word with Terry Charlton, from Turfac, who puts on a very good quiz, so if you can ask the greenkeepers questions, we would like them to be from the Salvation Army's Young Soldier Quiz Book. At least we might be able to answer half the buggers. Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Kevin (Scoop) Heslop.

Midland Region

Peter Larke
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East Midlands

Having just returned from the official opening of BIGGA House, I would like to take this opportunity to inform our members what superb facilities we now have and what a credit it is to all those members, Golf Clubs, Companies, etc., that have so generously donated to our Association.

This year's annual East Midlands v Midlands golf match sponsored by Rigby Taylor was held at Horsley Lodge G.C. on October 28. After a very close fought match Dave eventually ran out as the 281 winner. Thanks should go to Longcliffe GC for hosting the final and to all those members who took part in this competition. I would also like to thank E T Breakwells for their day at Evesham G.C. on October 7, sorry I have no details on scores etc.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors of our Section for their continued support. Miracle Bars Tournament, E T Breakwells - Spring Tournament, Chandlers - East Midlands v East of England, Rigby Taylor - East Midlands v Midlands, & Christmas Tournament, Vitas - AGM Tournament. Finally I would like to wish all our members and readers a very merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Antony Bindley

Midland

On October 21 I attended the opening of the new BIGGA Headquarters, appropriately named BIGGA HOUSE. The new building is a great step forward for the Association and a facility which should take us into the millenium and further. The facilities on offer are open to all members and it would be a greater success if we could get more involvement in the Association from the grass roots level as all these new facilities are there for the benefit of the subscription paying members. The annual committee cup was held at Ross-on-Wye Golf Club and was won by Rhys Thomas, our Competition's Secretary with a Stableford points score of 34. Well done to Rhys, the trophy will be presented at the Christmas tournament. The Christmas tournament will be held at Cop North Heath Golf Club on December 10 and the AGM will follow. Any player who is not playing in the golf is also reminded that they are still welcome to the AGM.

I would just like to wish everybody a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Finally, I have a few new members to introduce, they are as follows: Francesco Pelino, John Hughes, Andrew Dalton, Steven Harvey, Joe Clifford, Andrew Richards, Leslie Howkins, Philip Shakespeare and John Cassidy.

Jonathan Wood.

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East of England

The Rigby Taylor Cup was played at the second attempt at Ryston Park as the first was wash out in June. The course was a little dryer this time and in excellent condition. Thank you to Kevin Hodges and Merv Codling for presenting a testing course for our competition. Also thank you to the Ryston Golf Club for allowing us courtesy second round time around. The eventual winner was myself (G A Macdonald) not surprising because I used to work there as a boilser. Kevin Hodges the existing Head greenkeeper came in second and Phil Brown "Vice Captain" won the guest prize. Longest drive went to J Carr "Chandlers" and the Lambbs Cup for nearest the pin went to G A Macdonald. Everybody who played took home a prize and we thank our main sponsor Stuart Jeffs of Rigby Taylors for some superb prizes. It was a pity that there was not more members playing, because we had a fantastic meal afterwards and thanks to Eric Greg for that. Other sponsors were: Tower Chemicals, Willmot Pertwee, Chandlers, Aitkins, Greenpride, Barenbrug and Maxicrop. The section would also like to congratulate the Head Greenkeeper of Ryston Park, Kevin Hodges on the birth of his second baby boy. Hope you don't have too many sleepless nights. Also congratulations to Newark's Alan Buckley on becoming Askham Bryan's NVQ3 Student of the Year. G A Macdonald.

South West

A crisp autumnal day greeted the competitors for the annual match against our friends from across the Bristol Channel at a very impressive St Pierre. Following the humiliation of our last defeat at the hands of the Welsh giants, we put out our strongest team yet with some carefully hand picked bandits making up an impressive side. I am pleased to say that this tactics was very successful with a five matches to two win in our favour. Thanks for putting up with my libelous statements and I hope to see you all at the fixtures throughout the coming months. Merry Christmas to every one and may your New Year be stress free.

Marc Haring

South Wales

With a warm and bright day we were welcomed to the St Pierre Golf & Country Club to play the seventh match versus the South West. What a delight to be back after a short break, with the course in good condition and excellent food, a superb day was had by all.

Congratulations to the South West team captain Matthew Hawker and his team on their 4 games to 2 win. Our thanks also to Richard Minton and Scots Amenity for sponsoring the longest drive and nearest the pin prizes. Nearest the pin: 2nd hole - Douge Donne, 6th hole - David Gladwin, 13th hole - Kerry Jones, 18th hole - John Keenaghan. Longest drive on 17th - Andy Cosh.

Sincere thanks also to our Regional Administrator, Paula, who travelled up to become the official starter and saw everyone off on time. A mention again and congratulations to the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club and Course Manager, David Ward and his staff on winning the Regional finals of the Amzone Environmental award 1998.

Although this time it has to be mentioned that on behalf of the club David received a plaque and a cheque for £250 by the HRH Duke of York at a presentation held at the Askham Bryan College near York. On October 21 both P Lacey and D. Ward had the pleasure of attending the opening ceremony of the new BIGGA HQ.

The building was officially opened by the HRH Duke of York followed by a reception at Aldwark Manor Hotel where they had the great pleasure of meeting the Duke in person. What an event of which Peter and David must be proud and privileged to have attended. Recently a number of people attended a tour of the Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research at Aberystwyth with British Seed Houses. ICER has been in the news lately for developing the Stay Green Grasses.

After a visit to the field to see the trial plots of grasses being grown and the breeding programmes that are taking place, a tour of the laboratories took place to see the science behind the breeding. This look into the Genetic Engineering and Genetic Mapping along with the techniques that are being used and the scientific methods involved are of what is happening and what could happen in the near future.
Sincere thanks to the Institute from all who attended for their insight into plant breeding programmes taking place on behalf of BSH and especially to Dr Danny Thorogood for his explanations. And to all at British Seed Houses but especially Alan Sinclair, Simon Taylor, John Hughes and Roger Saunders for their wonderful hospitality. Despite the horrendous weather, gale force winds and flooding, a good time was had by all.

On October 28 the Rigby Taylor Matchplay Finals were held at the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club. Kerry Jones of Garnant Park and Mike Norfolk of Southerndown Golf Club were battling it out in gale force winds that almost made their golf impossible. The pair were assisted by Roy Barker and David Carver, Rigby Taylor representatives for South Wales. Mike Norfolk led 1 up after 9 holes, the back nine resumed after a healthy lunch with the strong winds continuing, they did well stay on their feet! A spirited fight back by Kerry Jones took place. During the back none Kerry became 1 up and at the par 5, 17th his long hitting proved an advantage as he parred this hole to a bogey from Mike to win the match 2 and 1. A great day was had by all despite the weather.

Our sincere thanks to Rigby Taylor, Roy Baker and Dave Carvey for sponsoring this competition (and who will sponsor the competition for the next 9 years). Only a few seats left for the BTME Express so avoid disappointment, send your application to P. Humphries as soon as possible. Remember, £95 per person and £85 for the second travelling from the same club!
South Coast

The Festive Season is with us once again. How time flies! A Happy Christmas to all our members, all the staff at Headquarters, all our Members of the Trade and all our sponsors over the past year. By now you should have received your programme for the Section and Region events for 1998-1999. If you have not received one yet, get in touch with Jef, our secretary, straight away. Our first event for 1999 is at Canterbury Magenta Golf Club on Wednesday January 13.

The proceedings start at 10am. We start with a talk by David Whitaker, from The Wisley Golf Club. This will be followed by a talk from Amenity Technology. Then 9 holes of golf or a course walk whichever you prefer. Everyone is welcome.

For bookings for the Region's trip to BTME should be full. However, there may still be some vacancies, so if you have left it to the last minute, contact our Regional Administrator, Paula, straight away. On February 23 we are holding our seminar at Wartholde Golf Club. The speakers include: Howard Swan, Jim McKenzie, Jack McMillan and Sandy Wilson. Booking forms should be with you shortly, along with information on the day's programme and your allocated groups. With his handcap down to Scratch, he was asked to play for the Norfolk County side.

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Paul Lockett.

London

An era ends in December 1998, after 45 years in Greenkeeping, Gerrards Cross Golf Club's Head Greenkeeper, John Nudds, is retiring. John was born in the village of Brancaster Staithe in 1933 and his lifelong interest in golf was sparked off at the age of 13, when he caddied at Royal West Norfolk Golf Club and also joined Brancaster Artisans at the same age.

His career in greenkeeping started after getting his first job at Royal West Norfolk Golf Club. After two years National Service in the REME, he soon achieved success by winning six cups shortly after his demob, despite have played virtually no golf. With his handicap down to Scratch, he was asked to play for the Norfolk County side.

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Moor Park Golf Club on reaching the final of the Kubota Golf Club Challenge held at Woodhall Spa Golf Club - home of the English Golf Union. Stuart and John won through to the final of 15 competing clubs from an initial entry of 500 clubs. The first day's play was on The Hotchkin Championship Course and with its narrow fairways and cavernous bunkers, provided a stern test of golf. The second day's play was on the new 'Bracken Course' and although providing totally different characteristics to the Championship Course, it was equally demanding. Accommodation was at the notable Petwood Hotel which, during the war, was the billet for the RAF Officers serving with the famous Dambusters Squadron. Thanks must be given to Kubota UK for organising the Golf Club Challenge and for their generosity hosting the Finals at such a prestigious venue. Also, thanks to Rene Orban and Mr Miyake, of Kubota UK, for presenting the prizes. Congratulations also to David Montgomerie of Finchley Golf Club on his engagement to Kay Dowley. It's nice to see a chap floating into the landing net with a smile on his face!

Peter Hopkinson.

Surrey

The Surrey Section Autumn Tournament was played at the Drift Golf Club on Thursday October 15. Paul Weston the Course Manager and the rest of his enterprising team had presented the course, despite an extremely wet spell, in excellent condition and we all thank him and the management of the Drift for the golf, the delicious food and the warm welcome. The result was: Nearest the pin 3rd: Dave Murdoch; nearest the pin 16th: Ken Harding; Longest Drive: Paul Robinson; 1st: John Davidson, 37 pts; 2nd: Michael McLaughlin, 36 pts. Well, I'm afraid that's it for this month, see you all next month!

Brian Wilmott.

Essex

The Essex Section held an educational evening on November 1 at Orgett Golf Club. We have a new member, Ian Wright from Romford Golf Club. Welcome Ian. Can I wish all Essex members and Trade members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you at the AGM December 1 at Orgett Golf Club.

David Wells.

South East

Apologies for no South East Section notes in the November issue as I was on holiday in Greece, where the weather was a complete contrast to here, sunshine and heat were unfamiliar after the year we have had. I know everyone is in the same 'boat', literally! With the amount of rain over the last two months alone even the best drained courses have had to close on some occasions, but look on the bright side, it's nearly Christmas! Our Section Secretary, Ken Henderson, representing Northern Ireland, flew over to England to attend the opening of the BIGGA headquarters, BIGGA HOUSE where he was warmly received.

The new Headquarters were opened on October 21 by the Duke of York, Ken would like to thank everyone who helped raise money for The Building Fund, especially club donations from Edenmore GC, Malone GC, Royal Portrush GC.

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Brian Wilmott.

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Around the green

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