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The sections autumn outing was held at the Pines Golf Centre, Dumfries on the 30th September. A reasonable turnout was in attendance ready to brave the forecasted heavy rain and showers. Fortunately the severity of the forecast did not materialise and apart from one horrendous shower, which threatened the afternoon Stableford, the day remained mainly dry.

The Pines is an 18 hole course and driving range which was the initiative of our Chairman Duncan Gray who designed, constructed and now manages the complex. The presentation thank you speech was delivered by our Vice Chairman, whoever he is, with our Chairman Jimmy Neilson to present the prizes.

Duncan was congratulated on his achievements at the Pines. Much sterling work has been done and with extensions and improvements planned, this will be a big future, I will not elaborate on our Editor Scott McCallum was in attendance with his notepad and camera. The greengrass were thanked for the preparation and presentation of the course and the catering staff were thanked for keeping everyone well fed and refreshed throughout the day. Chairman Duncan Gray replied by thanking everyone for attending and helped by Iain Barr, Ladies handicap chairman.


The patrons award winners for this year are Roland Blackburn, of Southerness, and Scott McLean, of West Kilbride. They will receive, among other things, a trip to Harrogate 2000. Congratulations to both on this achievement.

That’s all the news for this month, any news or views call me on 0131 6283278 otherwise I’ll see you at Scots turf.

Iain Barr

North

The section autumn outing and 50th Anniversary at Dofield, Dundee was a great success with a big turnout, wonderful weather, superb golf course and a great welcome from all. Paul Murphy and his staff are to be congratulated on the condition of the course and the clubhouse facilities were also first rate. We were delighted to welcome 95 people on the day with 86 playing golf. Guests included BIGGA Vice Chairman Elliot Small, Scottish Chairman Jimmy Neilson, Regional Administrator Peter Boyd and previous Section stalwarts John Flint and Willie Miltom, who incidentally was Head Greenkeeper at Dofield for many years until retirement.

All who attended received a 50th Anniversary lapel badge, but the actual prize winners were as follows. Scratch K. Peace, Inverurie, 76, 2nd H. Stewart, Strathlene, 77, Class One 1. S. Williams, Inverurie, 78-6=72, 2. B. Cruikshank, Garmouth, 78-3=75 3rd P. Murphy, Dofield -7 of 73. Class Two 1. W. Allan, Stewarton, 82-7=79, 2. C. Ogilvie, Boat of Garden, 85-9=76. Class Three 1. I. Grant, Strathlene, 90-14=76, 2. G. Aitken, Peterculter, 90-1=9=77, 3. A. McDonald, Balmedie, 92-18=80. Veterans 1. I. Grant, Tarbat, 93-13=80, 2. J. Taylor, Retired 89-7=82. Apprentice 1. A. Stewart, Royal Aberdeen, 81-6=75, 2. I. Cowper, Tain 88-11=77, Guest E. Small, Tullialan 84-7=77. Trade P. Allan, Stewarts 81-4=77. The winner of the card draw for the BIGGA blazer was A. Wilson, Berchin. The winner of two tickets to a Dundee United home game presented by Rigby Taylor was Robert Paterson, Royal Aberdeen. Thanks to other trade members for donations to what, was a large table of raffle prizes.

I had a bad back at the time so was unable to play, which was just as well because we were missing our hard working Secretary, Dougal Daoig, who was otherwise detained and we hope all has been settled satisfactorily in the matter by the time you read this.

The four lucky winners of our 200 Club draw were as follows: May £30 No. 4 B. Anderson, Aberdeen, June £30 No. 112 W. Morrison, Aberdeen, July £30 No. 132 A. Holmes, Blairgowrie, August £100 No. 163 J. Neilson, Edinburgh, I would like to thank all who supported the section by buying tickets this year as we sold them all once more and raised much needed funds to help run the section.

There are still four draws left, so you still might win!!

First, I feel I must say how disappointed I am that the Golf Course Design workshop due to be held in Aberdeen has been cancelled as only one member applied to attend. This is an excellent course and was available in the North at a much reduced cost. Apathy rules ok!

Iain Macadow

Central

The final golf tournament of the season was held at Balbirnie Park Golf Club, Markinch, Fife on September 21, when 40 members enjoyed playing on a course in excellent condition and sunshine, following what must have been the heaviest couple of days rain this year.

Our sincere thanks go to Craig Stafford (pity about the tie) and his staff for all their hard work, to Heather and the clubhouse staff for the first class service and meals, to club administrator Steve Oliver for all his support and to Vice Captain Dr. Krishnaswamy, who presented our prizes in the evening.

With a special thanks to all our Patrons for their continued support. Thanks go also to section Chairman Archie Dunn and Phil (five to reach the ladies' tees) amongst all their work in starting the tournament and checking the cards.

Prize winners on the day were as follows: Best Nett Aggregate spring/autumn D. McAllister, Ladybank, 143 pts, Best Nett Aggregate St Andrews, 21 pts, Best Nett S. Sime, Leven, 63 pts, 1st Class 1 H/cap D. McAllister, Ladybank, 69 pts, 1st Class 2 H/cap A. Dunn, Auchterarder, 70 pts, 2nd Class 1 H/cap T. Murray, Leven, 72 pts, 2nd Class 2 H/cap T. Harris, Cupar, 71 pts, 3rd Class 1 H/cap A. Robertson, Grangemouth, 66 pts, 3rd Class 2 H/cap A. Arnott, Dunmow, 75 pts, 2nd Class 3 H/cap J. Paterson, Cockburnspath, 72 pts, Guest D. Walls, Grangemouth, 69 pts, Special Prize, donated by Rigby Taylor A. Crawford, Green Hotel, 71 pts, 1998 Inter Club Tournament S. Sime/A. Hend, Leven Links.

The reason no tee off times were allocated prior to the tournament was that at the closing date for entries I only had 13 names. So please return your forms in plenty of time in future.

I suppose I had better apologise to Stuart Sime from that Sporting Club in Leven as, even in spite of our usual immaculate planning, we managed to give him the wrong tee time and he let me (not a lot) that I wouldn’t put it in the magazine. Where’s the money Stuart?

We welcome new member Kevin Rogers to the Auchterarder Golf Club, to the Section and it was nice to meet him at our autumn tournament. That’s what I call support; join, then attend the meeting you and your club officials next time you meet.

This year the East Section held their annual Willie Woods Invitational Tournament courtesy of the captain and Council of Glencorse Golf Club. There was a good attendance on the day. The weather was very good as prior to the tournament we had some very heavy rain. We wish to thank the captain and council for their great condition of the course and also the clubhouse staff for looking after us so well on the day. The scoring on the day was very good as the results will show. 1. S. Millar, Oliver, Glencorse, 78-14-64, 2. G. Rodger, MacKay, Glencorse, 70-46 b, 3. S. Nicholl, Findlay, Westerfield, 66-66.

Well done to the Glencorse team with a fine 64 and also to the other top three winners, also thanks again to tournament sponsor Ian Henderson, Ian Henderson Finance, for his continued support of this event. Next year’s tournament will be played over the links at Westerfield GC, Dunbar so we hope to see you there. The reason that we are not giving back to the winner’s course as normal is you can only hold it at the winners course and that was Glencorse. As Glencorse have done this and they were also second then it goes to Westerfield GC who were third, so we look forward to meeting you and your club officials next year.

The autumn Tournament and National Tournament qualifier 1st round was held at Newtall GC. This is the first time we have been to Newtall for about 8-10 years. We did not actually think the tournament would go ahead as we had torrential rain on the Monday, so myself and Steve Dixon paid a visit to see if it was going to be played on the Tuesday or on the Monday the course was closed due to the rain. But we shouldn't have worried as Tuesday morning greeted us with warm sunshine and a lovely breeze which gave us some great scoring on the day. There were a lot of new faces at the tournament which was good to see and we hope this continues. Some handicaps will seriously need to be looked at. (These people who know they are, so beware. The ace is due to fall.)

The scores are as follows: Best Scratch - S. Nicholl 68, Best Nett - M. Ewing 81-17-64, 1st Class, T. Greenwood

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**North West**

In September we had two golf tournaments at West Lancashire Golf Club, and the match against the Golf Club Stewards at Burnley Golf Club. I will leave the reports on the golf until later but first I would like to congratulate one of the most respected greenkeepers in the country on his retirement, Jim Macdonald. Head Greenkeeper at Royal Lytham & St. Annes, retired on 1/10/99 after serving 35 years at Royal Lytham. He started at Royal Lytham in 1964 having been a teacher at Preston College teaching ceramics. In 1966 he became deputy and eventually became Head Greenkeeper. Jim has quite a record having prepared the course for five Open Championships, the Curtis Cup and the Ryder Cup. His dedication to greenkeeping has not gone unnoticed either by his club or by the professionals who have played at Royal Lytham. His club have made Jim an Honorary member, of which Jim is very proud and he has received letters of congratulations from Seve Ballesteros, Nick Faldo and Gary Player. I asked Jim how he would keep himself busy in his retirement and he tells me he is involved in two nine hole courses in the north of Scotland, and he will be keeping his eye on them from time to time. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Jim a happy and long retirement. The autumn tournament was played at West Lancashire GC on September 9 and for once the weather was kind to us. The day was sunny with just a gentle breeze, and despite the perfect conditions, the course lived up to its reputation as one of the best and most difficult links courses around. John Muir and his staff had the course in great condition, despite the fact that they were involved with installing a new irrigation system. I would like to thank John for the lovely condition of the course, West Lancs for allowing us the courtesy of the course, the caterers and barstaff, and the members for their hospitality. Thanks also to the Section patrons, Burrows GM, Acorn Equipment, Cheshire Light Machinery, Rigby Taylor, Bleeper Services. Also L.B.S. Group, Amenity Technology, Bathgate Sands, Ritefeed and other companies who helped to swell the prize table.

The main winners were: Best Gross Neil Gravener, Best Nett Dave McEvoy, Vets Cup Bert Cross, Aggregate Trophy Dave McEvoy. The match against the NW Golf Club Stewards was played at Burnley Golf Club on Monday September 27 and this time the weather was shocking. The rain had been lashing down for the past 24 hours and decided not to stop when we arrived. Eventually we plucked up courage and the match began. The rain did not ease at all, but everybody continued to the bitter end and we finished with a result, match halved. This means that the greenkeepers retain the cup for a further year. Many thanks to Burnley Golf Club for keeping the course open to allow us to play the match, the
club steward for a fantastic meal and the stewards for organising the venue.

The President's Cup will be played for at Wilmslow Golf Club on Thursday November 25 with the tee times from 10 am. This will be followed by the AGM and an evening meal and prize presentation. All competitors are required to bring a bottle so that everybody takes away a prize. All entries to be sent to Bill Merritt, 225 Utting Avenue, Clubmore, Liverpool L4 9RB. Please remember to include a cheque for £15, made payable to BIGGA/NW.

Bert Cross

Sheffield

On 15th September we held our Autumn competition at the Hallamshire Golf Club, and it was a very enjoyable day even though the sun didn't shine. Hallamshire was in excellent condition and our thanks go to Gordon Brammah and his staff. Well done Gordon!

Our thanks go to Hallamshire for giving us the courtesy of their course and facilities. Thanks also to the catering staff for the excellent meal which I think everybody enjoyed. There was some excellent golf played and the overall winner was Mark Crawshaw, who played some very good golf, well done Mark!


Thanks also go to Henton & Chattells for being the main sponsors for the event and to all the other trade members who provided prizes.

Congratulations go to Jeremy Duffield on his appointment as Head Greenkeeper at Cheekleton Golf Club back in his beloved Leeds. He moves from Doncaster Town Moor. Good luck Jeremy!

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Finally a message for one of our Section members, "Red is for Stop", no names mentioned.

J. V. Lax

Cleveland

This is my last news report so it will be brief. The Cleveland committee, mostly the Secretary, spend a lot of time and effort to get winter talks off the ground and when they are not supported by members it makes you wonder if it is worth it. Try to give a little time to attend talks and meetings as it is for all our good.

The next talks is November 11 at Darlington GC 7.30 - 8.00 pm start, the speaker is Par 4, so please try to attend.

Then the big one December 17, 7.30 Mount Oswald, Turfcare's Christmas quiz. We need a good turn out, as we have to beat the groundsmen this year to make it two wins in the last decade. Terry and his staff put on a very good night, let's give them the support.

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The autumn event was held at the Springs GC on Tuesday September 21, but unfortunately I was not able to attend. Thanks to Lindsay and Adrian for relaying the results of the tournament to me. S. Curley & M. Walker, Stowe School 43 pts, 2. A Barnham & C. Clark, Donnington Valley 42 pts, 3. A Cooper & D. Greenfield, The Springs 40 pts, 4. Longest drive Angie Bell, Caversham, Nearest pin Paul Charu, Huntercombe.

Early in September the Midland Section held what is hoped to be the first of many matches against the Midland Section of the Stewards Association.

The event on the day was very professionalorganised by Mike Moffitt, Steward at Sutton Coldfield Golf Club. The venue was Kings Norton Golf Club on the Welsh border, with magnificent views of the surrounding countryside.

The result of the match was a well earned win of 3-2 to the Stewards, but we will worry we will be back next year with our first team. A singles Stableford was also incorporated of which the winner was Tony Denham, Steward at Stone Golf Club, with 46 points, second on a last 9 count back representing the Greenkeepers with 39 points was Nigel Tyler and in third place was our Chairman Peter Richmond.

The prize giving was carried out by Alastair Reay, Chairman of the Midland Stewards Association, and Steward at Robin Hood Golf Club. These comprised of a large shield awarded to the winning team and smaller memento shield of each of the team members, engraved winners and runners up respectively.

Thank you once again to the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Stewards Association for a wonderful day out and to all the Greenkeepers who turned out at such short notice. Well played all of you.

Belated congratulations to Jim Ewing, First Assistant at Walmley Golf Club, for winning the men's event with a score of 66 (6 under par). Ian's shot of the day came at the 18th hole, hitting a full 9 iron into the wind to leave a 4 ft putt and save par, winning the competition by two strokes! Thanks once again for the invite, and well played partner!

On September 19 Alan Roberts (he is an Assistant Greenkeeper at Sutton Coldfield, in the Midland Section) and myself finished second with a six under par score of 65 at the Hinckley Open. Well played all of you.

The finals of the Toro Award for Excellence are to be held shortly and we have a member of our Section involved, he is Kim Blake from Fulford Heath Golf Club. We wish him all the best in the finals.

Midland

On September 15 the autumn tournament was played at Rosedon-Wye Golf Club. The day proved to be a great success and many thanks go to the greenkeeping staff and to the catering staff for making the day run smoothly. I have to be very conservative with what I say about the course, as most of you are aware I am the Course Manager, but it was a very good day and I do hope everyone enjoyed the day.


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The course was in great condition considering the torrential rain before we teed off. There was no need for a chopper and his staff for all their efforts.

The result of the game was a convincing win for a strong East Midlands Section 41/2 - 1/2. It took a great fight back by John Hevson and Graeme MacDonald to save the Whitewash. The E.O.E. pair were down three with three to play and then won the last three holes to get a needed half.

The shield was presented to Captain Anthony Bindley on behalf of the sponsors Jim Carr of Chalmers. The strongest drive went to Phil Wilkinson and the nearest pin went to G.A. Macdonald (both E.O.E. Section). Next year will be hosted at a venue in our section preferably on a flatter course.

The annual match between the associations of Golf Club Secretaries and our section took place at Stoke-Romford.

The superb Chudleigh Cup went back home with the Secretaries’ Captain Brian Harris as we lost again 3-0 on a course which was in fantastic condition as usual. Our flabbergasted Bill Weston, Gill Roy and Beazn for all their hard work put in, to make the day enjoyable, apart from the golf result. Thanks to all the E.O.E. section players for playing. Better luck next year.

With great disappointment I have to report on the passing of Bill Lipscombe. The owner of the Bishops Stortford course who for myself and many other members was a first time experience.

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Our next event is a go-karting afternoon on Friday November 26 starting at 1 pm, prices are £80 per team of four. Please contact Martin Forrester for more details.

The next golfing day is combined with our AGM at Rochford Hundred Golf Club on December 15, please make a note in your diary as this is an important event to air your views. This is your Section. Details will be posted nearer to the date. Don't work too hard!

Dave Wells

Regional Seminar November 24
Cannington College. The theme is Research and some excellent speakers including Dr Canaway of STRI, Dr Thorogood from IGER, Prof. Adams University of Wales, Aberystwyth, Stephen Bernhardt of Bernhardt & Co, Dr Daniel of the Levinig Research Centre and Steve Jones, formerly of the London Club. Book your places at £15 per head with Paula Humphries today. BTME Express 2000. Places strictly limited to 100 at this first come basis. List filling up fast. If you want to come on this superb value trip get your application form in quickly. If you require a banquet ticket please state this on booking from your manager of A, B or C include payment of £40. Entries from Paula quickly to avoid disappointment.

The course once again sponsored by Amenity Technology and the trip heavily supported by Westart to give you this excellent value package of £195 pp with second from the same club at £85 pp. Student packages available at £45 pp.

Paula Humphries

Devon & Cornwall

Once again Christmas is fast approaching and the year 2000, so what better way to start the festive season than by attending our PJ. Flegg sponsored Christmas meeting which will be held at Okehampton GC on Wednesday December 8 as in previous years numbers will be limited to the first 80 members, so to avoid disappointment please return your entry with correct money as soon as possible and before the closing date.

The day will start as usual with golfing members playing for the PJ. Flegg Trophy, with the format being greensome, for those of you not wishing to play golf the new cusomtary course walk, will be held earlier in the day. The prize giving will take place early on in the evening. Once the dates and venues have been confirmed I will let you know next month. If you have already contacted me about attending a course, I have already written your name down on the waiting list. If you would like to attend a course next year, please contact me on 01249 783382.

Paul Cunningham

South Coast

For those of you who have not got your application forms in for the Regional Seminar at Cannington, there is still time, so don't delay, get them in now. As you may have read in your seminar agenda, there are some very good speakers. Any queries give Jeff a ring on 01635 846575.

As I said in last month report our section AGM and Turkey Trot will be held at Hockley Golf Club on Wednesday December 8. This will be followed by our AGM, Christmas Dinner and prize giving. All details can be obtained from Fred Dearden on 01420 88679.

Any items you would like to be included in the agenda please let Jeff have your details no later than three weeks before the AGM. Anyone who would like to serve on the committee should also contact Jeff.

The last time we were at Hockley Golf Club was for our Spring Tournament in the early 1980's. Can I remember John Dodds, who was the Head Greenkeeper at the time, he was reputed to have said "If those two fancy fast greens still play to order greens". He did! They were like lightning, in fact some of the low handicappers were finding it difficult to keep their puts on the greens. How many members can you think of today who can still remember that day? I can. At March, Jed West and Bob Walker. Still a good day was had by all.

On Monday September 27 our annual match against the South West Section was held at Hampworth Golf Club near Salisbury. I'm afraid the South West finished up as the victors. I'm sorry I can't tell you whose fault it was that it was the South West lost as I have not got any details to hand. I will give you a full report on this section next month.

Richard Whitman

South West

Gloriously sunny weather greeted greenkeepers from the South West Section as they arrived to do battle with the Welsh greenkeepers at St. Pierre G&CC on October 6.

The Welsh were fired up for revenge following their drubbing from the encounter in the previous year. The South West team were evenly fired up as they paraded their new team shirts sponsored by Rolawn. Despite the end of a long day however, the Welsh had emerged as the victors with a winning score of 4 points to 2.

It was still a great day however and many thanks to St. Pierre for allowing us courtesy of the course and also the two team captains for organising the whole day. Thanks also go to Rolawn for kindly sponsoring the shirts for the South West.

The next event which is coming up very shortly for the region is the Autumn tournament, taking place at Bristol & Clifton Golf Club on Thursday November 11, followed by the AGM. The Christmas Tournament will take place on Wednesday December 8 at Kingdon Golf Club.

I have already arranged a number of skiing and first aid courses to take place early next year. Once the dates and venues have been confirmed I will let you know next month. If you have already contacted me about attending a course, I have already written your name down on the waiting list. If you would like to attend a course next year, please contact me on 01249 783382.

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South East

On September 9th the Autumn tournament held at Swanesse Bay Golf Club was yet again a great afternoon of golf, with the course in good condition the tournament results were: Best gross Andy Johnson, Best nett Phil Bevan, 2nd nett Peter Holt, 3rd nett Bexholms Cup, top handicap Greg French, 2nd nett Gary Johnstone, Best nett President's Shield, Richard Barnham, best 18 handicap, Richard Parkinson. I'll bring you up to date with the results nearer to the day of the tournanent.

By the time you read this you might have received a flyer from our secretary or it may have already taken place but hopefully not. This year's seminar is to be held at Pembroke College on the 17th of this month, with the theme on Irrigation and Water Management. The day will start with registration and coffee. The main event will be held by Terry Crawford. Terry will be talking and the day will include Q&A. At noon - 1 pm it's lunch, the first speakers will sit back, while the other guest speakers will be chowing their nails by now and waiting for the afternoon session to begin at 2.30pm. Around 3pm question time begins and brings the day to a close. The day will cost members £13 and non members £16.

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Richard Hatcher

South-East

The first annual Northern Ireland Greenkeepers Charity Open day was held at Cladybrough Golf Club on Friday September 5th. Over 50 competitors took part in the donating the day's course. A special mention must go to Course Manager, Terry Crawford, and his team for the course was in excellent condition and very well presented. Special thanks to all the competitors for giving the the competitors a courtesy round which enabled all entry fees to go to the charity Heartbeat. The sum of £1300 was raised which will go to this very worthy cause. By the end of the section there are some very good speakers. Any queries about this year's event or it may have already taken place but hopefully not. This year's seminar is to be held at Pembroke College on the 17th of this month, with the theme on Irrigation and Water Management. The day will start with registration and coffee. The main event will be held by Terry Crawford. Terry will be talking and the day will include Q&A. At noon - 1 pm it's lunch, the first speakers will sit back, while the other guest speakers will be chowing their nails by now and waiting for the afternoon session to begin at 2.30pm. Around 3pm question time begins and brings the day to a close. The day will cost members £13 and non members £16.

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