On the 15th September the rescheduled Cumbria Cup was played at Penrith. This time the weather was kind and we all had a good day. Penrith is one of those places you look forward to returning to time and time again. I would like to thank the North West Section for inviting me and presenting me with a very unusual glass plaque. It was much appreciated. We are indebted to Penrith Golf Club for allowing us use of their fine facilities, and to Course Care who sponsored this event.

In September I was invited by the Swedish Golf Federation to join three Canadians and their own team of agronomists on a tour of Sweden, visiting in seven courses, three of which we played. We also stayed over at Borlange, a popular town for golfing the trade show and seminars, which were excellent. Our tour started in Malmo and ended in Stockholm, stopping to visit or play golf courses on the way. Our first course was Visby, situated in a nature reserve at the tip of Sweden’s south west peninsula where the waters of the Sound and the Baltic Sea meet. A bird watchers paradise which attracts thousands of migrating birds. The course was founded in 1909, consisting of 9 holes later extended to 18 in 1930. Walking around the links I was told that my old friend Jim Arthur had been their advisor for many years and they still have fond memories of his visits. One very interesting fact is that while the course was built against the sea and ran along-