East

Sorry there was no article last month but with moving to my new job, moving house, and my son being in hospital since before Christmas, I just didn’t have the time to put an article together. But here we are this month.

I would like to thank everyone who has called to wish myself and my family all the best as we wait for my son to go to Birmingham to have a liver transplant. He is now needing his liver transplant priority and if you score well at North Berwick, and also scored well at Berwick, and also scored well at Swanston and St Andrews to meet Course Manager, John Scott Snr for all his hard work in the running of this visit. (That reminds me, where’s the ‘phone number of the kilt hire shop?).

Well that’s all for this month, hope to see you all at North Berwick at the end of the month. If anyone wants to drop me a line my new details are as follows: Chris Yeaman, The Head Greenkeeper’s Cottage, West Linton Golf Club, West Linton, Peeblesshire, EH46 7HN. Telephone number 01968 661313 (home) I will inform you next month of my work number, 07901 846194 (mobile).

That’s it ‘til next time, cheers,
Chris Yeaman

West

Welcome once more to another round up of Section news. Let us hope and pray that by the time this reaches print, that the weather has improved dramatically and all of our courses are in great shape for the summer ahead! First this month Stuart Taylor pens a report on a football match played recently at Scottston.

Report: At the last month the pre-arranged match between ourselves and the East Section had to be cancelled. Instead we decided to play an Inter Section friendly with any interested parties. Stuart Taylor did a lot of phoning to raise the desired nursery, but no notification was given as, it turned out 15 turns up. So why does Stuart even bother!

Eventually things got under way and six-a-side was arranged which turned out to be a good workout for everybody who participated. The final result being a nose in front for Stuart Taylor’s team and Charlie Goodall’s select fought hard to make it a tight result. Thanks to all who participated and the next game is against Central when they will make up the team. Against: Stuart Taylor, Gerry Braun, Davie, Peter Cowan, Eddie Devine and Graeme Shearer. Can I say thanks to Colin Scott for being the referee as he came in for some real stick, but people change on a football pitch! Well done Colin.

Thank you to Stuart for supplying the above report, your efforts in organising these events is greatly appreciated by the participants and Committee alike.

The games night at Claremont Bowling Club, February 24, went ahead on schedule, boosted by a disappointing turnout with only 20 in attendance. The results for the evenings play were as follows: Winners - Ronnie Bunting, Kilmarnock GC, and John Cockrach, Nairn Brown. Runners up: Cecil George, retired and Denis Tweddell, Bonnyton GC. Special thanks to John Scott Snr for all his hard work in setting up the night and to Nairn Brown and John Deere for raffle prizes, very much appreciated by the Committee and the members in attendance.

Lastly thanks also the Hugh Somerville and Claremont BC Committee for use of their facilities.

Onto the 100 Club now; I was disappointed at the poor response from the letters sent to all ticket holders. Apologies to those of you, whose letter may not have reached its intended destination.

However, by 29 February, the deadline for closing, only 35 forms had been completed and returned. Thanks to those of you who were prompt in returning your forms and monies. Therefore, the system of ticket and number allocation will be reviewed for the year 2001.

Thanks go to Mike Dooner, Thorntrees Landscapes, for sponsoring the 100 Club this year.

The spring outing is nearly upon us, April 27, Ranfurly Castle GC, please let the sun shine and the rain not. Please remember to return your entry forms as soon as possible to ensure a place on the tee.

Finally, congratulations are in order to Callum Gordon, Lenzie GC, and his bride Shonaugh Taylor, married on March 11.

And so another Section news closes, if you have any snippets of information do not hesitate to contact me.

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Gavin Jarvis

Ayrshire

The new season will be upon us by the time you read this month’s notes, I hope the weather has picked up and we are enjoying a good spring, I can’t remember the last good one. Ian Donaldson called in the other day to tell me he was leaving Routenburn en-route to the Shetland Isles where he will take up his second Head Greenkeeper’s position.

Ian asked me to thank all his friends who had helped make his time in our area most enjoyable and of course the Ayrshire Section wish Ian all the best with his new job.

On the subject of spring Ian, how do the Shetlands compare with Ayrshire?

As mentioned last month the spring outing will be held at Western Gailes on April 26 which will be our National Tournament qualifier. The day is reduced to one afternoon medal round at a cost of £17. Derek Wilson will have letters out soon or just get your entry in now, give him a call on 01294 276177 to avoid disappointment.

The autumn outing has been confirmed for Largs Golf Club September 21 when I will look for-
ward to your visit to Kelburn. As promised although not yet finalised the 2001 outings are being sched-
uled for Brighthouse Bay in the spring and Prestwick St Cuthberts in the Autumn all going to plan. That’s all for this month, any news call me on 01503 683278.

Iain Barr

Central

New members are still coming in thick and fast and this month we extend a warm welcome to Robert Mickle, Crail GC; Gay McCandless, Ballon Golf Society; Christian Irwin, Duke’s Course; Scott McKnight, Stirling GC; Stuart Robertson, Glenegles; Peter Stewart and John Currie. Both from St Andrews Links. Paul Murphy and his staff from Downfield Golf Club has also transferred to the Section but at the moment I don’t have all their names so I’ll give you them next month.

The lucky winner of the March draw for “Club 2000” is A. (Sandy) Armit, with ticket number 007 and a cheque for £50 on its way to him. It appears I have upset a lot of members (so what’s new) by saying that I will put their names in the magazine to remind them that they still have not returned their allocation of tickets for the draw, despite numerous requests for them to do so, well starting next month they will appear, as I don’t know if they have been sold or not.

Andy O’Hara is organising a football match against the West Section for next month and has already held trials to select the strongest team possible as the West Section take their football very seriously. I’m not permitted to say too much about Andy’s team selections or the team he supports, as this also upsets some members, not Andy, as he now has a fan club which covers the length and breadth of the country.

I have conceded one thing to Andy and that is if he scores the winning goal in the match he can write the next column for the mag-
azine. Will that keep you happy MI?

At the beginning of March a two day computer training course was held in Perth by Ken Richardson from HQ and I can recommend this course to anyone wishing to learn about computing, so if anyone is interested, please get in touch with me and I will arrange it with Ken for later in the year. Six members are required for each course. John Crawford

North East

Tynside Golf Club again played host for our winter lecture. Our thanks to Ged Canliffe and Gary Waters on their presentation on behalf of Biotial. Not a bad turnout with 25 greenkeepers who all seemed to enjoy the talk.

It was nice to see people travelling from afar as Swardland Hall and Warkworth and Wearsides, just goes to show you we must be doing something right! Many thanks to Terry Charlton of Turf-Care for bringing Biotial to the Section.

Congratulations to John Hood, former member of Swardland Hall, on his new appointment at Linden Hall. Hope everything goes well for him.

As the members have resigned for different reasons, we have vacancies on the committee should anyone be interested please get in touch or we will see you at Bamburgh on the 13 April. Ken Rutherford and Ronnie Read have offered help on the competition days so that’s a help at least. Jimmy Richardson

North Wales

I’ve just heard that this winter is the sunniest since records began. I don’t know where that was because here at Oeshigh we’ve got webbed feet! Ah well statistics, lies damned lies. Talking of statistics, considering the amount of greenkeepers in North Wales only myself and my deputy attended the recent first aid course run at the college. Remember it is law to have qualified first aiders at work so remind your secretary, committees, etc.

At the college we had the annual golf seminar which once again was excellent, but again statistically where were you? A lot of thought goes into this event as well as a lot of effort. I would like to thank all the trade for their support yet again, the WGU whose President chaired the event and Graham Wright for putting the day together, also a lot of praise must go to the caterers for an absolutely fantastic buffet. Don’t get me wrong there was a good turnout, however it could have been better. I’m going to sound a trumpet for my own club here and say all the greensstaff attended along with the Secretary, a member of the greens committee and our Greens Chairman, Jim Wenn, delivered a paper to the seminar. I do pride the dedication shown by my club. All that I am trying to say is if we can do it I am sure others can - just ask them.

Steve Jones, of Pwllheli Golf Club, informed me of a Health and Safety course he attended in Anglesey which he said was superb and covered all aspects of health and safety. If any of you out there are interested please get a ring on 01758 730 784. That’s all for now folks!

Dave Goodridge

Cleveland

Very little to report this month, by way of a change hopefully there will be more next month as spring arrives and greenkeepers everywhere come out of hibernation and start to repair the damage caused by the swarms of winter golfers.

Bob Lawton, Course Manager at Billingham GC, has agreed to continue as Secretary of the Cleveland Section for another year, until a replacement is found, anyone interested in taking over should come forward. We must thank Bob for his continued service, without his loyalty the Section may have folded, we could do with a few more “Bobo’s”. Please support your Section more by attending the events it arranges for your benefit. Events to look forward to this year start with the spring tour-
nament on April 11 at Ramside, this is a magnificent venue and well worth a visit, if you would like to play there are still a few places left, the cost is £10 to include your meal; to book contact Barry (Macam) Walker on 0589 6585101 or myself 0191 5200294 or myself on the number below, please note that spikes must be worn.

The annual golf match against the North East Section is pencilled in for later July. The Autumn all going to plan. That’s all for now folks!

Iain Pemberton has been practising four hours a day for the match after his poor performance at Beamish!

Terry Charlton, of Turf Care, is organising an Inter-Section ten pin bowling knockout, watch this space.

Any news contact me (please) on 01758 196558

Steven Japacs

North West

The end of February and still the rain persists, most courses appear to have spent the first two months of the year more often closed than open. Speaking to a couple of North-West members in mid February, they were saying that the course was over waterlogged and that the winter programme of work is way behind. Where have all the old fashioned winters gone? At least when the ground is frozen you can get machinery onto the course. Anyway the daylight hours are getting longer which is a good sign that possibly better weather is to come. The programme of events for the Section are complete and by now you should have received your fixture list. The first event is the Mere seminar, and with only 16 days to go from me writing these Section notes, the numbers are very low. I am hoping for a del-
uge of applications in the next few days. All the other events are: North
West V North Wales; Hazel Grove GC; Thursday, April 20; Spring Tournament; Bury GC; Wednesday, May 3; Summer Tournament; West Derby GC; Wednesday, June 28; Regional Final; Fishwick Hall GC; Thursday, 28 June; Roses Match; Longridge GC; Wednesday, August 16; Autumn Tournament; Denton GC; Thursday, September 7; Cumbria Cup; Penrith GC; Wednesday, September 13; Stewards Match; Stand GC; Monday, October 2; Presidents Cup; Wilmslow GC; Thursday, November 30.

Finally congratulations to Alan Jackson on his retirement. Alan has been a greenkeeper at Prestbury Golf Club for 25 years and officially retired on the February 25.

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For the spring tournament at Bury Golf Club on 3 May you need to register with Bill Merritt, 225 Utting Avenue, Clubmore, Liverpool, L4 9RB, enclosing a cheque for £15. Entries will not be accepted after 28 April. Lunch will be served from 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm. Tee off from 1.30 pm.

Any news, views, please contact me on 0151 724 5412.

Bert Cross

Northern

Unfortunately the Annual Dinner Dance had to be cancelled at short notice due to cancellations and a lack of support. With better news the Northern Section & Rigby Taylor Seminar sponsored by Rigby Taylor at Bingley St Ives GC was a success with places having to be restricted to 80 people. This was a most informative day with speakers Martyn Jones on grass cutting - Myerscough College, John Holt on fertiliser - Rigby Taylor, Andrew Mair, Chris Ped, Nick Wright and Geoff Hodson on Golf Course Design, Construction and Environmental Issues - International Golf Design Practice and Associates.

Many thanks to Mark James for his attendance and Rigby Taylor for sponsoring and arranged the event. Thanks also to Bingley St Ives GC for their hospitality and catering. The Spring Meeting will be held at Bradley Hall GC on Tuesday, April 11. This event is kindly being sponsored by Whitemoss and SportsWorld and not by Rite feed as stated in March's issue. I apologise to both companies for this error on my part. Sorry.

Other confirmed events are as follows: President's Day, Wednesday, 21 June, at Hollins Hall H&CC; Roses Match, Wednesday, August 16 at Longridge GC; Invitation Day, Wednesday, September 6 at Cookridge Hall GaCC; Autumn Tournament, October 18 at Hornea GC; Winter Golf, Wednesday December 6 at Huddersfield GC. All entries for the golf events are to be sent to myself and must be received along with the FULL amount of £17.50 no later than 7 days before the event.

Entries will be on a first come first in basis, so book early to avoid disappointment. For the Roses Match if you want a hand in beating the old enemy then let me know of your availability so a winning team can be picked.

We welcome this month as new members:- David Griffin, Waterton Park GC; James Hewitson, Scaracroft GC; Gareth Butler, Knaresborough GC; Jamie Hainsworth & Nigel Graham, Shipley GC; Ed Carter, Calvery GC; Michael Pinfeld, Painthorpe House GaCC; Lee Garrad, Otley GC; Frank Marshall, Boothferry Park GC. You can be assured of a warm welcome at any of our section events. If you have any queries don't hesitate in picking the phone up and giving us a ring.

There is no other news at the moment. If anybody has any information or ideas for section events either Educational or social then let me know. It is your Section. My address is 67 Asquith Avenue, Morley, Leeds, LS27 9QS or telephone at home 0113 2383188/mobile 07790 678572.

Andy Smith

East Midlands

On February 16 the Section held another Go-Kart evening at The Wymewsold Industrial Estate. The evening was generously sponsored by Toro-Lely UK, who not only subsidised the evening but also provided us with three great prizes! The evening consisted of a formula 1 format, of five races each and a semi-final and final.

After some eventful races, which included several shunts and near misses, the eventual winner was Andy McGeary, of Lingdale GC, with Adie Porter, of Greetham Valley, finishing second, for the second year running (third time lucky Adie!). Thanks for the evening should be extended to Andy Humble of Toro-Lely UK for the sponsorship and entertainment, and also to our Chairman Gavin Robson for organising the evening.

Also a trip to Toro-Lely was attended by 10 greenkeepers on 23 February. This consisted of a tour around the Toro-Lely premises escorted by Andy Humble, and the rest of the Toro-Lely staff. Unfortunately there were seven greenkeepers who failed to turn up for the visit. As meals have to be

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booked it is important to inform the Secretary if you find that you are unable to attend. However, on a brighter note those who attended the day were well catered for and received an excellent tour of the premises and were also rewarded with a free gift. Once again our thanks go to Andy and Toro-Lely.

By the time you read this article you should be in possession of your spring entry form, which is also the qualifier for this year's Scotts/Charterhouse National Championship. If you have not received a form, please notify me as soon as possible and I will gladly send you one. Please remember that late entries will not be accepted.

Antony Bindley
Mid Anglia
Our first Section talk of the winter took place in late February, at South Beds GC. Mark Hunt, of Headland Amenity, gave an excellent presentation on "Understanding Fertilisers" and with so many different types now available on the market, I'm sure the people who attended were clearer on which types to use and when. Our thanks go to Mark and the 25 or so members who turned up and gave their support.

Our first golf fixture of the year is to be held at Northants County GC on April 20. This will be the usual qualifying event for the National Tournament and the final format for the golf will be decided nearer the time. Entries by the usual form to Richard Saunders in good time please, should you wish to participate.

Paul Lockett
Midland
All the entry forms have now been sent out along with all the information regarding tournament. If you have not received your copy please do not hesitate getting in touch.

There is one error on the entry forms, this is regarding the prize for the Rigby Taylor knockout. The correct prize per pair is £5 not the £20 as advertised.

I will be able to report more news on the tournaments in future reports and if any of you are still unsure about playing in any of our tournaments please get your applications in early as they do tend to fill up very quickly.

Regarding information about this report, I will again ask for your input and news that will be of interest to the members.

My contact telephone numbers are as follows: Home 01562 861434 or Mobile 07970 956238

Jonathan Wood
Berks, Bucks and Oxon
First of all I would like to echo the committee and indeed the members' thanks to Tony French for the time he spent working hard to help make the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Section what it is today.

Tony is leaving the Lambourne Club for pastures new and we wish him all the best in his new venture.

It seems only a short time ago we were preparing for the last competition of the season and yet the start of another season is almost upon us, the winters seem to be getting shorter every year!

Golf Days have been finalised for the forthcoming season and are as follows: Spring Fixture, Wokefield Park, Monday, April 17; Summer Fixture, Richings Park, Thursday, August 3; Autumn Fixture, East Berkshire, Monday, October 2; Turkey Trot, Frilford Heath, Wednesday, November 15.

The Rigby Taylor Knockout is in the process of being arranged.

Could all members be reminded that membership should be renewed when due and any changes of address forwarded to the Head Office. It has been agreed at committee that a fee of £20 will be charged for all the Golf Days and we hope that a good turn out for these events will continue in the coming season.

Congratulations to Kevin Tilly who has been appointed as the new Head Greenkeeper at Bishopsworth GC. Kevin worked with me at Newbury and Crookham Golf Club and I am sure he will do very well in his new position.

Once again I ask for feedback for this monthly report - tell us what is going on in your Section and in turn it will be relayed to the rest of the members.

Wishing you a good start to the season and look forward to seeing you at this year's events.

Ross Wilson
Westurf - April 12 at Westpoint, Exeter
All registration cards of those present on the day will be entered into a free draw; the prize will be a round of golf for four on the Nicklaus Course at St Mellion, two buggies and lunch. The total value of this prize is £200.

Again indoors at Westpoint in Exeter. Bigger and better than ever.

Four Education seminars this year; Shaun Simones PhD "The benefits of Microbials in Turfgrass Management"; David Shelton "Sportsturf Drainage - now affordable for the majority?"; Nigel Church "Maintain to save".
Avoncrop Trophy and a place at this bottles of port, two for our golfing ing members.

Attendance and kindly donated three final.

Thursday, February 24. With heavy fifty members competing for the ant morning which was a relief to the rain forecast for the day we arrived products.

Annual Quiz on the fifth of this month.

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And Martin Townsend of Scotts was in attendance and kindly donated three bottles of port, two for our golfing members and one for our non-golfing members.

It was also nice to see 15 green-keeping members on the guided course walk. Our guide was Course Manager Trevor Bennett, as always when you are in Trevor's company the banter was excellent.


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competitive tournaments. The actual results were as follows:
1. J. Keenan had 40 points (best back 9); 2. M. Freeman had 40 points (better back 9); 3. R. Dancy had 40 points (better back 6).

Nearest the pin was won by M. Freeman. Best gross was J. Hamlet with 72. Winner of the "Hidden 9" was G. Ackerman and the best trade score was won by Mr. Sinker Junior.

Once again our thanks go to George Sinker and Lawson Products, who loyally sponsor this tournament year after year, and give particularly generous prizes.

Head Greenkeeper, Dean Roberts, and his staff are also congratulated for the set up of the course, the Secretary for allowing us courtesy of the course, and also the clubhouse catering staff for the meal afterwards (although I'm still wondering what ever happened to the pudding!).

The next event is just a couple of weeks away, and this is the Spring Tournament at Clevedon Golf Club on 18 April, so make sure you enter to the pudding!.

I've arranged a number of training courses for the week, offering Nationwide Distribution of a comprehensive range of quality products to the golf and amenity industries. We ensure a first class delivery service complementing our fully qualified team of Area Sales Managers.

This time last year a blocked drain on the course flooded most of the first fairway and such was the depth of water we needed a small boat to unblock the drain and as I sit writing these notes, the rain for the third day this week thunders on the shed roof - better get those oars polished!

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Paul Cunningham
Northern Ireland

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Well, as I'm sure most of you are aware, two have become one. No, I'm not referring to a Spice Girl record, but the very successful merging of the North and South-East sections of BIGGA. An EGM was held at Greenmount on February 16, on a dreary winter's night and it was amazing to see so many people turn out and show a good interest.

The amalgamation got a definite yes vote and it was generally felt that this will strengthen and entice more people to join the Northern Ireland Region of BIGGA. This swells the numbers to over 80. This year's committee is aiming to double this figure, so if you're not a member please join and see the benefits for yourself. Education was high on the list with a series of golf events thrown in for get together and socialising. Hopefully a full agenda will have landed on your doormat before these notes reach you, giving you full details on what's planned.

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Above: Reg Hutchinson, (right) Captain at Waltam Heath GC presents Mark Harvey of Epsom GC with the Shulockie Putter. Captain is over because his reply was very entertaining.

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With dinner and speeches over it was time for Reg to present the prizes, the winners being: 0 - 9 Handicap and the Shulockie Putter, Mark Harvey, Epsom GC. 10 - 18, Ray Clark, Channels GC. 19 - 28, Malcolm Smith, Regiment Way. Guests and Trade, Tom Henner, The Drift GC. Greenkeeper playing with Club Official, Carl Crocher and John Cook, Orsett GC. Sisis Putting, Mick Burton. Rigby Taylor Short Holes, Mike Gould, Copthorne GC, Ian Willett, Thorpeness GC, George Brown, Deansgate Ridge. I would add that the Toro Workman 2100 put up by John Shaw as a prize for a hole in one at the 11th was unclaimed!


Below: Dave Wall, of Rigby Taylor, and Allan Stow, of Vitax, have been linked to this event for over 16 years. As they announced their retirements, both were presented with a memento of the day.

Firstly let me apologise to all those greenkeepers who sent off applications for the Annual Gentlemen's Evening and were unable to be on the start list as the event was a very early sell-out. Invitations were sent out on 1 February 1 and by the 8th all available places had gone. Walton Heath do in fact ask us to keep numbers to 100. Don't tell them but we actually teed off with 108!

Talking of which, the intervals between each four-ball was reduced from eight minutes to seven and our Starters, Dennis Smith, of Rigby Taylor, and Allan Stow, of Vitax, did a great job getting everyone off on time.

The weather was marvellous, warm and dry with no wind to speak of and really should have prevented the five and a bit hour rounds that the back of the field had to contend with, but it did lead to some very good scoring. Good scores for Walton Heath that is!

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Derek Farrington

What a magnificent golf course and in such superb condition that Clive Osgood and his team really did deserve all the praise that was heaped on them at the end of the day.

I'm sure that I say it every year, but the reception that we get from Walton Heath is incredible, nothing is too much trouble, be it on the golf course or in the Club House.

The evening meal was superb and served with very generous portions of wine!

We were joined by the Captain of Walton Heath, Reg Hutchison and Chairman of Green, John Jessop, together with lots of trade members who were unable to play as spaces were limited, but whose generosity helped provide such wonderful prizes. Sponsors of this event are listed below.

Robert Ryder, the professional from Ashburnham Golf Club in South Wales, replied to the Toast to Guests and proceeded to entertain all present with golfing stories and some very good impressions of well known personalities.

The problem now will be to find after dinner speakers as good as Robert! We could of course use Reg Hutchison after his year as Captain is over because his reply was very entertaining.

Next followed a presentation by the Chairman of the South East Region, Raymond Day, to two stalwarts of this event. Dave Wall, Rigby Taylor, has been measuring short holes at this event for 16 years and Allan Stow, Vitax, starting the event for just as long. Both are retiring and each received a memento of the occasion presented to them with grateful thanks for services rendered.

With dinner and speeches over it was time for Reg to present the prizes, the winners being: 0 - 9 Handicap and the Shulockie Putter, Mark Harvey, Epsom GC. 10 - 18, Ray Clark, Channels GC. 19 - 28, Malcolm Smith, Regiment Way. Guests and Trade, Tom Henner, The Drift GC. Greenkeeper playing with Club Official, Carl Crocher and John Cook, Orsett GC. Sisis Putting, Mick Burton. Rigby Taylor Short Holes, Mike Gould, Copthorne GC, Ian Willett, Thorpeness GC, George Brown, Deansgate Ridge. I would add that the Toro Workman 2100 put up by John Shaw as a prize for a hole in one at the 11th was unclaimed!


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Here's what some of our HUMATE + BIO-SYSTEM customers have to say:

"Last summer was the hottest, driest summer I can recall, yet I was able to maintain a tight, lush turf with a 3-4" root system while many courses in the area were losing grass."

"Within 2½ weeks I had 3" roots with the microbes and 8" roots where I used HUMATE Ag and the microbes together."

"The root mass was 2-3 times that of the non-treated greens and the length was from 11-14"."

"Two inches of thatch were reduced to less than ½" in less than 2 months."