**Scottish National Tournament**

The Scottish National Tournament will be held on Tuesday 27 June 2000 over the Hawkshill Course, Newnarcher, Aberdeen by kind permission of the Captain and Committee. The cut of the event will be 150 which includes coffee/tea, filled rolls and an evening meal. Entry will be restricted depending on the number of entries received. Entry forms will be available at all Section Spring outings and from the Regional Administrator.

All entries with remittance must be sent to Peter Boyd, 10 Meadowburn Avenue, Newton Mearns, Glasgow G77 6TA by Sunday 18 June 2000. Cheques must be payable to BIGGA Scottish Region.

**Scottish Conference, Business Learning Centre Lauder College, Dunfermline.**

Once again the BIGGA Scottish Conference returned to the Business Learning Centre, Lauder College, Dunfermline. The college offers everything, from superb facilities with helpful and courteous staff, to a central position with easy access from the motorway provoking once again that this is an excellent location.

Our speakers were from a broad spectrum of the trade and brought a wealth of experience and this was evident in their talks. First speaker was Brian Robinson on 'Grasses into 2000' with a talk on new strains and grasses for the millennium. After Brian we had Neil Simpson of the Scottish Golf Union. Neil expanded on the role of the Scottish Golf Union and its splendid new facilities at Drumoig. Next up was John Quinn, Head of Golf Development at Elmwood College and was an excellent Master Greenkeeper in Scotland. John talked about personal goals and how to achieve them and certainly left the profession some ideas to think about. Last, but by no means least in the morning session, was Simon Barnaby who spoke about Integrated disease, pests and weeds and a presentation that according to the audience was far too short.

The first speaker at the afternoon session was a well known greenkeeper in Scottish circles, Ronnie Bunting. From Kilmalcolm GC. Ronnie spoke about the Environment and his club. It was obvious from his talk that this is a subject close to his heart and showed he was very committed to good environmentally practices. Following Ronnie, was David Roxburgh, from Rangers Football Club, who had some very definite ideas on the role of the groundsman and left us in no doubt that the groundsman was on par with any Head Greenkeeper. He certainly proved his worth in promoting the groundsman side of things. Finally to round off the day we heard Alistair Connell, a person well known throughout the trade. He spoke on drainage and irrigation, a subject at present never far away from any greenkeepers thoughts especially if you are trying to keep up with the standards in Scotland. Alistair provided us with an insight into the work that goes into preparing golf courses and football pitches.

At the conclusion of the Conference it was clear that the needs of the members had been well met by the speakers throughout the day and this was reflected in numbers who attended. The 150 who attended had obviously been attracted by the variety of subjects on offer and the high standards set.

Peter Boyd

**West**

Welcome once again to another round up of Section news.

This month's news dominated by the annual challenge match. A good result for the West taking first blood with an excellent 25 yard rocket shot from Steven McGeachie, five minutes later however the Police equalised through a free kick. A few minutes later and Gerry Bruen slipped past the defence to place the ball beyond our goalkeeper played a blinder, as when the opposition had come near their penalty area. Little did they know that this is a subject close to our hearts and this was reflected in the number of experienced players we had on the pitch. After half time our team looked like they were never going to be able to score and this was certainly the case. Our team was on par with any Head groundsman and left us with some ideas to take back to the barns.

It is hoped that next year's conference can maintain the high standards set.

Peter Boyd

**Central**

We extend a warm welcome to Mike McGechie from Dunblane New Golf Club who joins the section this month, Michael is an apprentice at Dunblane and hopefully we will see him at some of our forthcoming events. If you can play football Michael get in touch with Andy O'Hara fast!

In the recent football match against the West Section at Braidwood we were veryipe Our Section went down narrowly by seven goals to three. I am still waiting on the full match report from the team manager. Andy "maybes aye maybe naw" O'Hara, but by all accounts our goalkeeper played a blinder, with blind being the operative word! Still, just wait until the return match on home soil.

The winner of the Club 2000 draw for last month was Colin Buchanan with ticket number 01085. Congratulations Colin, you owe Kevin Brunton a drink for selling you the ticket.

Anyone who missed the Annual Conference at the Braidwood recently missed excellent presentations by all the speakers who covered a variety of subjects and once again our thanks go to Peter Boyd for offering up this first class event. The Central Section was well represented at the conference, but amazingly, as last year, not one of the three local clubs was represented. Wonder if they know where the Lauder Tech is?

With regard to the survey form which was sent to you all recently I would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill them in and return them, your committee will endeavour to organise a number of your suggestions during the current year. A special thanks to Owen Brown from the Dukes Course, Simon Freemom from Machrie, Mike Dennis from Rigby Taylor Golf, Sandy Brawley and Gerry Bruen for all the work you have all offered to become involved in organising some events for our benefit.

At the time of writing the entry form for the Club Tournament at St Andrews is fully subscribed, I hope this is a sign of things to come for future events, there will be a full report in next months news. The draw for this years Inter Club Tournament should be with those teams who entered and hopefully we will manage to get the tournament finished in the same year as it was started and not like last year's which has carried over to another millennium!

John Crawford

**North**

New members to welcome to the Section this month are Steve Hulme from Kilmarnock and Steve Maloney from Dunoon. Steve's knowledge of the greenkeeping world is outstanding and in addition to the above he is also a qualified Golf Professional!)

The Section are hoping to field a team in the Scottish Open 2000, which will be held at the top of the world in Inverness next May. An exciting prospect which will be very popular with everyone who takes part, Bob Graham for all the help and support you gave us last year. If you can play football Michael get in touch with Andy O'Hara fast!
On the move are Chris Cumming, leaving Fortrose after many years service to go to Peterculter and Andrew Shade who leaves Peterculter to take over the head job at Spey Bay. Andrew has the task of restoring this lovely course back to its natural links state.

Andy Memuir, our Rigby Taylor rep who married Cordelia last year is now expecting the patter of tiny feet as Cordelia is expecting a baby in August. Congratulations to both.

I should have kept quiet about the weather, it is early April as I write this report and it has been snowing over the last couple of days, hopefully this is the last of the winter weather.

I am in possession of the portfolio of all the newly qualified D32/33 Assessors in the Section and we hope to have a Moderation Meeting this month where I will hand them over to the new Assessor. We should attend this meeting to hear the latest news and air their views.

The Section outing at Buckpool, Buckie this month will decide who from the North and South should attend. We will win the expenses paid trip to the BIGGA National Tournament in the Autumn and also the first four winners of the 200 Club, so get your entries in quick and please pay for your 200 Club ticket, thank you and good luck.

Iain Macleod

Northern

Nothing much to report this month. We have an open night at the Royal Lytham this month where we hope to see as many as possible. I am trying to arrange for a visit to the North of England to visit a couple of courses and possibly to attend a meeting there. The Greenkeepers of Scotland had a visit from STRI's Sara Buxton on turfgrass science. My apologies for my absence from the last meeting. We may have to try and find a new venue for the next meeting.

Northern Region
Douglas Bell
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North West

My thanks to Martin Gunn, Jonathan Tucker, Bob Taylor and Alistair Beggs. These of course were the speakers at the seminar at Mere Golf & Country Club on the 18th March. We had an excellent day with 75 delegates in attendance including Greenkeepers, Golf Club Secretaries, Chairmen of Greens and members of the Trade. Martin Gunn, Course Manager, at Temple Golf Club, and winner of the BIGGA Environmental Award, gave us an insight into the management of his greens and left us with the impression that he was a very hard working and dedicated professional. His hard work and dedication to his profession, plus the help from a strong committee and advice from the STRI has paid off making the course a "Temple of Excellence".

Jonathan Tucker, STRI Golf Course Architect, spoke on what to do and what not to do when designing a course. The improvement in the quality of the greens "all over the place" the course has certainly brought great changes into the design of the course. The positioning of fairway bunkers has certainly seen major changes and Jonathan suggested bunkers on wheels might be an improvement. After seeing some of his slides on DIY Greens Design, I think it advisable to call in the expert every now and then.

And after an excellent lunch, Bob Taylor, STRI Senior Ecologist, spoke on Practical Assessments on Golf Courses throughout Europe, with the aim being to improve environmental/ecological management and awareness on golf courses. He is also now responsible for the R&A and is responsible for undertaking ecological assessments on all the Open Championship courses. Bob has written widely over the past few years and one book especially "A Practical Guide to Ecological Management of the Golf Course" which is an excellent book available from BIGGA house at a cost of £3 for members and £7 for non members. The day was rounded off by Alistair Beggs STRI Agronomist, North West, Alistair's talk was "Pest and Disease Management - What does the Future Hold?" The future seems rather bleak, as Alistair explained there are so many pesticides and insecticides becoming banned because of health and safety regulations that the control even of the 'fuss' will become a major problem. This is worrying, even now the control of worms and leather jackets is becoming more difficult with the banning of well proven pesticides. I think we will have to revert to some of the old remedies - I might mention that the three speakers from the STRI can be contacted at Bingley Telephone 01274 565131.

The Summer Tournament will be played at West Derby GC on Wednesday 26 June. Lunch will be served between 12.00 and 1.00 pm. The tee will be available from 1.30 pm. All applications including a cheque for £15 made payable to BIGGA N/W. Applications to be sent to Peter Cross, Harthill Lodge, Harthill Road, Liverpool L17 8ET by 17th May 2000. Evening meal and prize presentation to take place once the golf is completed. Smart dress in the evening please.

In any case any members do not know, we have an excellent library at BIGGA House and all books are available for a 6 week period at no cost. Any news or views you can contact me on 0151 724 5412. Bert Cross

North East

On behalf of members who made the effort, we would like to thank Terry Charlton of Turf Care for the recent outing at the local ten-pin bowling, a rather disappointing turn-out considering we had unlimited bowling and it did not cost the member anything but that may have to be the norm these days. The winner, if any of you are interested, was Barry Walker of Wearside Golf Club who goes on to the grand final with Garry Batson of Bingham Park in second place, please note the distance these people travelled to support the Section!

Another event took place at Tyneside Golf Club on the 23 March, again sponsored by Terry Charlton - the subject Health and Safety - OK not the most popular subject but wouldn't it be nice to turn up or like some of us, send apologies. I could not believe that no one turned up at all! If you found that the lectures we have had are boring at least get in touch with us and tell us what you want to hear, I bet we get a better turn-out at the golf meetings!

Jimmy Richardson

North Wales

A committee meeting was held on March 7 to organise our spring meet and sort out a few things. We do need feedback on certain suggestions made.

Harrogate - options 1. Stay with same coach format. 2. £10 returnable deposit to save being out pocket. 3. Run mini buses, find trade sponsorship or offer a package which includes overnight stay on Wednesday, so we arrive late Wednesday, can take in the AGM and all the other excellent night life attractions, spend Thursday at BTME, leave Thursday night. WE DO NEED FEEDBACK!

Our final winter lecture at the college on laser levelling and the rules of golf was again superb and the attendence was brilliant. All the lectures have been a complete success. Our thanks go to the college, our education officers, ALS for providing the refreshments and all of you for attending. If there is anything you would like on the agenda for next winter's lectures, please contact Phil Davison and put the ball in motion.

Windsor: any of you wanting to attend the IOG Show, please contact Stuart McCall; If there is anything you would like on the agenda for next winter's lectures, please contact Phil Davison and put the ball in motion.

Welcome to new members Andy Roberts - Caldy, Stuart Mason and Alex Cochran - Padmore and Buckley, Ken Smith - Rhuddlan, Barry Rogers and Paul Lowe - Eastam Lodge, Mark Richards - Weshpool, Matthew Pooley and Tom Fowles - Rhyl, Alistair Beggs STRI - Chester and Steven Leg - Vicars Cross.

The spring meeting was held at Frodsham. The weather was fantastic as was the golf course. Fury's praise must go to Paul Massey and the team for the amazing condition of the course considering we had just come out of such a wet winter and spring. The meet ran smoothly. Everything about it was first class, whichever way you looked at the course it was a picture. The members at Frodsham are indeed indeed. Tees, fairways, the whole shooting match top
Our thanks go to Frodsham for having us, a very enjoyable day indeed. Also our thanks go to the trade: Acorn, Aitkens, ALS, Amenity Technology, Burrows, Major R Owen, John Osman, Rigby Taylor, Sportsworld and Walker Engineering and of course Scotts and Charterhouse.

The results were: Best net Allen Lewis 71. Best Gross Andy Peel 79. Craig Wheeler net 73, Darryl Davies net 74, Paul Massey net 75, Mathew Pooley net 75. The first two qualify for the National and the next four for the Regional.

The winner of our new trade shield went to Andy Cornes of Acorn Equipment and the best guest was Eric Roylance. 77 players took part in the event, again a fantastic turn out. My apologies for not being able to stay for the presentation, so I will take this opportunity to explain that the price of entry this time was kept low as it was the first meet of the new millennium. However, prices will now revert back to the normal rates. Please remember meals cost £10 or more. Whilst I'm on about meals, the food at Frodsham matched everything else at the club. Top notch! See ya Dave Goodridge.

Midland

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of a long serving member and friend of the Midland Section. Alan Cutler of Edgbaston Golf Club died tragically on March 15. Alan had worked at Edgbaston for some 33 years and was the longest serving member of staff at the Golf Club. He will be sadly missed by all his colleagues at the Golf Club, he was an ever present at all of the Midland section events and many National events and his absence will be very apparent to everybody who had the pleasure of meeting him. On behalf of the Section I would like to convey our deepest sympathy to Alan's family and friends.

Kent

Welcome to this month's news from the Section.

Over the past few months your committee has been hard at work arranging events for the forthcoming year. By now you should all have received a fixture card and covering letter. If anyone has not received their fixture card please contact me.

Congratulations go to Philip Belton on his new job at Westerham Golf Club - good luck Philip. Congratulations also to Clive Pearson, of Gem Professional, and his wife on the birth of their new son Jack, who weighed in at 10lbs 2oz. A little birdie tells us Clive is planning on employing an Italian nanny to assist Jack's chances of making the Chelsea team - Bella! Bella!

A request has also been made for Richard Haynes to help Clive out by donating some of your greens' quality is riding on it.
his old clothes to Jack (please, not your old Arsenal shirt!). Please call me if you have any news or views you would like put in the Section "Around The Green".

James Duncan

London

Since taking over as Course Manager at Hartshorne Golf & Country Club, David Stenton and his team have undertaken project after project. During the winter of 1998/99, 3,500 metres of land drainage pipe work was installed on the Hunt Course and five greens were also drained. During the winter months, David also oversaw the planting of 5,000 trees aided by the Contractor, Eamon Wall. A small matter of eight tees were also built during this time. The Contractor, Eamon Wall. A small matter of eight tees were also built during this time. The small matter of eight tees were also built during this time. The small matter of eight tees were also built during this time. The small matter of eight tees were also built during this time.

The programme for winter 1999/2000 is equally impressive with forty bunkers having been reconstructed on the front nine of the Hartshorne course, with the remainder on the back nine scheduled for next winter. There has also been another tee constructed.

A new irrigation system is currently being installed by Dave and Doug Mansell (DDM Irrigation Installations) on greens and tees with fairway hydrants, new controllers and pumps. To top it all, footings have been dug and the concrete foundations laid for a new machinery shed, again all undertaken by David and his team.

This in readiness for conversion of the old workshop into a buggy store.

The London Section Qualifier for the BIGGA National Golf Championship was held at Hanbury Manor Golf Club on Wednesday 22 March. The day was fine and sunny with temperatures unseasonably high, and the course was in immaculate condition. With a field of forty plus, play commenced at 10.30 am and with such favourable conditions, play was brisk and good scores were achieved.

Results for the day were:
Lowest nett, Ian Semple, level par from Old Fold Manor GC.
Lowest Gross, Richard Andrews, Highgate GC.
Runner up, Rob Washbrook, Hadley Wood GC. Nearest the Pin, Derek Farrington, Regional Administrator. Longest Drive, Rob Phillips, Sandy Lodge GC.

Many thanks to Hanbury Major Golf Club for offering their magnificent facilities and also to the catering staff for a first class evening meal. Thanks also to Kneale Diamond, Hanbury's Acting Course Manager and his team for preparing the course and not forgetting the Tournament Sponsors, Charterhouse Turf Machinery and Scotts Fertilisers who are funding the Grand Final.

Also our best wishes to Hanbury's Course Manager, Kenny McKay, with his new appointment, taking over the Forest of Arden Course in Warwickshire.

Peter Hopkinson

Essex

Hello, Good-Byes, etc: Firstly a belated congratulations to Deputy Head at Abridge Golf Club, Steve Cox and his wife who gave birth to a baby girl last month, hope everything is going well for all three of you. Secondly good-bye and good luck to Ian Mitchell who leaves the Essex Section to further his career in Austria, he will be missed by friends and work colleagues alike. Lastly a welcome back into the stress free, sun tanned life of greenkeeping to Mick France who has returned after far too long to take over at Iford Golf Club. See you soon Mick.

New Members: Geoffrey Lewis, Orsett Golf Club, Adrian Darnell, Bentley Golf Club, Christopher Wright, South Essex Golf and Cricket Club and Gary Bullock from Briggs House Golf Club.

Golf Days: The annual Gentleman's Dinner and Golf Day at Walton Heath proved a huge success for the Essex section as three of its members finished top of their categories. Ray Clark who is Head Greenkeeper at Channels Golf Club won the 10 - 18 handicap category and, not to be outdone, Malcolm Smith who looks after the 9-hole Regiment Way course at Channels won the 19

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- 28 category, these positions will come as no surprise to all those who regularly attend our golf days. Finally Carl Croucher won the combined score event of greenkeeper plus club official with 52 points. Congratulations to all those mentioned above.

A new date has been arranged for the Surrey Tournament this year at Theydon Bois Golf Club, it has changed from Wednesday 14 June to Tuesday 13 June, details will be in the next newsletter.

This report comes just too early for the Forrester Park qualifier but I trust everybody enjoyed themselves, results will appear just two months after the competition has been played and probably after the next round.

Education:
A few months ago we had the chance to see greenkeepers attend a day beginners course in Information Technology, (computers to the laymen) on the 15 and 16 February. Ken Richardson endured two days of teaching six of our guys, thanks. For those interested a second day has been planned, dates to be arranged.

The second day of the Frank Newbury Management Course got under way at the Burstead Golf Club on 23 March dealing with such matters as Stress Management, Employment Law and Issuing Contracts of Employment.

Thank-yous should not only go to Frank but to all the staff at the Burstead for the food and hospitality. An evening seminar held at Writtle College by Dr. Butrymowicz, who sadly passed away on Saturday March 28, 2000. I am sure I speak on behalf of the Sussex Section in saying that Mike will be sadly missed and that our deepest sympathy goes to Violet, Mike’s wife of 48 years, and son Alan.

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Finally, I would like to finish on a much happier note in congratulating Robert Short and his wife on the birth of their second child, a little boy who was born on 31 December 1999, just in time for the new millennium. Well done! All the best from everybody in the Sussex Section.

Don’t forget, anything you want saying in ‘Around The Green’, please telephone me on 0378 189785 or 1903 218675. Remember it’s your Section!

Gary Ogilvie

Good-bye to Simon Hayes who has left Parley Downs Golf Club as First Assistant to take up his new post as Head Greenkeeper at Skipton Golf Club. Simon has been involved in greenkeeping for over 10 years and has been involved in national championships.

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South West

Not too much to report on this month. However many people have shown an interest in learning more about computers, so I have provisionally arranged two courses to be taken by Ken Richardson, Education and Training Manager from BIGGA. The first course will be a two day Introduction To Computers, focusing on getting started and learning the basics. This will take place at the beginning of November. A second course will be taken in the following spring and will be more advanced lesson. The cost of each course will be around £30.

Other courses coming up short-ly, include a PA1 Foundation Module Spraying Course on Thursday 11 May. A PA6 Knapsack Spraying Course will also take place on the 8 June.

On the 11 October we will be running another one day first aid course at the Southern Ambulance College, Chippenham. To join the above courses, telephone me on 01249 783382

Paul Cunningham

South Wales

First of all, hopefully by now you all should have received your fixture cards which are sponsored by Ted Hopkins, with the events for the rest of the year. If not, please contact section secretary Peter Lacey and I am sure he will send you one hastily, otherwise I will do my best to keep you informed. It is worth mentioning it is important that 1999 trophy winners...
should return them 28 days prior to tournaments they won. Also, if you are wishing to play in events, please could you remember to bring along your member's handicap and handicapped certificates on the day of each tournament.

The next tournament is to be held at Ashburnham GC on 5 July, with the section versus the Golf Club Secretaries, again with a tee off time of 1.00 pm. Then, on 11 August at Tredregar Park GC, with the section versus the Golf Club Secretaries, again with a tee off time of 1.00 pm. Thinking back to 7 March, yet again a well attended and also supported by the IOG was our evening lecture we had Phil Davey, a Paramedic from the Welsh Ambulance service. Phil gave us a quick update on some new techniques and recapping on general first aid. I have to say that for a serious matter of first aid, which Phil did portray, he also had an ability to make it interesting and humorous with his stories. On behalf of the section, it was a very good evening. Thank you Phil and all from the Welsh Ambulance Service for their good work.

Next month's article I will bring you up to date with our golfing members course walk left the club house at 10.30 am and enjoyed a most enlightening guided tour of the course by Head Greenkeeper Steve Peters. After a superb lunch Paul Clifton (Aventis) and John Mullins (Supaturf) representing our sponsors for the day presented the golf prizes as follows:-

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Richard Whyman

Devon & Cornwall

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Richard Whyman

South Coast

An eventful month on the sunny south coast, we all thought spring was here!

Jeff Drake has resigned as our Section Secretary. Many thanks Jeff for your input over the last four years. After a committee re-shuffle, Fred Deamen has taken over as Secretary with Chris Sturgess moving into the role of Tournament Organiser. Fred will continue to run the Spring Event and the match against the Secretaries at Basingstoke in June. From then on all entries to Chris Sturgess please (address at end).

Thanks to Crane Valley Golf Club, venue of our March lecture sponsored by Swan Machinery Hire and supported by Avoncorop.

Forty-two members attended, many of whom played golf in the afternoon, followed by an excellent lunch.

Anyone interested in the Section Committee please let me know, preferably in writing. Entries for the Summer Tournament to Chris Sturgess at 40 Kinsbourne Way, Thornhill, Southampton, SO19 6JB. Telephone 07771 31 38 409 before 8.00 pm please.

See you at Alton! Tony Gadd

I hope the weather finds you well and that things are rolling at your course. What a month March was, it was very nearly sun-tan material, swiftly followed by a bitterly cold wind that would have cut the first two weeks in April, typical weather, I suppose, and we can't complain.

New members to the association this month are Justin Weidel from Portwilliam and Sam Hall, Deputy Head Greenkeeper, also from Portwilliam, Alaistair Logan also joins us from Galgorm Golf Club. Once again I'd like to say please contact me on 07771 50 92 72 and give either me a call on 07771 50 92 72 or Charles Edgar on 07771 50 92 72, Iain Harrison

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