The Scottish Region is once again offering its members a subsidised package deal for BTME 2001. The package includes coach to Harrogate, entry to all seminars and exhibitions, three nights bed and breakfast in en-suite twin rooms on January 23, 24 and 25 in the Moat House Hotel, Harrogate. The cost of the package is £173 with partners welcome at a cost of £123 for travel and accommodation. Bookings and full payments are due to December 18 with banquet tickets at an extra cost of £40 per person.

Further information from Peter Boyd, 10 Meadowburn Avenue, Newton Mearns, Glasgow G77 6TA Tel/Fax 0141 616 3440

North
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Morning Texas Scramble. 1. Marshall us refreshed and, last but not least, stand-catering, Joe and the bar staff for keeping course, George and Fiona for the excellent course, the greenstaff ror presenting the Golf Club for granting courtesy of the Largs George Grant and the committee of Largs attended had

ers later in the afternoon, all those who attended had an enjoyable day and the prizes were much easier to win - see roll of for presenting the course in excellent condition. That's it 'til next month. Chris Yeaman

East Section
There was no column last month as we were between events but we're back this month. The Section visited Winterfield Golf Club, Dunbar, for the annual Willie Woods International Tournament, where a great day was had by all in attendance. Thanks from the Section go to the Captain and Council for giving us courtesy of the course, the Clubhouse staff for looking after us very well and lastly Head Greenkeeper, Craig Pennyquick and his staff, for the superb condition of the course. Also the easy pin positions on the day! Also a big thanks to our tournament sponsor, Ian Henderson, of Ian Henderson Finance. I am glad to announce that Ian has agreed to continue the sponsorship of this event for a further two years. Thank you Ian and we look forward to having you along with us next year. The scoring on the day was very good as the following scores will show. The results are 1. S. Nicol & J. Finlay, Watson 80-72=152. 2. R. Mullen 84-11=75; 3. C. Irvine 88-11=77 BIH. 3rd Class 1st Sallyrigay Trophy Cup, F. Forrest, 131-25=106; 2. K. Shields. Better outward 9; 3. C. Moffat, 2nd best outward 9. 2. and 3. Nr after 9 holes three in section to return card. Veteran, Eddie Holt Trophy - J. Maxwell 64-7=71. Track, Autumn Trade Cup - J. Smith 85=13=72. Guest Prize D. Hunter 802=78. New Member - K. Purves 90-13=77. Worst Score of the Day - G. McKie 100-9 = 91. Best Aggregate Trophy Spring & Autumn 2000. Bill Beveridge Trophy - I. Watson 80-72=152. Well done to all trophy winners. I am looking forward to adjusting your handicaps! So round two of the qualifying to come in April 2001. Dates and venues of next year's tournaments coming soon, so we hope to see you all to complete your qualification for the BIGGA National Championships 2001. Remember, only two places up for grabs, so keep practising! Well, that's all this month. If anyone has anything to let us know, please drop me a line or give me a call on: 01968 661313 or, office: 01968 661721 or email us at chrisy26@iol.com and I will make sure it gets into print and into the magazine.

Central
We welcome another three new members to the Section this month and they are Graeme Bryce, from Elmwood Golf Developments; Steven Hensley, from St Andrews Links Trust, and Malcolm Baxter, from Muckhart Golf Club. Welcome to the Section, lads! The final golf tournament of the season was held in September at Stirling Golf Club on what proved to be one of the dryer days of the month when 56 members and guests enjoyed a relaxing day and played some very competitive golf with the prize winners being as follows: Best Scratch: D. Leith, St Andrews, 67-14=81; 2. R. Mullen 84-11=75; 3. C. Irvine 88-11=77 BIH. 3rd Class 1st Sallyrigay Trophy Cup, F. Forrest, 131-25=106; 2. K. Shields. Better outward 9; 3. C. Moffat, 2nd best outward 9. 2. and 3. Nr after 9 holes three in section to return card. Veteran, Eddie Holt Trophy - J. Maxwell 64-7=71. Track, Autumn Trade Cup - J. Smith 85=13=72. Guest Prize D. Hunter 802=78. New Member - K. Purves 90-13=77. Worst Score of the Day - G. McKie 100-9 = 91. Best Aggregate Trophy Spring & Autumn 2000. Bill Beveridge Trophy - I. Watson 80-72=152. Well done to all trophy winners. I am looking forward to adjusting your handicaps! So round two of the qualifying to come in April 2001. Dates and venues of next year's tournaments coming soon, so we hope to see you all to complete your qualification for the BIGGA National Championships 2001. Remember, only two places up for grabs, so keep practising! Well, that's all this month. If anyone has anything to let us know, please drop me a line or give me a call on: 01968 661313 or, office: 01968 661721 or email us at chrisy26@iol.com and I will make sure it gets into print and into the magazine.

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Andrews is moving from The Dukes Course in St Andrews to a new position at a course in Dunfermline. Well done to Lundin Links on a 100% record for the first time for 20 years. A special mention goes to Wasps goal-keeper Duncan who put in a great deal of time and effort to the last game and to all players for their support for their Section events.

Our Vice-Chairman John Waite is recovering from a bad road accident, in which John got knocked off his push iron and was taken to the hospital. He has recovered from the Saturday night hangovers. This observation took on more significance when louder cheers were heard on the course than cheers for goals. It has been a good year, but not for all of our Section. We have been working hard to get in touch with some of you with, or perhaps some of you who have not attended the AGM.

Our AGM will be at Huddersfield G.C. on Wednesday 6th December at 6.30pm. If you require any more information, our sympathies go out to Eric's family and he will be sadly missed from the team. We hope the AGM will be well attended and that we will have a good discussion and a chance to golf!

The golf tournaments held on September 24 was very successful, despite the Editor deciding to change the date to the 24th August. Why, I don't know. (Apologies. Put it down to mistyping - Ed) and the following is a report from Andy O'Hara.

A new competition we've started is called the Longest Drive & Nearest the Pin. 1. A. Robertson, Grangemouth, 92-21=70; 2. A. Arnott, Dunnikier, 98-18=80; 3. S. Cruckshank, Deer Park, 105-22=83. Best Nett Spring & Autumn, D. Leith, St Andrews, 78-14=64. A special mention goes to Wasps goal-keeper Duncan who injured himself - himself - with his first involvement, i.e. picking the ball out of the net and then pulling a muscle while attempting to kick the ball away in disgust. Thanks to Ian - Hugh Dallas - Jarvis and to all players for their support for the sporting and friendly atmosphere which prevailed on the day. Lastly, thanks to all those who didn't have to play two games in a row, than cheers for goals scored. Final placings were 1. Lundin Links, 2. Dunfermline, 3. Stirling/Leven Lions, 4. Dunmow, 5. equal Dunfermline, Callander and Shaw Park Wasps. A special mention goes to Wasps goal-keeper Duncan who injured himself - himself - with his first involvement, i.e. picking the ball out of the net and then pulling a muscle while attempting to kick the ball away in disgust. Thanks to Ian - Hugh Dallas - Jarvis and to all players for their support for the sporting and friendly atmosphere which prevailed on the day. Lastly, thanks to all those who didn't have to play two games in a row, than cheers for goals scored. Final placings were 1. Lundin Links, 2. Dunfermline, 3. Stirling/Leven Lions, 4. Dunmow, 5. equal Dunfermline, Callander and Shaw Park Wasps.

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delegates, 31 greenkeepers, and the remainder being golf club secretaries, greens chairman, and members of the trade, a small percentage of our 600 members.

Team events such as the Roses match, the annual match against North Wales, and the match against the Golf Club Stewards, all sponsored, with no cost to the competitors, can be a nightmare getting a team together. The regional final at Fishwick Hall, even though the qualifiers had all been informed with their starting times, we finished with one man short, making almost impossible for us to win. The autumn tournament at Denton Golf Club, was attended by only 17 members and two guests, and to top it all, the National Championship played at St. Annes Old Links and Fairhaven G.C., which are both in the Northwest Section, was attended, apart from the two qualifiers, by only myself and Peter Hogan. As Secretary, and with a good section committee, we try our best to satisfy the members needs, but we do need the support of you guys out there, and if you feel if something is lacking in the Section, or the Association, put pen to paper, or give me a ring.

Now that I have that off my chest I would like to thank Tim Nolan and his staff for a great day at Denton Golf Club on September 7. The few days previous to the match day had been rain, rain, rain, and I feel sure that Tim and his staff must have had many soakings working in the rain, because the course was in great condition, and a credit to them.

The results on the day were: Best Gross - Tim Nolan, Best Net - Mike Llogg, Vets - Arthur Moorey, Guest prize - Andrew Cornes, Aggregate Winner - Arthur Moorey. I would like to thank Denton Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of the course, the caterers for a great meal, and Tim and his staff for an excellent course, also our sponsors for the prize table. Don't forget we have the Presidents Cup and the AGM on the 30th November at Wilmslow Golf Club, get your entries in with your cheque for £15 to Bill Merritt, 225 Utting Avenue, Liverpool, L4 9RB, not later than Friday, November 24. Everybody must bring a bottle of something on the day, so that we can all go home with a prize. I will close now but please remember you have a good Section, and a good Association and please support them.

The Northern Region is organising a seminar to be held at Penrith Golf Club on Thursday, December 7. Full details will be sent to all members in Cumbria and surrounding areas. For further information contact Doug Bell. (Tel: 0151 724 5412)
Cleveland

Three new members joined the Section this month. Stephen Taggart and Gary Haffney, both from Northumbria, and Chris Tooth, a member of the Wymoing Club for over a year and Liam McGough, older and better looking brother of Anthony - Titch - McGough, has taken the job of greenkeeper mechanic at Richmond Golf Club after Mark Blaggan left for a career change. Also leaving Richmond is Olly Sheppard who is going to University. The Beast of Bedale, Alex Russell, is now the Beast of Billingham moving to join Bob Luston and his team. The Cleveland Section won the National Team Final at Fishwick Hall Golf Club in Preston recently. Well done to all those who were involved.

Congratulations to Chris Pawley, of Daris饶la Spa GC, who won the Cans sponsored Cleveland Shield, beating Tony Benge in the Final at Durham City GC. Any news contact me on 0780 8169538.

Steven Jaques

North Wales

I write these notes on the day of our cancelled autumn meet and the weather is again very wet! It's been a testing year and the only positive thing is we are all in the same boat - put intended. We shall try to rearrange the meet - you will know by the time you read this - if not, any of you who can't make the Xmas meet, please get in touch for a refund. The winter lectures start at the college on November 15 with Derek Green, Bunker Construction and Chris Clarke, Equipment Maintenance starts at 2.30. All welcome. A small charge for non-members. I don't suppose any of you need reminding the Xmas meeting is at Royal Liverpool on December 6, that's if the wind still exists in a normal state of play, as we have to remember to bring your beach coster boot rods just in case, maybe Derek should give us a lecture on how to land a sea bass!

Our Match Secretary, Jeremy Hughes, helped arrange a Northumbing county team to win the Welsh inter-county finals in the first time in the county's history. His rounds of 71 and 73 were instrumental in securing the win over second placed Flintshire, who also had one of our Section members in their team - Lee Hinkes-Edwards, assistant greenkeeper at Hawarden, well done lad, it shows greenkeepers can play the game as well! The final was played at North-Byrdwall which was in apparently excellent condition for the tournament.

Finally, belated congratulations to my old mate Peter Sproston on his Swing event. The team from Ryton Park Golf Club, in Downham Market, won the event with a team total of 133 (two net medal scores to count).

There may be an awful lot of rainfall in Norfolk because they won by seven strokes on the second placed team Trentham Park from Stoke on Trent. In third place came Boston Golf Club.

Thanks to Frank Remperston the Course Manager and his team of greenkeepers for presenting the course in superb condition and the catering staff for a wonderful meal.

We quickly followed up the first event with a visit to St Neots GC, near Cambridge. Although only 11 teams entered it still proved a success. The weather remained pleasant and many golf clubs said that they thought that the format was a real plus and would like to have one team for supporting this event. The team from Venutum Golf Club, in St Albans, were the eventual winners as three teams all finished with the same score eventually won on the back three count.

Second place went to Letchworth Golf Club and third to Ramsdale Park Golf Club.

I would like to thank Phil & Richard, Course Manager and Deputy, and the team of greenkeepers for presenting the course in superb condition and the catering staff for a wonderful meal.

I would like to thank the Secretary, Course Committee of both Glen Ogle Golf Club and St Neots Golf Clubs for allowing the use of their golf courses.

My sincere thanks must go to Scots for the sponsorship of this event with one tournament being played on the opening day along with decanters and port Second place bottles of port and third place bottles of wine.

Nick Martin from Scots attended both days and Richard Minton the second. Nick also presented the prizes kindly donated by Scots. Thanks also to Kevin from E T Breakwell & Mark from Aevoncrop for their help in the running day and the raffle at St Neots. There were many raffle prizes with donations coming from the section committee members. I thank you all.

Les Emery

East Midlands

This Autumn's Tournament was played at Market Harborough GC on Saturday, 20th September, a dry pleasant Autumn day. The course was in excellent condition, after all the heavy rain of the previous week which is a credit to Tim Harris and all the greenskeeping staff. This also reflected in the good scores that were posted.


Our thanks to to Market Harborough GC for hosting our Tournament and to the Stewart and Stewards for an excellent day. One of the best we have ever had. A special thanks should go to our sponsors Banks Amenity Products for not only providing a great prize table, but to put on a free bar and provide a sponsored golf ball each.

Unfortunately the day was only supported by 17 greenkeepers and we really do need to increase these numbers if we are to go forward. Finally, can I once again remind all members that your entry forms and payment must be made before the closing date of any Section event you should wish to attend. Next year's Autumn Tournament will be held on 14 September at Lingdale GC.

This year's Scotts/Charterhouse National Championship was supported by three of our Section members. Richard Barker, Ian Needham and Dave Leatherland.

The best Gross and Net score on the first day was won by Richard who also finished with the 4th Best Net score over the round.

Also in attendance was the Section Chairman, Gavin Robson who was Dave Leatherland's caddy for the two days. (I only saw him carry Dave's bag for one of his shots - Ed)

Antony Bindley

Berks Bucks and Oxford

The autumn invitation was held at East Berks GC on October 18th. This was very well attended with some 48 players taking part. Myself and my partner were very lucky to be paired with Adrian Cooper and Andy Church, from Ramsden. During the round Adrian taught us the very usefull "canopy shot". This shot involves the player hitting the ball as hard as possible through trees taking many deflections and landing close to the hole. He has even met one that was a "behind the back of the tree" shot for goodness sake. Luck? Not a chance! My friends attempts ended up with the ball travelling further sideways than forwards, or is that called a "snappie"?

The results are as follows. 1. N. Ely & M. Ely, 44 pts; 2. J. Bevan & D. Eglington, 42 pts; 3. T. Webb & R. Webb, 42 pts. Longest Drive. D. Emery. Nearest the Pin. M. Parry. Many thanks to Marc and his staff for producing a superb course and also to the other club staff for making us feel very welcome. Also many thanks to Rokham who sponsored the event.

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Jono Scoones

Surrey

It was with eager anticipation that those members who had entered the autumn tournament journeyed to Laleham. Many had not been there before, but its reputation had ensured a really large turnout. We were not disappointed. The weather remained dry and the rides at Thorney Theme Park were as thrilling as we had expected. Afterwards we all played golf at Laleham Golf Club. The Head Greenkeeper, John Ross, received us with his usual kindness and after we had explained that it was the norm for greenkeepers to be given the courtesy of the course, his threat to have us physically removed for not paying green fees was recorded.

Enough of this nonsense. We all thank John and his team for ensuring that our autumn meeting was a great success. The course was in excellent condition and although the recent rainfall had been extremely heavy, the course played far better than expected.

A Laleham greenkeeper, using local knowledge, came first. Bob Rogers scored 45 points. Second position was filled by Roger Tredman 42 points. M. McClaren, after countback, was third with 40 points with Gordon Bell fourth, John White fifth, and Darren Lee sixth. Nearest the pin was captured by G힘 Neil Rogers and the longest drive had John White deciding that a 3-iron was his most favourite club. Sponsor for the day were Joveco.

Hamley Common Golf Club played host to the Christmas team meeting and the Scotland golf match on October 3. Thanks to Gary Roberts and his greensstaff for presenting the course in such superb condition. England won, Scotland came second.

Brian Willnot
South West & South Wales

Three highly successful Course Management Trophies have again been held in the South West and South Wales Region and the Regional Board would like to thank Scotts Professional for sponsoring the prizes for these competitions.

A team event in its second year, comprising Greenkeeper, Club Secretary, Club Captain and Chairman of Green maximum, each team of six were entered for each section.

Martin Townsend, from Scotts, attended each of the events together with the local representative from each section. The competitions were played in excellent weather and everyone who took part thoroughly enjoyed the day. It was nice to welcome Ken Richmond, from Head Office, to the South Coast event at Salisbury. Results for the first competition played at Salisbury & S Wilts, Freshwater Bay, South West, played at the Manor Castle Clubhouse, Birmingham and Clifton; South West, played at Celtic Manor, Pontypool.

This competition could have been the host clubs very much for extending the courtesy of the course for each of these events and for providing such excellent catering.

Westurf 2001 - March 14.

On the 13th we will again be holding the Westurf Gala Dinner which this year it will be held at the Southgate Hotel in Exeter. This is in the centre of town and highly recommended. If you are with a local leisure club boasting a pool, gym, solarium, jacuzzi, saunas and solarium. The price is £20 per person sharing and £75 for single occupancy. This price includes dinner, bed and breakfast.

The Region will again be providing after dinner entertainment free of charge. There are only a limited number of rooms available so book early to avoid disappointment. Ticket bookings should be made in writing to Paula, Riverveis, 2, Granville Terrace, Bude. Cornwall EX23 8JZ and include a cheque for £20 per person deposit. Last year this event was a great success so do try and join us. It is a great way to start the Westurf Exhibition.

Please note that Jim Arthur will be available to sell and sign copies of Practical Greenkeeping, reduced price £25, at the Cannington College Seminar on November 22. Paula Humphries

Devon & Cornwall

Once again this year members have had the opportunity to enter the Tora Trophy, Greenkeeper of the Year and the Tora Excellence in Greenkeeping awards. This year the Section has two members in the top 13. Congratulations and good luck to Anthony Vokes, of St Austell GC, in the Student award and Terry Farkins, of Dartmouth GC, in the Excellence in Greenkeeping award. Also, the Section was delighted to welcome back Jim Arthur on reaching his 80th birthday.

Unfortunately our representatives for the Charterhouse/Scotts National Championship had to pull out, with reserves found, then injured, time run out to find replacements. The Section would like to take this opportunity to apologise to the sponsors Scotts & Charterhouse for not being able to make an entry to this excellent event. The Section would also like to extend their thanks to Jim Arthur and Mark Green for all their efforts to make this Section. Professor D. E. Harkness, from the University of Reading, and John Hogg, from the University of Edinburgh, will be presenting the prizes for these competitions.

The Autumn Competition was to have been held at Newport GC on September 27. Unfortunately cancelled owing to the lack of petroleum with the fuel crisis.

South West & South Wales Region Annual Conference & Workshop is to be held on the 22nd of this month at Cannington College with guest speakers Jim Arthur, Frank Newbury & Stuart Ashworth. Rigby Taylor Match Play Finals will have been played in October bring you up to date with the best performances in the winter

just a quick reminder that a number of important events are coming up in the next couple of months. The BIGGA A South West and South Wales Awards Educational Workshop 2000 will take place at Cannington College on November 22. This meeting is certain to attract a lot of interest with speakers including Jim Arthur, Frank Newby and Stuart Ashworth of Amenity Technology. Book early for this event by contacting Paula Humphries.

South Wales

I begin firstly apologising for missing Around the Green last month. I faltered towards the end of the year, which has been played in October bring you up to date with the best performances in the autumn competition.

The Autumn Tournament took place at Carmarthen Golf Club. This is the first time that a BIGGA event has taken place at Carmarthen in quite a few years, so it should be interesting to play a different course.

Also in December there will be a basic course on course run by Ken Ruane of the course at Napier. No, seriously hope you repair quickly. Dave. That’s all this time around folks. I’ll bring you up-to-date with the details of the autumn course next month sponsored by Avocoro Amenity Products. Just one more thing if you are thinking of attending BIGGA 2001 and there is a large support from South West Section we may possibly have a coach picking up through but South Wales area leaving from Carmarthen.

Richard Hatcher

South Coast

The Autumn Tournament took place at Camelford Golf Club. Our thanks go to the club and committee for allowing us courtesy. Thanks also to the sponsors, GCM Professional and Vitax. The weather was good and the course in superb condition. Well done Derek Parker and his team.

Winners were Keith Hill-Jones 42 points. Alan Rideout 38 points, countback. Mark Green, 38 points. Mark Hancock 37 points. The day ended with an excellent curry, thanks again to the caterers. A couple of dates for your diaries. The regional seminar is Non Golf Day at Cannington College. Frank Newbury, Stuart Ashworth and Jim Arthur are all speaking so it promises to be a good day.

The Turkey Trot is again at Hooley Golf Club. Details of our AGM and the course will be announced. Please note that Jim Arthur will be available to all the members at the AGM. Entries and payment in early please, E15 to Chris Stupens on 07773 139409.

Tony Gadd

Northern Ireland

Apologies for no ATG notes last month but any sort of news was really scarce and listening to me ramble on for 500 words would probably have been too much to bear. By the time you read these notes we will have had a bumper golf day at Malone and our seminar will have passed at Greenmount. No doubt will have been an excellent success and I’ll give you a full report in next month’s issue. We have a challenge for people joining our section, a nice round of 13, which really is encouraging to see and if you’re a greenkeeper of any description, please come on and join.

The names of our new members are, forgive me if I spell your name incorrectly, but it has been a long time since I left school. Sydney Houston, Silverwood GC. Mark Cassidy, First Assistant at Largier GC. Adam Kelly, Ballymena GC. Lee Cartmill, not Cartwheel as I mentioned in a previous issue, sorry Lee, Malone GC. Thomas Orley and Darrren Doherty; also at Malone, Malone Golf Club. Very sorry had to correct your very curiously first Assistant, Irwin Robinson; Jeff Lamb, Course Manager at Shandon GC has signed up his whole staff and they are as follows - First Assistant Robert McCann, Andy Simpson, Alistair Smyth and Michael Kennedy. Many thanks to all the above and I’ll be looking forward to seeing all of you at our next event, Congratulations to Noel and Earnann Crawford who played well at the National Championship.

Noel Crawford received the Best Gross Prize for one over after two rounds at St Anns Old Links and Finlay Everson who had the best net score on the other day was given. I hope all of you enjoyed your golf and the trip. You all did us proud.

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