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One little aside at the forum was when, at a break, I was asked what BIGGA stood for. This was from a senior representative and also how much work we still have to do at BIGGA to be recognised on a par with them. However, that aside, this was a positive and interesting two days, bringing together of views on how to expand and develop golf into the new century and I congratulate the Scottish Golf Union for this and I look forward to BIGGA being involved in future meetings. It was annoying reading Tracey’s report in the August issue about the abuse of membership cards for courtesy golf. I know it’s a very small minority but there are always some rotten eggs in the basket who are only looking to take advantage for purely selfish reasons. So don’t hold back if you know of any abuse of our card, report them it could be you who can’t get a game at a club because they have refused courtesy to greengrocers.

I have just returned from Saltex where we were lucky with the weather. One heavy shower on Wednesday was the only glitch in the show. I was asked to bell through the judges on the Tuesday morning and what a hard job it is. I’m glad I had someone else with me. I’m sure the recovery rate was probably more affected than the greens themselves as businesses, promote clubs in a better light and in conjunction with tourism sell ourselves. These were just some of the ideas that came from a wide spectrum of the golf fraternity in Scotland.

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