Central

We are up and running again on the new member front and we extend a warm welcome this month to Christine Noble from Ladybank Golf Club, and we look forward to meeting you at some of our events in the near future Christopher.

While I am on about events, a five a side football tournament is being organised for mid October (Sunday afternoon, Sky television have even re scheduled their football so as not to clash with this event!) at Forthbank Sports Stadium in Stirling, so if you fancy yourself as a budding football star or you feel you are not past it, return your entry forms and get in training as I believe there are a few teams who are having this event seriously. Invitations will also be sent to the other sections in Scotland to enter teams. What the **£** , let's go nation wide and invite teams from any Section within BIGGA to enter! (Travel expenses will NOT be paid, unless this can be classed as an educational event, then we could apply to the SGA for the money, Vicky Clive? If any Section is interested in entering a team/teams please just get in touch and I will send you an entry form.

Prizes for the autumn tournament at Murrayshall on September 27, the five a side football in October, the proposed Turkey Trot (Do they really run faster just before Christmas?) in December? The Autumn Cup (No. 424 and A.O'Hara can only win one of these fabulous prizes!) with ticket No 017, both win £50 and the July winners were Mrs. Noble and Stewart from Royal Dornoch and finally Ritchie Morrison from Aberdeen Petroleum Club. On the move are Stuart Griffith leaving Letham Grange to work at Hankley Common to see if what they did four years ago of 2001 is still as good today, and moving to Southport & Asaidsale. Apologies to George Mitchell of Newmacher who represented the Section at the Open last month at Dunbar GC. I'm not sure in the selection I didn't know about.

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I would like to thank the following people. Ken Siems and Doreen Williams at Loch Lomond Golf Club; Martin Lothian at Turnberry and Kenny Harper and John Caven at Meldrum House, for all of their valuable time that they gave up for us and for the wonderful hospitality shown to us by the golf clubs.

Also, during the year we visited various conferences and exhibitions including the "From Cutting Edge to Leading Edge" lectures at the Scottish Grass Machinery House in Inver Keithing BTME in Harrogate, which was a good day. We also went to the Scottish Regional Conference in Drumoig which was a very enjoyable and interesting day.

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Andrew de Wet

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Glenelgues Chapter

My name is Andrew de Wet and I am writing this as the Secretary of the Glenelges BIGGA Student Chapter. My main topic for this month is to give an outline of the different visits that the students have had, and to thank our hosts.

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East

Well here's another column and another month. As I sit and write this in glorious sunshine 86 degrees (south of France on holiday I wonder where time goes. It's the middle of July into the seventh month of the year, people are starting to think about winter pro-

grames, the autumn outing at Monktonhall Golf Club is just around the corner! The match against the East of England in the annual stewards match and the BIGGA national championship at Royal Birkdale and Scottish & Irish Schools Cup are both in October. (If you are going to the national championship I will see you there). So, as I said at the beginning, where does time go? Less than half a year goes by and we have played 4 matches this year. Faster just before Christmas?)

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A bit of news now for students who are attending college. Mike Dundon (another name for the much travelled James Amenity (formerly Thornetrees Landscape) has offered the Section an award for best student greenkeeper attending the college in the eyes of the Section committee. The nominees shall possibly have to sit an interview in front of a panel made up of committee members of our Section (such as Mike would be the best). The winner of the award shall have them in time for next month's section meeting. The meeting will be coming soon to decide on the final format for this award. The winner will keep the trophy, full details coming soon. The eventual winner will win a trip with the Scottish party to BTME 2002 in Harrrogate in January 2002. On his return he shall have a presentation on their trip to BTME 2002 to section members as part of a winter lecture in early 2002. So come on it could be you! A big thanks to Mike for taking us on this trip, and something any student should be proud to win.

Chris Yeanan (location)

South

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Kershaw, both from Castlefields GC, and Christopher Courtman, from Kirkstall Valley GC.

There is no other news at the moment, so if anybody as any then let me know.

Our President, Dennis Cockburn, was well chuffed with the numbers, having a large turn out with 45 playing that turned out for his day. We again were delighted that Harrogate GC Captain Brian Matthews could join us for the day. The weather was outstanding and it was good to see some more new faces along with some old ones.

Results are as follows:-

President's Trophy
Shane Wells, Headley GC, 78 BIH
Division 1
1. Dave Collins, Temple Newsome GC, 66
2. Allan Baxter, Bingley St. Ives GC, 67 BB9
3. Robin Smith, Leeds City Council, 67

Division 2
1. Jim Brown, Cookridge G&CC 70
2. Nigel Wild, Otley GC, 72
3. Tim Arana, Riddlesden GC, 75

Division 3
1. Paul Wood, Clayton GC, 78 BIH
2. Steve Heaton, Otley GC, 78
3. Alan Gamble, Retired, 79

Trade Prize
1. Andrew Corrnes, Acres, 69
2. Mel Guy, Green Pride, 70

Longest Drive
Richard Harris, Elland GC

Nearest Pin
Alan Dyson, Parma

Once again thanks to Harrogate GC and all the staff for allowing us courtesy and help in making our day a success. Thanks also to Andrew Corrnes and Acorn Equipment (UK) for sponsoring the day for us.

Representing the section in the Regional Final at Birdwood on the 12th were Richard Harris, Peter Thompson, Alan Baxter, Brian Hudson, Mike Gregory, John Wood. This event is again sponsored by Richard Campey Ltd. Good luck to the lads who qualified via the Spring Tournament.

Invitation Day is coming up on Tuesday, September 11, at Howley Hall. This year the course was in excellent condition and will be missed.

More sad news. Tony Burg was out of this year's Cleveland Shield, having to concede his match after injuring his back after slipping and falling at work. A lesson for everyone that carpet slippers are not suitable footwear for golf course maintenance.

Tony's injury meant that Jim Thompson found himself in the quarter final, further than he has been in the competition before by several rounds. He wasn't fazed by this and he went on to beat Chris Bowley, the current holder of the Shield and will play either myself or Brian Benning in the semi finals. Martin Woods of Neil Rogers will play Graeme Salibank in the other semi final.

Arrangements for the match against the Northern Section and Autumn Tournament are well under way. Watch this space, any news please contact me on 07719 193381.

Steven Jaques

Sheffield

This year's annual tournament was held at Gainsborough golf club with Mansfield Sands being the main sponsor of the day. Despite some poor weather conditions for the time of the day, the course was in excellent condition and the top five nett scores for the day were, 1. A. Sampson, 64; 2. A. Bunting 69; 3. K. Lock, 69; 4. A. Whitehead, 71; 5. J. Moorcroft. The best visitor's score was P. Fell with nett 70.

Congratulations to the top five and to all other prize winners. The facilities of Gainsborough Golf Club from the course through to the clubhouse are absolutely first class and I would like to thank the Captain of the club Mr. D. Saxby and everyone else concerned for their support and efforts on the day. Thank you also to all the trade members who supported the day and in particular to Russell Latham and Dave Smith of Mansfield Sands for all their efforts and a superb prize table.

Our next golf day is at Hillsborough GC on September 5 with a tee off time of 1.30 pm.

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North West
May I apologise for the lack of Section news in the June issue of the magazine. The notes were submitted but were misplaced somewhere along the line. I had mentioned in the notes a report on the spring tournament at Mere Golf & Country Club on Monday, April 3. The night before the rain had hammered down and although the course was wet, Paul Hyde and his staff had done a great job preparing the course and keeping it open. We had 43 members playing and some excellent scores were returned. Best Nett: Alex Davies. Best Gross: Mike Davie. Over 55's: Anthony Mooney. Captain Prize: Angus Cornes. The Longest drive and nearest the pin (both sponsored by Rufford) were won by Paul Pease and Tom Lyons. The prizes were donated to Hammonds End Golf Club, Harpenden, Herts.

Golf Club, Harpenden, Herts, on Tuesday, August 22. Please note Tee off 1:30pm. Any news or comments to be held at Hammonds End Golf Club, Harpenden, Herts. On a sad note, Henry Herrington, former Head Greenkeeper at Bentley Golf Club (retired) and who was actively involved in setting up the Section in its early years, is unwell. On behalf of all members, I would like to wish him a speedy recovery.

Bert Cross

Mid Anglia
The Section's summer golf tournament was played at Moseley Golf Club on Saturday, June 29. The winner on this day was Nick Bird, 2. Dave Fellows, Longest Drive - Eddie Stant, Nearest the Pin - Vince Lee. The day was sponsored by Alpha Amenity represented by Nigel Tyler supplied by Amenity Technology and wine through the evening provided by John Menes of Mitchells. Thanks to all sponsors for their interested support of the Midland Section. Our thanks and gratitude also goes out to all the staff and members of Moseley Golf Club for providing us with such a great day's golf. The winners in particular to Mike Gash and all the green staff who presented the course to a very high standard. Congratulations and thanks to you all.

On a final note, there is interest from the North West Section to hold a "go kart" challenge in Warrington. It is anticipated a team of around 12 people would be required to make the event work. Any interested in participating please contact me on: 07899 566307.

Don't forget your entries for the autumn tournament at Trentham Golf Club on September 17. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Phil Gates

East Midlands
I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Section to thank Alpha Amenity for their generous support. It is thanks partly to companies like these that we remain so successful.

This year's autumn tournament will be held on Wednesday September 12 at Lingdale GC. If by now you have not received your entry form please let me know and I will gladly send you a copy. The AGM is to be held at Mapperley GC on Thursday November 8 followed by the Christmas Meeting at Wolston Park on Tuesday December 4.

Sorry for such a brief report, if you have any further news for this article please let me know.

Antony Bidney

South East

Phil Gates

Mid Anglia
The Section's summer golf tournament was played at Moseley Golf Club and sponsored by Tuckwells and Avoncrom Amenity was combined with the qualifier for the BIGGA National Championship which is itself being held at Birkdale and Southport & Ainsdale Golf Clubs on October 1 and 2. Despite a gloomy weather forecast the sun shone down on the 38 competitors trying out some of the trade and green keepers alike.

An already difficult course, Bentley was made even more testing by the strong winds which gusted down and across the tree lined fairways making a low score almost impossible. The course was very well prepared and a credit to new Head Greenkeeper Mark Stopp and his staff. Deputy Head Andrew Darrell and assistants Nick Purnimte, Steve Adams and Nick Thompson who have worked wonders getting the course back into shape after a catastrophic winter and the odd attack of the dreaded fuzz.

The author had the pleasure of Mark's company for the round and along with Richard Lewis, DLF, and Martin Gunter who work for the company I believe these three guys have the art of enjoying yourself while being serious when you have to be down to a fine art. I have not enjoyed a round of golf as much in a long time. Ten days later, it was a pleasure and an education.

The two golfers who have qualified for the finals are Tony Kirwin, of Colchester GC (best gross) who also qualified last year and finished third overall and Steve Crodale, of Great Hadham Golf and Country Club, (best nett). Steve also won the overall prize of the Summer Trophy, which was presented by the North West Section and donated to the winner. The results from the three handicap categories were: Cat 1 (0-12): 1. Andy Sheehan, Ely GC; 2. John Robinson, Croston GC. Cat 2 (13-22): 1. Roland Hughes, Forrester Park, Cat 2 (13-22): 1. Roland Hughes, Forrester Park, Cat 2 (13-22): 2. Malcolm Smith, Channels GC; 2. Douglas (Maggie) Smith, Mardale Vine; 3. Martin Guy, Trent Park GC, Cat 3 (23+): 1. John Barrow, Theddon Boss GC; 2. Stuart Wren, Great Hadham GC; 3. Ray Goodsell, Upminster GC.

If any of the winning names look familiar it's because half of the people picking up prizes also collected silverware at our last golf day detailed in June's magazine.

The longest drive and nearest the pin turned out to be an all Orsett affair with Dominic Rodgers and Carl Crocher winning these prizes. The trade prize for the second event running was won by Mick Fonce, of Driving Force Leisure, with a great score of nett 75. Well done Mick, a very close second was Richard Lewis from the same fine establishment as Mick.

As usual, members of the trade from Right Trolley, Sherriffs, Driving Force Leisure, E.Doe, Gem and Tacit supported the section and donated to the raffle prizes. Thanks guys.

While thanking the fabulous bar and catering staff at Bentley GC deserve a mention as does owner John Vivers who allowed us to have our day on his course. Thank you all very much.

So well done to those guys and best of luck to those who play in the National Tournament. The real winners were everyone who made the effort to turn up and a great meeting new people and swapping ideas. Well done to Gary Sidders who finished in 1st place with a 68 and his playing partner Gary Ashton who had a 69.
ished his first Medal round with a score of 107. Great stuff!

It was nice to see some new faces and I hope we will see more of you at Chesham on July 26. A big thank-you to everyone down at Walmer for a great day's golf and the much-needed food. I would just like to congratulate Dan McGrath on getting married at the beginning of June and I hope you and your wife have a happy life together, which I'm sure you will.

So if there is any news please let me know or I will have to talk about anything that could take hours. Please phone me on 01732 875020 or e-mail jhatkgolf@aol.com

Jason Bean

East Anglia

A pleasant day greeted our happy band of wanderers as we descended on Richmond Park Golf Club near Wotton in Norfolk on the 13th June. Our thanks go to the main sponsors for the day who were Jo John Deere, Tomlinson Ground Care, Ben Burgess, Steven Curtis and his staff had done us proud presenting us with an excellent venue for our summer meeting. The clubhouse staff made every effort to make the day a success and topped it off with an extremely good evening meal. Many thanks to the club Captain Brian Brand for helping me with the cards and for sorting out the winning scores. I had the good fortune to play with the winner of the day Brian Lemmon. He played a good round of golf and got a ribbing from his nearest the pin and from the rest of the group, sombreros and other handed attire were mentioned on several occasions, but the cheekiest thing that took place was when Brian realised how good his score was going to be, he tried to cook up the last two holes (had luck Brian, 2 shots off the handicap). On to the winners;

0 - 12 handicap
1. A. Elliot 37 points
2. M. Virley 34 Points on count back
3. J. Wright 34 points

13 - 17 Handicap
1. B. Lemmon 40 points (overall winner)
2. S. Millard 36 points
3. M. Virley 34 points

18 - 26 handicap
1. D. Farrington 32 points
2. K. Titshall 32 points
3. J. Holiday 31 points

Trade and Guest
1. K. Timms 37 points
2. J. Humphrey 36 points
3. M. Davis 36 points

Lawned Drive - J. Wright

Nearest the Pin - M. Virley

My thanks to the other sponsors, SISIS, Rushbrokes, Ley UK, Batrums, Nicholsons, K. Leach, Tactic, Banks Amenity, Rigby - Taylor, Sherriffs, Atterton & Ellis, Consultant Clarkson.

On behalf of our Section I would like to thank Richmond Park Golf Club for their hospitality and for allowing us to use their excellent golf course. Our charity collected £40.00 for the WAAS which we should pass the £1000 mark, (well done everyone).

Our next meeting will be held at Eaton Golf Club on August 1. There was no difficulty in choosing the winner of the toilet seat, it could only go to Brian for his very poor attempt to muck up his card on the last two holes. As ever Ian Willett kept the day running as smooth as possible. (Well done Ian)

See you all at the next meeting, Ian Willett.

London

My apologies for missing the last two months but news has been a little bit sparse recently. It must be the change in weather, everybody's slowed down after months and months of dashing around like headless chickens. If you're cool, calm and collected (like me, obviously!) and you have everything under control then please ignore the headless chicken gag.

As you are reading this we will have already played our Summer Meeting here at Sandy Lodge so if you didn't bring plenty of balata balls with you it's too late. Don't say I warned you! Our Autumn Meeting, however, is provisionally booked for Thursday, August 23 at Gerrards Cross Golf Club. My thanks to Course Manager Lee Robinson for his help in getting this one off the ground. Thanks also to Gerrards Cross Golf Club for allowing us courtesy of the course for the day. Tee off times will be from 2pm onwards and details of cost will be announced when the entry forms go out.

News from round the section sees Mike Bridge retiring from the helm at Children Forest Golf Club after many years of loyal service. Steve Horwood, formerly Lee's deputy at Gerrards Cross takes over as Course Manager. Smart move Steve, getting away from that awful Robinson fellow! Best Wishes and good luck to both for the future. It was nice to meet Gavin Kyle, from Hendon Golf Club, recently. Gavin is due to have some new tee construction taking place in October, the work being undertaken by Kestrel Golf. Gavin came along to see the work done by Kestrel at Sandy Lodge last year and I hope he will go home with a good impression. On the other hand he could have been well pleased for our neighbours Northwood Golf Club where Gavin's brother has just taken over as Course Manager!

Moving back to Scotland from Bush Hill Park is the ever popular Tony Taylor and replacing Tony is Graham Careford.

Congratulations to newly wed David (Monty) Montgomery, Course Manager at Finchley Golf Club. David and his bride Kay honeymooned in Cyprus and on behalf of the London Section would like to offer the new Mrs Montgomery all the luck in the world.

The Open pre qualifying at Hadley Wood will have taken place by the time you read this but I hope it went well Craig. I'm sure it did.

The VW Golf a la Hopkinson is still available and it is sickening to see such an honest and hard working guy looking so desperate. Keep reading and keep sending me the info. Hopefully dates to be announced shortly for the Turkey Trot.

Robert Phillips

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MEETING: Tavistock, December 12, PJ Flegg

Above the green

South Coast

I seem to be suffering from writer’s block this month. It’s taken two cigarettes and 43 minutes just to write this line. So what’s happened this month? Well not a awful lot actually. The ‘Match v Secretaries’ competition was played at Upavon GC, and congratulations to the winners, I think we won, but I’ve lost the information Chris sent me regarding the day. Perhaps I should have apologised for this so all the details of the day will be in next month’s column.

The results of the Summer Tournament and the Management Trophy will also be in next months report. These are to be played at Broadstone GC and Salisbury and South Wilts GC (my stamping ground) respectively. Saltex is coming around again shortly, September 4-6, so don’t forget to get your passes to avoid all the messing about at the front gate.

I know October sounds a long way off, but the autumn tournament is on the 3rd of that month. I don’t have any details of the price at the moment, but it is to be held at Peterfield GC. Do you still work there Nick? Well that’s all there is for this month. Next month’s report should be packed. Bet you can’t wait! Mike Cartwright.

Northern Ireland Section

Our golf competition at Galgorm Castle GC went ahead as planned on June 8. The course, which is situated just outside Ballymena, has been open for about five years. It has been developed on an established estate with the rivers Braid & Mairne providing interest on quite a few of the holes. I achieved my objective of keeping my ball away from the water, but unfortunately the double bogeys began appearing with frequent regularity. But never the less an enjoyable day was had by everyone attending. I enjoyed the company of my fellow Greenkeepers and the hospitality shown by the staff at Galgorm Castle was very much appreciated. I would like to thank Christopher Brooke for allowing us to take the section the opportunity to come and play the course, and give us courtesy golf. To Course Manager David Smolkey and his staff, a big thank you for the excellent presentation on the course.

The day would not have been a success without support from our sponsor, Scotts of Roombridge Ltd, the sand and gravel company. They are specialist suppliers of sportsturf sand for golf courses, bowling greens and playing fields. The company Sales Manager, Alan Hewitt, attended the day. I had the pleasure of his company in my fourball and fortunately my partner and I recovered from a very gloomy front nine to level our match on the eighteenth my lucky pound is safe for another day.

Thanks to all the members who made the long journey to the venue. The result of the competition was as follows, 1. Nick Webber, Portstewart GC, 37 pts; 2. Alan Strachan, Royal Co. Down, 36 pts; 3. Andrew Whyman, Banbridge GC, 35 pts; 4. Michael Feeney, City of Down, 35 pts. The winners’ prize was won by Peter Smyth, Royal Co. Down, 39 pts. The winner received a colour television and second prizes were a radio/cassette & CD Player. Once again many thanks to Scotts our sponsor for providing such excellent prizes.

The result of our July competition at Royal Birkdale will be featured in next month’s magazine.

If any member has any news which they would like to include in the “Around the green” notes, please contact me at Allen Park on 02094 429001.

Ken Henderson

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