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Central
What's happened this month? No new members to welcome, this is the first time we have failed to increase our numbers this year, surely there are still a good number of greenkeepers within our area who are not members and don't know what they are missing. So let's make sure we welcome some new faces in;

There is not great deal of newsgog-

sification whatever to report at the moment as everyone seems to be too busy trying to combat this appalling weather we have been experiencing so far this year, we are only two weeks away from the longest day and the wind is blowing like mad, it's raining, there are hailstones and frost is forecast for tomorrow. Who would be a Greenkeeper? Still it will soon be time for Harrogate again!

Discussions are taking place with regard to the venue for this year's AGM, but so far we have come up with nothing has been finalised so I can only give you a clue as to its whereabouts. The location is referred to in one of Phil Collins's songs (I'm a Believer, yes, well almost!); if anyone can work it out then send the answer to me on a post card and you will win a much sought after prize of a free ticket for next year's 'Club 2000'.

Speaking of which, the tickets for next year's draw will be arriving with you shortly, I can just hear you all saying: "I must remember to send John the mon-
ey for my tickets this time.", well the 240 members who forgot last time! Next year's draw will be an even bigger bargain than before with the cost of the tickets being reduced by £1 to £5, but the prize money will remain the same, but please, do try and send them in something coming down in price.

Entry forms for the Autumn Tournament at Murrayshall on Thursday September 27 will also be arriving shortly, and as the maximum number of entries will be 50, if you wish to play and test your golfing ability over one of the most scenic and testing new courses in Scotland, Please get your entries in pronto!

That's it for this month! Hopefully there will be more next month.

John Crawford.

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Gleneagles Chapter
Just a brief note this time to keep you all updated on the student chapter's progress after our inclusion within BIGGA as discussed in May's issue. Last month (May 21) we attended a lecture here at Gleneagles hosted by Dr. Joe Duich. For those who are unfamiliar with the name, Dr. Duich is Technical Advisor and Consultant for TEE-2-GREEN in the USA. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Duich was Professor of Turfgrass Science at Penn State University for more than 36 years. While at Penn State he played a major role in the development of Pencross Creeping Bentgrass, which was released in 1955. Pencross was the first advanced creeping bentgrass cultivar exclusively for golf course use, and since then he has gone on to develop Pennegle and Penlinks Bentgrasses in conjunction with Penn State and TEE-2-GREEN. Dr. Duich remains a consultant to Augusta Golf Club and is renowned for his forward thinking on Bentgrass development.

The talk started with the history of the turf care programme at Penn State and how development is financed and progressed. Dr. Duich then talked about genetics, choosing seed, watering and fertilisation. Finally the point which he could not emphasise enough was the value communication and networking. He was visiting Gleneagles with John Bradwell, from Turf Seed UK, to show new material which is at the development stage to the Gleneagles Golf Maintenance team who will be evaluating and considering using some of these new Bentgrasses.

Students are going to have an opportunity to run trials and maintain these new developments by aiding in the construction, maintenance and management of a new test site.

Other student news involves Gleneagles looking into the possibility of employing three Chinese students for seasonal work, the students who attend Elginwood College in Fife are over here on work experience and are training to teach turfgrass management to colleges in China when they return. The students would gain invaluable experience and it gives them a chance to put all their theory into practice in a championship working environment and equally important it allows the student chapter to develop links and contacts with one of the fastest growing golf markets in the world.

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Ian Morrison

North Wales
Sorry about lack of notes last month I was on me hols. I met Paul Massey in Corfu airport and he was telling me about his problems and vice versa.

What a year, no spring, just the longest winter on record and then a flaming' heatwave, my poa has been laying in water for seven months and then gets rusted. It had no chance! The Bent have been happily growing away making some of the most uneven putting surfaces this side of the moon. If I threw top dressing on it would be fusarium city. Good job this greenkeeping lark!

Due to various reasons the annual Gem sponsored N. Wales vs N. West match was cancelled. However Gem will still be looking to sponsor the event again next year. We want to go along side the one we won against the opposition of not just the N West but the Midlands as well in the inaugural Sportsworld sponsored event. Remember Gent, that Gem Shield is ours, and you only won it through default, because we have obviously got the best golfing team bar none.

Just one last shout to Andy Campbell and his team I hope it all went well for your British Seniors event and to Roger Berry and his team for the Welsh Seniors open and to all of you poor unfortunate fools out there that didn't get greenkeeping in this climate was a good career decision.

Dave Goodridge

North-West
Not much happening in the NW sec-

Consider, for the recent Tour tournament, because they like everybody else must have suffered problems with the course, brought on by the atrocious weather over the last 12 months. Fortunately the weather picked up and allowed them to produce a course that was a credit to them, and British greenkeepers.

The next Section golf is the 'Roses' match against the Northern Section at Sandmoor Golf Club, on Wednesday, August 22. I will require a team of 16 to win the Pattisson Trophy. If you are available contact me as soon as possible. Education? Each month the educa-
tion page in the magazine gives lists of courses available at Regions and HQ.

If you feel there is a subject particularly interests you, let me know and, through our Education Officer, Ken Richardson, we can arrange a venue for a course in our Region.

Before I finish how about Liverpool Football Club getting the treble. Worthington Cup, FA Cup, and the UEFA Cup. Not bad stuff (That should get my phone ringing).

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Northern

Sorry about last month’s entry, there was a glitch on the Internet. Back to the Spring Tournament and what a turn out at Filey GC sponsored by F & G Adamsons & Son. A record of 54 of you turned out to brave the weather for the pre-round bacon sarni and three course meal. I would like to thank Filey GC for being so accommodating and the presence of Vice-Captain for the prize giving. Thanks also go to Head Greenkeeper, Andy Flemmings and his staff, for their help on the day and the quality of the course.

The Results are as follows: Scratch Cup Alan Baxter: 41pts; Div. 1. 1. Richard Harris, 38pts; 2. Brian Hudson, 38pts; 3. Tony Gerrard, 36pts. Div. 2. 1. Johnny Platt, 40pts; 2. Philip Baldock, 36pts; 3. John Studlaid, 35pts. Div. 3. 1. Mike Gregson, 34pts; 2. John Wood, 31 pts; 3. Richard Wood, 28pts. The Trade Prize went to Mel Guy and the Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin sponsored by Aitkins Sportsturf Ltd. went to: Longest Drive, Mel Guy: Nearest the Pin, Alan Baxter. One of the lowest scores of the day was 5pts, and it wasn’t me! So there is room for all types of golfer, the main aim of the day is enjoyment and meeting other greenkeepers with golf coming a poor third. Thanks again to everybody at Filey GC and F & G Adamsons & Son for being main sponsor and Aitkins Sportsturf Ltd for the longest drive and nearest the pin.

The Roses Match against the North West Section which we are proudly

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defending and sponsored by Pattinson is to be held at Sand Moor GC on Wednesday, August 22. This day is fully funded and sponsored with food included, so all you have to do is turn up. The closing date for applications to be considered for the 16 man team is August 8.

Some more dates for your diary are the Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 10. Section Seminars on Wednesday 21st November 2001 and Wednesday, February 27 2002. More details of these events nearer the time. If anybody has any requests for subjects or courses they would like to go on then give us a bell.

Congratulations to Tito Arana and the missus who are expecting double Tee anytime in the future with a baby on the way.

A report on President’s Day sponsored by Acorn will be in next month’s magazine. We welcome two new members in Timothy Ward, Mid Yorkshire GC and Gavin Par, Leeds Golf Centre.

There isn’t any more news at the moment, if anybody as any then let me know. My address is 67 Asquith Avenue, Morley, Leeds, LS27 9QS. Tel: 0113 2383188: mobile 07790 678572. Email: andy_smith21@hotmail.com

Andy Smith

Sheffield

Glen Professional was the sponsor of our first golf day to be held at Bollondle Golf Club on May 14. A superb turn out of 47 came along to support the day, which we hope to see continue throughout the year. The day went very well, the course was in fine shape and the weather was lovely. We’d do it again.

The top five winners were:

1. Josh Moseencroft, 32 pts
2. G. Wells, 32 pts
3. P Dockey, 34 pts
4. T. Blackwell, 37 pts
5. S. Brown, 36 pts

Well done to you five and to all the other club members who also supported the day. A special mention and thanks to Rolf Ullenhane for his hard work as section secretary over the years.

Thank you to all the trade members who supported the day and to the green staff for a good course, to Tony Beareham, Gmn Professional, for some excellent prizes and to the captain and Helen, of Bollondle Golf Club, for their support and hospitality throughout the day.

In addition to the prize winners, six players qualified for the regional finals. These are, 09 handicap P. Dockey, and G. Wells, 10-18 handicap T. White and K. Hazlehurst, 19-28 handicap S. Brown and J. Moorecroft. The finals are to be played on August 15 and anyone not qualified to take part should contact Paul Dockey as soon as possible so he can arrange a replacement.

On behalf of the section I would like to wish David Wadkin a very happy birthday. David who is a long serving greenkeeper as Hallamshire Golf Club retired on May 18. He will always be missed. We wish him the very best. Finally a little bit early but will soon come round a reminder that the next golf day is at Gainsborough Golf Club on Wednesday, July 18 at a tee off time of 12.30pm.

A Sampson

Midland

This year’s annual Spring Tournament was held at Great Barr Golf Club on the May 14.

Congratulations to Kings Norton’s Nick Bird who took the net prize. Gross winner was Rob Shaw, of Goodlad Lane, 2nd Eddy Stant of Penn GC and 3 Steve Mucklow, of Beau Desert. The prize was taken by Raby Taylor’s Tony, Cheese, with a net 70. Many thanks to Len Breakwell and Alastair Rathbone for sponsoring the day. Longest drive and nearest the pin sponsors, Rufford, and drinks on the 10th sponsored by Sportsworld.

Sportsworld have also sponsored a golf day, which they intend to develop into an annual challenge match between Midland, North West and North South West England.

This year’s event was contested at Northop Hall Golf Club with North West becoming the victors followed by North West second and Midland third.

Our thanks go to Sportsworld’s Matthew Burrows for sponsoring a first class day and to Mike Whitehouse, Terry Adamson and Dave Rahman for bringing together a new and exciting event.

Phil Gates

East Midlands

This year’s Spring Tournament was held at Alton Golf Club on May 9. On a pleasant spring day 40 members turned out for the competition which was quite an improvement on previous years. The winners were as follows:

Best Gross
Derek McShan, Shenwood Forest, 72

Best Net
Jim Bedford, Birstall, 83-16

Category 1
1. Andy Keightley, Kirkby Muxloe, 75-72
2. David Smith, Cotgrave Green, 81-73

Category 2
1. Andy Kinyard, Glynfield, 82-93
2. Antony Bindley, Kirby Muxloe, 87-16-71

Category 3
1. Chris Johnson, Lingdale, 91-19-72
2. Andy McCread, Lingdale, 108-84-80

Trade & Associate
1. Simon Hadley, Boughton Leam, 85-16-71
2. Pete Filb, Aithens, 88-12-76

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Birstall GC for allowing us to use their course, and to Roger Willars and his staff for preparing a quality golf course in such difficult weather conditions. Also thanks should be extended to the Stowanside, Mrs. Oswool, for a great meal. Last but not least a special thank you should go to our sponsors ET Breakwells.

Two dates for your diary for your Spring Tournament 2002. The Leicestershire GC Thursday 5th May and Autumn Tournament Tuesday 17th September, 2002, at Horsley Lodge GC.

Congratulations should go to Jeff Dickinson who is on this year’s Support team at The Open at Royal Lytham.

Finally just some quick golf news I finished third in the Phylothry Championship on May 2-4 and reached the semi-final of the putting competition, Alan Roberts of the Midland Section was the overall winner of the Putting competition on May 13 at Carholme GC, Alan Roberts and I finished third in the Carholme Open with a Better-Ball score of 7.7. If anyone as has any news they would like to see appear in this column please let me know.

Antony Bindley

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East of England

The spring seminar took place at Newark Golf Club.

A good attendance of Greenkeepers listened to Simon Barnaby, Technical Manager for Scots, talk about Integrated Pest Management.

Everybody can now put into practice or attempt to control pests using various different proactive management strategies, considering everything that may affect pest development.

The evening was sponsored by Simon Hutton of Fine Tune Services. Thanks to Simon for the donation to the bar bill and the postage. Also thanks to Andrew Aids of Alpha Armitage for the raffle prizes.

Next seminar will take place in Autumn/Winter and will probably be about Architecture/Landscaping of the Golf Course. Or let me know if there is a special subject or topic that the section should cover.

Graeme Macdonald

South East

Derek Farrington

East Anglia

Well now I feel as old as I look, my daughter Jenny gave birth to her first granddaughter on May 15. Sky Christina weighed in at 6lb 10ozs and looks just like her father, David.

Congratulations to our winners of the National Championship Qualifier Tournament. Bigga House and Waveney GC (best Net) and Alan Carter from Hovell GC (best Gross).

Can you please let me know if you have any ideas on what training you think is required for your continuing professional development over the Autumn 2001 and Spring 2002, BIGGA HOUSE is hoping to provide courses in the Sections over this period. Discussions on progress at this moment and I will let everyone know the results later in the year.

I would like to pass on my congratulations to the Greenkeeping Teams at Thatchley and Wentworth. After the terrible winter everyone had, it’s nice to see all their hard work come to fruition with the excellent presentation of their courses.

We have provisional bookings for 2002, Thetford GC April 25, Stonemarsh GC June 11, Gorleston GC July 30, Ufford Park GC, October 9. Well done, Colin

Ian Wetmore, from Basingstoke Barns Kelb’s Golf Club, is the latest greenkeeper to join our ranks. Hope to see you at a meeting in the near future Ian.

Well that is all for now, see you all soon.

Ian Willett

Surrey

Spring and summer have arrived together and today, June 5, continues to be sunny and warm. As the birds are singing, the irrigation systems are nearly working and if only it would rain at night Surrey would be the perfect place.

One spot in Surrey on May 10 was such a success, that a return visit to Hindhead Golf Club as the venue for our Spring Tournament. Many thanks to Steve Holmes and his team for providing a course in fantastic condition. It was for many a first visit to Hindhead but with such a diversity of landscape, Flora and Fauna I am sure Surrey Section will be pressing for a return as soon as possible.

The better golfers were: Best nett – 69 Daren Lee, Surrowside, Best Gross – 74 Nigel Colley, Rochford. 2. Best nett – 70 Gary Oggie 9th hole John Groombridge, Old Thorns. Longest Drive 18th hole Bob Rogers Laleham Nearest the pin 5th hole Brian Gillespie, Petersfield, Nearest the pin 15th hole Eddie Oliver, Liphook. Thanks to our sponsors E&s Sports and Kestrel Golf.

Most news of news from up north and Surrey, the latest member to have achieved his Master Greenkeeper is our current regional representative and course manager from Richmond Golf Club, Lee Stratton, and I am sure you would all join with me in giving Lee our heartfelt congratulations.

Les Coombes, from Windlesham
Golf Club, would like to offer some assurance to any greenkeeper who is having irrigation leaks in our latest dry spell, for every one you have someone somewhere will have two and that if left they will be completely unnoticeable when the rain starts again in September.

Due to a delayed deadline for the magazine I am able to include the results of the Cresta Cup played at the superbly presented North Hants Golf Club. Everyone agreed that this is one of our outstanding courses in the south and confirm that we are very lucky to be able to play golf in clubs that are presented to such a high standard. We thanks Nigel Stainer and his Greenkeepers for an extremely pleasant day.

The above average golfers were: Cresta Cup Winner John Mathis Sunningdale GC, 48pts. Runner up Andrew Dennis, Laleham GC, 35pts. Nearest the pin Craig Mills, Hindhead GC, Longest Drive Gary Ogilvie (Avoncroft) The day was sponsored by Vitax whom we thank most sincerely for the high quality prizes.

South Coast
The Spring Tournament has finally been played at Basingstoke GC. If you remember the original day had to be cancelled at The Army GC, so it was rescheduled to take place at Basingstoke on May 31.

A total of 28 players eventually played on the day, including the Club Captain Mr D Newman, and Eddie Fox, from Huxleys. Seven entrants had to withdraw, some at very short notice. One day isn’t not enough time for Chris to inform the caterers of changes. I mentioned before that at least seven days notice is required to cancel, any less time than this and you will forfeit your entrance money.

So who were the winners on the day?

Div 1 (Hasley’s Trophy)
1. Mark Hancock 59pts

Div 2 (Avoncroft Trophy)
1. Kevin Glass 56pts
2. Andy McDonald 54pts
3. Alan Magee 53pts

Div 3 (Reefseys Cup)
1. Kevin Rafifie 55pts
2. Ali Archer 56pts

Longest Drive
Stuart Hooker
Nearest the Pin
Brian Willmott

Everyone enjoyed the wonderful hospitality given by Basingstoke. The lunch and evening meal was very enjoyable. A special thanks must go to Julie Tribe, the Assistant Club Secretary, for all her hard work.

And last but not least to Harvey Tribe and his team, for providing the course at such short notice.

The next competition to take place is the The Secretaries ‘v’ BIGGA, to be held at Upton GC on June 14. And then the Summer Tournament is to be held on July 12 at Broadstone GC. So look out for the results shortly. Well that’s it for another month.

Mike Cartwright

Devon and Cornwall
What a month we were lucky to have the company of our Chairman Clive Oggood who attended the workshop on Health & Safety organised by our Regional Administrator, Paula Humphries. Unfortunately the excellence of the workshop wasn’t matched by the attendance. For the second time this year I have experienced the effects of an earthquake this time in my home town of Bude, although it only measured 3.6 it still made the bed shake, I thought my luck was in.

The Section is delighted to announce that Phoenix Irrigation will be sponsoring the fixture cards for the next two seasons. The new fixture cards will hopefully be with you during late August.

Richard Whyman

South West
The Greenkeeper/Amateur Fourball Betterball Competition took place on a sunny short-wearing day at Woodsping Golf Club, Bristol. I was lucky enough to play with the Course Manager, Steve Chappell, Nigel and Chopper Harris (a very appropriate name) from T. H. Whites. The course was in excellent condition, and the scores proved this.

Superb prizes provided by sponsor of the day Bioseed Probiotics. These were presented to 1. C. Tozer and D. Rendell 42 pts. 2. M. Hawk and C. Ross 41 pts. 3. J. Keenaghan and L. Cos, 38 pts. The longest drive went to C. Tozer and the Nearest the pin, J. Keenaghan.

We would like to thank everyone at Woodspring for a brilliant day in splendid surroundings. The next event for your diary is the Summer Tournament at the Kendleshire on July 24 please continue to support the Section and the events.

The team will play the South Coast on August 16 Contact; J. Keenaghan if you are available for selection.

Dave Bouger.

The result of our Golf competition at Galgorm GC on June 8 will be featured in our Section notes next month. The NI Section will be sending two representatives to this year’s National Championships, to be held at Royal Birkdale, Southport and Ainsdale Golf Clubs. Members who intend to play in the qualifying competition for the trip to Birkdale, must have played in two of the competitions held over the spring and summer period.

The qualifying competition will be played on a links course around late August probably on the north coast. The Secretary will be notifying all members regarding the venue and date in due course.

Our next Golf competition will be held at Royal Belfast GC on July 6. Graham Prosser from Tacit has kindly provided sponsorship for the July competition. I would also like to remind members of the charity day golf competition being played at Cladboye GC on August 3. Once again Cladboye’s Course Manager, Terry Crawford, has organised the entire day. All the money raised will go to a charity of Terry’s choice. A four-figure sum has been raised on each Royal Victoria in Belfast. Greenkeepers, trade members, and Secretaries/managers all come together for this competition, so places are limited. Please contact Terry Crawford to arrange a tee time on Tel 91458380 and give your support for this event.

I would like to welcome new members Andrew Wray Castlecroft CC and Gary Johnston City of Derry GC to the Section this month.

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