North
Two new members to welcome this month, both from the Highlands. Andrew Nixon, from Fortrose and month, has left CraigGAN GC to continue his career at Tain GC taking over from Rosemarkie GC, and Ian MacEwan, in New York State.

On the move is Colin Irving, who has left Craggan GC to continue his career at Tain GC taking over from Devine Neill, who is off to America for a year to work on a new golf course in New York State.

I would just like to congratulate a past member of the Section, Walter Woods, on being chosen to receive the Old Tom Morris Award by the GCSAA. This is the highest award given out by the American Superintendents Association and recognises an individual’s work in the golfing world, and Walter is a worthy winner. (See feature on pg 8-9).

I recently played in the Annual match between Scottish Sections for the Willie Woods Invitational at Auchterarder GC and am pleased to inform members that we won the trophy for the fourth time in the six years that it has been going. Representing the Section were Iain MacEod, 38 points, Steve Sullivan, Craigendall 36 points, Stuart Hogg, Fortrose 30 points and David Maroch 29 points. Praise to Archie Dunn for the condition of the course, especially as so much rain had fallen in the days leading up to the tournament. Once again we must thank sponsor, Aventis, for a great day and some excellent prizes.

Later this month we have our AGM at Garmouth and Kinloch GC and this is your chance to do your bit and have a say in how the Section should be run.

Anyone wanting to stand for Committee please get in touch with Dougal on 01224 740329 and put your name forward. Come on it’s great fun really!

As promised last month, the two Section members who are to receive the Patrons’ Award of a trip to BTME 2002 are Robert Hardie, Craigstone GC and Kenny Kincaid, Grantown-on-Spey, points collecting for this award next year started at the autumn outing in November, the results of the golf of which will be in the November magazine.

Iain MacEod

East
Welcome to this month’s column. Yes, another month has gone by and we’re approaching autumn so can somebody tell me where has the summer gone?

Well, results time. The Section held the Willie Woods Invitational at Winterfield GC on September 5.

Erry, thanks to the Captain and Council for the courtesy of the course; the bar steward for looking after us very well; the catering staff, for the food which was excellent; Head Greenkeeper, Craig Pennycook and his team for the superb condition of the course. It was a credit to you guys so well done.

Thanks once again to our sponsor, Ian Henderson, of Ian Henderson Finance, for providing the superb prizes and looking after us well once more. It was a pity you weren’t able to be with us on the day but we look forward to your continued support next year lan.

A great day’s golf had was by all 16 teams and the weather was superb, as usual, apart from the slight sea breeze! There was some terrific scoring on the day by the prize winners except my score, which we won’t mention - or even the words NR.

The scores of the day were as follows:

1. S. Nicoll/G. Turnbull, Winterfield, 62 + 2/3 - 62 2/3;
2. I. Elliot/G. Wright, West Linton, 61 + 3 1/3 - 64 1/3;

Well done to Steve and Graham on an excellent performance as I had the privilege of playing with them. Also well done to the teams in second and third place on some superb scoring.

As Winterfield has hosted the tournament twice and the rule states that you can only host for two years on the trot next year the venue will go to the runner-up’s course which was West Linton. So we look forward to welcoming you all next year and hope we can have an even bigger turnout.

The Section’s four man team played at Auchterarder GC in the Norrie Whytock Trophy in August hoping to retain the cup they won last year. They played very well again this year against some formidable opposition from the other Sections but they had to settle for fourth place this time with the North Section grasping victory to take the Cup north. Well done to the north lads on a good performance, but the east lads will be up for it next year to try and win the trophy back. Roll on next year. Also a big thanks to Aventis for another great tournament.

Coming next month will be the Autumn tournament results; Patrons’ Awards winners; BIGGA National Championship highlights of Section members who are competing and anything else including any news from the Section AGM.

That’s it, until next time. If you have anything of interest let me know so remember you can e mail, phone, or write to me on all the usual numbers etc. Come on let’s hear from you as, remember, it’s your Section.

Speak to you next month.

Chris Yeaman

BTME 2002

The BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition has been held in Harrogate, each year, since 1989 and is the biggest indoor show of its kind in Europe. More than 7,000 visitors were present at the Show in 2001 and the figure is set to increase in 2002, due to extended exhibition space to fall accommodating an even greater number of exhibitors, and the addition of the Golf Club Show running alongside BTME.

The Golf Club Show will take place for the first time in 2002. Whilst BTME will continue as an exhibition with the whole range of products and services for the Golf Course on display, the Golf Club Show will aim to succeed as an exhibition within a show within a show, attracting an even greater number of exhibitors, providing an additional educational programme for both the Golf Club Show and BTME.

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West
Sorry there was no report last month but here is this month's report.
The autumn outing at Milngavie GC will have been played by the time this newsletter goes to print. The committee would like to thank the committee and membership of Milngavie GC for the courtesy of their course and I am sure our members will have had a most memorable day. Results will be printed in next month's report.

On August 27 the annual Club Stewards v Greenkeepers match was held at East Kilbride GC. The trophy was keenly contested on the day with the match ending all square which kept me amused when the golf wasn't quite up to scratch.

I hear congratulations have to be well done lads, better luck the match ending all square which kept me amused when the golf wasn't quite up to scratch.

The best individual on the day. Unfortunately the remainder of the team wasn't so clever and we are still trying to get our name on this trophy. News just in, and on the move is Lee Blackburn, from Southerness, who is going to the London Club as an Assistant. Lee was seven years at Southerness under David Woodhyrne and was a past Patrons' award winner, twice member of the Open Support Team and a staunch supporter of the Ayrshire Section. Congratulations and good wishes Lee on your new appointment.

Any news call me on 01305 683278. See you next month.

Iain Barr

Ayrshire
The Ayrshire Team of Derek Wilson, Irvine Bospide; Brian Aitken, Turnberry; Marshall Sloss and John Maie both BCA's, finished a commendable third to the overall winners, the Central Section, in the annual Norrie Whytock Trophy played at Ayrshire. John Maie had a fine Stableford score of 40 points and was the best individual on the day.

Our section AGM will be held later this month, details to follow. Please try and attend the AGM as the turn out has been very poor in recent years and you should have a say in how your section is run. The Section annual dinner will again be held in Victoria's night-club in Glasgow.

Tickets will be available from committee members but you will have to get in early to avoid the rush. The venue has always proved most popular in the past with all age groups catered for. The dinner will be held on Friday November 30.

The committee would like to welcome Archie Hempstead to the Section. Archie is a member of staff at Dumfarton GC. We all look forward to meeting you at and coming Section events. Well that is it for this month. As always if you have anything you would like added to the column please do not hesitate to call me on 01355 266862.

Brian Bolland

North East
At last we managed to provide a full team for the Northern Region Finals this year. We tried their best at Birchnwood, I would like to thank Terry Charlton, of Turf Care Services, for not only taking the North East down but also the Cleveland section. I'm sure both teams thanked him for his kind gesture.

My thanks to Richard Campey for again sponsoring the event.

The annual match against the East of Scotland will be played at Goswick on October 10. Team members will be notified.

Robbie Williams, assistant at Slaley Hall, may be on the move in the autumn. Rumours has it he could be working in the States and I hope to have more news on that subject shortly.

Stockfield GC are shortly starting work on drainage of the first ten holes - first the greens then the fairways let's keep it dry. Whickham GC's extra two new holes are well on their way. A thousand trees have been planted and when it play they will be a good test of golf.

Lornhirst Hall GC have also recently opened an extra nine holes. Hopefully we will be playing next year's autumn Comp there.

Jimmy Richardson

North Wales
Well, yet again I have absolutely nothing to report. I know that I have been of no fixed abode recently, however my mobile is still 07778 580804 and now I've got a land line 01745 812691.

I don't know whether this arrangement is going to work with me not sitting on committee as no news filters through at all. I shall monitor the situation over the next couple of months, and, if nothing changes, I will give the job to a committee member who is nearer to the 'pulse'.

Anyhow if anyone has got anything they want putting in print then get in touch.

Dave Goodridge
**Northern**

Northern Section 4 - North West Section 3. Well done to the victorious team in the recent Roses’ Match, sponsored by Patersons and hosted by Birchwood G.C., perfect for golf and congratulations must go to Head Greenkeeper, Gavin Clark and his team of three including Gavin. The other two members of the team are recovering from broken limbs.

This year a new tradition was started with each member of the team from both sides receiving a commemorative medal of the day, which was opened by the Vice-Captain Colin Littlewood. Well done to the following members of the team:- Tito Arana, Bob Bennett, Alan Court, Dave Collins, Ian Donaldson, Andy Smith.

**North West**

While I write these Section notes, end of August, you can feel autumn fast approaching and wonder where the summer went. Apart from the few good weeks in June and early July summer seems to have missed us. At least the two golf meetings that we had in August were fine days while we played.

The first golf day was the Regional Final played at Birchwood G.C. on Wednesday, August 15, and although the weather was great during the day after 8am in the course opened and we had torrential rain. This made driving conditions hazardous on the motorways and with some of the Sections travelling long distances home. I just hope that everybody had a safe journey: The course at Birchwood was in great condition due to much hard work done by Andy Holt and his staff in preparing for the day and work not completed due to the bad weather last winter. The final was the six qualifiers from each of the six Sections in the Northern Region. November representatives were Dave Collins, Northern Section, John Smith, Sheffield and Cleveland. The par 72 course proved to be a good test of golf, which the best five scores out of six proved. The results were: Cleveland Section, 372; 2. North West Section, 386; 3. Sheffield Section, 386; 4. Northern Section, 406; 5. North Wales Section, 412; 6. North East Section, 414.

The day was for the third year running sponsored by Richard Campey (Maclesfield) and although Richard could not make it on the day, two of Richard’s relatives represented him, namely his granddaughter, Candall and Will Kidd, attended for the day. Many thanks to Richard for his kind sponsorship. Thanks also to Birchwood Golf Club for allowing us the use of the course, and the caterers for excellent meals. Congratulations to all the competitors, and I hope you all enjoyed the day. Back to the computer after seeing England beat Germany 3-2 in the World Cup.

The second golf tournament was course the 'Roses Match'. This annual match between the Northern Section and the North West Section last played in 1984. The format was to have lost count, nevertheless this tournament was played once again at Sandmoor Golf Club, and we could not have had better weather. The course was in great condition but not flat as promised, and my partner Chris Sheehan and I managed to get into more bunkers than "Rommel" therefore losing our match, but at least the team won. The final result was a win for the Northern Team 4 1/2 to 3 1/2. The NW team would like to thank the Northern Team for their hospitality, the Sandmoor Golf Club for allowing us to use the course, and of course the sponsor, Pattison’s, who has sponsored this tournament since its inception.

The final meeting of the year will be the President’s Cup and AGM at Wilmshurst Golf Club on Thursday, December 6. Bacon baps and coffee before playing and the tee is available from 10:30am. Applications to Bill Merritt, 223 Utting Avenue, Cubmoor, Liverpool, L4 9RB. Tel: 0151 844411. Including a cheque for £15. Everybody bring a bottle on the day so we all go home with a prize. Any news or views contact me on my mobile 07761 583387 or 0151 212454. Bert Cross

**Cleveland**

Congratulations to the Cleveland Section Golf Team who went to the National Final and retained the trophy. Congratulations to Thompson, Anthony (Titch) McGough, Alan Reid, Mark Brown, Richie Hood and Chris Powley. Well done lads.

As you would have read in your newsletter the Autumn Tournament will be on October 16 at Teesside Golf Club. The cost is only £10 and that includes a three course carvery. To book call Barry Walker on 0191 566091 or 07968 308992. Places are limited.

This year’s AGM will be at Darlington Golf Club on November 22. Please make an effort to attend. This Section needs you. A pie and pea supper will be served during the evening.

And finally congratulations to Tom Wood of Wearside Golf Club. He got married this month then jetted off to Barbados on honeymoon.

Any news call me on 07719 139381 Steven Jaques

**Midland Region**

The remaining Scotts Golf Management Trophy Competitions were successfully held at the South Staffordshire GC on August 16, Rothley Park GC on August 31 and Ryston Park Golf Club on September 15. The winning club at Rothley was Sandmoor GC and at Ryston Park was Drayton Park Golf Club led by Head Greenkeeper Richard Lowe with a team score of 129 strokes, closely followed by Ross on 130. The Rothley Park event was won by the home club on 130, with Glen Gorse second on 132. Ryston Park winners were Oundle Golf Club who scored 133 on a result day. A very big thank you to everyone who played some fine golf to win their match comprehensively. The only defeat in the side went to Richard Barker and Al Hawkes despite a fine effort. The potential final result was a 3.5-1.5 win for the East Midlands Section. But not to be outdone the East of England won both the Longest Drive through Grantchester and Nearest the Pin with Alan Buckley.

Congratulations to you both. I would like to thank Cotgrave for allowing us our courtesy of our fine course and to the Steward & Stewardess for a great meal. Pete Billings and his staff for a great golf day and to our main sponsors, Barenbrug. Finally I would like to thank everyone from the East of England Section who helped to make this such a great day.

Our Section was represented by the following members: Richard Barker, Alex Hawkes, Ian Needham, Steve Levers, Antony Bindley, Kristine Hibberd, David James, Gavin Robson, Mark Bindley & Lee Minto. Our AGM this year will be at 4.30am at Maplesley GC, Antony Bindley

**Mid Angola**

The Region’s Summer Tournament took place in August at Hammonds End GC. Harpenden and attracted an entry of 28 golfers. By all accounts, the course was in excellent shape and we would like to thank the Course Manager, Steve Benham, and his team for their efforts. Also thanks to Hammonds End, for courtesy of the course and to our main sponsors, Bughton Loam, for once again supporting the day. The results were as follows:

1. A. Dancer, Stendish Manor
2. C. Gall, Rotherwick
3. D. Houseden, Tilsworth

Longest Drive: C. Yeoman

Nearest the Pin: C. Yeoman

Our next golf event is our Texas Scramble tournament, on Thursday December 6 at Dunstable Downs
GC. I'm sure that entry for this event will be as popular this year as in previous years, so please send your team entries to Richard in good time, to avoid disappointment.

Paul Lockett

Devon & Cornwall

Breaking news as I write this report is that Rigby Taylor have agreed to sponsor our new summer meeting which will be held at Trehorne GC on Thursday 18th August.

The Devon Garden Machinery Section meeting and AGM will be held at Tavistock Golf Club on Wednesday, November 7. The morning’s golf will be of foursome format for the Toro Trophy with the prizes being kindly donated by Devon Garden Machinery and Ley. As usual the non golfer’s course walk will leave the club house at approximately 10.30am, lunch will be from 1pm onwards followed by the golf presentation and a short Company presentation by Devon Garden Machinery, our sponsor for the day. The Section’s AGM will conclude the day.

The Regional Seminar will take place on Wednesday, November 21, at Carton House, Price, of the Irish, Members £17.50, non members £25. Speakers will be Stephen Bernhard, Richard Whyman and David Turner.

For more information contact Paula Humphries on 01288 352194.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Jeff Mills, Course Manager at Ennerdale DownGC, on reaching the next stage of the Toro Excellence in Greenkeeping Award. Richard Whyman.

South West

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the lack of news from the Section. This was due to my being on holiday, moving house and Kevin James not having any news from the Kendleshire to headquarters in time.

The team went to play the Southcoast in August and despite not having a full team they drew 2-2. The opponents claimed the first match, The Southcoast won for the first time this century. Good effort by the lads.

When you read this you may still have enough time to contact Kevin James about the results of the Autumn and AGM at Camberwell Park on October 16. Why not come and play golf or put yourselves forward for roles in the committee, or just come along and give us your views on how the Section is being run?

Two fixtures have been confirmed for next year. The Winter Tournament to be held at North Wilts GC and the Spring Tournament at Burnham and Berrow GC.

I hope everyone is in good health and any news, views or info contact me on 01285 720166 (Note number change).

D. Boughen

South East

The South East Region's Annual Seminar is to be held on Wednesday November 28 at Mill Hill Golf Club. The theme of this year's event is centre around "Information Technology" with items ranging from an introduction to Microsoft Office, Golf Course Maintenance Systems, to buying on-line.

All members in the South East will be notified shortly by post and when they do they are advised to book their places early as numbers will be limited to 100.

Derek Farrington

Surrey

Our annual visit to Sunningdale took place on August 28 for once again it was time to compete for the much sought after McMillian Tankard. The players, although not of international fame, were keen, well scrubbed and anxious to perform well. Pole position with a 2pm start was held jointly by John Mathis, Darren Lee and Dave Murdoch (SC) while at the back of the grand Jamie Bennett, Dave Worner and, last but not least, dangerous Dave Delderfield had the slower 2.34 slot.

Because of the sunken green available only one circuit of this beautiful track was to be completed and so with only a few possible overtaking places it was a very brave drive that secured 1st place to Dave Lockard who came out of the pack to win with 39 points. Paul Bacon 38 points was second, Daniel Turner a close 3rd with 37 points and 4th with 35 points James Partridge. Dave Murdoch (SC) had the longest drive - well over 150 yards - and Mark Harvey was nearest the pin - well under 150 inches. Many thanks, as always, to Brian Turner and his greenkeepers for an excellent Sunningdale and to the artisans for making us so welcome and well fed. Grass Roots sponsored the day and prizes were presented by Jim Russell (SC).

I have been informed by the new Course Manager at Northwood Golf Club, Anthony Kyle, that his brother (SC) was married on August 25 to Marnie and honeymooned in the USA. Congratulations from all members of the Surrey Section.

Please remember that the visit to the entire England Tennis Club at Wimbledon takes place this month on the 17th from 2pm until about 4.30pm. Please contact Anthony Freeman on 0208 840 5620.

Brian Wilmott

London

Not only a busy time once again on the Greenkeeping front with reports from around the Section of monumental grass growth (could this be the May we never had?) but also on the golfing front with two meetings being played since my last report.
Our summer meeting was held here at Sandy Lodge Golf Club on Monday, July 23, under lovely blue skies. The winner on the day was Northwood’s Ben (the bag) Knowles Jackson. Winning the old sectional section was Richard Andrews from Highgate GC. Intermediates winner was our very own Richard Elderfield with Tony Dyke and Graham Dowden. Winners of the various稳定 competitions were Barry McCloskey in particular for sponsoring the event. Under leader skies and high humidity (i.e. fourball, foursomes, knockouts) for giving us courtesy of the Course, and of course, Browns of Chesham and Peter Hopkinson in particular who kindly sponsored the event. Food for thought, and a keen interest was shown around the bar at G errards Cross for re-introducing a Greenkeeper’s Summer Competition after so well and for giving us courtesy of the Course and, of course, Browns of Chesham and Peter Hopkinson in particular who kindly sponsored the event.

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**Kent**

The rain has started again as I write this column. I hope it is not going to be another wet one as we’ve already recorded 121mm in August. Enough about the miserable weather and onto the news around Kent. I have not been inundated with calls or letters from you guys again but I did hear from one greenkeeper down on the south coast who told me a certain Mr. Suttle is now using a Dwarf Ryegrass on his short course greens. It hope it works out for you Steve and I’m sure people will be interested in your results for there high wear problems too.

This is what this column is here for. For you to write to or for me to report on seeing or having seen or heard about information on or views from others that have used certain methods or machinery and get their insight on how they are working. After all we are all in the same boat and every little bit of information that makes our jobs easier has got to be a good thing.

There got jealous when I tell you that Kings Hills has just taken on its first full time girl greenkeeper, Emma Parkinson, who has joined us after four months summer work at Chart Hills GC. Emma is the partner of the London Golf Club, moved down from Blackpool earlier this year so a big welcome to you both. Don’t worry not the ink is safe here.

Piece of news just in is that the Government has just found the source of the Foot and Mouth outbreak. Last month Tim Maynard, son of my infamous Vic, had to see his Doctor who found Tim to have a very nasty rash on his inner groin. Tim had to take time off work for this and is now also having counselling for fear that I should like this one let me know and I will try to get them printed, if they are not too rude!

Results of the Boughton golf day will be published next month along with a few observations of the day’s golf.

To contact me please call 01732 87 0206 or e-mail jbk@bigga.org.uk with all your news etc. Jason Bean.

**Essex**

Our annual Trophy was this year staged at the majestic Five Lakes Golf & Country Club. The event was originally scheduled for Harbury Manor but extortions fees set by the owners prevented us from visiting. Five Lakes Golf Club is set out in the Essex countryside is one of the finest over all golf courses you could wish to be at, a lovely golf course, replanted some years ago and beautiful scenery perhaps as good as Harbury Manor without the big name. What more could we ask for?

A sunny day perhaps, and we got that as well. The day went down to a far smaller field than usual of 48 competitors, 20 of whom were made by our guests and a further nine being the illustrious trade members that support our Section well.

Main sponsors for the day were Driving Force Leisure and Advanta Seeds who, as usual, supplied some lovely gifts, none of which came my way. I hasten to add.

Those that did pay well enough to pick up prizes were:

**Overall Winner.** Nick Pomfret, Bentley GC, 42 points (I agree with you Nick, just because you were five points clear of your nearest rival that does not mean you are a bandit. Yeah, Right! Nick’s prize was kindly donated by Rigby Taylor.

**Category 1**

1. Ray Clark, Channels GC, 37pts;
2. Nick Davies, Five Lakes GC, 36 pts;
3. Dominic Rodgers, Orsett GC, 35pts.

**Category 2**

1. John Barnard, Theldon Boys GC, 32pts;
2. Nick Davies, Five Lakes GC, 36 pts;

Guest Prize went to young Thomas Fance with 42 points, well done Thomas with Chris Gutter only managing a meager 40 to come second.

Nearest The pin and Longest Drive Prizes were supplied by Advanta Seeds, Driving Force Leisure and Greenkeeping Supply Company, the recipients were Dominic Rodgers, John Knapman and Ray Clark, for nearest the pin and Chris Ward, Dominic Rodgers and Scott Colgate for Longest Drives.

A special prize should have gone to Roland Hughes who had to endure a sting from which must have been the largest bee in the world. I base this suggestion on the theory that no normal bee sting could have brought so many cries of pain. Hope you’re better now Roland.

The Five Lakes Course was in great condition and a credit to Course Manager, Nick Davies and his staff. Well done lads. We should also take this opportunity to thank the catering staff who looked after us for the day and also to Five Lakes Golf Club itself for allowing us to visit their fine establishment at short notice.

New members to this column are Bernard Morgan, of Trent Park GC; Paul Brown, of Ballards Gore GC; and Rodney Derek, from Cresw Hill GC. You are welcomed into the Section with open arms and a special mention from the Handicap Secretary. See you at our Winter Trophy event which would have just been held.

Steve Crodale

**Northern Ireland**

This year’s Charity Golf Day was played again at Clandeboy Golf Club on August 3. The competition was played over the Dufferin course. Course Manager, T. Neill, had assembled 100 players to compete for a vast collection of prizes generously provided by the event sponsors. Clive Richardson, of Hortoats, Greenkeepers from all over Ireland came to play from Dublin, Sligo, the K Club to name a few locations. The Dufferin Course as expected was in magnificent condition. Many thanks to Terry and the Greenkeeping team at Clandeboy for presenting the course to such a high standard. The visitors that played for the course for the first time were adamant that they are looking forward to attending again next year.

Many thanks to Clandeboy Golf Club for allowing all proceeds from the day to go to charity, the sum of £1,500 which will be given to children’s hospital at the Royal Victoria in Belfast.

The team prize was won by a Clandeboy member’s trio of M. McCallum, O. Arden and P. Arden with a combined points score of 107pts. Individual prize winners were:


The Section’s qualifying competition for the National Championship took place at Royal Portrush on August 28. The competition was played on the Valley Course, in ideal conditions. A strokeplay competition to find our qualifiers and also combining a Stableford competition.

Many thanks to Coornhills of Bambridge, for sponsoring the competition. William Carollin from Carollin’s attendance to present the prizes.

We also welcomed Scott MacCallum, our magazine editor, who joined us on the day of competition. Scott come over to Northern Ireland to visit some of our links courses on the north coast. The articles will be featured in the magazine over the coming months. Sam MacCallum, our magazine Editor, would like to thank Cyril Johnston for making your visit. We thoroughly enjoyed your company.

The result of the Stableford Competition was: 1. Andrew Wray, from the Gort Club; 2. Noel Crawford, Royal County Down, 36 pts; 3. Eamon Crawford, Royal County Down, 35 pts.

Andrew had a 69 nett and Noel went out with me with a par 70 playing off scratch. Andrew and Noel will go forward to the National Championship on October 1 at Royal Birkdale. Noel had the best gross score in last year’s championship and we hope he can retain his trophy this year. Good luck lads. I would like to thank Royal Portrush Golf Club for giving us courtesy of the course and special praise to Head Greenkeeper, Joe Findley and his staff, for the excellent course presentation. Finally I would like to thank Cyril Johnston and Co for presenting the Section with a fine Golf Trophy. The trophy will go to the best golfer from the competitions played this year. Sam Thompson from the sales team presented the trophy to Chairmen Matthew McCabe at Royal Portrush.

Well that’s all for this month, I will see everyone again on September 28 at Hollywood GC.

Ken Henderson

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**Around the green**