Annual Conference, Business Learning Centre, Lauder College, Dunfermline.

On March 5, 2002 BIGGA Scottish Region will be once again present their Annual Conference at the Business Learning Centre, Lauder College, Dunfermline. In previous years we have had an Agronomist, Richard Millar, from Goudie Scottish Grass Machinery. We are delighted that they have offered their services to us. A good representation from across the industry.

The speakers include Jimmy Kidd, Golf Courses & Estates Director, Glenegles Hotel; Dr Ruth Mann, Department of Turfgrass Protection, STRI; from Elmwood College we have Dr Paul Millar; the ‘Director of Golf’ at Westwyn, West Linton Golf Club, for all his efforts in writing for the North Section in the magazine, and also for all his considerable efforts in helping the North Section develop in the way it has, by way of his committee work. I am sure all members appreciate the work Iain has done and wish him all the very best. I hope to see him at future outings as he still owes me a fiver for that tremendous score at Keith.

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Peter Boyd

East

First of all welcome to 2002 so a Happy New Year to you all. I hope this year is an improvement on the last one? Here’s hoping. Well the Section held its annual dinner dance at the Kilsipinde House Hotel in Aberlady on the December 1 and a great night was had by all. After having to cancel the event the year before at short notice it was good to get back to business and the atmosphere was superb. If you weren’t there you missed a good night, because the 64 of us that were there did ... I think. So come on if you want a good night out and a weekend away join us this year. Details will be out in the next few months.

PS. The Full Monty cabaret was good as well, and if anybody knows who they were, answers on a postcard please.

I attended the Patrons’ Award last month to represent the Section along with Jimmy Nelson and an enjoyable day it was. The East Section winners were Ian Atchison, Dun’s GC, and Alan Campbell, Eyemouth GC. Well done to them and we look forward to seeing them at BTME at Harragare, any of you making the annual pilgrimage at the end of this month.

Ian and Alan on your return could you please put pen to paper and give us a brief view into your Patrons’ Award trip to BTME 2002 which will be in a future copy of Greenkeeper International.

Remember the Patrons’ Awards 2002, it could be you so come on let’s see you at all Section events this year.

I’ve had a few moans and groans about handicaps so this year as I said at the AGM last November, if you can get a handicap certificate from your club or the club you play at and you have got an official handicap your handicaps will be adjusted accordingly. It has to be an official handicap certificate not verbally or you will play off your present BIGGA handicap and this is a committee decision. Send them to me at Westwyn, West Linton Golf Club, West Linton, Peeblesshire, EH46 7HN or fax, 01968 661721 asap.

The usual nos are: Home 01968 661313 Work/fax 01968 661721, Mobile 07179 380449 or you can e-mail me on chrisycj26@aol.com. Come on let’s hear from you.

Chris Yeaman

North

Well, fellow North members, this is my first attempt at the magazine report, so please forgive any errors. I would like to start off by thanking Iain Macleod, from Tain Golf Club, for all his efforts in writing for the North Section in the magazine.

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They are as follows: Chairman, Stuart McBain, 01224 733347; Vice Chairman & Raffles, John Geddes, 01358 725034; Secretary, Dougall Duguid, 01224740329; Treasurer, Steve Sullivan, 07760 191208; Education, Dave Marnoch, Trophies & Prizes, Hugh Maclatchie, 01779 470173 Outings, Handicaps & Magazine report, Iain Gunn, 01997 420155 Outings, Handicaps & 200 Club, Robert Hardie, 01224 783201.

Please feel free to phone any of the named people at any time, if necessary.

All of these speakers will present a talk that is both relevant and of interest to all in the greenkeeping industry.

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Peter Boyd
Central Section
Well. That's another year come and gone, hopefully everyone has recovered from the festive period and are easing back into work, with a bit of luck 2002 will start a bit drier than 2001 ended. We can live in hope!

Congratulations go to the Section's Past Chairman, Archie Dunn, on his election as Scottish Chairman no doubt Archie will carry out the business of the Scottish Board in the same professional manner in which he conducted Section matters. Enjoy your term of office, Archie!

The Turkey Trot, scheduled for December 1 last year, proved to be a huge success — for the turkeys that is, as no one returned a form to play in it, so the turkeys are still trotting away happily. Can we deduce from your reaction to this competition that no one is interested in golf in December? Don't say that we don't try! As a matter of interest where does the Turkey Trot competition originate from and how did it get its name? Answers on a postcard please!

The December winners in "Club 2000" were D. Sutherland and D. Scott, both winning £50 each. I hate to keep on about it (honestly!) but if you still have not bought your tickets for the next 12 draws you will get personal reminder in next month's magazine.

The first golf competition of this year will be the Spring Tournament at Kingsburns in Fife, details have yet to be finalised, as this is sure to be a very popular venue, if you intend to participate please return your entry forms ASAP.

Your committee are in the process of coming up with a revised format for the now famous "Inter - Club Tournament", so if you have any ideas how it should be run, please get in touch with any committee member (Keep them clean please!).

Would all holders of Section trophies please arrange to have them returned to me by the end of March (this year) in order that I can have the engraving brought up to date and have them valued for insurance purposes.

Things are a bit quiet on the news front at the moment, so if you have anything you think other members might be interested in, just drop me a line and I will try to include it in future Section news. John Crawford.

West
Well, let me start this newsletter by wishing you all a happy new year. Where did the last one go?

Football news first. Congratulations are to be extended to Brian Hillan and his team from Drumpellier GC who took part in the Central Section's football tourney. Brian's team were narrowly beaten into second place but playing away from home this was a very respectable finish. On November 19 a seven-a-side match was organised between a team from our Section and the grounds staff at Ibrox. The team comprised myself, A. Taylor, S. Taylor, G. Bruen, K. Collins, B. Hillen & L. Smith. Some good team work and slick passing movements resulted in the greenkeepers coming out on top winning by nine goals to one. Our thanks to A. Taylor of Rugby Taylor for organising the event. Isn't it strange that the winning team all came from the East end of the town!

On November 30 our annual dinner was held in Victoria's nightclub. The event was very well attended this year and everyone seemed to enjoy the night if my memory which was somewhat dulled on the evening serves me right. I have certainly not heard any rumours to the contrary, yet! Once again young Gary caught the eye of Billy Porter. He's such a flirt! Hopefully we can have even more greenkeepers attend next year.

On a more serious note our AGM was held in Lenzie GC on November 15. Once again the attendance was abysmal for a Section of our size. The committee will be looking into alternative types of venue to try and encourage more of you to attend in the future however we do still require a little effort from our members to make such meetings a success. On the night Kenny Hunter was the only new member to come onto committee as a trade representative and we the committee would like to welcome him on board and look forward to seeing him at future meetings. Our thanks must also be extended to the
committee and members of Lenzie GC for the use of their facilities.

The committee would also like to congratulate Ronnie Bunting on winning a trip to the Golf Superintendents Show in Canada. I am sure BIGGA will be promoted in the best possible light by Ronnie as he has a great pride in promoting the Association has achieved, and is a great advocate of our CPD and further education programmes.

The committee would also like to wish John Scott Snr a long and enjoyable retirement. John has been a great supporter of our section and the Association for many years and we hope he will still come along to some of our section events to say hello and lend a hand if he so feels.

A couple of dates for your diary: The 22-24 January BTME Harrogate and March 5 Scottish Conference at Lauder College, Dunfermline.

Well that’s all folks, again if you would like anything added to the column please do not hesitate to call on 011332 56686

Brian Bolland

Gleneagles Chapter

Here are the names, nationalities and a brief intro to the Second BIGGA Gleneagles Chapter, sponsored by Textron.

Ingmar Wolbert, Netherlands, worked the last two summers at the Reykjavik Golf Club; Rosalia (Rosa) García, Spain, worked the last two summers at the Atalaya Golf Course and the Almenara Golf Course; Pablo Morain, Spain, six months at the Almenara Golf Course; Thomas B. Corrigan and Fearghal Carolan, both from Southern Ireland, and both industrial year students studying HND Sports Turf and Golf Course Management at Writtle College; Jesse Kaan, Finland, eight years greenkeeping experience, five at Pictala Golf Club, Helsinki.

The Students were intending to take turns in keeping you up to date with their progress.

You can contact Fearghal Carolan e-mail fearghalcarolan@hotmail.com for any further information.

Keith Walton

North West

Once again not much information coming in so I will waffle on as usual. As you have probably noticed in the magazine Steve Oultram Head Greenkeeper at Wilmslow GC won the Regional final of the Environment Competition, but unfortunately lost out on the grand final. Well done Steve, I am sure it will come your way soon.

Andrew Bennett has moved from Wilmslow GC to Styal GC as Head Greenkeeper. Knowing Andy I am sure he will cope well with the position, and we wish him well. The N/Wales Section is running two coaches to the BTME in January, and they have kindly offered to pick up anybody from the N/West Section en-route for a small fee. If you are interested contact Trevor Johnston on 0151 336 6673 or Mobile 07866 126723.

Arrangements can also be made, if you are staying overnight to get a return coach the following day.

Can I remind you once again that one and two day seminars can be arranged in the Region, and these are regularly advertised in the education pages of the magazine. There has been suggestions from other Sections for Spring courses and these cover many subjects but if you feel the need for any courses please let me know as soon as possible. All education is subsidised by gold and silver key sponsors which helps to keep the costs down. Finally, congratulations to David Leach on receiving his certificate for Master Greenkeeper.

That’s it for now, but any news or requests contact me on 0151 724 3412 or 0776 138 3387. Happy New Year.

Bert Cross

Northern

The Seminar at Howley Hall GC was again well attended with 39 greenkeepers making an appearance. The speakers were Jim Croxton, PGA; Bob Taylor, STRI; Sam McLean Bernhard’s and Martyn Jones, Myrescough College.

Many thanks to the speakers and the following sponsors who made it all possible: Amenity Technology; Bob Wild Machinery; Scots UK. There will be another seminar once again at Howley Hall GC on Wednesday, February 27 which will once again be free and include food.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Annual Dinner Dance at The Jockey Club in Newmarket, I understand an excellent time was had by all.

The winter golf as just taken place at Headingley GC despite the horrendous weather as winter hit us in style. Many thanks to Head Greenkeeper, Andy Fowler, and his team for getting 12 holes open for us, when many courses were closed.

The format was teams of four with the results as follows:

1. Paul Wood, Clayton GC; Richard Harris, Elland GC; Mel Guy, Farmura; Ed Carter, Alpha Amenity, 49pts; 2. Ken Christie, Northcliffe GC; Alan Baxter, Bingley St Ives; Bob Turner, Halifax GC; Mike Brear, Rigby Taylor, 48pts; 3. Tony Gerrard, Halifax GC; Joe Baxter, Bingley St Ives; Robin Smith, Leeds City Council, 47pts

Longest Drive on the 18th Richard
Harris, Elland GC. Nearest the Pin on 13th Dave Collins, Temple Newsome GC. Trade Prize (for the year) Mike Bear, Rigby Taylor. Thanks to Graham Greenwood and Liam Galway, from Amenity Technology and Greenkeeping Supply respectively, for supplying the excellent prizes and ensuring everybody had a good day. Many thanks also to Andy Fowler and his team for the course and also to all the staff at Headingley GC for their hospitality and food.

That’s all for now; if anybody has any news or ideas then let me know. My address is 67 Asquith Avenue, Morley, Leeds, LS27 9QS; tel: 0113 2983188; mobile: 07790 667872; Email: andy@northernsection.co.uk

Andy Smith

North Wales

Welcome to new members Jonathan Gamble, Welshpool Golf Club and Gary Parker, Prestont Golf Club. A belated congratulations to Ethan Moses, Maesdu Golf Club, whose wife Krissy had a baby boy named Eligh, on October 16, weighing in at 8lb 3oz.

Best wishes to Allen Lewis and everyone at Llanymynech Golf Club after the mindless vandalism that occurred there, it’s your worst professional nightmare, all the years of care and attention wiped out by an idiot. I believe two greens have been rebuilt already. What is waste of valuable time.

The seminar given by Hardi at the college was attended by 26 delegates, we all learnt about LERAP and watched demonstrations a very good afternoon. Thanks go to the college for having us.

Our Christmas competition and AGM was held at Conwy Golf Club, 74 played and an excellent day was had. Our thanks go to the club for having us. The course was superb and was made for one of the most enjoyable rounds of golf I have had in years (I was still rubbish). Thanks to Dave and the team for the preparation and you said the greens were soft?

It was good to see Bert Cross playing from the North West Section as a guest, I think that we will see more of him in the future because he only went and holed-in-one on the 2nd and pushed up half the balls in the sweep. Nice one Bert.

Results 1. Andy Peel, 35pts; 2. Ian Buckley, 34pts; 3. Steve Roberts, 31pts Bob Lawson Shield went to Mark Brute, 32pts. Aggregate Cup for year went to Shaun Pritchard.


Eight people didn’t turn up and six hadn’t paid, come on lads you can seriously mess up the day if you don’t let the committee know, all entry sheets must be accompanied with a cheque or postal order, no cash. No pay no play. It’s hard enough to organise as it is without being let down, it’s called etiquette.

We are always after venues to play so if any of you fancy holding one of our Golf Days, please contact your committee.

This will be my final column for the magazine. I am handing over the pen to Andy Cornes or Andy Acorn as we all know him, I feel this will be a far better arrangement as he gets to see most of us so can pick up information on his travels, you will all have his phone number as well so it shouldn’t be hard to give him a ring.

Here’s to 2002 when the sun shines, it rains at night and the golfers never moan about anything, see I told you I needed a rest.

Dave Goodrige
East Midlands
This year’s AGM and golf tournament was held at Mapperley GC on November 8. The day was extremely cold with sleet showers, which was a stark contrast to our previous visit there in 1989 when we suffered sunstroke. Unfortunately some members failed to arrive on the day, which resulted in some of our playing partners down, and some teams had to play with only two players. However after some great golf the eventual winners were, Jamie Bedford, Birdstall; Andy McNeil, Lingdale, and Steve Coyne, Mapperley, with a nett score of 65.2. was Kevin Kinzer, E.T.Breakwells; Pete Fell, Aitkens, & Chris Weir, Sapcote, Nett 68: 3. Steve Levers, Ramsdale Down; Richard Barker, & Geoff Little, Rigby Taylor.

Moving on to the serious business of the day. The AGM ran very smoothly, lasting only 23 minutes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our retiring Chairman, Gavin Robson, for all his valuable work while in office, and welcome our new Chairman, Adi Porter. The rest of the committee is as follows Vice-Chairman, Ian Needham; Secretary, Antony Bindley; Treasurer, Richard Barker. Seven members were proposed for the remaining places on the committee, the following were duly elected. Gavin Robson. Derek McJannet, Jamie Bedford, David James, Jeff Dickinson & Andy McNeil. I would also like to thank this opportunity to thank Chris Weir who as now retired from the committee for all his hard work.

I would like to thank Mapperley GC, for courtesies, again Thame Valley GC was presented in pristine condition by John Goddard and his staff. Also thanks should go to the stewardess and the very generous sponsors Vitax ltd. for the great prizes which were awarded to the winners. Also could I please remind all members, if you wish to attend any section event please return your entry slip and payment, before the closing date. Last but not least I would like to wish on behalf of the Section a very happy retirement to John Goddard of Mapperley GC and it is hoped that we will see him as a regular at Section events.

This year’s fixture list is almost complete, Go-kart evening, The Wymeswold Id Est. 20-2-02; Spring Tournament, The Leicestershire GC; 2-3-02; Autumn Tournament 17-9-02 at Horsley Lodge; AGM Tournament, Sherwood Forest GC 14-11-02. Christmas Tournament, 10-12-02 at Greetham Valley GC. Please try to support your Section as often as possible by attending these days.

Antony Bindley
Midland
Hello again and a very Happy New Year to all members. It’s that time of year once more where we can start the countdown to Spring, and BTME just around the corner. As ever this year’s event promises to be as prosperous as ever with the new format for the trade show in place, and the continued educational opportunities available. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Other news from the Region sees John Priestly stepping down, as I am sure you are aware, Alan has served the Midland Section for some 35 years at Committee level, a contribution for which we are all extremely grateful - thank you Alan.

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LONDON

Our Annual Turkey Trot was held on Wednesday, November 21, at Hampstead Golf Club. Mercifully we enjoyed decent weather on the day and also an excellent Golf Course and after much hospitality. Our thanks go to the Club for looking after us so well and especially Course Manager, Alan Lewis for his part in the course and his help in getting the event off the ground. For next season there are any Course Managers out there who are prepared to put their club forward to host an event, please let me know as soon as possible.

The competition was won on the day by Mark Sidwell, from Rigby Taylor, with 37 points. The Christmas Turkey, once again generously supplied by Rigby Taylor, was won by the highest scoring greenkeeper on the day, this being James "the raffle" Lomas, from Mill Hill Golf Club, with 36 points.

James has been a consistent performer all season on the London Section circuit, so I'll be the man to beat next year. No pressure James!

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Surrey

On November 30 Surrey Section held its annual Turkey Trot and AGM at Maiden Golf Club. Alec Bradshaw and his greenkeepers must have really worked hard this year, for to get their course in a condition able to take the amount of rain we have received over the past weeks and still be able to present Maiden in such a playable way they deserve all our heartfelt congratulations. We also thank Maiden Golf Club for the courtesy of their course and the catering staff for an excellent Christmas feast.

The Stableford competition ended with the following results:

Guest Prize, Jon Hill, Birch Grove Members and Antisans, Gary and Chris.

From 9 Andy Gatland, River Mole Angling and Line Dancing Society, Back 9 Darren Lee, Sunningdale All Male Lap Dancers and his Auntie Mable.

Nearest Pin Peter Craig, See above, Longest Drive Dave Goddard, No 421D

The Administrator went on to thank all the companies who have generously sponsored our Section meetings namely: Aventis, Avoncrop, Barenbrug Seeds and Supaturf.

The Administrator thanked Rigby Taylor for their sponsorship of the fixture cards for the last two years and was pleased to announce that Rigby Taylor would be sponsoring the new summer meeting at Trehorner GC.

The Administrator continued by thanking Phoenix Irrigation for kindly taking over the sponsorship of the fixture cards for the next two years.

The Administrator informed members that over the last ten months the Section had proposed that each section within the Region should join the patronage scheme they wished to continue as present. This can only be achieved if all the expenses are covered by Head Office in future.

The Administrator thanked Shaun Getson on the excellent way he had to cancel the February meeting at short notice due to Foot & Mouth, also for his efforts in finding speakers for our meetings.

The Chairman continued by thanking all the trade for their help and support of the Section and he welcomed the new summer meeting, in which he will, become a good annual fixture and with the proposal of a new match play competition he felt that there is something for all members to participate in.

On closing the Chairman thanked Richard Whyman for his continued hard work in administrating the Section.

Terry Farkins open his report regional report by thanking Richard Wisdom for his excellent contribution over the last four years as our representative on the regional board.

The Region started the year with a change in Chairman as Robin Graces stood down due to a change in his career. He was replaced with Chris Sealey from the South West Section. He reported on the difficult year the Region has had financially due to the cancellation of Westurf show because of Foot & Mouth. Westurf could be a thing of the past with the Region looking at other events to raise money to fund the
Region. During the Foot & Mouth Outbreak the Region put on a two day Health & Safety Course at Bude. This was to provide greenkeepers whose courses were closed to meet up with other members. The National Chairman, Clive Osgood, attended the course.

Terry informed members that from February 1, 2002 the new two-tiered membership scheme would come into effect, this will not affect any current member but any new member will be put into one of two categories. Terry also informed members that Bob has been nominated for life membership, which will be approved at the AGM.

On closing Terry outlined the main aims of the Association is to educate its members and hoped all present would attend the regional seminar and BTME.

Election of officers: C. Rawlings, Chairman; S. Gelson, Vice Chairman, R. Wisdom; J. Mills, Regional Board, B. Mitchell, R. Shipland, T. Farkins, Regional Board; R. Whyman, Section Administrator; J. Falley, President; C. Ralph, Trade, D. Hunt.

Richard Whyman.

South Coast

As we start a new year only time will tell what the elements will challenge us with this year. Last year will be a year many will wish to forget as it severely tested our skills and patience as greenkeepers. To start with we had to endure record rainfalls followed by long dry spells that then lead to an unusually long warm autumn with its associated disease problems. Who'd be a greenkeeper? Let's hope for an unusually long warm autumn with its variety of opening tee shots. The overall winners were: 1. Phil Wentworth, The Army Golf Club, 39 points (on count back); 2. Alan Magee Parkstone Golf Club, 39 points; 3. Tony Gadd, Barton-on-Sea Golf Club, 38 points

December saw our Turkey Trot played at Barton-on-Sea, sponsored by New Forest Farm Machinery and Sherwater. They say the sun shines on the righteous, and how right they were on this day. The weather was glorious and we were able to enjoy the spectacular views across to the needles and beyond. Bees were buzzing around the course and there was not a breath of wind. The course as ever was in superb condition and was a credit to Tony Gadd and his team. Under such good conditions it was no surprise that the standard of golf was excellent and the scoring reflected this.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the longest drive, which was won by Matt Smith. I recall standing on the tee and being told this was the longest drive hole only to reach for my binoculars to see where his ball had finished. At 320 yards it truly was the longest drive, which was won by Matt Smith. I recall standing on the tee and being told this was the longest drive hole only to reach for my binoculars to see where his ball had finished. At 320 yards it truly was a great golf shot. Let's hope he made the cut to start us and was treated to a variety of opening tee shots. The overall winners were: 1. Phil Wentworth, The Army Golf Club, 39 points (on count back); 2. Alan Magee Parkstone Golf Club, 39 points; 3. Tony Gadd, Barton-on-Sea Golf Club, 38 points

Once again many thanks to Phillip Bennett and his team for their hard work in preparing the course for us, to Petersfield for their excellent hospitality and to Gem who produced an excellent prize table.

South West

This year’s AGM was held at Cumberwell Park GC. After a very good day’s golf which was played on an outstanding course. Many thanks must go to Marc Haring and his team for preparing the course and the clubhouse staff for their hospitality and fantastic meal.

There was no change in the committee apart from Dave Bougen standing down as Section reporter. Until we can persuade someone else to do it I will carry on doing the reports.

As some of you know I am no longer working at Weston GC. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the past four and a half years I have been in this Section. I will still continue as Secretary for the foreseeable future and look forward to seeing most of you at our events. The next one by the way is at Cotswold Hills GC on December 12 so I will see you there. If I don’t see you there have a good Christmas and I will be in touch in the New Year.

Kevin James

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