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Chairman
As I see it...

Burning the Candle!

I managed a two-day visit to Saltex, the show was bathed in sunshine and to me it seemed most successful with good attendances. It was difficult not to enjoy as the surroundings, atmosphere and weather was most pleasant.

Once again it was a good chance to meet up and catch the grass with so many long standing members and acquaintances and also a good opportunity to meet new ones. Our BIGGA staff from HQ had a busy time and I understand they dealt with many membership enquiries and applications.

On a personal note (probably my age) I cannot believe the speed and change regarding the manufacture and variety of equipment that is on the market today. It was not many years ago there were only a handful of companies supplying their machinery to the turf industry, today there are literally hundreds to choose from, and that makes it a really tough and competitive market. It is little wonder that some of the long-standing and well-known companies are now changing their marketing strategies.

You may think I am old fashioned but I still tend to buy the grass with so many long standing members and acquaintances and also a good opportunity to meet new ones. Unfortunately this attendance was also disappointing, as I thought the numbers were down and the show seemed very quiet and lacking its normal atmosphere.

My next trip will be to Arizona to join the John Deere World Championship being played in the Scottsdale area. I have been fortunate to have visited this area before and for those lucky qualifiers who have not played the Desert Courses before they will be in for a real treat, as they will be playing golf in shirt sleeves and sunshine on firm fairways and fast greens (unlike our normal December playing conditions). I will give a further report upon my return.

Upon my arrival back at Heathrow I will then need to make my way to Cannington College where the South West and South Wales are holding their two-day Regional Seminar. Then back to Turnberry for one day to say hello to my wife before flying out again to visit one of our properties abroad. Somehow I think I have lost the plot because I was under the impression that one is supposed to slow down in their twilight years and not burn the candle at both ends!

I have been invited to attend the Scottish Patrons Lunch in Stirling. Their support is much appreciated by the Association in Scotland and it is with their assistance we are able to run various Golf outings and other important functions such as seminars and of course the March Conference.

It has been a funny old year and it is a funny old world. During the winter we seem to pray for the summer and sunshine, yet when it is here it seems to fly by so quickly, and here we are once again facing winter once more and already in the middle of our winter work programmes. My last official duty for this year will be the December Board meeting at HQ and then following that it will be Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity at this time of wishing you all compliments of the Season.

George Brown
Chairman