Scottish Region

Central

The Section AGM will take place in the training rooms at Elmwood Golf Course on Monday, October 26. Full details are available on the website.

That morning the Section will be holding a seminar on disciplinary training at the same venue and at the time of going to press we still have a couple of spaces available.

This is an ideal course for Course Managers or Head Greenkeepers and their Deputies who have to deal with staffing issues. It will take people through the correct procedure in carrying out disciplinary investigations and hearings, thereby avoiding costly mistakes to both the employee and the employer. Subsidised by BIGGA HQ, the half day course costs £55.

To secure one of the remaining places contact me on gmoir@standrews.org.uk asap. More details are available on the website www.biggacentralsection.org.uk along with details of the STRI ecology course in November for which we are starting to receive some names for.

The Section autumn outing will have been held by the time you read this and the results will be on the website and appear in the next edition of the magazine.

Gordon Moir

East

Sorry about the last two months of our news from the east Section. We have now found out the problem. BIGGA headquarters were experiencing problems downloading data from different systems and lost our news for the last two issues. All is fixed now and you can read what is going on in our Section.

We played our “Willie Woods Invitational tournament” at Kingsknoewe GC, the format for the golf was fourball better ball and with 10 teams entered for our tournament the chances of winning were good.

I brought along as a partner - he says the best thing that came out of Pife - no prizes for guessing, Derek Scott, who came in as a late sub for Mike Denis who is over golfed just now.

We were drawn with the formidable pairing of “Toro Jim” and Rab Wilson, from Henderso’s - you could sell tickets for this challenge......well.

I think the combination of the big occasion and the windy conditions got to both sides, and the game did not materialise into what might have been called the “Dual in the Wind”. It was more like “Done with the Wind”.

We came out the victors in this battle with more golf balls left than Jim and Rab. Sorry guys, I’m sure that you will get revenge through the correct procedure in carrying out disciplinary investigations and hearings, thereby avoiding costly mistakes to both the employee and the employer.

The weather was a bit windy to say the least so the guys who went to Gary Smith, from Scott’s, for sponsoring the day and to all the raffle prizes that were mostly donated by the trade.

Our Section committee would like to thank all the members and guest who came along and supported the event.

All the Scores of the “Willie Woods Invitational”

1. Ian Watson & George Ford, both Gullane, 65; 2. Shaun Cunningham, Royal Musselburgh, & Colin McArthur, Broomieknowe, 66 (BIH); Jim Smith & Gary McCandless, both Rigby Taylor, 66.

All other scores: S. Crawford & S. Dixon, 68 (BIH); J. Geddes & B. Moir, 68; R. Murdoch & S. Ferguson, 69; T. Murray & D. Scott, 70; G. Smith & R. Bruce, 72; A. Caldwell & J. Caldwell, 77; R. Wilson & J. Davidson, 84.

Longest Drive. Gary McCandless; Nearest the Pin. George Ford; Nearest the Hole in Two. Jim Smith.

Tom Murray 07709960163

North

As I am writing this month’s article it is absolutely chucking it down outside. I have never seen such a huge amount of rainfall in such a small space of time. In fact, after speaking to another member, who measures the amount of rain we have, he said that we had 96mm in just over a day and a half. That’s quite a lot in my book.

I was speaking to John Geddes, at McDonald Golf Club, and that is a course that doesn’t take too kindly to a lot of rain. He was saying that his whole front nine was under water and in some places up to four feet deep. I have sent a picture of his 7th hole with a wee article.

This is in the news pages of the magazine.

There hasn’t really been a lot else happening in the North Section over the past month. If there has then I haven’t heard about it.

The Norrie Whytok Trophy was played on August 20 at Archie Dunn’s Auchterarder Golf Club. The weather prior to the event had been terrible and the course was luckily opened at 1pm.

The North Section sent a team down packed with experience and stamina. John Geddes, Hugh McLauchie, James McCormack and George Mitchell travelled with great expectation. The team came a creditable 5th with 81 points.

The overall winners on the day were Ayrshire with 92 points. A big congratulations and well done to them.

A report will follow in next month’s article for the Autumn outing to Alyth. All the winners and losers, and stories will be written. I hope everyone enjoyed it.

There is news of the AGM. This will be held at Cruden Bay Golf Club on Thursday, October 15. Cost of the day per person will be £10 and the tee times will run from 11am. Anyone interested in coming along to the day should get in touch with the secretary Dale Robertson on 07709960163.

All the latest news from your Section

Around The Green
Ayrshire
The date you’ve all been waiting for! Yes this year’s AGM will take place on Thursday, October 29 at Bogside 7.30 pm.
Ayrshire finally got its name on the Norrie Whittick Trophy, sponsored by Bayer, at the fourteenth time of asking! Auchterradar GC hosted the event which looked liable to succumb to the weather.
The course held up well though and all players got 18 holes in! Archie and his team had the course in great shape considering the recent poor weather. Thanks also to the catering staff for the excellent food and service.
Our team consisted of myself, Derek Wilson, Martin Lothian and Duncan Gray.
With the Belfast trip and Powfoot taking place in the next few weeks I will get the reports in the next issue.
That’s it for now then any news to me at denis.g@hotmail.co.uk or 07939 104701
Denis Tweddell

Northern Region

North Wales
This month’s column like the daylight hours at this time of year is I’m afraid, a bit short.
The autumn tournament and AGM took place on October 1 at Eaton Golf Club and a full write up on tournament results and AGM in next months column, I think we would all like to thank Eaton Golf Club for the warm welcome and use of the course and the facilities.
Next month we will hopefully be holding our autumn seminar, venue and dates yet to be confirmed so watch this space! In our local news section, we seem completely lacking in local news so come on help me out a bit by giving me some of your news so I can fill this column up, like I said only a short column this month so.
ALL THE BEST UNTIL NEXT MONTH.
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North East
As you read your September magazine you would find that Close House was given a feature and, of course, since it was visited by Scott McCallum a lot of work has since been done. For example some of the greens have been seeded and also more recently new staff have been recruited. These are Roy White and Graham Lauder, both from Slayle Hall. We wish them well.
Whicham Golf Club is about to do a major alteration on its course very shortly. For those who have played Whicham’s 18th hole you know that you can get some difficult lies if you don’t get your drive away. Well, apparently they are hoping to make the fairway stepped, then replace the stream with a small lake or pond.
On behalf of the Section we would like to wish Jordan Gibson, of Northumberland Golf Club, the best of luck in playing in the National Championship at Burnham and Burrow later this month.
James Richardson

East Midlands
Not much news on the golf front here, you should have all received letters for the Autumn Tournament and AGM on October 15 at Matlock Golf Club. There is still time to get your entries in so come along. Any volunteers for next year’s committee will also be gratefully accepted!
The Autumn Education day is now confirmed with the speakers including Paul Lowe, Greg Evans, Frank Newberry and Andy Cole, of the STRI. The day promises to be fun filled and informative with plenty of lively debate! It will be good to see as many of you as possible at Forest Hill Golf Club on November 19.
By the time of publishing both the Section trip to Wimbledon and the Headland Pairs’ final at The Grove should have been completed – full report in next month’s magazine.
As always if anybody has any interesting news or gossip please let me know at biggaeast-midlands@hotmail.com.
Regards
Andy de Wet

East of England
October already, once again where did the summer go? A pretty mixed bag this side of the country with warm dry spells in June and August coupled with a pretty miserable July that have contrived to keep us on our toes at all times. Hopefully the weather will settle down now and allow us to get to Christmas fairly dry, then see what the new year brings.
Our last golf event was the annual Greenkeepers vs Trade match held this year at Abbotsley Golf Club, home of our Chairman, Allan Walker.
The event was well supported by greenkeepers, however, there was a disappointing turn out from the trade for varying reasons.
Thanks from Gary Cooper especially to Tony Kedaras, from Independent Turfkare Solutions, who came all the way from his native North West for the fixture, enjoy the overnight stay and our Chairman’s hospitality!
Thanks also to the guys from Pottagere Golf Club who made up the numbers for the trade team to make all six matches two verses one! Sporting our Chairman refused to give any trade teams a head start and therefore a one sided fixture gave a one sided result with the greenkeepers winning 5 – 1.
Gary Cooper would like it known that for the second year running and even with an extra player that Allan Walker has not been able to take a point from him!
Praise for the condition of the course goes to Allan Walker and all his staff, despite their new pink workshirts - yes I did say pink! Thanks also to all at Abbotsley for making us feel so welcome.
Hopefully next year’s event can be organised to allow a more even match to be played.
Our next golf day is our annual AGM which this year is being held at RAF Cottesmore Golf Club on Thursday, October 15. After the success of our visit there last year it will be good to play the course again and enjoy the hospitality in the Officers Mess.
The AGM will this year take place before the golf so arrive early and get involved. AGM and full golf day details will be sent out soon and remember ID to be allowed on to the base.
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Steve Beverly
Around The Green

Midland

Well that’s it. I’ve had enough, kite flying is now for me. It will take one hell of a long tippet to get my flies in the river using such a method! While we are on angling let me tell you a little story, all true and bear with me it is of relevance to us all.

I, and my brother (Cerri), were fishing a huge hole on the upper Severn, I gave him the better, very deep middle section, to fish and I took the fast flowing upper part. As usual my flies became snagged and while retackling heard a faint “ah”. Looking up all I saw of Cerri was his pan-icked face off to Bristol with his waders evermore dragging him further under. Like Tarzan in I go, manage to grab his legs and pull him out of the current to safety, but now I'm in the same predicament on the job, I've read the H&S while fishing books. I simply turn on my back with legs down stream and ungrace-fully float to the shallows and watch, out of reach, both my smokes and wallet pass by. Cerri is a trained lifeguard and worked for 10 years as such. So who was to blame? Me. I did not tell him that the water was too deep past a point, did not advise wearing polarised glasses so he could see the danger, but most importantly did not tell him what to do in such an event.

The point I make is that while it is not enthraling reading it is of importance that we all read and understand the “operator’s manual” of a machine and/or receive on the job, training BEFORE we undertake any work. I am as guilty as the next, but of course I know everything! But does the person you send? You can’t read when in difficul-ties.

Now what’s this I hear, the newly-wed Colin Wood, of Sandwell Park, has left to, one can only assume, peruse a career in his passion for darts.

Well come on now “It wasn’t me” worst the luck (respectfully). Ed and his lovely wife Julie are expecting another little one. So that makes 4 point 2 as opposed to the normal 2 point 4. Can you not do anything normally, oh the Point 2 being the new Collie, at least that can’t climb trees. In less than a decade you have trav-elled a very long way my friend, well done and congratulations to you both. I’ve got a couple of bricks and a billhook here chap, black eyed peas is not the word. Ed, cc or si si.

This month’s calendar spon-sor is our old friends Scotts, please contact Nia Frost on: 07884 066 655 or go to: www.scottspersonal.co.uk or www.scottspersonal.co.uk for your fertiliser etc needs. Scotts have also been the sponsor of the very successful Doubles Tournament for many years now, and we are reaching its conclusion for this year’s event. Who will be the final champions? However, all are winners in this wonderful event, thanks to Scotts for their continued historically kind support of the section.

Last month I dropped a booby, Burton golf venue is on the 23/10/09 and not on the 16th as reported, my apologies. Sean McDade.

B&B&O

October! What a month in our calendar. The summer is becoming a distant memory, the nights are pulling in and my Tri-umph bike is ready for a much deserved rest, the mornings are getting darker and colder with the evenings drawing us to a seasons close.

A warm welcome awaited the section members for the BBO Autumn Pairs Invitational which took place at Donnington Valley GC. The course was in excellent condition and on the day, full of surprises as Alistair gave us a brief insight to what it must be like to play on Augusta greens, certainly not for the faint hearted.

Thanks to Donnington Valley GC for the courtesy of the course and all the catering and management staff who provided hospitality ensuring our every need was met, Alistair Higgs and Peter Smith and all the Donnington crew who gave us a day to remember.

Thanks to Ian Richardson from Headland Amenity for sponsoring this event.

The results 1. Dominic Lewis, Craig Down, Oakland Park;
2. Sid Arrowsmith, Peter Smith, Friilford Heath; 3. Phil Ryder, Keith May, Berkshire.

Steve Coone, James Moore 36pts won the Trade prize
A trip to Ransome’s factory is on offer to all members, TH White are sponsoring a trip on November 25 to the impressive scavenging manufacturing plant in Ipswich, this will include transport from TH White and a guided tour of these state of the art facilities with lunch and even a game of golf on the new 3 hole course.

Limited spaces are available, so get your name in the frame. All this for £5 per head.

Interested parties please contact Simon Marsh for details and times, Simon can be contacted on 07850 450 505 or email greenkeeper@harleyford.co.uk

The next event for your diary will be held at The Oxfordshire GC on Thursday, December 9 and will run with a Texas Scramble Shotgun Start with the Annual General Meeting after play.

Adam King the Section Secretary is always interested in feedback and new ideas and ways of promoting the Section members to join in on our events throughout the calendar year, please do come forward and make suggestions to Adam on what you think we can do to fur-ther improve the BBO Section. ajk@radley.org.net

The Section website is alive and has been kicking for some time, so if you have any news or views, give it a blast! www.bbo-greenkeepers.co.uk

Have a great Autumn

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South East Region

South East Region Seminar
Reigate Hill Golf Club, November 12

This year’s Seminar is arranged and hosted by the Surrey Section - The Decade Ahead!

As we move out of the naught-ies what does the next decade hold for golf management and Greenkeepers?

With climate change an ever deepening recession and greater demands on Golf Course quality this years Seminar will include five excellent speakers from within the industry, covering a wide range of subjects to help us with the day to day challenges and long term improvements.

Speakers: Mark Hunt, Head-land; Martin Ward, Symbio; Laurence, Pithe MG, TurfMas-terOne; Tim Lomb, Thomson Perritt & Lomb, Lee Penrose, STRI Ecologist and Tracey Mad-dison, from BIGGA HQ. Cost to members is £15

For more information please contact Clive Osgood South East Regional Administrator 01737 819343 cliveosgood@yahoo.co.uk

Surrey

Friday, September 5. Only another three weeks and I, and her indoors will be on holiday cruising the Baltic. Of course, when you read this, we will have just returned and that shows you just how difficult it is for me to write this one month ahead, when in effect, that month has already gone. Or has it? Where’s Albert Einstein and his Theory of Relativity when you need him? And does it apply to travelling at only 25 knots, somewhat slower than the speed of light? I am now going to lie down quietly in a dark room and pretend that life is but a dream and that sanity will eventually be restored.

Monday, August 24. The annual competition for the much coveted McMillan Tankard, at Sunningdale. The weather was warm with sunny spells and playing from the white tees was a challenge that Paul Weston and myself accepted with much enthusiasm. Andy Gatland made up the threecell and struck his drives with great authority far beyond the heather. Paul and I, with less authority, went into the heather with agonising consistency. Members who played well were Ron Christie, with a magnificent longest drive, Phil (Angel) Rowlands got Near-
Bob, a man to whom the years have been kind, and who still has a little twinkle, sorry that his grandson was not over 100 lbs 13 oz. Congratulations to Jon’s wife Abby, on August 11 anne and I’m sure with much relief and great joy gave birth to Ryan Angear. Gary Holland, 35 points , was runner-up, and the other Effingham GC bandito, Porter. That great Scottish golfer, Gareth Roberts, had the best gross score and will, if you are not careful, relive for you at our next event… every shot.

Back to the dark room.

As you may all be aware, Bob Wiles, RAC GC, officially retires in October 2009 and we wish to the limit. Bob’s successor, Eric Daddies of the month are as follows:- Bartram Mowers, Aitkens, Tacit, Ben Burgess (Newmarket & Norwich), Tomlinson Groundcare, Baileys of Norfolk, Spearhead Turf, Rigby Taylor, Sibbio, Symbio, Collier Turf Care, Hayter, Force Limogran and Bury Turf Care.

Mick Lathrope

Around The Green

The Loo Seat was presented on the 10th and Steve Dickinson trade: 1st Nick Ashman 42 points, Guest: 1st Frank Grifins 41 points, 2nd Eldred 74 Points; 3rd Pat Swinn Goode 33 Points; 2nd Adrian Goode 33 Points; 3rd Pat Swinn 33 Points.

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19 – 28 Handicap: 1st Roy Britton 34 Points; 2nd Adrian Goode 33 Points; 3rd Pat Swinn 33 Points.

The trophy hunters were in action again; they were as follows:-

0 – 9 Handicap: 1st. Mike Varley 41 Points; 2nd Michael Buck 39 Points; 3rd Nick Brewster 37 Points.

The day was sponsored by Mitchell Ground Care Services and Darren Mitchell was there to dazzle us with his brilliant golf and more importantly to present the prizes.

On the day the local team of Andy Painter, Martin and Sam showed just how important local knowledge is when they carded after watching some of the over-paid prima donnas prancing around in the higher echelons of the football league. I hope you enjoyed playing Redlibbits Golf Club at the end of September and I shall provide a full report next month. I did ask Kev what he thinks I would need to shoot to ensure victory there. He told me “All the other golfers”. Thanks.

Saltex has been and gone now too ensuring our mess rooms are full of brochures and posters advertising equipment our staff would have us buy.

Yep, winter draws towards us with the annual thrill of seasonal shopping (can’t bring myself to use the ‘C’ word) just around the corner. But on the upside, however, it does mean the return of our annual shindig/Turkey Trot at Birchwood on November 26. I know that’s a few weeks off yet but please make a note in your diaries for what, in my opinion, is the highlight of the year.

Please call me if you have any news for this column, especially if you can relate any embarrasing tales about colleagues (see the bit about wearing women’s tights above) or personal achievements.

Take care and remember, don’t drink and drive. Don’t even putt.

Best of British

Bob Holland

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A tremendous score to win the main prizes.

Now, the Sussex Section has always prided itself in making teams and players from other Sections very welcome and so we were pleased to welcome three teams from Surrey to our Team Shield. Surrey Renegades II consisted of Gary Ogilvie, with Course Managers from West Hill and Guildford, and they took second place (on countback) with 87 points. In third, with 86 points, were Surrey Renegades III, all from Tandridge Golf Club.

What happened to Surrey Renegades I? You may well ask. For this was the team led by Brian (Tacit) Willmott who regularly enters Surrey team events. Mark Harvey (Epsom) struggling with illness having just returned from Mexico played brilliantly to card 50 points, almost enough to win it on his own. He was however inconsolable at not getting in the prizes feeling that his team mates performance could have been better. Anthony was no better than average (unusual for him) while Brian had great difficulty in getting off the tee. He found the 9th Green from the 10th Tee, nearly demolished the halfway house (the catering lady hopes to back to work soon) and the winner of the 3.50 on the nearby Brighton Racecourse only won because of where Brian’s drive on the 15th finished. Surrey and Brian, you are great fun and are welcome to all Sussex events. On reflection that was a stupid thing to write as Brian pens the Surrey reports!

Carlton Allen Davis won the Longest Drive prize with a huge drive, with Nearest the Pin being a game to his second Magnem on the verandah (and doing his best to wind up our hosts).

Never mind – it was a great day. Thanks to Marriot St. Pierre, and all the team there for such a terrific experience. The Old Course, which as most of us know has been hard enough over the years, has had a significant re-greening of the course last year. Most of the bunkers have been rebuilt, four greens have been replaced, and several tees repositioned – notably the 7th tee, which has been moved back into woodlands down on the lower level, now making the former par-4 hole into a 540 yard par-5. Also the 16th hole, which goodness knows was difficult enough before, has been made into a much more severe dogleg by moving the tee to the right and a new green with a nasty sneaky drop-off at the back. Excellent improvements throughout, and fullest congratulations to all those involved. Money well spent without question. The South Wales team finally got revenge for the last couple of defeats with a narrow 3 ½ – 2 ½ win. Well played Wales– but watch out - We’ll Be Back.

The Autumn Meeting and AGM at Saltford Golf Club is now very close. Please respond to the email applications which have gone out. If you haven’t received one for any reason – please contact me on paulw@mgcnew.co.uk as soon as possible. Darren Moxham and his team are champing at the bit to welcome us, and the word is that Saltford is in really good condition with all the stops pulled out.

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Nuff said. This is getting close to my last report. I’ll probably squeeze one more in, which might well be a look back over five years of ramblings. So please send me any news from your area or club and you may be spared.

May I just close by thanking our Patronage Partners for their support. The names are on the Fixture Card. The links will soon be appearing on the website. These companies support us. Please help by supporting them.

Paul Worster.

BIGGA South West and South Wales Regional Seminar 2009

This year’s annual Seminar is being presented in association with Farmura and Aquatrols and will be held once again at Cannington Centre for Land Based Studies on November 19. The theme for the seminar this year is “Modern Solutions For The Game”. The morning presentations include two speakers over from America. Dr Stan Kosta, Director of Technology for Aquatrols Corporation, who will give a presentation on Surfactants and Soil Management and John Kaminiski, Assistant Professor of Turfgrass Science at Pennsylvania State University, who will talk about Fairy Ring Control. These speakers will also be joined in the morning session by Dr Ruth Mann, Plant Pathologist for STRI, who will be speaking on Diseases On The Increase. The afternoon session commences with Peter McVicar, Course Manager at Hesketh Heath Golf Club, speaking on Sustainabilty followed by Tom Malehorn, from Aquatrols, who is a graduate from Pennsylvania State University and will give a presentation on Surface Moisture Management and Playing Control.

Entry for BIGGA members is £20 with non members £30. A reduced rate of £20 for a non member is offered if accompanied by a BIGGA member. Places for the day are limited and booking details and information will be sent to all Head Greenkeepers/Course Managers in the region. Anyone requiring further information or a booking form please contact Jane Jones BIGGA Regional Administrator on 01454 270850 or mobile 07841148110.

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nuclear war we were to paint our houses white to reflect the blast? Do these people have shares with Dulux or something? Anyway, rant over, back to the Section!

The annual match against The South West was played at St Pierre recently. Players found the Mathen course in excellent condition, thanks to the efforts of Course Manager, Stuart Wood, and his staff. After a hard fought contest, the South Wales team finally came out on top, with the final score 3 1/2 to 2 1/2. Longest Drive was won by Jordan, from Taunton & Pickridge, and Nearest The Pin was won by Stuart Ross, from Brecon GC. Thanks go out to South West team’s captain Wayne “The Special One” Vincent for organising his team; to Steve Chappell for organising the South Wales team and for looking after the cup; to T H White for sponsoring the South West team’s shirts and James Rees, of Inscapes, for sponsoring the South Wales teams shirts. Also a big thanks to Simon Keeble and Nick Martin from The Scotts Company for providing the prizes. And finally thanks to Stuart Wood and everyone at St Pierre for the course, the great food and hospitality.

At the time of writing, the draw for the Semi Finals for The Rigby Taylor Matchplay Competition (The Road To Tenby) was as follows: Paul Handly & Rhys Norville v Gary Humphries & Rhys Norville; Mark Wilshere & Mark Anderton v Andy Roach & Gareth Knight or Darryl Bray & Leigh Davies.

The final will be played at Tenby GC and both teams will be giving Dave Carvey’s RT company credit card a good hammering in Tenby town after the match. If I give you a good write up than can I come along too Dave? Roy? Peter? Oh well! It was worth a try!

Don’t forget the Autumn competition which this year is at Southerndown GC on Wednesday, October 14. The Section’s AGM will also take place here so if you have any suggestions/issues regarding the Section then please feel free to come along to air your views. The golf will start at 1.30pm. Invites will be sent out in due course. The Autumn event will once again be sponsored by Keith Morgan Mowers. Thanks in advance to Jon and Ben Morgan for their continued support.

Good luck to our Greenkeeping team when they play The Secretaries in their annual match, which this year is to be held at Neath GC on Thursday, September 10. A report in next month’s Around The Green.

Finally, If Adrain Panks (your friendly SISIS Rep) tells you that he will be on his inflatable this weekend, don’t put your hands to your ears and shout ‘too much information Ad!’ He is merely saying that he has a new fangled inflatable kayak and can often be seen paddling on the river Taff on weekends. He has kindly given me his old kayak (The Pink Pig) and has suggested following the river Taff from its source in the Brecon Beacons right down to Cardiff. I don’t know mate! I’m sure that when we paddle through Merthyr I’ll be able to hear someone playing the theme tune from the film Deliverance on the banjo. I’ll let you know!

Any information or announcements that you would like added to this column will be gratefully received.

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