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BERT CROSS

The annual 'Gentlemen's Dinner' held at Walton Heath GC, on March 15th was once again a resounding success. This was due in no small way to the many volunteers who gave freely of their time and thus made for a 'smooth ride'. To mention a few: John Edwards and Ron Jobson for ticketing and score board; Dennis Smith for acting as starter; Alan Stow for ball spotting and raffle ticket sales. My thanks to those noted and to many others I may have missed.

Mr Norman Dampney, CEO of Walton Heath and D.G.Barber, Captain of The Club, must be thanked for allowing us the privilege of playing such a halloved course, which, thanks to the efforts of Clive Osgood and his team, was in really tip-top condition.

There were so many prizes awarded that space prevents inclusion of all, thus category winners/ runners-up are listed: GREENKEEPERS (1-12) 1st- Roger Glazier (hcp 9) 40 pts for gold watch and putter, also best gross score. Runner-up-D. Wood 38 pts. GUESTS (1-12) 1st - M. Redding 36 pts. 2nd- J. Holmes 36 pts. GREENKEEPERS (13-24) 1st- T Couill 37 pts. 2nd-D. Coomber 36 pts. GUESTS (13-24) 1st R Elderfield 37 pts. 2nd H.J.O'Neill. Nearest the Pin: D.Wall, D.Walder, S.Collingridge, A. Cale, H.J.O'Neil. Longest Drive: Steve Suttle- 299 yds. 2nd: Barry Webster -297 yds.

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NORMAN EXLEY

March 11th saw Mark Hunt of Sierra UK at Telford G&CC, giving a most entertaining and interesting talk on 'Slow Release Fertilisers'. We appreciate Mark's time and effort and thank him for coming, whilst at the same time expressing disappointment that so few people came to support this feature in our calendar. Whilst on the subject, if anyone has any good ideas for future subject matter, please let me know. Peter Woodward has been arranging our lecture programme over the past few years and the mandate is now to pass to Tom Kelsall. We thank Peter for his splendid efforts and wish Tom good fortune in his quest to entertain us.

DEAN CLEAVER

The winter series of lectures concluded with that given jointly by Lodgeway Tractors Ltd and Zetor Tractors. This was well received by a good turn-out of members. As has been the case throughout the year, this lecture was held by kind permission of Beadlow Manor G&CC, with the section acknowledging the kindness of Mr Minashi and his staff for allowing us this privilege and for making us so welcome. There is no doubt in my mind that the use of Beadlow Manor ensures a good turn-out for our lectures.

Twenty members were present at the Appointed Persons First Aid Course run at the St. John Ambulance HQ. From all reports, this was most worthwhile and is something we shall consider repeating next year.

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