AROUND THE GREEN

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

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The Section would like to express its gratitude to PJ Flegg Ltd and Devon Garden Machinery, our main Iseki dealers, who once again provided transport and breakfast for members who played in the 1992 Iseki regional final, which was held at the splendid setting of the Isle of Purbeck GC. Our congratulations to Lauchlan Millar and Richard Hall who came second in the O-9 section, also to Dick Parr who finished third in the 19-28 section. We wish them all good luck in the final.

As defending section team winners, the boys battled hard to once again lift the prized shield, but were beaten by this year's very strong South team. Our thanks and good wishes go to Ed Simcox, 'Mr Jacobsen' in South West, who has recently left the area to take up the position of groundcare manager at Oakleys in Shrewsbury.

I have just finished fleshing out upcoming section meetings and look forward to meeting you all during the coming season, the dates of which are as follows: Oct 14th at Dawlish Warren for the DO Hunt Trophy, speaker to be arranged. Nov 11th at Chichester for the Toro Trophy followed by our AGM. Dec 9th at Oakhampton for the PJ Flegg Trophy, followed by comedian TANK Sherman. Jan 13th at Fingle Glen for the Devon versus Cornwall match, followed by speakers Jim Arthur and Nick Rigden. Feb 24th at Perranporth for the Avoncrop Trophy, followed by speaker M Jones. March 24th at Woodbury for the Supatuf/M&B sponsored event, speaker to be arranged. July 7th at Launceston for the Jacobsen Trophy, followed by speaker David Golding.

RICHARD WHYMAN

KENT

Just a few things to report this time. Firstly some rather sad news about the recent death of Cecil Maidment, the last and highly regarded by all the members at Bexleyheath. He will be sorely missed, but always remembered.

A few dates for your diaries for forthcoming events. Although we had originally hoped to have the Autumn Tournament to be held at Wanstead GC on October 6th, and The Regional Seminar at the Colchester Centre on November 2nd. Obviously the organiser of these events at a regional level has a current fetish for Essex, what with the Iseki qualifier at Chelmsford as well, but next year I understand that the 19-28 Iseki qualifier will be in Kent, so eighty pence saved each way at the Dartford crossing next year!

A personal thanks and a plug for Howard Evans Financial Services, the man who is the special financial advisor to BIGGA. As some of you may know, I am in the process of moving house, a traumatic experience at the best of times, but I have received great assistance from Howard. I know a number of greenkeepers in Kent and the South-East have also gained from his expertise on many financial affairs, so do not forget that his services are offered to you free as members of the Association - a definite plus included in your membership package. Advertisements for his services regularly appear in the magazine so why not give it a try - his office number is 0797 791179.

PAUL COPSEY

SOUTH WEST

Avoncrop Amenity are the generous new sponsors of the annual match against the South West secretaries. Not only did Avoncrop provide prizes and a brand new trophy, but also laid on transport for our team to travel to the Launceston GC in Cornwall for the match. Unfortunately, even with all this VIP treatment, the actual result of the match was a dismal defeat for our side and we left the secretaries boasting a rare win. This slice of bad luck did not detract from the day out and our thanks to Launceston GC for hosting this match on their fine course and to Rod Feltham, Mr Avoncrop, for his generosity.

Of course, it's not been all doom and gloom for the section players recently, thanks to some brilliant play from John Leigh, Simon Montacutte and Paul Thorn in winning their handicap categories down at the Iseki Regional Final, with the South West walking off with the team prize for the first time. Well played all!

I reported last month on Laurence Pitlies' move from Minchinhampton GC. Well, it's an ill wind as they say, for I am leaving Lilley Brook GC, Cheltenham, to take over from Laurence at Minchinhampton - now there's a tough act to follow! Through the pages of this journal, I would like to thank Lilley Brook staff, committee and members for happy times and for being such a super Club to work for - I wish them well for the future.

PAUL WORSTER

EAST MIDLANDS

This month I would like to pay a tribute to initiative. A strange sight has recently been seen at Micklever Golf Club - namely the head greenkeeper, Peter Downing, crouching around the course on his hands and knees listening to the ground like a lost Apache. Apparently, Pete has found that by connecting up the course irrigation wiring to his car and starting the engine, an audible signal passes down the line, and where the signal stops, breaks can be identified and repaired. Well worked out, Pete! Who needs hi-tech equipment anyway?

The East Midlands Pairs Knock-Out this year has been won by Anthony Bindley and Martin Hopkins of Kirby Muxloe G.C. Congratulations to them both and commiserations to Dave Flavell and Alan Baley, the runners up.

I have a couple of dates for you to note. The Autumn Tournament this year will be held at Willesley Park on Monday 7th September and entry forms will be sent out shortly. Also a date has been fixed for the Annual Regional Seminar which will be held on 25th November at War-wickshire College of Agriculture. I trust this will be well supported in the usual way by the East Midlands section.

Finally, welcome to a new member, Maurice Barnes, who is currently studying at Broomfield College.

TONY HOWARTH

BUCKS, BERKS & OXON

Question: What is guaranteed to bring on rain in the middle of a long hot summer? Answer: A BB&O golf day at East Berks GC! As luck would have it, that's exactly what happened. Out of the clubhouse trotted our fine members and down came the rain, but did it dampen the spirits of our merry band? Certainly not! They still managed to put together some fine scores with top of the pile being Andrew Ryan of Ellesborough with 32 points on count-back from John Bevan of Frilford Heath. In third place was Pat Wheelerathan with 31 points and he also won the prize for nearest the pin, just 39 inches away.

Question: Who eats raw meat, can drive the ball 305 yards on a wet day to win the longest drive and lives at... Answer: Roy - even though we still await the arrival of the phantom red jacket with bated breath. Maybe next time Roy!

A couple of reminders for your diary: Our Autumn Invitation meeting is at Burford GC on 8th Oct. If you would like to play, please reply promptly (ie, as soon as you receive your entry form) as there are only a limited number of places available for this very popular event. Also, if you have any queries, contact Roy Taylor Knock-Out Tournament may I remind you that the finals are at Frilford Heath on Oct 16th. If you know now that you cannot make it, please let me know in order to avoid unwanted hassle nearer the time.

RAY CLARK
**SURREY**
A fine sunny day saw the Cresta Cup return to its traditional venue – the New Zealand GC on June 8th. Dave Wyborn beat Ronnie Christie on count-back with 36 points, with Paul Weston third and Brian Wilmott once again taking the trade prize. Thanks were extended to David and Marilyn Johnson for the preparation of the course and buffet respectively, and to New Zealand Archaeans for the use of their facilities.

Unfortunately, despite a good attendance of 38 players, less than 20 players had applied by the entry closing date. As you must all be aware, players, less than 20 players had applied by the entry closing date. As you must all be aware, it is vital that members plan their golf in the same astute manner as they plan their work – late entries may well have to be refused in the future.

An event taking place in August is the McMillan Tankard at Sunningdale GC on August 6th (probably this should read ‘which will have taken place’ by the time this magazine reaches you), and the Parkers Salver takes place at Sunbury GC on September 24th (entries close Sept 11th).

Finally, would all members who have recorded local competitions recently please check their very latest handicap with Robert Hook. It is the duty of every golfer to play off a correct handicap at all times.

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area having points awarded for high finishes. At the time of writing (June 30th), greenkeeper George Paterson (Fortrose) and Stevie Macintosh (Muir of Ord) are in first and second places.

Congratulations to Gerald Stewart on his promotion to head greenkeeper at Montrose, and a welcome to another Montrose man, Gary Tough, our newest member. Rounding off a trio of Montrose happenings, Steve Macdonald is leaving Montrose for a similar job at a course in Amsterdam – we wish him well.

Next month our autumn outing will be held at Kingsgude, so get your entries back as soon as you receive them. For those who have not played at Kingsgude, I can tell you that it is highly enjoyable with some lovely holes, especially the par three’s – as for the course, getting on the green in two is a major achievement! I am expecting a good turn-out, so enter without delay.

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**MID ANGLIA**
The first round results of the Lodgeway Four-Ball Tournament are as follows: R McKeeon and K Bunting beat D Matthews and S Mason by 8 1/2, S Piggot and C Wright beat D Piggot and I Jones by one hole, C Brook and E O’Hanlon beat T McCreadie and M Hall by 4 1/2, A Grew and G Boulton beat P Robinson and N Primett by 8 1/2, S Boulton beat P Robinson by 4 1/2 and T Kent beat T Donald by 13 at the nineteenth. P Simmons and J Wells beat P Lockett and R Cougan by 3 1/2 and D Croxtone and I Oliver beat G Bruce and G Smith by 2 1/2.

Lectures and golf meetings are currently being arranged for next year, with the Spring Tournament scheduled for Mid Herts GC and the Summer Tournament at St Neots. Dates will be confirmed later. The 1992 Autumn Tournament will once again be held at Woburn GC, again subject to the availability of the course, and will be played at Ports Park GC later in the year and there is also a possibility of a week long spraying course being arranged in the autumn, when greenkeepers can take both PA1 and PA2 tests. Dates, once confirmed, will be available shortly.

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**NORTH SCOTLAND**
Section members should note that application forms for the Annual Greenkeepers Conference at Dundee in November will be dropping on their doorsteps later this month, shortly before they go around Scotland. Early booking is advised for what we are sure will be a very interesting and successful day.

Flying the flag for the North at the Scottish Championships at Kingsknope were the Peterhead pair – Kevin Peace and Hugh McLatchie – who won the scratch and third class handicap sections respectively, along with Gordon Moir of St Andrews and John Lealman as Greenkeeper Trophy – Well done, lads. This was the first ‘Scottish’ I had missed since 1982, though I understand the main talking point of the day was not golf – rather the mysterious illness that has befallen our chairman Dougall, which has meant that he is taking the drastic measure of giving up the drink. We all hope for his rapid recovery, as do all the pubs in the vicinity of Westhill!

This year the North Golf Union has set up an order of merit, with certain ‘open’ events in the

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**NORTHERN**
As most of you are aware, I am new to the position of section secretary/reporter, having taken over from former secretary, Bob Lupton, who has been promoted to higher places as regional administrator. We wish Bob well in his new venture.

As I am new, I would like to hear from any members with any constructive ideas, news or any suggestions that they think will benefit the section or BIGGA. Please contact me by writing to 49 Cornwall Road, Gilston, Bunting 1644L, or phone me on 0724 568128.

Presidents Day at Bradford GC was played in rather showery weather but this did not deter our swallt members. The results were: Div 1: 1st M Lealman, 2nd D Collins, 3rd M Hannan. Div 2: 1st T Jarvis, 2nd M Bryant, 3rd C Garnett. The Jubilee Cup was won by L Kirkbright and the best player qualified for the Iseki Regional finals at Bury GC on Monday 29th April, and secondly, the North-West won the team prize, with each player receiving a small shield and ‘yours truly’ taking charge of a bottle of ‘champers’. The course was in first class condition thanks to Dave Berry and his staff, the weather was perfect and the standard of golf was good – followed by an excellent meal. Our three qualifiers are Bill Horvath, Ernie Stewart and Craig Wheeler and we wish them good fortune in the final.

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**EAST OF ENGLAND**
The Eastern Regional final of the qualifying rounds for the Iseki Competition was played in conjunction with our Purdy Machinery Trophy. This trophy was donated by Les Purdy when our section started and our thanks must be given for his continued support. Les joined us for the game this year at Belton Woods Country Club and stayed on for the meal and presentation in the hotel after play.

The course has now been open for two years and to quote our chairman, Graeme Patrick, ‘the hard work that has obviously been put in by Paul Cale and his staff over two trying years is now showing excellent play’.

The competition on the day was fierce with close results. Michael Finney of Elton Furze GC was the trophy winner, followed by David Griffin of Belton Woods and Kevin Hodges also of Elton Furze. Members now through to the Iseki finals are Michael Finney, David Griffin, Kevin Hodges, C Macdonald, D Hornsey, G Macdonald, P Wright, M Woods, D Wells, G Patrick, M Mackin and J Scottey.

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The Iseki Regional final at Bury GC on Monday June 29th proved to be a good day for the North-West section. Firstly, we had three qualifiers to go to the final at Coventry, and secondly, the North-West won the team prize, with each player receiving a small shield and ‘yours truly’ taking charge of a bottle of ‘champers’. The course was in first class condition thanks to Dave Berry and his staff, the weather was perfect and the standard of golf was good – followed by an excellent meal. Our three qualifiers are Bill Horvath, Ernie Stewart and Craig Wheeler and we wish them good fortune in the final.

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