sensing the prizes and especially to Kevin Unsworth, head greenkeeper at the Club. Although not in the prize list, Kevin did qualify for the 1992 regional section after the competition and before the section Christmas dinner the AGM was held. The main change was in the composition of the committee. Mr Ted West, founder member of the committee in 1973, did not seek re-election. Thanks to Ted for his long stint was expressed by our chairman, Ken Lodge, and endorsed by all those present. In addition to the existing committee, three additional members were elected. They are Kerran Daly, John Tan and Alan Mitchell. A superb Christmas dinner followed, with wine being provided by Jim Fry, section president. The award of prizes concluded a very enjoyable day.

The final Winter Lecture will be held on March 5th at Alresford GC, commencing at 7pm. The speaker will be Ken Barber, head greenkeeper at the East Sussex National Golf Club, who will talk on course maintenance. Come early if you want a seat!

Bob Dennis
East Anglia

The biggest event of 1991 for section secretary Mike Peters was his hole in one, bagged in December. The following is submitted to Mike Peters.

Twas a real cold frosty morning, on the eighth day of December. As the days event turned out, a good one to remember. The usual Sunday game of golf, twist Michael and his Dad, was starting at the usual time, although the day was bad. The tee-off followed usual trends and both balls were a treat.

Dad hooked his drive off to the left, Mike's went the other way.

Approach shots didn't go too well, as each ball took a dive, and on the outcome of this hole: they both went down in five.

Mike drove from the second tee with all his heart and soul, He then turned to his Dad and said "It's in the bloody hole!"

Roger Peters
East Midlands

A Stableford competition for the Rigby Taylor Salvage Cup was held on December 18th at Bishtall GC, the results being: DIVISION ONE -- 1st Dave Leatherland, 2nd Ian Marshall, 3rd Richard Barker. DIVISION TWO -- 1st Adley Porter, 2nd Brian Mott, 3rd Jamie Bedford. Congratulations to all.

Some indifferent golf was overshadowed at the Christmas dinner afterwards by Joe Barsby's ability with the knife and fork. And all the outdoor staff for their efforts on the course, with special thanks to Club secretary, Piers Barrington-Wells, for presenting the prizes, and to the catering staff, ably led by Anne Roberts, for the outstanding meal. But, lastly, but certainly not least, thanks to our main sponsors -- Veals Lawnmowers -- and to Messrs Avoncrod, Sierra UK, Ransomes, Roffey Bros., Western Golf Development and TH Wades, for their generous contributions to the prize table.

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Paul Worster

Cleveland

The committee elected for the Cleveland section in 1992 is: Chairman -- H Lees, Vice Chairman -- G Munro, Secretary/Treasurer -- R Shaw, Regional Representatives -- I Holland and G Malcolm, News -- B Burnell, Social -- K Heslop, Golf -- G Pyle, G Munro and S Shotton.

The Spring Tournament scheduled for April will be held at Strelsholme GC, Darlington. The exact details will be announced later.

Gary Munro, head greenkeeper at Bedale GC, is hard at work constructing a 35 acre extension, and quite apart from his busy work with 24 greens and numerous bunkers he is also the proud father of a new son, Thomas James Munro, who was born last June. Gary's father, Jim Munro, retired recently as professional at Eaglescliffe following 27 years of service. On the proud father front, we hear that Roger Shaw is next in line, with a new baby expected in March.

The coldness of the morning was more than compensated for by the warmth of welcome that we received from staff and officials alike at this busy Bristol Club. In fact, the hospitality was such that we felt entirely at home throughout the whole day. Many thanks to Chris, Colin and all the outdoor staff for their efforts on the course, with special thanks to Club secretary, Piers Barrington-Wells, for presenting the prizes, and to the catering staff, ably led by Anne Roberts, for the outstanding meal. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to our main sponsors -- Veals Lawnmowers -- and to Messrs Avoncrod, Sierra UK, Ransomes, Roffey Bros., Western Golf Development and TH Wades, for their generous contributions to the prize table.

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Surrey

With March fast approaching it is time to dust off the golf clubs and commence preparation for another superb season of golf on offer to Surrey members. The first golf event precedes the annual Regional Gentlemen's Dinner at Walton Heath GC on Friday, March 13th and early rounds of the Huxley Bowl will also be due. Later in the month (March 27th-29th) the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester plays host to BIGGA's National Education Conference. As delegates at each conference will confirm, it will be well worth making the effort to attend this event.

Best wishes go to Ian Hamilton on his attaining a new dual position at the Cherry Lodge and Coulton Court Golf Clubs. Any other news from within the section will be most welcome, so please call either David Andrews (081 651 3251) or myself, Roger Tydeman (081 657 7256).

Roger Tydeman

Bucks, Berks & Oxon

Sorry for the brevity of this report, but I have just become 'Uncle Ray' following the birth of my sister's first! Don't worry, I'll make up for it next month.

The results of our recent Turkey Trot revealed a 'dead-hear' of three -- all on 34 -- and final placings were decided on count-back: 1st H Tribe, 2nd I Anderson, 3rd D Porter. Harvey Tribe won the CMW donated turtle, with I Anderson taking the Roffey Brooks Trophy for the best gross score of 34. Richard Minton fired the longest drive and nearest the pin was won by H Wilson. Our grateful thanks once again to Friilford Heath GC, especially Secretary, Jacques Kleyhans, and course manager, Dave Heads, together with dedicated staff who turned out the course so superbly. Finally our gratitude to the catering staff for excellent 'inner-man' provisions and to our friends in the trade who once again served us proudly; John Deere, CMW, Golf and Turf, Risborough Turf Supplies, Rigby Taylor, Bury St Edmunds Golf Club, John Hewitt Carpets and Goffs. Some indifferent golf was overshadowed at the Christmas dinner afterwards by Joe Barsby's ability with the knife and fork. And all the outdoor staff for their efforts on the course, with special thanks to Club secretary, Piers Barrington-Wells, for presenting the prizes, and to the catering staff, ably led by Anne Roberts, for the outstanding meal. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to our main sponsors -- Veals Lawnmowers -- and to Messrs Avoncrod, Sierra UK, Ransomes, Roffey Bros., Western Golf Development and TH Wades, for their generous contributions to the prize table.

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North Scotland

First may I welcome an old friend, Mike Wilson, who returned to our area after several years of plying his trade in South Wales. He recently took over at Kingussie and we wish him all the best in his new job and look forward to welcoming him at our outings this year. The autumn event, of course, will be held at Kingussie.

Our fund-raising activity this year is the formation of a 200 Club, those members receiving tickets being urged to sell or buy them as quickly as possible, or return them for resale. We propose to make a draw at each of our three main outings, each draw naming four winners. The committee feel that this scheme will be better than the lottery, where tickets were often not returned by several members and returned late by others. Starting the 200 Club this month should enable all tickets to be sold before the first draw is made at Montrose in May.

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1st ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER
Applicants must have suitable qualifications and experience
in all aspects of course management.
A thorough knowledge of machinery maintenance
is essential.
No accommodation available.
Applications in writing including a full CV to:
The Course Manager
Willingdon Golf Club Ltd., Southdown Road, Eastbourne,
East Sussex BN20 9AA

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GREENKEEPER
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