Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

Will section reporters please note: Final copy date for inclusion of 'Around The Green' material in the August issue is July 1st.

NORTHERN

Everyone should now be flat-out cutting, slitting, dressing etc., and I guess you must all be too busy to play in our golf events, for they are not filling up very well. I'll give you a further reminder of these: Invitation Day at Shipley Northcliffe GC on Wednesday, 19th August (members must be accompanied by one of their Club officials). Autumn meeting at Scarborough Southcliffe GC on Wednesday, 30th September.

We also need names of those wanting to play for the section in the Roses Match. This is fully sponsored so all you have to do is get there (and win!). The venue for this is Stockport G.C. on Friday, 28th August. Names to me by 'phoning 0274/590463 please.

A recent event was our annual dinner dance where 26 people enjoyed a fine evening with a good food and wine company. Of those attending, 12 were colleagues from the trade; so only 14 greenkeepers and wives out of almost 600 greenkeepers and wives on my list turned up. Come on you guys out there, this is your section, please support it. A lot of work has gone into planning events for your benefit and if BIGGA didn't exist we would all be back to square one with poor wages, poor opportunities, poor education and poor conditions. We have come a long way, but support is needed to keep the momentum going.

I am trying to organise a first aid training course for the autumn. I'm sure it must be useful (not to mention possibly life-saving) to have at least one trained first- aider on every Club staff. The course can be undertaken in a few ways, either at your own Club or at one venue. Also, a number of options are open with half day, one day, two day and four day courses all available. Please give this matter some thought and ring me if you are interested. I need to know numbers as soon as possible to enable me to organise what you want. Certificates will be issued on completion of the course whilst those aiming for Master Greenkeeper certification will gain 3 credits - all useful additions to your CV.

There are a few moves around the section: Gary Dyson takes over at Darrington and Adrian Holroyd moves from Lightcliffe to Ripon. I hear they are both about to join us and I look forward to seeing them soon. I am also losing my right-hand man, Robert Gee, who is moving just up the road to Lightcliffe as head man. I suppose he will be forever on my doorstep borrowing tackle, but best of luck anyway to Robert, Gary and Adrian. More very good news is that Bradford's Ralph Smith has returned to work after long illness. Hope to see you soon Ralph, back amongst your friends in the section.

A potential disaster was averted when the location for our spring 'do' was cancelled just 12 hours before tee-time. Fortunately, Ganton GC kindly agreed to let us play at short notice and we thank them for accommodating us so very well. The qualifiers were: Div. 1 - E Walsh, R Gee, M Hannan and M Leatman. Div. 2 - E Paley, L Nelson, C Garnett and B Johnson. Div. 3 - L Kirkbright, A Gamble, D Cockburn and M Bryant... all of which means that last year's 'champ', Telford Jarvis, is out!

Gleckheaton GC have appointed Andrew Fowler as deputy course manager to replace Robert Gee and 'yours truly' is resigning as section secretary to take on the post of regional administrator. My thanks to everyone who helped me during my time in office.

EAST MIDLANDS

Firstly, a belated note of thanks to Peter Jones and Phil Helms at Collingtree Park for entertaining the section back in March. I'm sure this well attended visit was an eye-opener to many, seeing such good surfaces so early in the season.

Cleckheaton GC have appointed Andrew Fowler as deputy course manager to replace Robert Gee and 'yours truly' is resigning as section secretary to take on the post of regional administrator. My thanks to everyone who helped me during my time in office.

BOB LUPTON

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Closing date: Sunday June 21st 1992
31 - lations are doubly in order. In recogni-
tions to Steve Wood, who won the nett prize
thank the Stourbridge green staff. Congratula-
this year to the annual tournament between the
and to Paul Loffman, who was the low gross
extended to us, along with our best wishes to
Wales, and our congratulations to Terry Adam-
son and his team. Enjoy your win, boys - it will
thank the many people - both individuals and
companies - who again gave support and help in
running this tournament.
Both our knock-out competitions were drawn
at the Spring Tournament, revealing some inter-
esting matches. These are scheduled to be
played by certain specified dates and competi-
tors are requested to keep to them. Should you have any queries,
my phone number is 0789 762912.

DEAN CLEAVER

NORTH WEST

Caldy GC on the Wirral peninsular played host
this year to the annual tournament between the
North West Section and the North Wales Sec-
tion. Rick Fletcher and his staff had manicured
this lovely and very testing course to perfection,
and although the weather was not at its best the
course certainly was. Many thanks to Rick and his
staff and to Caldy GC for allowing us the
courtesy of their magnificent course.

The result of the match was 5-3 to North
Wales, and our congratulations to Terry Adams-
on and his team. Enjoy your win, boys - it will
be your last! I would like to thank everyone who
played (even though some were dragged in at
short notice), for making the day a very pleasant
one. During the run-up to the match and due to
unforeseen circumstances, our sponsor reluct-
tantly had to pull out, leaving us with the prob-
lem of who would pay for the meals. There was
no need to worry, for a knight on a white horse
(in the form of Andy Hardie from Gem Profes-
ional) arrived to pick up the tab. Many thanks
to Andy and Gem for saving the day.

Howard McAdiey, a former treasurer on the
NW committee and regional administrator for
the Northern Region, has had to relinquish his
administrative post due to pressure of work. I
would like to take this opportunity to thank
Howard for the sterling work he has put in dur-
ing his term of office, and hope that once the
pressure is off a little he might join us on the
NW committee once again.

The ISeki regional final has been changed from
Cleveleys GC to Bury GC and the date is now
Monday June 29th. All qualifiers will have
been informed. The Summer Meeting is at
Worsley GC on Thursday July 9th with the tee
reserved from 1.30pm till 3pm. Soup and sand-
wiches will be served at 12.30pm with dinner
and prize presentation in the evening. Proper
dress is essential and you must also bring along
your membership card. This competition is
included with our spring and autumn tourna-
ments for the aggregate trophy sponsored by
Aitchens. All enquiries for this tournament to
Paul Pearse, 1 Swan Close, Poynoton, Stockport
SK12 1HX Tel: 0625 859255.

Finally, if you have any news, views or problems - please call me
on 051 7245412.

BERT CROSS

NORTH SCOTLAND

The section committee held a meeting at Nairn
GC recently, with a full turn-out and a lively
evening ensuing, thrashing out section business.
Our thanks to Nairn GC for the use of their
plush conference room.

Hopefully, by the time you read this report we
will all have had some warmth to go with the
recent rains - this to encourage life into the
grass up here in the North. Late springs follow-
ing on from relatively mild winters are becom-
ing the norm; and at my Club - Tain GC - the
course is getting much busier in the winter with
week-end golf choc-a-bloc. The result is that
greens get no rest before the new season arrives.
Thus far we are coping, but maybe an enforced
period of rest will need to be considered in the
future. We are back to full staff with the return
(from a 4 month working holiday in Switzer-
land) of John Urquhart, now an accomplished
skier and sporting a bronzed look.

Next month will see The Open Championship
at Muirfield, when I am looking forward to once
again being part of the Greenkeeper Support
Team. I hope to see a few more North members
involved this year, for it really is a great week
for renewing old friendships and forming new
ones.

It has not taken Mike Wilson of Kingsussie long
to regain his place in the North District Golf Team
since his return from Wales. He joins other
regulars, Steve Macitosh (Muir of Ord) and George Paterson (Fortrose), to give us
greenkeepers a good representation in the team.

In fact 'you truly' was invited to play last
September, but only when someone else failed
to appear and the game was being played at
Tain. I hesitated to accept and my chance was
lost, with one of the selectors standing in by
using my clubs while his wife brought his own
sticks over.

Congratulations to Willie Milton, long time
North member and ex treasurer, on his election
to life membership of BIGGA. This is a just
reward for all the time he gave on our behalf.
The July report will feature the section outing at
Fortrose and the first four winners of the 200
Club.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to
express disappointment at the content of some
letters in recent issues of our magazine. It seems
that 'slagging off a previous contributor is
constructive criticism is one thing, but members
may be put off writing for fear of retribution in a
later issue. I am sure it does not look good to
non-members who read these letters.

AIN MACLEOD

SURREY

Foxhills GC were our hosts for the recent Spring
Meeting, which consisted of 36 holes over the
Longcress and Chertsey courses. Despite the
excellent condition of both courses, coupled
with fine weather, the scores were unusually
high: Overall winner - D Barnes 143. 2nd - J
Hunter 152. 3rd - N Whittaker 153. Scratch - R
Christie 153. Trade - B Wilmott 164. Best a.m.-
N Shade 72. Best p.m. - M Yolston 77.

Thanks were extended to Foxhills for their
excellent hospitality and courtesy of the facili-
ties, along with praise for Neville Shade and his
staff for presenting the courses so well. In addi-
tion, our thanks to those trade members who
kindly contributed to the prize table. Iseki qual-
ifiers will be notified shortly and are reminded
that the regional finals will take place on July
6th at Chelmsford GC. If you cannot play on this
day please notify Derek Walder in order that
reserve players may participate.

By now the Huxley Bowl should be well under
way and I would request that winners convey
their results to Derek promptly, in order that
the competition be kept moving.

ROGER TYDEMAN

CLEVELAND

Are you happy as a greenkeeper? Are you a member of BIGGA? Are you a qualified green-
keeper? Phase III is a supervisory block release
course at college and even if you think Phase IV
is too advanced, you should never stop learning
or training. The colleges want students, so talk
to a course tutor. Above all don't under estimate
yourself, for college staff are very, very helpful.
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Golf courses need trained people to help them
train others. Training never stops and the plea-
sure is both individual success and in helping
others to obtain success. Go forward now and
contact your college with a view to improving
your career - book in for September. Above all;
talk to a BIGGA section secretary, your Club sec-
retary, your head greenkeeper or someone who
you know will guide you and help you to
improve your professional status. Best of all be
smart, go positive and create a good image.

Polished shoes and the wearing of a BIGGA tie
is a good way to start. Play golf and see if the
course is as good as you prepared it. Finally,
remember that Clubs pay college expenses and
in Phase II you are trained for spraying qualifi-
cations as well.

BRUCE BURNELL

MID ANGLIA

On March 10th our members visited Lloyds of
Letchworth for a factory tour and demonstration
of their machinery range. This proved to be an
informative, enjoyable and hospitable day, for
which many thanks to all at Lloyds.

April 21st saw the first of our golf tourna-
ments, a 27 hole Iseki qualifier played at Venu-
lum at St. Albans. Although the day was
difficult (the first day following the Easter break)
some 28 members entered with the fol-
lowing results: Handicap 0-9 R McKeown, G
Boulton, G Bruce, B Brook and A Freeman
(reserve). Handicap 10-18 A Grew, E O'Hanlon,
N Whitaker, G Smith and J Chapman (reserve).

Handicap 19-28 M Ellis, J Cassidy, R Saunders,
D Piggott and 1 Jones (reserve). Those who qualified will compete next at Brocton Hall GC, Stafford, on July 16th. The event was won by Alan Grew with a score of 107-12, Neil Whitaker was second with 108-14 and third was G Boulton with 108-8. The longest drive was Geoff Smith with 260 yards and nearest the pin on 17 was G Boulton.

Many thanks to Geoff and his team for preparing the course and to the officers and staff at Verulam GC, particularly the vice-captain, who bought wine for us to enjoy along with an excellent meal. Cheers! Let us hope this occurs at all future events! Many thanks also to Colin from Rigby Taylor for his hard work and organisation, not forgetting their sponsorship of the tournament.

Two of our members have moved Clubs recently: Phil Quarumy has left Beaulieu Manor to become head greenkeeper at Mentmore GC, while Mark Ellis, who was previously at Woburn G&CC has joined Phil as his deputy. I'm sure all members wish them every success in their new positions.

Finally, a reminder about the Summer Tournament at Bedfordshire GC (Biddenham) on July 7th. All entrants must be with Chris Brook by June 15th by entry form only. His telephone number printed in April was incorrect and you should note the correct number: 0462 442488.

PAUL LOCKETT

SOUTH WEST

"Shut the gate and keep out the draught" went the cry only to fall on deaf ears. The early warm spring weather took a nose-dive at Swindon GC as a gale lashed the course for our section Iseki Qualifier. All competitors deserved a prize just for finishing, never mind the scores, for it was not a round I would care to repeat too often. Still it all goes to prove one thing: if you're going to buy an Iseki tractor, make sure it has a cab! The course was extremely well presented, which is more than I could say for some members of our party. Please, please remember when you are out with the Association, you are representing the profession of greenkeeping and the right image is all important. Our grateful thanks to Swindon GC for their hospitality, and apologies for the one or two problems encountered during the day Thanks also to Iseki, the main sponsor, also to ICI & Avoncroft for prizes. The results were: 1st A. Johnson (Salford) 96 -8 = 68, 2nd D. Summerell (Castle Coombe) 88-6 = 74, 3rd L. Johnson (Salford) 96-22 = 74.

The team for the South West Regional Finals on 17th June is: Division 1 - P Godwin (5), J Kane (6), K Millar (4), C Fudge (3), and P Thorne (4). Division 2 - M Swales (10), M Gray (11), S Montacute (15) S Earl (12) and J Scoones (18). Division 3 - A Johnson (21) A Johnson (22) M Powell (26) J Leigh (23) and P Cox (24). Reserves are L Millar (4) J Farley (16) and C Sealey (28).

All good wishes to David Summerell as he takes up a new post in Spain, after bringing the prestigious Castle Coombe course almost up to its opening. Congratulations to Pat Smith, Grasscare Manager, on the birth of his daughter, Hannah, also to all twelve of our first FEPA trainees on successfully completing the foundation module training day and the subsequent exam. Grateful thanks to Bristol & Clifton GC for generously allowing us the use of their clubhouse and machinery shed for this purpose.

I look forward to receiving more applications for similar courses during the autumn. Also on the training front will be Extended Emergency First Aid and Safe Use of Chainsaws. All training days carry certificates and qualify for M.G.C. credits, further details on application to the secretary (home phone number 0285 651908).

The next event is the Summer Tournament at the Cotswold Hills GC, Cheltenham, venue for this year's Gloucestershire County Championships. I'll look forward to seeing you all then - well turned out, naturally.

PAUL WORSTER

SHEFFIELD

The winter lectures have now come to a close. The section thank Rotherham GC for the support they have given so willingly in allowing us to use their facilities, also to David Milbourne, Rotherham course manager, for making sure everything was in order prior to us all arriving.

The April lecture was on the Rules of Golf, and for those members that did not attend, you missed a real treat. Mr Peter Greenough, a member of the R&A Rules Committee gave us a superb lecture. Thanks must go to Derek Neve, the head greenkeeper at Brought GC, for innovating not only a worthwhile talk but also an enjoyable one. When Mr Greenough had finished he said he would be pleased to answer any questions from the floor. The response was very encouraging, in fact you had to be quick to get your say. Oh, by the way, no cross out balls to be used in BIGGA tournaments, they are not on the list of approved golf balls. Penalty-disqualification.

EDUCATION: David Goldberg will help us arrange a day in our area to enable members to be trained in basic first aid. In view of FEPA and COSHH I feel we must take advantage of this offer. If any member is interested, please let me know so that I can make the appropriate arrangements. Tel: 0298 81337.

COMPETITIONS: Please note all entry fees must be paid for by the closing date on the entry form.

RAFFLE PRIZES: At each lecture or golf event a raffle will be held and any member wishing to donate a prize is asked to bring it along. Contributions will be much appreciated.

TO THE GREEN CHAIRMAN: The goals of our (BIGGA) members for the golf Club are the same as those of your members... a high quality course of which we can all be proud. With a little help from Mother Nature and patience and co-operation from the membership, we will obtain both our short and long term goals.

TO THE GREENKEEPER: Hold your head up high; and you will be calm, confident and assertive, whatever happens to you. Remember, what you think you will be you will become.

GOOD LUCK.

JANE RYAN

EAST SCOTLAND

A cold windy day greeted our arrival at The Glen GC for the start of our annual Spring Tournament. This was the first time that many of our members had played this excellent course for until this year it had been a municipal. Our thanks as usual go to the captain and committee for the courtesy; the catering staff for the excellent meals and to head greenkeeper George Paterson and his staff for the condition of the course. Fifty six members, guests and trade attended and the lucky winners were: Best nett G Coburn (Royal Musselburgh). 1st class C Graham (Goswick). 2nd class S Melville (Lothianburn). 3rd class G Hobbs (Torphin Hill). Veteran W Blair (Kingsknowe). Guest J Lockerbie (Baberton). Trade K Hunter (Frews). Knockout T Murray and S Crawford (Ratho Park).

Iseki Qualifiers.

1st class: C Graham, A Holmes, P Bowden and S Crawford. 2nd Class: G Ferguson, S Melville, J Neilson and R Bullock. 3rd class: G Hobbs, A Gordon, W Armstrong and A Forrest. Reserves: 1st Class: G White. 2nd Class: I Bell and R Frame. 3rd class: P Black. These players will be notified of future arrangements in due course.

Future Events:

Tuesday, June 23rd. Scottish at Kingsknowe GC.
Thursday, August 6th. Willie Woods at Swannston GC.
Tuesday, Sept 22nd. Autumn Tournament at Newbattle GC.
Thursday, Oct 1st. Half day tournament at Gifford GC.
Wednesday November 25th AGM at Kingsknowe GC.

DEVON & CORNWALL

Our guest day meeting was held at Launceston GC on April 8th, with April showers turning into a monsoon just days before our meeting and making arrangements very difficult. My thanks to Clive Ralph for his sterling support and I hope he hasn't yet pulled out all his hair yet! Our thanks also to George Bailey and his merry men for all their hard work in making the course presentable.

On the day itself, the sun shone for the first time in weeks and all 22 pairs enjoyed playing on the well presented course whilst competing for the Jacobsen Salver. Prizes were kindly donated by C R Willock and West Horticulture, both being dealers for Jacobsen turfcare equipment in Devon & Cornwall. Following an excellent lunch Mr R Chitty of Willocks and Mr P Smith of West Horticulture presented prizes to the lucky winners: 1st A Cann and I Downing (Bude Guests) 67 points and the Jacobsen Salver. 2nd B Ridgeway and K Broad (Greenkeeper & Guest) 66 points. 3rd R Parr and B Heggie (Greenkeeper and Secretary) 65 points.

Our thanks to Launceston GC and all their staff for making our day so successful.

JILL WILSON

DEVA & CORNWALL

GOOD LUCK.

WILLIE BLAIR

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also to John Mitchell, who spent most of the afternoon checking cards. As this meeting concluded our '91-'92 winter programme I would like to thank all our many trade friends who, as usual, have supported our meetings so generously. Long may they continue. I would also like to thank all members who attended our meetings over the winter, for without their support the section would be the poorer. To those who were unable to attend, we look forward to seeing you next winter, when you may be sure a warm welcome awaits you all.

RICHARD WHYMAN

NORTH WALES

Our first competition of the season was held at Caldy GC on the Wirral; where the North Wales section played the North West in some very spirited matches. The result doesn't really matter, but we won! Thanks to Caldy GC and its committee and members for allowing us to play our match, and our congratulations to Rick Fletcher and his staff for a course which was in excellent condition. We hope to see Bert Cross and some of the North West lads on our patch again next year, and in the interim we wish you all a good season.

I would also like to wish Alan Sharp and his staff all the best on the opening of Chirk G&CC in April. Finally, I would like to hear from any members of the South Wales section who might be interested in a match against our section.

Please write to me with your views to 33 Mill Lodge, Llandegfan, Menai Bridge, Anglesey. LL59 5YB or 'phone me on 0248 713490. Once again, I would welcome calls from anyone who have any views or queries, or indeed anything they wish to say within these section reports.

D S PROCTOR

SOUTH WALES

St Mellons GC in Cardiff was the venue for our Spring Meeting, held on April 9th on a warm sunny day. Such was the weather that some of us might have cast our thoughts to all the work we could have been doing on our courses. That stated, the competition was not one of the best attended, which may well have been due to the weather plus those who cry-off with illness at the last moment. The event was our Stableford, with the following results: Winner (Caldy Cup) Adrian Panks -71 (won on countback). 2nd Malcolm Davies 71. 3rd Leslie Halleret 74 (on countback). 4th Tony King 74. 5th Hugh Parry 75. Low Gross- Steven Price 79. Prizes were donated by Gem Professional, Steve Elms, Avoncrop Amenity Products and ICI, for which grateful thanks.

On behalf of the members I would like to thank the committee and members of St Mellons GC for allowing us the courtesy of their course and facilities throughout the day, also to the steward for attending to our liquid refreshments and Mr Gooch for providing the fine food which was enjoyed by us all.

Finally I would like to congratulate head greenkeeper Julian Price and his staff for the good condition of the course so early in the season.


AROUND THE GREEN

Will all members remember the handicap certificates and membership cards MUST be shown at ALL competitions. A £5 deposit must be sent for each competition, which will be set aside toward the entry fee and evening meal. Please take note: anyone not sending a deposit will not be allowed to play in the competition.

PHIL SWAIN

SUSSEX

The first section competition of '92 was held at Seaford (Blatchington) GC - what a treat! The course was in superb condition, the weather just perfect and the views over the English Channel and the South Downs were brilliant. Just a shame there were not more members to enjoy the day.

The day started with an 18 hole medal round sponsored by John Shaw Machinerey, with the following nett results: 1st Stuart Shelldorf (Ifield G&CC) 67. 2nd Chris Reed (Crowthorugh GC) 69. 3rd Peter Ray (Haywards Heath GC) 71. The trade/guest prize was won by Geoff Yelland of Rigby Taylor with 72.

Following lunch our golf continued with a Stableford round sponsored by Rigby Taylor, the results being: 1st Duncan Haste (East Brighton GC) 40 points. 2nd George Barr (Ham Manor GC) 33. 3rd Andy Pageyter (East Brighton GC) 31. The trade/guest prize was won by Gary Ogilvie of Parkers with 34. Iseki qualifiers will be notified by post in due course. Many thanks to Seaford GC for the courtesy of their course; and to Bob and his staff for their splendid efforts.

The next section event will be on June 10th, an 18 hole afternoon match at Cophorome GC.

MARK WILTON

EAST ANGLIA

Our 1992 season got off to a good start when 41 players dusted off their clubs for the medal round at Bungay, which is a pretty little place (if you stay straight) kept in good shape by Mick Mean and his men.

We had three handicap sections (good, not so good and keep practicing) for the Iseki qualifier, with the nett results being: (0-9) 1st Dave Wilkinson 68. 2nd Alan Carter 69. 3rd Peter Howard, 4th Mike Fance. (10-18) 1st Dave (HG) Wells 2nd Mike Verlay. 3rd Steve Norris. 4th Sam Sylverster. (19-28) 1st Tom Smith. 2nd Toddy Huddleston. 3rd Mike Stead. 4th Ernie Hart. A good day out was had by all and our thanks to Bungay and Waveney Valley GC for a lovely day.

Uncle Sam would once again like all replies regarding golf tournaments back on time please, and NO 'phone calls at 10.30pm the night before - I am NOT joking! Alan Carter is now the man to moan at when your handicap is mutilated, for he has taken over the job from Steve Freestone (with Steve's blessing, I might add).

Something to smile about or cringe over if you are on the receiving end, with the best news always coming from the bar when talk gets to the nitty-gritty regarding our beloved green committees. The latest is the story of a head greenkeeper who found his pay frozen until the rest of head greenkeepers in East Anglia catch up with him. A bit like saying to the manager at Sainsbury's you've got to wait until the manager of The Happy Shopper catches up! - Who says communism is dead? What will they think of next... answers on a postcard please.

On a sad note I must report the death (just before Easter) of Russell Allison, greensman at Norwich City FC for 40 years. On behalf of all members of the East Anglian section I extend our deepest sympathy to his family, especially to his son (also Russell) who is himself a groundsman (third generation) at NCFC, following both father and grandfather. Russell's stories were legendary, he was a fine man and will be sorely missed.

MICK LATHROPE

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

The section's Spring Tournament was held recently courtesy of Crail Golfing Society at Balcombie Links, Fife, and despite the atrocious weather some 46 members and guests had an enjoyable day. Some were merrier than others and perhaps this was due to 'liquid insulation' against the cold and rain - which helped. Prior to our tournament, the east coast of Fife had been experiencing its driest spring for twenty five years: then the following day the weather returned to normal - perhaps because up there was trying to tell us we should have been working instead of enjoying ourselves.


Our sincere thanks go to the secretary and captain of Crail Golfing Society for presenting the prizes in the evening, to the club steward and staff for looking after us so well in the club-house and to Andy Gooch for having the course in such excellent condition so early in the season.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to John Henderson, formerly of Dunfermline GC, who was taken ill recently. Hope to see you back at section events very soon, John. Congratulations and every success in their new appointments go to Graeme Downie and Ronnie Cunningham, who have taken over at Briechhead and Dunfermline respectively.

The annual prize draw dinner has been arranged for December 4th at Sterling GC, with Ernie Walker, former secretary of the SFA, as our guest speaker. More details will follow in the coming months.

JOHN CRAWFORD

BUCKS, BERKS & OXON

Now that summer has arrived I expect you will all be too busy to read this column, so this is my golden opportunity to put in anything I choose! Seriously, the busy time is probably just as well, for there is not too much happening at the moment - which leads me nicely into my first duty — an apology for the absence of a BB&O report in May. This was simply a matter of

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Application and job description can be obtained from the Personnel Services Manager, Civic Centre, Strood, Rochester, Kent ME2 4AW.

Telephone Medway (0634) 732706 (24 hour answering service).

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