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A plea goes out to our membership for greater attendances to these events if they are to continue. The average attendance at evening lectures was nineteen, and with a section total nearing 130 for 1993 surely we can manage more! Thanks must go to those involved at Pencoed College for allowing us the use of the college facilities to stage these events, with special gratitude to Peter Gillard for his major contributions.

For 1993 there have been some major changes to the running of the golf days, not only to the price but the fact that the total cost must be paid in advance, (not, as it used to be, a deposit and the remainder on the day.). Note therefore that the payment is the entry fee and this must reach the secretary at least ten days before the event. No Payment = No Meal = No Competition = No Exceptions! Also note that all the competitions begin in the afternoon, this to encourage greater attendance during 1993.

Last but not least I'd like to thank all the folks at Aldwark Manor for making the day two day events to those involved at Pencoed College for allowing us the use of the college facilities to stage these events, with special gratitude to Peter Gillard for his major contributions.

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GORDON KERR

MIDLANDS

I will start by thanking the staff at BIGGA HQ for again putting together a two-day package that allowed section secretaries and regional administrators the opportunity to get together and be shown insight into the way our successful Association is managed and second to meet with other officials to discuss the running of the Association and the problems encountered in running our particular section.

During the next month the Warwickshire College of Agriculture (GTC Approved) will be mailing all head greenkeepers and their golf clubs, seeking to establish if a need exists for the running of short courses. Included will be a comprehensive list stating what might be made available.

DEAN CLEAVER

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

The first social event of the year got off to a great start in February when 40 members and friends enjoyed an evening at the non-pin bowling centre in Falkirk.

Also in February, 30 members attended Sportsturf in stirling and enjoyed seeing in first hand the facilities offered by John Souter to the greenkeeping profession. Particular interest was shown in the CAD (computer aided design) of golf courses. Following lunch at Stirling GC, members were given a site visit and the green keeping work carried out on the course over the past winter.

Our thanks to John Souter and his staff for staging a first class presentation and for delicious food and little refreshments to wash it down...

By now everyone should have received an entry form for the Spring Tournament at Falkirk Tryst on 28 April (note the change of venue). This will be the qualifier event for the Hayter Challenge Tournament, so if by chance you don't have a form - contact me now if you wish to play.

Section chairman Duncan Piddles and his committee extend a warm welcome to all new members and hope that you will take an active part in supporting the events currently being organised. It's a great way of getting to know fellow members.

JOHN CRAWFORD

AROUND THE GREEN

Highgate Golf Club. Last year he had a hip operation which unfortunately proved to be unsuccessful, causing further treatment to be required. We send our best wishes for a speedy and successful recovery. Doug Smith has been appointed chairman of the committee, with the committee structure being as follows: Doug Smith - Chairman, Barry Moggridge - Secretary, Craig Handy-side - Treasurer, Martin Smith and Tony Dunstan - Education / Golf.

We are looking for two new committee members and anyone interested should contact Doug Smith on 0708-742148. Entries for the Summer Fourball Knockout are required, the cost being £5 per pair and the closing date 23 April. The contact, again, is Doug Smith.

TONY DUNSTAN

WEST SCOTLAND

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COMING UP

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April 28: Westurf Trade Exhibition, Long Ashton, Bristol
May 25-30: Amateur Championship, Royal Portrush, Northern Ireland
June 9-10: Landscape Industries '93, National Agricultural Centre, Stone-hill Park, Warwickshire
July 5-8: Royal Show, NAC, Stoneleigh park, Warwickshire
July 15-18: The 12nd Open Championship, Royal St Georges, Sandwich, Kent
July 18-24: International Turfgrass Research Conference, Palm Beach, Florida, USA
August 2-4: BIGGA National Golf Tournament, Dunbar Golf Club, Scotland
August 10-15: The Walker Cup, Interlachen, Minnesota, USA
September 7-9: IoT Show, Peterborough, Northants
September 24-26: Ryder Cup, The Bethel, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire
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