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†Harrogate is getting a face-lift... or to be more specific, the great hall in which BTME is staged is in the final throes of a magnificent refurbishment, all of which will be ready in good time for our great exhibition. Not content with lavishing attention on the main structure and fabric of the building, the brand spanking new hospitality suite is nearing completion and this also will be ready in good time for BTME '93 - I'm told it will be a great place to entertain important clients - we'll be sure to look out for you!
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In the dim and distant past, before pocket calculators made their mark as popular playthings, this writer would often struggle with the intricacies of a slide rule, failing miserably and gnashing teeth in exasperation. Thus if there is one thing guaranteed to make this math ignoramus gasp in admiration, it is the apparent ease and aplomb with which accountants skim through balance sheets, making huge mental calculations with nary a keyboard in sight. I will admit to the world that I hold the rarefied field of accountancy in very high esteem indeed, I am in awe.

Their careers in accountancy. Both are living proof that one can be an extrovert, relaxed, fun to be with people - yet both began their careers in accountancy. Both are living proof that accountants are not the stuffy number-crunchers of popular misconception, being warm, sensitive, utterly charming human beings entirely tuned to the real world, empathetic and oozing charm. In a nutshell, they are the big fish in the little pond that is the sports and leisure industry. 'In the manufacturing context', he told me, 'I may draw a parallel with Marks & Spencer. We know where to go to get our own name brands manufactured, made to our own specifications, utilising ideas that we have devised and perfected. By definition I suppose we are relatively small in global terms but big in our field. Whether a client spends £200 or £200,000, the same philosophy to total service always applies'. Clive chips in - 'We are big enough to say to the major world-wide manufacturers, we will be your vehicle for new products in the marketplace, we'll give you coverage in Britain and Europe. Big or small, the thinking behind Rigby Taylor is one of professionalism, of really caring about individual needs. We can concoct a one-off cocktail, package a special mix, as we have done just recently for an environmentally sensitive area, we're quite unique in that situation. We're different from normal distributors, we search for products that will fit a real need in the marketplace, we have our own technical staff who trial, test, write labels - everything that is necessary to bring fine products to the end user'.

If Bernard is the referee, Clive Williams, Rigby Taylor's sales director, is certainly the team coach. He's been in the business for what seems like forever, beginning his career as an accountant though soon realising that a sales career was his forte. He cut his teeth with the Murphy Chemical Company, working through the sales ranks and ending as their general manager, following this with a spell at May and Baker in their garden products section before joining Rigby Taylor in the spring of 1989. I think of him as 'the happy fella', indeed both he and Bernard I see as a jovial twosome who know the importance of communication. They talk together; campaign together; laugh together, get things done together - they're kindred spirits.

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DAVID WHITE meets Clive Williams (left) and Bernard Hedley, the men behind Rigby Taylor and supporters of the Greenkeeper Education and Development Fund

It all adds up
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45 - All are BASIS trained, constant updating when he says 'customers won’t accept the advice of someone they don’t trust. Most of our selling is done by giving advice, therefore the advice must be utterly believable, true and honest, the client must believe in the man'.

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KENT

It is good to report on the outstanding success of the Emergency First Aid course, held at the Wesl of Kent GC on 16 November. Although we had originally allocated 15 places, we had to include two more on the day, and such was the response to our mail shot that another course looks likely in the near future. The course was excellently presented by Ken Bick, Medical Training Services, and was a thoroughly enjoyable way of learning some simple, basic first aid. I'm sure the knowledge should save a life. Although we are all now armed with our printed notes and, hopefully, our soon to be awarded certificates, micro surgery and transplant surgery may have their place, but Kent being an excellent example of what a new and modern golf facility should be can be properly thought out and managed.

My personal thanks to John Rootes and David Vidler of Mid-Kent for trying manfully to resuscitate my car at the end of the day, which appeared to have slipped into a comatose condition in the wet and windy weather. I can report that a 'high powered' back arrived an hour later, not in the shape of a paramedic, but a wet and tired RAC man. Also thanks to the members and staff at the Wesl of Kent for forgiving my unexpected stay in the clubhouse so pleasantly.

I suppose I can now finally report on how our lone Iseki finalist fared in last summer's final at Cowes. I suppose I can now say he went well, but this would not be in keeping with the tradition of tall golfing stories or of Nigel Staple's famously long excuses. Apparently his problems started with a very heavy rain, or was it a freak monsoon of epic proportions, prevented his early arrival at Coventry and allowed him to complete only nine holes of practice in the late afternoon. However, Nigel still maintains at this point that he was playing the best golf of his life, confident of a high finish. Problems continued that evening with the 'chronic irresponsibility' of Iseki's landlord allowing him to play golfers to eat for the evening by way of a sumptuous meal and the odd drink. Although determined to show restraint, with the final commencing early the next morning, Nigel assured me of his resolve. The following day, Nigel wittically led astray into an evening of excessive merriment and over indulgence by two of our northern greenkeeping colleagues.

The dawn, Nigel found himself slightly the worse for wear and suffering a chronic hangover. The format of the final again did not favour poor Nigel, with nine holes played in the morning, followed by nine in the afternoon. The cold, wet morning, played is something of a blur, was a surprising success, still leaving him in contention... but as the alcohol began to wear off after lunch, the results were not all that Nigel would have wanted. Nigel, who has been known to fall over at the peak of his golfing wagen, I need say no more. The result was a mega, nay, three figure disaster. Only kidding Nigel, you did very well and went much further than the rest of us in the competition.

PAUL COPSEY

NORTH WALES

We held our first winter seminar at Northop College of Horticulture on 18 November, with a very good turnout of over 30 members of the Greenkeepers. First on the platform was Mr David T H Williams, BSc (Hons) for his presentation on the lines of his book on the subject of 'The Way Forward', explaining how it came about and where it was going. At this point we decided to have a break, allowing members and guests to stretch their legs and air their views.

After the break John Hacker of Sports Turf Design (NW Ltd) spoke on greens construction, followed by Derek Green, course manager at Royal Liverpool, who presented an interesting new organisation that went into the 1992 Curtis Cup, a winning formula if ever I saw one, (and not a mention of Dry Patch, very strange). On behalf of the North Wales section we would like to thank the speakers for their very interesting and educational afternoon.

An important date for your diary is 11 February, when the STRI will be holding a seminar at the Welsh College of Horticulture. Please come and support us and bring along your green chairman or club secretary - all will be most welcome.

Congratulations to P Gabriel (Curzon Park GC), J Cheung (Caldy GC), and A Heslop (Oaklands), all of whom are moving to Cardon Park GC, the latter as deputy head.

Any member requiring further information on section affairs may call me on 0248 713490.

DAVID PROCTOR

ARYSHIRE

Well, I'm back, this after premature reports of my parachute jump in aid of cancer research. Our best thanks to Graham Dolan for making the arrangements.

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DAVID PROCTOR

AROUND THE COUNTRY

The choice of the Toft Hotel GC as the venue for the Lamb's Lawmower Trophy proved an excellent one. The course, built on farmland in 1970, has matured into a real test for golfers, with the long straight driving of David Hornsey taking him to second place and Mick Key placing third.

On 25 November the Regional seminar was once again well organised by 'our' man, Roger Willars, and was chaired by our well-known colleague Patrick. The turn-out from our section was rather poor, with some members taking the view that Warwick is a long way to travel - but my own feelings were that the speakers got better each year and that it is an event well worth making the effort to attend.

On that score, the talk is of a venue nearer to home for 1993, so let's hope for a better show for the East of England section members.

On a personal note, I shall be retiring from my secretarial post at section AGM, but I will be happy to help anyone who have helped me - sincere thanks.

COLIN SWINGLER

CLEVELAND

The Cleveland AGM was held at Darlington GC on 17 November with 26 members present. The previous year's minutes were read and accepted, these followed by the report of chairman, Lee Hurrell. The regional report followed from Ian Holloran, who was especially thanked for his hard work. Secretary and treasurer reports were given by Roger Short and Peter Taylor, the former a man who always gets the hard work. Roger is a 'worker' and has kindly indicated his willingness to continue in the post, with Peter indicating that next year's AGM may call me on 0248 713490.

MID ANGLIA

The AGM of the Mid Anglia section was held on 25 November at Arkley GC, Barnet. The meeting was preceded by nine holes of golf and 20 members took the opportunity to play this lovely nine hole course before the AGM started. The Golf Club is facing a challenging time, with the need to increase tee times and arranging food, this in addition to presenting the course in fine condition, especially the greens, which were excellent.

The AGM was attended by some 30 members, including representatives from the trade. These were thanked by our chairman, John Wells, for all their support throughout the year, especially at our section and regional meetings. John Wells, vice chairman and match secretary, submitted his report and drew particular attention to a few problems involved in the sending out of competition entry forms. Although forms were introduced for the first time in 1991, a number of members are still returning entries far too late. It was agreed for 1993 that a closing date will be published and extended to us all. Thanks to Robert Bell at Slayley for having the course in such beautiful condition and to the club for the courtesy extended to us.

BRUCE BURNELL

EAST OF ENGLAND

Our thanks most surely go to Les Wakerel, our retiring treasurer, for all his hard work and support over the years. Les has been a stalwart
with our section.

A few changes in competition format are likely in 1993. It was suggested that the Spring Tournament be changed to a 36-hole event from the current 18 holes. The Lodgeway Fourball will be removed from the Autumn Tournament in order that it may be played over a top course, thus allowing members to watch the final. In the Texas Scramble could be moved from South Beds, as we have played there for the past eight years. If any members can offer their course for the 1993 Autumn Tournament, please contact Gerald of myself so that the matter may be given consideration.

All members should have received a fixture list for 1993. If you are not in receipt of such a list, please contact Gerald.

Finally, the question was posed at the AGM, 'could more material be included in this column'. I would be very pleased to hear from members which items members think worthy of inclusion. Either 'phone me or, better still, put pen to paper and send contributions to me at 72 Russell Drive, Ampthill, Bedford MK45 2TU.

PAUL LOCKETT

SURREY

To begin, may I wish everybody a Happy New Year. Please do not forget to pay your BIGGA subscriptions and make a concerted effort to encourage all new members of your staff to join the Association. We had a very good attendance at our first winter lecture, held at Walton Heath Artisans' clubhouse. We thank them for the use of their facilities. The lecture was on 'First Aid on the Golf Course', given by Neil Harrison of the Ambulance Service. Neil gave a most interesting lecture with demonstrations of basic first aid skills and the using of a self-inflating air bag. Let me tell you, Mr Harrow, that first-aiders will now go forward to take a full 'Health and Safety First Aid at Work' course, progressing to become recognised 'first-aiders' at their respective clubs.

The next winter lecture is on 14 January at New Artisans' clubhouse, the presentation being given by the company, Envirogreen. Congratulations to Brian Turner and his lady partner on winning the Worpswold Mixed Fourballs. If you have any contributions for this column, please contact either Roger Tydeman or myself.

DAVID ANDREWS

MIDLANDS

During the winter period we will be running two lectures and a trip to Ransomes. The first lecture will be held on 14 January at Walsall GC, starting at 5.00pm. The speakers will be Andy Cole from the Texan State University, talking on advisory visits, followed by a question and answer session. The second lecture will be held on 26 March at Telford G&CC, starting at 1.30pm. The speakers will be Andy Cole from the Texan State University, followed by Ian Bridges of Jacobsen on 'Supplying Scottish Grass Machinery for donating prizes for the raffles'. On 23 February the ICI representative, Daniel Morrison, will discuss 'Developments in Environmental Management in the Turf Sport Industry', and on 23 February the ICI representative, David Morrison, will discuss 'Developments in Environmental Management in the Turf Sport Industry', both these to be staged at Langside College.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who has supported the section throughout 1992. I take this opportunity to wish you all the best for 1993.

GORDON KERR

NORTH WEST

The North West AGM was held at Bury GC on 2 December, was very well attended with 28 members present. The event began with a talk given by Chris Huxley of Landscape and Sports Turf Equipment, which was followed by a talk given by Mike Leaver of Ransomes on 'Pesticide Application Training, First Aid Training and Training for the Trade'. The evening will be given by Ian Bridges of Jacobsen on 'Supplying Scottish Grass Machinery for donating prizes for the raffles'. On 23 February the ICI representative, David Morrison, will discuss 'Developments in Environmental Management in the Turf Sport Industry', both these to be staged at Langside College.

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GORDON KERR

SOUTH WEST

"Who'd be a greenkeeper?", That must have been the question Bob Burkin, head greenkeeper at Bath GC, was asking himself last month.

On Monday of this week it was the next moment half his staff had half an hour's notice this month at 7pm. He would have to travel in my car, as he had run into a 'give way to pedestrian' sign, he told me on 051 724 5412.

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DEAN CLEAVER
Here we go with another chance to win a cash prize of £50 in this fun, free and easy to enter Greenkeeper International Competition!

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The first correct entry drawn after that date will win £50. It could be YOU! Enter today - and spot the symbol!

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Because of the extended deadline last month, to cater for the Christmas mail, the winner of December’s competition will be announced, along with the winner of this month’s competition, in the February magazine. Will it be you? Watch this space!