AROUND THE GREEN

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

Will reporters please note that 'Around The Green' copy for August MUST reach the editor before July 1st.

LONDON
The Spring Tournament and Hayter Challenge Tournament qualifier was held at Highgate GC. The response to this first event of 1993 was encouraging with a field of 41 players – the weather was superb and the course was in excellent condition. I would like to thank Derek Mason and his staff for preparing the course and Highgate GC for making us so welcome. RESULTS: 1st overall, Colin Forde 40 points. Qualifiers for the next round: 0-9: Mick Sherris, Glenn Gibbons, Darren Burdis, Robert Phillips. 10-18: Russell Ling, Doug Smith, Peter Preston, Don Penn-Howard. 19-28: Colin Forde, Terry Colville, Dick Dunne, Pat Swinn. Nearest the Pin, Derek Mason and Colin Forde. Longest Drive, Craig Hardyside. Good luck to all who qualified and a special thank you to the 'trade' for their support – your help is always appreciated.

The next tournament will be on 12 July at Muswell Hill GC, commencing at 3.00pm. The cost is £8.50 and entries are required before 7 July.

Congratulations to Don and Lu Penn-Howard on the recent birth of their baby son, Jack. We send our best wishes for the future. Finally, will members attending The Open make sure that they call into the BIGGA tent for refreshments and, of course, a chat.

TONY DUNSTAN

NORTH EAST
Over 40 members attended our annual Spring Competition at Ryton GC on April 22. Despite all the rain experienced recently, Paul Pop Robison and his staff had the course in excellent condition and our thanks therefore must go to the club committee for courtesies extended, to the stewardess for an excellent meal, and to Paul and his crew for great golfing surfaces. At a mere £6.00 (including the meal, raffle tickets and sweep entrance), that's what you might call good value.

Our thanks also to the captain of Ryton GC for presenting our prizes, to Steve Hitchcock from Hayter for taking time to travel from Mansfield to present the leading scores for the qualifying round of the Hayter Challenge Tournament, and to all those companies listed here for their donations: Hayter, Ryton Gravel Co., Wm. Thompson’s of Prudhoe, Shorts of Whitham, Inturf, Sisst, Fisons, Rickerby’s, Fewster’s, Atken’s, Stewarts of Edinburgh, David Dixon’s, Bill Thompson (Top Dressings), and Turf Care Supplies. Last but not least, my thanks to Bill Lynch, sales and marketing manager of BIGGA, for attending our day out – I hope you enjoyed yourself, Bill – you know you can’t beat Geordie hospitality!


SOUTH WALES
Our first competition of the season got underway on 15 April at Llanishen GC, where 32 golfers fought for the Cardiff Cup and a place in the Hayter Challenge Tournament regional finals. The attendance was good and the weather even better, producing some excellent golf over a short but superb and well-manicured course. Congratulations to Colin and his staff for their efforts, we were told 'they have...'
NEW MEMBERS: The section welcomes: Glynn Hancock (Abbeylea GC), George Croft (Doncaster Town Moor GC), Craig Duncan (Sickleholme GC), James Fryer (Sheffield Recreation Dept), Anthony Booth (Hickleton GC), Andrew Rouston (Hillsborough GC) and Eric Chambers (Mitchell Industries Ltd).

RETIREED MEMBER: The committee is pleased to announce that the Board has approved Mr Eric Palmer as a retired member, after this 50 years of service to BIGGA.

RULES OF GOLF: The February lecture on the Rules of Golf proved popular with 44 attending. Signi
cere thanks to Peter Greenhalgh, captain of Brough GC and a member of the R&A Rules Committee, for coming along to educate us on an important subject.

AROUND THE GEG

GEM TRIP: Thirty greenkeepers attended the out
ging to Gem Chemicals, Accrington, Lancs. The outing was most enjoyable and interesting. Thanks to Gra
ham Walker, Gem's area representative, for arrang
ing the day.

1993/94 LECTURE:

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT: Annual Tournament: 21 July – (Lindrick) Autumn Tournament: TBA – Stockbridge GC.

The competition secretary is Mr Barry Hensey. If any member requires information regarding fixtures they should not hesitate to contact him.

NORTH WEST

The first competition of the year for the NW section was the annual match against North Wales on 26 April at Llanymynech GC. Unfortunately, we could only muster a team of 12 and our opponents had to lend us two men. The final result was once again a halved match with three wins each and one halved game. This is the third year of this competition and the fourth time it has been played. The greenkeepers of the Northwest and Wales will all agree that we should have a complete team and even the score.

Llanymynech GC is set in one of the most scenic parts of North Wales, with magnificent views and some fantastic golf holes. The course was in great condition considering how early in the year it was, the ground having not warmed sufficiently for much growth. During my game, and as usual seeing more of the course than most players, I was amazed at the wealth of wild flora in the semi-rough and further afield. I counted five types of orchid and many more.

Violets, cowslips, primulas and many other species. I admit to being a great supporter of encouraging wild flora on golf courses and, lets face it, if your ball is a little wayward at least you are rewarded by the sight of a group of wild orchids in flower while searching for your ball. Many thanks to the North Wales section and Llanymynech GC for a great day.

Our next tournament will be the summer meeting at Warrington GC on Monday 5 July. All entries must be in by Tuesday 29 June, sent to Paul Pearse, 1 Swn Close, Poynton, Stockport. SH12 1HX, enclosing the £10 entry fee which will be available from 1.30 pm and teeing times will be allocated on the day. Smart dress is essential. If you require any further information or have any news, please contact me on 051 724 5412.

BERT CROSS

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT: Annual Tournament: 21 July – (Lindrick)

MID ANGLIA

Mid Herts GC was the venue for our first competition of 1993 on 22 April, a 36 hole event attracting an entry of 40 greenkeepers and trade members. As a qualifying event for the Hayter Challenge T

of the Board the round was Nick Bunting (Ashbridge GC) with a very fine 37 points. Longest Drive was won by Chris Brook (Family Golf Centre) with the Pin by Gavin Simkins (Mount Pleasant GC).

Our main sponsor was Ribgy Taylor, and our thanks must go to Colin White for his sterling efforts on the day and for providing such an excellent prize table. The golf course itself was in superb shape for such an early time of the year, and credit must go to David Forsyth and his team for providing us with such excellent putting surfaces. I know that David and his staff had a 5.30am start to prepare the course, so thanks once again.

Our thanks also to Mid Herts for making us so welcome and providing us with an excellent evening meal. It was nice also to see our loyal trade members in attendance yet again and we thank them for their support.


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AYRSHIRE

Our Spring Outing was staged at Southerness on 20 April. The trip down from Ayrshire to Galloway, normally a delight and most enjoyable with lovely scenery, was made a nightmare by torrential rain and although not too bad on arrival, it was an effort to get a few hardy teams out for the morning scramble. Thankfully the rain eased after an early soaking and before the 'main event', the sun actually showed its face for the first time in months (or so it seemed!). With typical greengrocers eye for the weather, cars began to roll into the car park, eventually giving us one of the best entries in recent years. After an excellent round, Ayrshire chairman Derek Wilson thanked the club for granting us courtesy of the course, the steward for an excellent 'feed', and especially the greengrocers keeping the course in such great order. RESULTS: (scratch) Ian McNab (Dumfries & County) 77, (1st Class) Stephen Higgins (Ardeer GC) 81-7=74, William McMeikan (Turnberry Hotel GC) 83-9=72. (2nd Class) David Whiffin (Dumfries & County) 84-11=73. Derek Wilson ( Irvine GC) 84-10=74, (3rd Class) Paul Rae (Brunston Castle) 93-19=74. Jam Paton (West Kilbride GC) 95-19=76, … (Trade) Derek Durie (Aitken's) 85-5=76. (Veterans) George Brown (Turnberry) — who nearly played to his age! (Texas Scramble) 1st — Messrs Drain, Rae, MacLachlan and Mercer, 2nd — Messrs Carruthers, Buxton, Ross and McCartney.

H ayer Challenge Tournament qualifiers — (0-9) Ian McNab, Stephen Higgins, William McMeikan and Neil Wilson — Keith McCartney. (10-18) David Whiffin, Derek Wilson, Sid Mercer and Gordon Heron. Reserve — Duncan Gray. (19-28) Paul Rae, Jim Paton, Stephen Knaggs and Gary Crosby. (29-38) Calum became the first player to hole in one during a medal round played on 14 March and following their first leg 9-1 revenge — with a 4-3 victory!

Holden Club Tournament will help fund a minibus to take the section's members to the North West return football match. Please 'phone me on 0292 70929 if you may appreciate, these competitions take a lot of organising, so please send those forms back early.

DAVID PROCTOR

EAST MIDLANDS

The Spring Tournament was held this year at Breadall Priory G&CC. A windy day made for a testing game on the Moorland course — a new addition opened only last year. Gordon, the course manager, summed it up when he said 'you'll see no flies up here tonight'.

The roll of honour reads as follows: (0-9) Russ Allen 78-8=70, David Johnson 79-6=73, Dave Leatherfield 82-9=73, (10-18) Stuart Swann 87-17=70, Richard Fletcher 82-10=72, Martin Hopkins 80-17=77, (19-28) Brian Baldwin 90-28=62, Mark Bindley 92-21=69, Ian Dunmore 96-22=74. (Trade & Associate — Peter Fell 82-11=71.

I would like to offer the section's thanks to Pat Wolf and all the staff at Breadall Priory for giving us such an enjoyable day.

The section is pleased, as ever, to welcome new members — Martin Johnson from Hinkley GC and Stuart Swann from Ramsdale, who has already made his mark!

Finally, particular congratulations to Brian Baldwin, the only player not to have been 'Bindleyed' for some considerable time, and thanks to all the committee for their help on the day — also to Grace Fretter. Our tournaments would not be the same without you!

TONY HOWARTH

NORTH WALES

Once again Curzon Park GC was the venue for the North Wales Spring Tournament and Hayter Qualifier. RESULTS: Members — 1st. A. Golding 79-12-67, 2nd. B. Lafferty, 3rd. J. Humphries. Guests 1st. Mrs Val Mee 91-27-64, 2nd. B. Dickes, 3rd. D. Lomas. (New Member) Derek Duthie (Aitken's) 81-5=76. (Veterans) George Brown (Turnberry) — who nearly played to his age! (Texas Scramble) 1st — Messrs Drain, Rae, MacLachlan and Mercer, 2nd — Messrs Carruthers, Buxton, Ross and McCartney.

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Simon Shipley of Henbury GC used skill, local knowledge, good luck and anything else he could lay his hands on to win the Section 3 Stableford at Henbury GC in April. Simon's win was, in fact, a record six shots over the rest of the field, and represented his first success in many years of trying. (I did the decent thing and sent his card to the club secretary by recorded delivery - he was promptly cut by four strokes!).

Henbury was a credit to its staff, both indoors and out, with the course in spectacular condition so early in the season. Our thanks go to Alf Neale and his staff for the preparation, to the steward for the excellent meal, and to the committee for having us.

The full list of qualifiers for the regional final is: (Div 1) - P Godwin 71, C Fudge 74, J Kane 75, S Rattenbury 76 and Paul Worster 78. [reserve N Wilson]. (Div 2) - S Shipley 61, P Burrowes 67, J Scoones 70, P Bennett 72 and M Pearson 74. [reserve T Fearn]. (Div 3) - C McNamara 70, T Jamieson 71, S Beswick 72, T Halsey 80, L Johnson 82 and J Cooper 84. [reserve T Humphrey].

Another score worthy of note was that of Martin Samuel of Rigby Taylor. As an associate member, Martin was not eligible for the Hayter team, but his nett score of 71 (off 28) was good enough to win the BIGGA tie bar as a memento. Well played, Martin!

Thanks also go to Merv Hayter, Roffey Bros, Avoncrop, Farmura and Rigby Taylor for prizes.

Finally, many thanks to all our dedicated helpers before, during and after Westurf. Robin Greaves, Chris Robson, Ian Adamson and Brian Williams spring to mind, to name but a few. Well done also to those who made the effort to attend, it was a super show and a great day out. Thanks for your support.

PAUL WORSTER

BUCKS, BERKS AND OXON
A big thanks to all who made our recent Gentleman's Dinner at Beaconsfield GC such a great success. To secretary Peter Anderson, to head greenskeeper Bill Paterson and his talented staff for preparation of a fine course in such excellent condition, and in particular to our guest speaker, David White, who made sure that everyone had a marvellous evening.

We would still like to see more eager members representing the BB&O in golf matches, especially against Mid-Anglia and the big grudge match against the secretaries! If you are interested please contact our match captain, David Goodchild, on 0296 415337. These matches are scheduled for Tuesday 20 July and Monday 26 July respectively and there is no handicap limit - so all are welcome.

Westurf '94 will be on Wednesday 27 April, again at Long Ashton. Pencil the date in your diary today.

DEVON & CORNWALL
This year's Westurf Trade Exhibition, held at the popular venue of Long Ashton GC, Bristol, broke all previous attendance records - with two ball foursomes - 343 tasters, 285 golfers and visitor numbers well in excess of last year. The section would like to thank Marion and Gordon Child for all their hard work in running Westurf so profitably, for yet another successful conclusion to Westurf the region will be able to continue to subsidise its educational programmes for you! Only your support of Westurf has made this possible. Westurf '94 will be on Wednesday 27 April, again at Long Ashton. Pencil the date in your diary today.

Our next meeting will be the Guest Day on Wednesday 7 July, with tee times reserved from 12.00 noon. Non-golfers are most welcome, with the traditional high level of hospitality that we hope to continue at our traditional 4pm start. The evening meal will begin at approx. 7.00pm, followed by David Golding, education director of the GTC, who will present his after-dinner speech 'Greenkeeping Education'. As many of you may know, David has taken on the position of education director with the Greenkeeper Training Committee, which is backed by the B&RA and the Home Golfing Unions. A large turn-out would be most appreciated.

Finally, may I wish all those players who have qualified for the Hayter Challenge Tournament regional final the best of golfing luck.

RICHARD WHYMAN

CENTRAL SCOTLAND
The second ten pin bowling night was held at Falkirk on 3 April and again everyone enjoyed a great night. With six teams competing there was keen competition for the 'superb' trophy.

There were all the usual pin bowlers in the east of the section? So far there has been no response to the challenge from the Falkirk teams - to stage an East v West match at Grangemouth - so come on lads, let's see some good golfing.

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I am in the process of organising lecures, visits, demos etc, for the winter (1993/94 season - very short year!), so if you have some ideas for inclusion - contact me ASAP.

JOHN CRAWFORD

EAST SCOTLAND
Seahouses GC was the setting for our annual Spring Tournament and Hayter Challenge Tournament qualifying event. We arrived on a cold April day to find a hospitalised head greenskeeper. Thanks go to secretary John Stevens, head greenskeeper Ralph Bullock, and chairman Ron Bewley for making this such a successful day.

This year the tournament was first mooted for Seahouses it was thought that the long distance may have deterred many from going, though this certainty was not the case - with 47 members, guest and trade attended, with perhaps another two lost in the mists of time.

At this year's AGM in York and must say I was disappointed by the turnout. Considering we were a record six shots over the rest of the rest of the section? So far there has been no response to the challenge from the Falkirk teams - to stage an East v West match at Grangemouth - so come on lads, let's see some good golfing.

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