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Also being launched at the Saltex is the Toro Multi Pro 1250 Turf Sprayer, a dedicated sprayer styled on the popular Workman utility vehicle. Toro says that because it can handle any spraying job from small to large, it gives users in a single machine a sprayer that is perfect for all areas of the golf course, as well as for sports grounds and amenity areas too.

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Deere's new improved range

John Deere's new 1435 and 1445 front mowers deliver increased standards of traction, manoeuvrability, comfort and productivity for all commercial applications. They are based on a durable, high strength, tubular steel frame, with cast iron front and rear axles and rear bumpers, heavy duty dual hydraulic cylinders, long life steel transfer and cruise control, a rear hitch and hard or soft cabs; heavy duty attachments include a 1.19m snow blower, 1.57m front blade and 1.52m rotary broom.

Base prices of the new John Deere front mowers are £9,732 for the 1435 with 2WD, and £12,581 for the model 1445 with 4WD. In addition, the 1.52 and 1.82m (60 and 72in) side discharge mower decks cost £2,354 and £2,901 respectively, and the 1.57m (62in) rear discharge deck costs £2,268.

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Sisis launches adaptable new Rotorake

The new SISIS Rotorake 600 is a superb thatch remover for regular routine use when used at a shallow setting, this powerful, heavy-duty machine also has the capability to work deeper when required. With a maximum working depth of 45mm, severe thatch problems, increasingly common with climatic changes and some of the newer species of grasses, can now be controlled with ease. A range of interchangeable reels is available for year-round use, including a heavy duty reel of extra-durable blades for deep scarification.

When used at maximum depth the Rotorake 600 retains the finesse of the SISIS AutoRotorake and leaves a clean cut groove.

It incorporates the SISIS Rotorake contra-rotation principle, whereby the reel rotates at high speed against the direction of travel. The blades therefore cut upwards continuously throwing fibre forwards rather than pushing it into the surface. The machine is also held to the ground to maintain a regular working depth.

It also contributes to aeration. The clean, continuous slits assist water and air absorption through a heavy thatch layer, and integration of top dressings is also improved.

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Core collection made easy

Hollow coring is one of the most important procedures for rejuvenating sports turf surfaces. By removing thin plugs of soil from the ground, thatch is removed, compaction is relieved and drainage improved. However, clearing away the cores left on the surface has traditionally been undertaken by hand. But not any more, thanks to the new CC20 tractor-mounted and CC30 walk-behind Core Collectors now available from Charterhouse Turf Machinery.

The CC20 can be fitted to tractors of 1 lpm or more and is hydraulically driven. It attaches to the tractor’s three-point linkage, allowing the collected material to be tipped into a trailer for removal. The CC30 is powered by a 8.30pm Kubota engine and has hydrostatic drive for infinitely variable forward and reverse speeds. The CC20 and CC30 share key features that set them apart from other machines. Both incorporate a specially designed ‘floating’ rotary impeller collection head that adjusts itself automatically to suit the prevailing ground conditions and does away with lengthy set-up procedures. The impeller throws the cores into the collection hopper at such speed that they shatter, meaning that no space is wasted and that the maximum volume of material is gathered before emptying is required.

Innovative spray device from Delta Designs

Blackpool company, Delta Designs GB Ltd, has invented a new device which was used by Paul Smith at this year’s Open Championship. The Pot Painter which makes painting the hole a simple and easy job was developed by Hip J Managing Director with the help and guidance of Eddie Adams and Roddy Baron, of St Andrews Links.

“The Pot Painter has been specifically designed to emphasise the topmost rim of the hole by highlighting in white paint the top 1.5 to 2 centimetres of soil directly below the rim. The machine is hand held, very light and does not require any bending by the operator. It is also extremely quick and simple to use. Adjustment to the height of depth of the spray required is by means of a thumbscrew on the side which also enables the main tripod and base plate to be raised and lowered at will.

Cost is less £160 which includes the machine and 12 aerosols of specially formulated, slightly thixotropic, bright white paint which does not run down the side of the cut and will highlight approximately 54 holes per aerosol.

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Fancy a trim?

Two new lightweight Shibaura hedge trimmers for professional use have been launched. At 4.4kg the HTL55D and the 4.3kg HTL75S are now available from Farm Garden Machinery.

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Central

We are up and running again on the new member front and we extend a warm welcome this month to Christopher Noble from Ladybank Golf Club, and we look forward to meeting you at some of our events in the near future Christopher.

While I am on about events, a five a side football tournament has been organised for mid October (Sunday afternoon, Sky television have even re scheduled their football so as not to clash with this event) at Forthbank Sports Stadium in Stirling, so if you fancy yourself as a budding football star or you feel you are not past it, return your entry forms and get in training as I believe there are a few teams who are really taking this event seriously. Invitations will also be sent to the other sections in Scotland to enter teams. What the h*%#, let's go nation wide and invite teams from any Section within BIGGA to enter! (Travel expenses will not be paid, unless this can be classed as an educational event, then we could apply to the committee to fund the trip). Is it me or are you getting excited yet? If any Section is interested in entering a team/team, please just get in touch and I will send you an entry form.

Finally for the autumn tournament at Murrayshall on September 27, the five a side football in October, the pro at Drumoigg in June. Apologies to George Stewart's family and friends at Stewart's family and friends at

Grampian, the autumn outing at Monktonburn Golf Club is just around the corner for those of you who are still in the East of England in the annual stewards match and the BIGGA national championship at Royal Birkdale and Scots & American Golf Club are both in October. (If you are going to the national championship I will see you there). So, as I said at the beginning, where does time go? Less than half a year to go before the next day (2002). As I write this, it is already 10 years younger and 2000" for June were D.Sutherland and E. Small with ticket No 155 £30 and the July winners were Mrs. Whitelaw with ticket No 010 (£30) and £50 and the July winners were Mrs. Whitelaw with ticket No 010 (£30) and £20. Well done folks, your cheques have been posted out. Remember, you can only win one of these fabulous cash prizes if you are in the draw and you can only be in the draw if you purchase a ticket so please support your committee in this fund raising venture.

John Crawford.

East

Well here's another column and another month. As I sit and write this in glorious sunshine 86 degrees (south of France on holiday I wonder where time goes). It's the middle of July into the seventh month of the year, people are starting to think about winter pro- grams. My main topic for this month is to give you an outline of the different visits that we have taken in the last year and to also thank our hosts.

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Andrew de Wet

Glenegles Chapter

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Brian Bolland

Latest news?

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South

A few new members to welcome this month. Chris Smith the new Head Greenkeeper at Buckpool is first up, James Macintosh from Peterhead, Iain Flint and Martin Smith from Tomintoul, Ray Lowrie from Royal Dornoch and finally Ritchie Morrison from Aberdeen Petroleum Club. On the move are Stuart Griffith leaving Letham Grange to work at Hankley Common and Lee who was recently made the head of Tain, moving to Southport & Ainsdale. Apologies to George Mitchell of Newmanha who represented the Section at the Open last month at Dunbar CC. I didn't know about it. There was a great turnout of Section members at the Scottish National Championships in Drumgo in recently. Stephen Brown, from Newmanha, won the Friendship trophy for best net score and Andy Wilson won the STRI trophy for best score in Category three. Further good scores from Mark CO and Frank Sirt. My thanks to all the Section members who helped and to see BIGGA Chairman Clive Osgood in person.

Committee members John Gecdes and Hugh McLachrie are putting together the AGM letter. The AGM should be held this November early evening time. More details to follow with date, speakers etc. next month.

The Section AGM will be held at Carmourth, A. R. Downing GC, on October 25. More details nearer the time.

Iain Macleod

West

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Around the Green
Northen
Our President, Dennis Cockburn was well chuffed with the numbers that turned out for his day. We again had a large turn out with 45 playing at Harrogate GC for President's Day sponsored by Acorn Equipment (UK). Many thanks to Head Greenkeeper Tony Badley and his team for the excellent condition of the course. We were also delighted that Harrogate GC Captain Brian Matthews could join us for the day. The weather was outstanding and it was good too see some more new faces along with some old ones.

Results are as follows:-

President's Trophy
Shane Wells, Headley GC, 78 BIH
Division 1
1. Dave Collins, Temple Newsome GC, 66
2. Alan Baxter, Bingley St. Ives GC, 67 BBI9
3. Robin Smith, Leeds City Council, 67
Division 2
1. Jim Brown, Cookridge G&CC 70
2. Nigel Wild, Otley GC, 72
3. Tim Arana, Riddlesden GC, 75
Division 3
1. Paul Wood, Clayton GC, 78 BIH
2. Steve Heaton, Otley GC, 78
3. Alan Gamble, Retired, 79

Trade Prize
1. Andrew Cornes, Acorn, 69
2. Neil Guy, Green Pride, 70

Longest Drive
Richard Harris, Elford GC

Nearest Pin
Alan Dyerson, Farmura

Once again thanks to Harrogate GC and all the staff for allowing us courtesy and help in making our day a success. Thanks also to Andrew Cornes and Acorn Equipment (UK) for sponsoring the day for us.

Representing the section in the Regional Final at Birdswood on the 12th were Richard Harris, Peter Thompson, Alan Baxter, Brian Hudson, Mike Gregson, John Wood. This event is again sponsored by Richard Campey Ltd. Good luck to the lads who qualified via the Kippax Tournament.

Invitation Day is coming up on Tuesday, September 11, at Howley Hall Golf Club. This event is again sponsored by Richard Campey Ltd. Good luck to the lads who qualified via the Kippax Tournament.

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North West
May I apologise for the lack of Section news in the June issue of the magazine. The notes were submitted but were misplaced somewhere along the line. I had mentioned in the notes a report on the spring tournament at Mere Golf & Country Club, held on Monday, April 3. The night before the rain had hammered down and although the course was wet, Paul Hyde and his staff had done a great job preparing the course and keeping it open. We had 43 members playing and some excellent scores were returned. Best Nett. Alex Davies, Best Gross. Mike Davie. Over 55’s, Arthur Mooney. Caper Prize. Gayme Cornes. The Longest drive and nearest the pin (both sponsored by Rufford) were won by Paul Pearse and Tony Jones, and the prizes went down to 12th place thanks to our sponsors and other trade members. It was a little short of a miracle how Mike Davie even completed the course, because of a serious ankle injury. John Cornes recorded the best gross score. Many thanks to Mere Golf & Country Club for allowing us courtesy of the course, Paul Hyde and his staff for a great course, the bar staff, and the caterers for a lovely meal.

The summer tournament was played at Mottram Hall on Tuesday, June 12 and what a fine course it is. The weather turned out quite nice and a great shirt sleeve order all day. We had 65 members playing this testing course, especially the back nine and good scores were returned and we even tempted Barry Gregson out for a game. The winner of the Reg Vickers trophy was Steve Brownley with 39 points. The longest drive and nearest the pin (once again sponsored by Rufford) were won by Paul Harley & Steve Cornes. The Lodgeway Four Ball competition is well under way now. Would you like to join in for the Autumn tournament?

On a sad note, Henry Herrington, formerly Head Greenkeeper O’Gaunt Golf Club (retired) and who was actively involved in setting up the Section in its early years, is unwell. On behalf of all members, I would like to wish him a speedy recovery.

North East
To be held at Hammonds End Golf Club, Harpenden, Herts, on Wednesday, August 22. Please note that the format for this event has changed to 18 holes only, with the tee booked from 1.30 pm onwards. This will hopefully offer those who, due to work commitments, cannot attend an all day event, the opportunity to take part. We shall meet for lunch at around 12 noon - 12.30 pm and the golf will be followed by a meal and presentation in the evening. Entries by the usual form, please, to Richard Saunders, Match Secretary, 55 Lavad Rd, St. Neots, Huntingdon, PE19 1EP (tel: 01480 473586). Costs are £15.00 for ages under 25 and £25.00 for 25’s and over.

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Phil Gates

East Midlands
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This year’s autumn tournament will be held on Wednesday September 12 at Lingdale GC. If by now you have not received your entry form please let me know and I will gladly send you a copy. The AGM is to be held at Mappleacre GC on Thursday November 8 followed by the Christmas Meeting at Wolstanton Park on Tuesday December 4.

Sorry for such a brief report, if you have any further news for this article please let me know.

Antony Bindley

South West

Midland
The Midland Section summer tournament was played at Moseley Golf Club. Our thanks and gratitude also goes to all the staff and members of the course, the bar staff who presented the course to a high standard.

The day was sponsored by Alpha Amenity represented by Nigel Tyler supplied by Amenity Technology and wine through the evening provided by John Menes of Mitchells. Thanks to all the staff and members of the course.

There are still some places for the “Rosies” match so contact me if you are available.

The autumn tournament is at Ashton & Lea Golf Club on Monday, September 3, and all applications to be sent to Bill Merritt, 225 Utting Avenue, Clubmoore, Liverpool, L4 9RB. Tel.0151 844416, including a cheque for £15. Lunch at 12 noon. Tee off 12.30. There will be complaints ring me on 07761 583387 or 01517 245412

Bert Cross

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East Midlands
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This year’s autumn tournament will be held on Wednesday September 12 at Lingdale GC. If by now you have not received your entry form please let me know and I will gladly send you a copy. The AGM is to be held at Mappleacre GC on Thursday November 8 followed by the Christmas Meeting at Wolstanton Park on Tuesday December 4.

Sorry for such a brief report, if you have any further news for this article please let me know.

Antony Bindley

The longest drive and nearest the pin turned out to be an all Orsett affair with Dominic Rodgers and Carl Crocher winning these prizes.

The trade prize for the second event running went to Mick Fance, of Driving Force, Leisure, with a great score of nett 72. Well done Mick, a very close second was Richard Lewis from the same fine establishment as Mick.

As usual, members of the trade from Rigby Taylor, Sherriffs, Driving Force Leisure, E.Doe, Gem and Tacit supported the section and donated to the raffle prizes. Thanks guys.

While in thanking mode the bar and catering staff at Bentley GC deserve a mention as does owner John Vivers who allowed us to have our day on his course. Thank you all very much.

So we all worked hard and the Section meeting at the time of writing is yet to be confirmed. You will be notified by the usual method as soon as details have been sorted.

Kent
Yes another report from the Kent Section and there is a fair bit to report on this month.

Walmer and Kingsdown was the venue for our first golf day of the year with a very poor turn out once again. We still managed to have a great day with the weather being very fine and little to no wind. That is very rare down on the south coast. The course was very tidy and for those who have not played there very hilly.

The tone of the day was set on the first tee by our South East Regional Administrator Derek Farrington, whose first tee shot was a lovely air shot followed by a glorious snap hook into a very expensive house’s garden. He did however, make a very good ten. Next on the tee was Neil Pullen, from Sherriff Amenity Services, who hit another superb snap hook but this one hit the wall of the garden and bounded at least 100 yards back, on the tee two yards behind from where he had teed off. Of course it gave everyone watching a good laugh. Not satisfied with that, Neil proceeded to lose his ball up a tree a bit further up the fairway and finally made a great putt for a nine.

The day finished with Trevor Hindmarsh winning Best nett with Barry Smith and John Saunders third. Best gross went to Paul Larsen with Duncan Kelso runner-up and Chris Marsh third. Near miss for our first gross winner won by Barry Jackson who hit a great thinned 8-iron to 30 foot. Trade prize was won by Rhys Buckley and I have never seen him before so I don’t know his company.

So well done to those guys and best of luck to those who play in the National Tournament. The real winners were everyone who made the effort to turn up and enjoy a great meeting new people and swapping ideas.

Well done to Gary Sidders who fin
ished his first Medal round with a score of 107. Great stuff!

It was nice to see some new faces and I hope we will see more of you at Chestfield on July 26. A big thank-you to everyone down at Walmer for a great day's golf and the much-needed food. I would just like to congratulate Dan McGraith on getting married at the beginning of June and I hope you and your wife have a happy life together, which I'm sure you will.

So if there is any news please let me know or I will have to talk about meetings that could take hours. Phone me on 01732 875020 or e-mail jatkhalgol@aol.com

Jason Bean

East Anglia

A pleasant day greeted our happy band of wanderers as we descended on Richmond Park Golf Club near Wotton in Norfolk on the 13th June. Our thanks go to the main sponsors for their help, who were John Deere, Tomlinson Ground Care, Ben Burgess, Steven Curtis and his staff who had done us proud presenting us with an excellent venue for our summer meeting. The clubhouse staff made every effort to make the day a success and topped it off with an extremely good evening meal. Many thanks to the club Captain Brian Brand for helping me with the cards and for sorting out the winning scores. I had the good fortune to play with the winner of the day Brian Lemmon. He played a good round of golf and got a ribbing during the round from the rest of the group, sombreros and other banded attire were mentioned on several occasions, but the checkiest thing that took place was when Brian realised how good his score was going to be, he tried to cook up the last two holes (bad luck Brian, 2 shots off the handicap).

On to the winners;

0 - 12 handicap

1. A. Elliot 37 points
2. M. Virley 34 Points on count back
3. J. Wright 35 points

13 - 17 handicap

1. B. Lemmon 40 points (overall winner)
2. S. Millard 36 points
3. N. Wonger 35 points

18 - 20 handicap

1. D. Farrington 33 points
2. K. Tithall 32 points
3. J. Holiday 31 points

Trade and Guest

1. K. Timms 37 points
2. J. Humphrey 36 points
3. M. Davis 36 points

Lowest the Pin - J. Virley

My thanks to the other sponsors SISIS, Rushbrooks, Ley UK, Batrams, Nicholsons, K. Leach, Tacit, Banks Amenity, Rigby - Taylor, Sherriffs, Atterton & Ellis, Consultant Clarkson.

On behalf of our Section I would like to thank Richmond Park Golf Club for their hospitality and for allowing us to use their excellent golf course. Our charity collected £400.00 and I hope we should pass the £1000 mark, (well done everyone).

Our next meeting will be held at Eaton Golf Club on August 1. There was no difficulty in choosing the winner of the toilet seat, it could only go to Brian for his very poor attempt to muck up his card on the last two holes. As ever Ian Willet kept the day running as smooth as possible. (Well done Ian)

See you all at the next meeting, Ian Willet.

London

My apologies for missing the last two months but news has been a little bit sparse recently. It must be the change in weather, everybody's slowed down after months and months of dashing about like headless chickens. If you're cool, calm and collected (like me, obviously!) and you have everything under control then please ignore the headless chicken gag.

As you are reading this we will have already played our Summer Meeting here at Sandy Lodge so if you didn't bring plenty of balata balls with you it's too late. Don't say I warned you!

Our Autumn Meeting, however, is provisionally booked for Thursday, August 23 at Gerrards Cross Golf Club. My thanks to Course Manager Lee Robinson for his help in getting this one off the ground. Thanks also to Gerrards Cross Golf Club for allowing us courtesy of the course for the day. Tee off times will be from 2pm onwards and details of cost will be announced when the entry forms go out.

News from round the section sees Mike Bridge retiring from the helm at Children Forest Golf Club after many years of loyal service. Steve Horwood, formerly Lee's deputy at Gerrards Cross takes over as Course Manager.

Smart move Steve, getting away from that awful Robinson fellow! Best Wishes and good luck to both for the future. It was nice to meet Gavin Kyle, from Hendon Golf Club, recently. Gavin is due to have some new tee construction taking place in October, the work being undertaken by Kestrel Golf. Gavin came along to see the work done by Kestrel at Sandy Lodge last year and I hope left with a good impression. On the other hand he could have well been saying how good our neighbours Northwood Golf Club were Gavin's brother has just taken over as Course Manager.

Moving back to Scotland from Bush Hill Park is the ever popular Tony Taylor and replacing Tony is Graham Careford. Congratulations to newly wed David (Monty) Montgomery, Course Manager at Finchley Golf Club. David and his bride Kay honeymooned in Cyprus and on behalf of the London Section would like to offer the new Mrs Montgomery all the luck in the world.

The Open pre qualifying at Hadley Wood will have taken place by the time you read this but I hope it went well Craig. I'm sure it did.

The WV Golf a la Hopkinson is still available and it is sickening to see such an honest and hard working guy looking so desperate. Keep reading and keep sending me the info. Hopefully dates to be announced shortly for the Turkey Trot.

Robert Phillips

Q. A.

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Wishes and good luck to both for the future.

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See you all at the next meeting, Ian Willet.
Devon and Cornwall
Summer has arrived for the first time in years; hopefully you have all fixed those irrigation problems by now. The foot and mouth crisis prevented the section from holding its February Avoncrop meeting at Thurlestone GC and to correct this the section held a summer afternoon meeting at Titchborne Golf Club on Tuesday 19th June, which was kindly sponsored by Avoncrop. On arrival, members were welcomed with a bacon roll for lunch before competing for the Avoncrop Trophy, our own golfing members were treated to a guided tour of the course by Head man Maurice and owner Mike Davey. After an excellent meal John Palfrey on behalf of Avoncrop presented the tournament cheque. The day finished with a presentation to the section held a summer afternoon meeting at Thurlestone; March 20, Aventis & Supaturf Meeting, Taunton & Pickering.

Please note the following booking terms & information listed below for Section meetings:

- Golfing members to receive starting times before meeting with a draw for partners.
- For our foursome & greensome events you may enter with a partner with your opponents being drawn
- Company & golf presentation to conclude evening.

A levy of £2 will be added to each entry received after the closing date. As some members have problems paying before meetings, they will be able to continue to pay on the day without being levied as long as the entry has been received before the closing date. Any member who does not attend after entering will be invoiced if no payment is received.

Richard Whyman

South Coast
I seem to be suffering from writer’s block this month. It’s taken two cigarettes and 43 minutes just to write this line.

So what’s happened this month? Well not an awful lot actually.

The ‘Match v Secretaries’ competition was played at Upavon GC, and congratulations to the winners, I think we won, but I’ve lost the information Chris sent me regarding the day. I apologise for this so all the details of the day will be in next month’s column.

The results of the Summer Tournament and the Management Trophy will also be in next months report. These are to be played at Broadstone GC and Salisbury and South Wilts GC (my stamping ground) respectively.

Saltex is coming again soon - September 4-6, so don’t forget to get your passes to avoid all the messing about at the front gate.

I know October sounds a long way off, but the autumn tournament is on the 3rd of that month. I don’t have any details of the price at the moment, but it is to be held at Peterfield GC. Do you still work there Nick?

Well that’s all there is for this month. Next month’s report should be packed. Bet you can’t wait!

Mike Cartwright.

Northern Ireland
Our golf competition at Galgorm Castle GC went ahead as planned on June 8. The course, which is situated just outside Ballymena, has been open for about five years. It has been developed on an established estate with the rivers Braid & Main providing interest on quite a few of the holes. I achieved my objective of keeping my ball away from the water, but unfortunately the double bogeys began appearing with frequent regularity. But never the less an enjoyable day was had by everyone attending. I enjoyed the company of my fellow Greenkeepers and the hospitality shown by the staff at Galgorm Castle was very much appreciated. I would like to thank Christopher Brooke for allowing the section the opportunity to come and play the course, and give us courtesy golf. To Course Manager David Smoody and his staff, a big thank you for the excellent presentation on the course.

The day would not have been a success without support from our sponsor, Scotts of Toombridge Ltd, the sand and gravel company. They are specialist suppliers of sportsturf sand for golf courses, bowling greens and playing fields. The company Sales Manager, Alan Hewitt, attended on the day. I had the pleasure of his company in my first golf and fortunately my partner and I recovered from a very gloomy front nine to level our match on the eighteenth my lucky pound is safe for another day.

Thanks to all the members who made the long journey to the venue. The result of the competition was as follows, 1. Nick Webber, Portestewart GC, 37 pts; 2. Alan Strachan, Royal Co. Down, 36 pts. 3. Andrew Wilson, Royal Portrush GC, 35 pts; 4. Michael Feeley, City of Derby GC, 35 pts. The winners’ prize was won by Peter Smyth, Royal Co. Down, 39 pts. The winner received a colour television while second prize was a radiosuitcase & CD Player. Once again many thanks to Scotts our sponsor for providing such excellent prizes.

The result of our July competition at Royal Belfast will be featured in next month’s magazine.

If any member has any news which they would like to be included in the ‘Around the Green” notes, please contact my partner at Allen Park on 02994 429001.

Ken Henderson