North East

On September 20, we paid our first visit to Hesham GC for the Autumn Competition, as always. Head Greenkeeper, Mal Latham and his staff, had the course excellent condition, considering they had hollow cored and dressed the greens only three weeks prior to the competition.

Thanks to the committee for giving us courtesy and to Gary Finn, the Catering Manager for providing us with an excellent meal. Other thanks go to the trade for providing donations and prizes they are Thornlodge Landscapes, Turf Care, Cropwise, Shorts, Atkins, Greenlay, Amenity Technology, Border Turf Services, out of the sponsors there were only four on the doorkeeper who gave a prize out, sad isn’t it that we have to rely on the same companies all the time, still thanks again for without you we couldn’t manage.

Best Gross: J. Hutton, 70, Whickham GC
Best Nett: J. Richardson, Heslam GC, 75
Best Vets: G. Smith, Stocksfield GC
Best Feasters Shield: B. Hughes 73 nett, Whickham GC
Best Feasters: B. Wilson 69 nett, Stocksfield GC

Next year’s Autumn Comp, will hopefully be at Longhirst spring comp. Not decided yet. Jimmy Richardson

North West

I am writing this month’s Section notes as the greenkeepers are competing at Birkdale in the National Tournament, and they must be having a fair battle against the weather. The wind today has been almost gale force, and knowing how open Birkdale is, I would imagine that like the professionals, none of the competitors will be finding the course easy. I called in at Birkdale a couple of weeks ago for a sneak preview, not to play, and the course is in great condition as always so I hope everybody enjoying playing what I understand to be perhaps the best Open Championship Course in the country.

The autumn tournament was played at Ashton & Lea Golf Club on September 3, and although we had missed weather the day stayed mainly dry allowing everybody to enjoy their golf. We had only 23 members playing which is a poor turnout considering the venue is just about central to the North West section area, but September is a busy time for greenkeepers, so maybe the timing was wrong. I would like to thank Ashton & Lea Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of the course and also to the organizers. We had a lovely lunch and evening meal. The results were as follows:

Best Gross: Paul Pearse, 72 p/o a scratch
Best Nett: Paul Walker, 68
Best Vets: Brian Turner, 72

The aggregate trophy was won by Paul Walker with 72 + 68 =140 total.

The nett prize went down to 7th nett thanks to our patrons and other trade members. At last I have received some news from members, some good, some not so good. The good news is that Paul Worsenrocroft, Head Greenkeeper at Knutsford Golf Club, was injured in a car accident last February. His good progress is making good progress, and is slowly getting back to work. His golf club has been a great help to him and his family.

The not so good news is that Peter Simpson, Head Greenkeeper at Fairhaven Golf Club, is not in the best of health at the moment, but I understand that the treatment he is undergoing is showing good progress. All our good wishes go to Peter for a speedy recovery. Finally I am informed that Paul Pearse, Head Greenkeeper at Penwortham Golf Club, has had a car accident last February is making good progress, although we do hope to see him out again soon.

Northern

It seems a long time ago since Invitation Day was played at Howley Hall GC. This event was sponsored by Roger Black M.B.E., the world 400 metres relay team.

Chi Jin Cornes, 74.
Best Nett. Paul Walker, 68
Best Vets. Brian Turner, 82.

Any news or views contact me on mobile 07761 583387 or 0151 724 5412.

Bermuda

November is a busy time for greenkeepers, both at work and social. Many thanks to the Directors of Howley Hall GC for the courtesy of the course, Robin Parsons and his staff for the doing us proud with the meal and also to the Pro Gary Watkinson for supplying the prises. All of this wouldn’t be possible without the sponsorship from Roger Black who was represented by Mike Beare. Handlins to the team in the Northern Regional Final golf day at Birkdale GC. Representing the Section were Richard Harris, Tony Gerrard, Andy Smith, Brian Hudson, Mike Gregson, John Wood. We came a gallant fourth with the Cleveland Section winning again. In the Whitehall Bowl at Rennih GC, Dave Collins came in the prises with 35pts.

Coming up on this month’s Saturday, November 7th has Beadnall GC is the annual dinner dance. And on Wednesday 21st our section seminar at Harrogate Hall GC with arrival at 9.30am till 3pm. This will include coffee on arrival, lunch. The cost for this £25.

National Education Conference
Monday 21 January and Tuesday 22 January, The Majestic Hotel, Harrogate

Programme includes: Health and Safety. Wednesday 23 January, Spa Royal Hall, Harrogate International Centre

Golf Club Show Seminars
Wednesday 23 January, Majestic Hotel, Harrogate International Centre


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Banquet
The weeks events are round off on Thursday 28 January by the BTME Golf Club Show Banquet, which is open to delegates of both shows. Returning to the Majestic Hotel, the Banquet stars the comedy duo Brahms and List supported by the Nightjars.

2002 Club Winners 110 each - Mike Haman, Allan Baster, Bill Dalton, Nev Scales, Joe Cassell.

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My personal thanks go to all my colleagues and members at Trentham. Our next golf day is the Christmas Tournament at Ray Harriott's Brocket Hall Club on Thursday, December 13 and of course will include the AGM. By now I am sure you have received details from HQ regarding regional training days. These have been organised in response to the demand for localised and affordable training. Therefore I hope many of us will attend and make them the success they deserve to be. As ever if you wish to contribute your suggestions please let me know.

L. Anderson & S. Austin beat C. Lomas 8-7 in the last final of the year. The final was to be played at The Berkshire between L. Anderson & S. Austin against Ian Reynolds & Carl Small on October 22. Apparently this is something of a grudge match because the latter beat the former in last year’s semi-final. The next golf day, the Turkey Trot, is to be held at Springs GC near Wallingford, and will be followed by the AGM. Be prepared for the next golf day to be filled with the usual rigmarole of events and activities. Full details will be published in January’s Bulletin.

For those of you on the Net, the Section website address is www.northernsection.co.uk. Please note my email address has now changed (see below).

Congratulations to Dennis Goddard on becoming a Great Grandad again. All those grandkids must be what keeps Dennis looking so young! That’s all for now. Jim Long has organised some local educational days for early next year. These include Basic Computing, Soil Science and a Chainsaw course. Should any members be interested in attending any of these events, please contact Jim for further details on 01442 842627. Once dates and venues are published, they will be published in January’s “Around the Green”.

Details will follow later in the year, once bookings are confirmed.

Finally, a couple of Section greenkeepers on the move: David Forsyth leaves Mid Herts for Harpenden and Bob Burrow takes over from Wyre Grange for Montgomerie Park. Thanks to Simon Banks who provided some light entertainment in the car park. You will need to ask for details of the AGM and how to attend. It’s free, and I hear the refreshments are second to none.

Mid Anglia

Teams wishing to enter the Christmas Texas Scramble event on December 6 at Dunstable Downs should get their entries in as soon as possible (if you have not already done so). Costs are £25 for BIGGA members and £35 for non-BIGGA members, guests etc. Please ensure that your team players pay the appropriate rate if they are not BIGGA members. If you end up having any queries or ideas then let me know. My address is 67 Aquaria Avenue, Morley, Leeds, LS7 9QF; Tel: 0113 2383188: mobile 07790 678572. Email: andy.smith@northernsection.co.uk

Andy Smith

Midland Region Peter Larner

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Kent

Dark, miserable and wet and I'm not talking about my ex-girlfriend. Yes, it's raining again. What's worse is that I'm here alone. I am already suffering with drainage problems and the winter is not even here yet. 92mm this month and more on the way so don't get depressed. Well not yet anyway.

...just got back from two glorious weeks in the Maldives and I was torn between going and playing in the Bughton Golf Day on September 13. The turnout for the day as put by one committee member (Nick) was pathetic. A total of 33 turned out but, when you consider it was a guest day, it looks a little bleak. So where are all you guys? What's wrong with these golf days? Why does it seem that most of the eastern side of the country can't be bothered to turn up? It's the committee member was pitiful. A total of 33 turned out, but when you consider it was a guest day, it looks a little bleak. The individual prize went to Duncan Kelso and nearest the pin went to John Jehle.

South West

The South West & South Wales Region is once again running a coach to Harrogate and extend their thanks to Amenity Technology for sponsoring this. The trip will leave on Monday January 21 and will return on Thursday January 24. Please take note of the change of days from the past.

Packages are available and anyone who has not already received an application form should contact Paula Humphries Tel: 0288 352 194. There are still some places available - first come first served!

South West & South Wales

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A long awaited victory by the team on Welsh soil was achieved in September. The day was a great success. Our thanks go once again to St. Pierre for courtesy of the course and excellent meal. One of the reasons for the result was the Welsh section only having three men, as with the friendliness of these matches, one of the Southwest lads played for the opposition. He finally lost after a hard fought match on the 18th. I do believe that the Ryder Cup will be once again won by the lads at the Kendleshire.

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This has been another busy month with quite a bit of travelling involved. It started with a visit to Pennich Golf Club in the Northern Region for the Course Care Cambodia Cup which had been postponed from earlier in the year. I'd never been to that part of the world before and it really was delightful. It was an extremely friendly and hospitable golf club and we were all entertained royally. It was also good to meet so many members from that area.

They are a hardy bunch because the rain didn't stop anybody from enjoying their golf.

It was then off to another part of the world which was new to me. Sweden, it showed us many of the sites of Sweden and job commitments was the Surrey Section Chairman Lowgren, President of the Swedish Greenkeepers Association to the Elmia Greenkeeping Support Foundation, who have now to start building the course, not to mention themselves, up for another 12 months. And to Chris Kennedy who produced another superb test of golf for the World Matchplay. Congratulations to Ian Woosnam on that one. Some of the golf during the week and particularly in the final was quite unbelievable and it shows you don't need to have top players to produce a great tournament.

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There were over 90 players in the Championship and I think everyone who played will be looking forward to going back to Southport next year when it is to be played over Hillside and Hesketh. I'd like to thank all the sponsors who helped make the event such a success and such an enjoyable experience.

On the professional front I'd like to pass on my thoughts to Dave Samuels and his team at The Belfry, whose preparations for the Ryder Cup were cut short at the last minute. They have now to start building the course, not to mention themselves, up for another 12 months. And to Chris Kennedy who produced another superb test of golf for the World Matchplay. Congratulations to Ian Woosnam on that one. Some of the golf during the week and particularly in the final was quite unbelievable and it shows you don't need to have top players to produce a great tournament.

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