

Bury G.C. for his warm welcome and for presenting the prizes in the evening, to Mr. & Mrs. Purdy for the excellent meals provided, to Mr. A. Millburn and his staff for the very good condition of the course, to Mr. G. Vaughan for his help with the monies etc., to the weather for being so kind, and to all those who helped to make this day a success.

To you gentlemen for entering and turning up to play in such great numbers, and a very special thank-you to the following donors of prizes: Chairman of the Green Bury Golf Club, Professional Bury Golf Club; Messrs. Ransomes Sims & Jefferies; Toro (U.K.); Hargreaves 'Sisis' Ltd.; H. Patisson; R. Daniels; Garden Centre; Theo Wilson & Son; W. Barrows & Son; Supaturf Products; Cheshire Light Tractors; Chipman

Ltd.; Atcos Service Branch Longton; May & Baker Ltd.; S.A.I. Edinburgh; Dixon Brown & Tait; Joseph Metcalf & Son; Wilcocks & Son, Preston; Can-nock Fertilisers.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. B. Metcalf for the very interesting talk which he gave on various species of grass seed, also general fertilisers and also for the liquid refreshments provided, thank you Brian.

The January talk will be on the 12th by Mr. L. Hewitt of Atcos Service Branch, at the Swinton Park G.C., East Lancs Road, 7.30 p.m.

We welcome to the Section the following new members: A. W. Dawson, Hindley Hall Golf Club, Hindley, Nr. Wigan. B. Cooke, Dunham Forest Golf Club, Altrincham, Cheshire.

NEWS

STEWART & CO. Seedsmen Ltd., the amenity turf specialists, are currently involved in a new building programme to facilitate increasing business.

A 4 acre site at Mayfield Industrial Estate, Dalkeith, Midlothian is their choice for the construction of new works and offices. Modern plant for the production of compost, top dressing and fertiliser mixing is being installed in conjunction with a streamlined materials handling system to cope with their already comprehensive range of turf maintenance supplies and equipment. Production of their range of golf course accessories is also to be enlarged to cater for increased demand.

A regrettable effect of this development is the closure of their city centre garden shop in Edinburgh, only 20 yards from the world famous Princes Street. Parking problems and high rates plus the increased use of Garden Centres has meant the severing of the connection of 81 years in the retail garden trade.

THE beginning of further expansion into the British seed market by Mommersteeg International, plant breeders, has been marked by the opening of extensive new facilities at the company's Finedon, Northamptonshire, headquarters on Wednesday 15 October by its chief executive, J. W. Berkelbach.

The new facilities include a 4,500 square feet warehouse and office block at the company's Finedon trials ground, a warehouse and administration block totalling 30,000 square feet adjacent to the main offices which contain a 700 kg/hour grass seed cleaning plant.

The new seed plant, although designed primarily for grass, is also able to handle other seeds, including the oilseed rape and forage crop varieties for which Mommersteeg is well known. The plant has five cleaning stages plus an applicator for either liquid or powder seed dressings and an output weighter and bagger. The output can produce either bulk lots or packs.