



SECTION NEWS

A nationwide round-up of news from the branches

be maintained. Surface disturbance by sand slitting and trenching machines would result in the green being out of play for a few weeks depending on the time of the year. Drawing the question time to a close, the Chairman reminded members that Colin Head would be back again in March. The meeting then closed with the raffle and a round of applause for the speakers.

A warm welcome to the following:—

B. Streeter (Flackwell Heath). A. Phipps-Jones (Welwyn Garden City). R. A. Speed (Sidcup) J. S. Philip (Links G.C. Newmarket) and D. B. Reid (of the West Herts G.C.).

The away match against the Midland Section will be on Thursday 31st July at The Finham Park Golf Club. Interested members, please contact.

There are still a large number of members behind with their 1974-75 subscriptions. Last reminders have been sent out to all and if remittances have not been received by 30th April it will be presumed that they wish their membership with the Association to be terminated and their names will be erased from the mailing list.

Midlands Section

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THE Spring Tournament will be held at the Beau Desert Golf Club, Hazel Slade, Cannock, Staffs, on Tuesday, May 13, by kind permission of the captain and directors of the club. The closing date for this event is April 20th. I would like once again to remind

Southern Section

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THE Spring Tournament will be held on Wednesday 14th May, at the South Herts Golf Club, Totteridge Lane, N.20. There are no entry forms. Members to write in to me stating in BLOCK LETTERS name, club and h'cap. New members and members who have not previously played in a Section 36 hole Medal will play off scratch in the First Year Competition and must include with their entries three cards signed by their club or Artisan Secretary. Closing Date Monday, 28th April and entries will be accepted from paid up members only.

The January talk by Colin Head of Chipman Ltd. entitled "New Techniques in Turf Drainage" attracted over 40 Members. The highlight of the talk for me anyway, was the new technique in installing a complete drainage system in a golf green in conjunction with sand slitting without removing the top. Sand injected slits 12" apart above a drainage system 22" deep could be a great rejuvenating possibility for some of my water-logged Greens!, providing a porous top to the slits and communication between the slits and drains can

you that failure to contact me personally will result in you being excluded from this Tournament. It is important that members assemble no later than 9.30 am for this event.

A forum was held at the Edgbaston Golf Club on January 7. The panel was made up from P. Wyatt, R. Parker, R. Pilsbury, D. Morgan, V. W. Smith and A. Kite. Among the questions debated were:

The rapid price increases of fertilisers for use on golf courses;

The possible use of reclaimed soil and lime from factory plants that process sugar beet;

Whether or not the cost or need does warrant the use of motorised bunker rakes and drag mats on British courses;

Are there any plans among the firms making renovation plant to produce a machine to hollow tine deeper on fine sports turf?

Are the committee and officers of the BGGGA doing enough to improve the standing of the members of the association?

The questions put forward helped to make a lively and interesting forum with most members present airing their views. Mr. V. W. Smith, Chairman, thanked the Edgbaston G.C. for the use of their amenities and the panel and members for turning out and making the forum worthwhile.

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SINCERE THANKS to Mr. P. Wyatt of Patissons Ltd. and Mr. K. Vertigan of Sisis Ltd. for the very interesting talks given and films shown when they met our members during December and January. And for the refreshments provided, thank you gentlemen. Thank you also, members, for coming to these talks, the speakers

appreciate your support.

The March talk will be given by F. E. Boyd of Twyfords Seeds Ltd. on Monday, March 3, 7.30 p.m.' Swinton Park Golf Club.

Teeing off times for Sisis Tournament, details of which were given in the December issue, start at 1 p.m. Please arrive in good time to help things run smoothly.

The Spring Tournament will be played over the Royal Lytham and St. Annes Golf Club's course on Monday May 5, 1975, over 27 holes, start first tee 9 am.

A competition for members' guests will also be played over 18 holes. Please let me have your entries and meal requirements as early as possible this is important.

The AGM will take place in the evening when I hope the majority of those taking part in the tournament will attend.

We welcome the following new members and hope their association with us will be a happy one. S. W. Garner, Wilmslow Golf Club, Mobberley, Cheshire; R. J. Barnes, Stockport Golf Club, Offerton, Stockport.

The treasurer informs me that some members have forgotten to pay their subscriptions for 1974-75. Would members please do their best and make Bob happy.

East Midland Section

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THE ANNUAL dinner—dance was held at the Shakespeare Inn, Braunstone Lane, Leicester on Saturday November 16. There was a very good attendance. Our guests were Mr. and Mrs. Eric James of Poole, Dorset.

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Mr. Alan Thornton, retiring treasurer, was presented with the knock out cup, and Mr. R. Willars with the runners-up prize. Also Mr. D. Jack received a cup presented by Toro Ltd. and tea service for the best score in the Spring and Autumn Tournaments.

The annual Spring Tournament is being held at Spalding Golf Club on Wednesday May 14. Please let me know by May 1 if you will be playing and require a meal.

We would like to wish Mr. G. Darby all the best in his new job as Head Greenkeeper in the South of England. It is with regret that we see him leave this section.

Mr. A. Thornton writes: "To all members of the East Midlands Section. I would like to say many thanks for the barometer presented to me at the dinner-dance, and wish Mr. P. McCarron all the very best as the new treasurer."

North East Section

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THE Spring Competition will be held on the Eaglescliffe golf course, Co. Durham, on Thursday April 24th, by kind permission of their captain and

committee.

This will be an 18-hole event starting at about 1 pm. There are still some subscriptions outstanding; please let me have them before this competition.

Diary Dates

- Mar. 4 South Coast Section Lecture — Huxleys, New Alresford, 7 p.m.
- 5 Southern Section—Whitbreads, 6.30 p.m.
- May 14 Southern Section Spring Tournament — South Herts G.C.
- June 11 Southern Section, Annual General Meeting—West Essex G.C.
- July 31 Southern Section, Midlands v Southern Match —Finham Park G.C.

Midland Section

- Aug. The B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament 11-13—ment will be held on Walsall G.C.
- July 31—Annual match between Midland and Southern Sections, Coventry G.C. Finham Park, assemble 9 a.m.
- Mar. 21—Annual Dinner, Southern Section, Walton Heath.

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