



BIGGA UPDATE

WRITING these notes on the day following a pulsating climax to the Open Championship at Lytham, the immediate reflection is one of pride in the advancement made by the Association during the week of the Championship through the performance and attitude of those members undertaking duties at the course.

Given the prevailing elements, much assistance was given to Jimmy McDonald, the course manager, in addition to carrying out the official duties of bunker raking. Members

were at the course from 5.30 am on the last two days and a tremendous comradery prevailed as all pitched in to ensure a playable course following the torrential downpour on the Saturday.

Jimmy McDonald presented the course in magnificent condition and it was a fair test in all aspects for the world's best golfers. As a BIGGA member, Jimmy did the Association proud and there was a total commitment by the members present in helping him in all possible ways. At the presentation ceremony, Jimmy's achievements were given full recognition and one felt that the Association is moving forward as one of our members stood there proudly wearing his BIGGA blazer.

Throughout the week, many favourable comments were received on the way in which the greenkeepers presented themselves. All members were given BIGGA shirts and wet suits to wear, whilst the new lightweight jacket really stood out and projected the

Association, as did the new blazer and badge. Our site offices and marquee were superbly located by the R & A, adjacent to the first tee and eighteenth green, and the marquee was well set up and equally well used.

During the first round, our President, Viscount Whitelaw, and his wife visited us in the marquee and this generated considerable interest. Viscount Whitelaw spent over an hour with us. He has a tremendous knowledge of the game and his reminiscences were enjoyed by all. We are privileged to have him as our president and we look forward to his participation in our future activities.

With a view to the future, we certainly learnt from the week's experiences and will improve where necessary for next year at Troon. In terms of public relations, BIGGA is now known to many more people and the support promised from different sectors within the

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