

AROUND THE GREEN



BRITISH AND INTERNATIONAL GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

SCOTTISH REGION

North Section

On Thursday, 19th May the North Section held their Spring Outing at Craigiehill Golf Club, Perth in glorious weather and on a course prepared in excellent condition by Arthur Williamson and his staff.

On a day of very good scoring on such a tricky course, M. McInnes of Nairn Dunbar (17) won the Frew's Handicap Cup with a nett 66, finishing two ahead of D.

Green (6) of Inverurie, S. Sullivan (6) of Craigiehill, D. Robertson (9) of Bon-Accord and R. Hardie (12) of Westhill.

George Paterson of Fortrose playing off two won the Coleman Trophy for Apprentices with his nett 69 (bih) but his boss and mentor George Hampton pipped him for the Bowen Scratch Cup with a 70. The wily old fox also won the putting competition.

Arthur Williamson used his local knowledge to good effect and won the Veterans Cup with a nett 71 off 1. Eddie Connaughton of Soutars retained the Trade Shield.

After the prizegiving, Mr. W. Milton and his wife were

presented with a crystal decanter, two brandy glasses and an inscribed salver by the Captain of Craigiehill Golf Club to mark his 25 years on the Committee of the North Section, most of them as Treasurer or Secretary. Willie, of course, is Head Greenkeeper at Downfield Golf Club in Dundee. We are indebted to Craigiehill Golf Club for the welcome and courtesy extended to us.

The sweepstake being run by the Section on the British Open is going along quite well, but could members still to return books do so as soon as possible especially those who are unable or unwilling to sell them as this will give the Committee and chance to redistribute them. One of our members on the move is C.

MacDonald 1st Assistant at Deeside Golf Club who has been appointed Head Greenkeeper at Newark-on-Trent. Charlie, who only recently got married, takes up his post on 10th June. We wish him and his wife all the best in the future.

These are definitely going to be four spraying courses around the North area for our members in

November avoiding the week of Scotsturf. These will be at Nairn (2), Fraserburgh and Letham Grange. It is also hoped to hold the AGM at Nairn to coincide with on of the courses there and arrange a demonstration and film show with it to attract a larger number. Once the dates are paired up with the venues and details finalised, we will inform the members as soon as possible. The Section has outlaid a substantial sum of money to purchase jerseys, sportshirts, ties and umbrellas which the Secretary has in stock. Any member wishing to purchase any of the above items can telephone him on 0346-26931.

G. MOIR

MIDLANDS AND NORTH WALES REGION

East Midland Section

The Spring Golf Tournament was held Thursday, 12th May at Cosby Golf Club, Cosby, Leics. We would like to thank the Committee for extending us the courtesy of their course and Steve Donoghue for presenting the course in such a good condition.

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Our thanks to go Kath and Joan for the cards and raffle, etc: to the companies and friends who donated prizes ; also to the Captain of Cosby, Mr. Bob Clayton, for presenting all our winners with their prizes.

GREENKEEPERS Nett:-

- 1st M. Billings (65)
- 2nd R. Barker (68)
- 3rd M. Bindley (72)
- 4th S. Donoghue (74)
- 5th R. Allen (75)
- 6th G. Mitchell (76)
- 7th S. Fretter (77)

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8th D. Bull (77) 0-1-9

9th G. Arnold (77)

10th N. Danvers (78) 0-1-9

ASSOCIATE AND TRADE Nett:-

1st J. Barsby (69) 0-1-9

2nd A. Sharpe (69) 0-1-9

3rd I. Willars (69)

The Long Driving was won by R.

Barker, Nearest the Hole S.

Fretter and the Putting

Competition N. Root.

REARRANGED DATE

Our Autumn Golf Tournament now takes place on Wednesday, 7th September at Kettering Golf Club, Kettering, Northants.

R.W. WILLARS

Midland Section

"Hot July brings cooling showers, apricots and gilly flowers..." so says the Nursery Rhyme, but so far as our next Tournament at Maxstoke Park Golf Club is concerned, we neither want it too hot or too wet! Please remember to enforce dress rules at all our golfing events and let us not see jeans worn on the course again.

Jackets and ties to be worn in the Clubhouse, of course.

New members not yet in possession of entry forms for tournaments may telephone me.

We have not settled on a venue for the Len Breakwell competition, Willesley Park Golf Club were approached but expected us to pay a green feed.

May we wish well to Paul Mytton and anyone else on the move, who has recently left my side at Moor Hall to take up the position of Head Greenkeeper at Caulderfields Golf Club.

I have BIGGA ties in my possession in navy, burgandy and grey. These are for sale at £3.75. I also have details, price lists and order forms for other items of uniform available.

At the time of writing, the Rigby Taylor foursomes matches are hotting up and the results of the second round are as follows:-
E. Thomas and T. Morris beat D. Brooks and R. Palmer
I. Toon and P. Woodward beat D. Brazier and J. Randall
D. Dorrell and A. Luckman beat D. Compton and R. Hammersley
A. Boraston and A. Boraston beat T. Kelsall and R. Lowe
S. Wood and T. Jesson beat A. Ryder and N. Woolfrey
The other two results are as yet unknown.

My apologies to those of you who complain that my notes are too short, but as yet I have not received any items of interest from any of our members. So, for the time being, may all your divots be little ones!

I.R. TOON

SOUTH WEST AND SOUTH WALES REGION

South West Section.

On Thursday, 19th May, we held our annual Jacobsen Qualifier at Ashburnham Golf Club. The turnout was good with a total of 28 people attending with only 5 of

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these being Trade members.

The competition was well-fought with 4 people breaking par. The Jacobsen Cup for the best nett was won by Paul Hopkins, Ashburnham Golf Club with a score of 67.

The Brown's Shield for the best gross was won by Huw Morgan, Fairwood Golf Club with a score of 77.

The Waycott Cup for the second best nett was won by Philip Swain, St Pierre Golf Club with a score of 68.

PRIZES

Paul Hopkins won a bottle of whiskey, donated by Ray Burrows of Brown's Bristol.

Huw Morgan won a glove donated by Colin Murphy.

Philip Swain won a bag towel donated by Colin Murphy.

RAFFLE

John Hopkins, Paul Hopkins, Nigel Owens, Dennis Jones, Dave Mylchreest and Huw Morgan each won a golf ball in the raffle, held to help swell funds.

Qualifiers for Hunstanton on Tuesday, October 11th are Paul Hopkins and Huw Morgan, with

the reserves being Philip Swain and Mike Wilson.

P. SWAIN

South Coast Section

This year's Spring Tournament was held at the West Sussex Golf Club on a beautiful day on a superb course. The course is a real gem with some delightful par 3 holes where the green is guarded by water. Alas, some came to grief at these holes, Peter Marsh managing to hit three successive balls into the water's edge. At the end of the day, the results were as follows:-

Roffey Cup - Lowest net score 36 holes Mark Webb (8), Alresford 71-67-138

Denyer Cup - runner up Phil Ryder (13), North Hants 71-70-141

Tregunna Trophy - lowest gross score 36 holes

Brian Forder (3), Southampton 74-77-151

Rowes Rose Bowl - Runner up Joe Newman (6), Downshire 83-73-157

Nita Stimson Trophy - Lowest Net Score 18 holes (Veterans) Charles Burke (12) Boscombe 85-12-73

Mark and Brian will now represent the Section in the Jacobsen's Greenkeepers Tournament. Trophies and prizes were presented to the winners by Mr. David Holmes of Jacobsens. Thank you David for your support during the day and Keith Jenman of Jenman Engineering. Prizes had been kindly given to the Section by:- Rigby Taylor, Ransomes, Huxleys, Frys of Gosport, Jenman Engineering Services, Synchemicals, Parkers and Jacobsen.

Details of our Autumn Tournament are as follows: Tuesday, 6th September, 1988 Romsey Golf Club Tee-off from 8.30 am Morning 18 hole Foursome Afternoon 18 hole Greensome Entry fee £10.00 per person. Members are invited to bring one guest partner. Written entries stating names current golf handicaps with the correct remittance should be sent to:-

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Please note that the closing date will be Monday 29th August, 1988

J.R. DENNIS

NORTHERN REGION

North -West Section

The Spring Tournament in May at Tytherington was very well attended by both greenkeepers and their guests. The greenkeepers made their usual excuses about having trouble finding their clubs as they had not seen them since the Autumn Tournament, but went on to return some good scores on this new and very interesting course. Apart from the usual excellent prize table, there was also the added attraction of qualifying for the Iseki Regional Tournament at Moor Allerton on May 24th. Four from each of three categories qualified and they were as follows:- I. Farrell, H. Roberts, M. Sheehan, A. Peel, M. Finney, B. Hashim, B. Scott, P. Harley, S. Moon, B. Moss and P. Leigh. On May 24th, from sixty players at Moor Allerton the best score on the day was from I Farrell of the

North-West Section playing off 4 handicap and returning a 68 nett on a superb but very difficult course. Other qualifiers were S. Moon and P. Leigh.

The qualifiers for the Jacobsen Tournament were the best gross and the best nett from the Spring Tournament, and these were H. Roberts and S. Sheehan. They will play in the finals at Hunstanton on 11th October. Any member wishing to play in the Roses Match against the Northern Section at Blackburn Golf Club on 11th August please contact Bert Cross on 051-724-5412

B. CROSS

SOUTH EAST REGION

London Section

I would like to thank all those that contributed to the successful meeting at Bush Hill Park on 1st June. 31 were in attendance, which would have been higher if it had not been for the flush of growth prevalent at the time. Last minute apologies were received. Mike Smith had the course in

good condition.

In the winning frame was P.H. Gibson with 38 points closely followed by Trevor Extoby and S. Everett with 37 and 36 points respectively. The guest prize was won by Stewart McMillan. The longest drive on the 18th fairway by M. Henderson and nearest the hole on the 13th yours truly. Your next golf meeting is at Pinner Hill Golf Club on August 23rd at 4.00 pm.

Incidentally, I have a position left for a lecturer this winter and would like three volunteers, preferably apprentices, to do 15 to 20 minutes each to talk on a subject to suit themselves. Maybe they have something they want to get across. If you think you can do a short piece then pick up the 'phone NOW and give me a ring. I would like to welcome to our Section Mr. Cameroon who has taken on the position of Course Manager at Grimsdyke. Also congratulations to Jeremy Hill for his promotion to Course Manager at Sudbury Golf Club.

M. PETERS

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