

# AROUND THE GREEN

## BRITISH AND INTERNATIONAL GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

### SOUTH WEST AND SOUTH WALES REGION

#### South Wales Section

On February 21st, we visited Powerfab at Tredegar. Manufacturers of backacting units for all types of machinery. The turnout from the membership was very poor but those who attended were given an excellent time.

We met at 1.45pm for coffee, then toured the whole factory, seeing it from the raw material stage to the machining, welding and painting stages, through to the final assembly. We also had a quick demonstration on the versatility of all the machines from front-loading buckets to the tracked vehicle backacters. It was interesting to learn that Powerfab export to virtually every country in the world and that they would be prepared to make an attachment for any specific use, from clay buckets to bore drills. Our thanks to Mr Ken Johns and his staff for their very kind hospitality.

#### Obituary

It is with great regret that I inform the membership of the death of Mr Arthur Price of Carmarthen.

Arthur was a very popular character not just within South Wales, but throughout the country as a past chairman of the former Association at National level as well as at Sectional level. Arthur attended the meetings regularly throughout the years, from Sectional competitions to National competitions and was a regular member of the Welsh team in International competitions.

I am sure that Arthur will be missed very much by the members from South Wales and throughout the country. We send our sincerest condolences to his family at their bereavement.

#### Recent Appointments

We would like to wish every success to Graham Cox and Huw Parry on their recent appointments to new posts. Graham took over at Cardiff golf club at

Cyncoed and Huw took over at Caerphilly golf club where Graham was previously.

P. Swain

#### South Coast Section

##### Westurf '89

Please support this Regional Trade Exhibition which is taking place on Wednesday, 24th May at Long Ashton Golf Club, near Bristol, Avon.

A large number of exhibitors will be in attendance making the event one of the largest Turf Exhibitions to be held in the South West. Your Committee has proposed hiring a coach or mini-bus to take Section members to the event. Please let me know if you wish to take advantage of this offer.

Details of our Summer Tournament are as follows:- Cowdray Park Golf Club, West Sussex.

Wednesday 12th July, 1989. Teeing off from 2.00pm £12.00 per person. Closing date 4th July.

The competition, consisting of a member and partner from their club, will be the usual format of an 18 hole Four ball better ball.

Written entries, giving name, address, name of partner and current handicaps, together with the appropriate fee should be sent to:- Mr. J. Burdett, 948 Castle Lane East, Bournemouth, BH7 6SP. Tel: 0202-483017.

J. R. Dennis

### MIDLAND AND NORTH WALES REGION

#### Mid Anglia Section

Around 22 members turned out on Monday 27th February at Welwyn Golf Club to hear a lecture by Mr Finney of Ayletts Nurseries, St Albans. The subject was "Trees, Shrubs and Heathers for the use on the Golf Course and Club House Areas", and was very informative backed by a range of coloured slides. Our thanks to Mr Finney for stepping in at such short notice, and also to John Wells for organising this event.

A late reminder of the Spring Tournament to be held at Beadlow Manor on April 26th. Fee £17.50. Please contact Ken Bunting on 0442-843359. Please contact me if you have not received a copy of the 1989 fixture list, and note that my telephone number is 0923-228703, and not as printed in the Jan/Feb issue of the magazine.

Finally on behalf of all our members, I would like to convey our thanks to Bob Goodwin for all his hard work and efforts over the last ten years.

P. Fitzjohn

#### Midland and North Wales Section

Our March lecture at Telford Golf and Country Club was very well attended with 39 members present to hear Richard Maw, the Testing Officer for the West Midlands, give a talk on the Pesticides Law and answer numerous questions. There were unfortunately some unanswered questions which even Mr Law said should be looked at more fully, and a majority left feeling either unsure or complacent about these new regulations. A most interesting afternoon was had and many thanks go to Mr Maw for sharing his knowledge. Thanks also to Telford Golf and Country Club for the use of their facilities. For those who were unable to attend and would like further information on the Pesticide Law and modules, they can ring Mr Maw or Mr Delahay on 021-550-0007.

I. R. Toon

#### East Midlands Section

Our Spring Golf Tournament is to take place at Mapperley Golf Club, Mapperley Plains, Notts on Wednesday, 17th May, first tee booked from 12.00 until 1.30pm.

The Singles and Pairs knockout will again be run through the Summer and the draw for these competitions will be made at the Spring Tournament.

Qualification for the Iseki Golf Tournament will be taken from the first three in the handicap categories 0-9, 10-18 and over 18 at the Spring Golf Tournament.

The Spring Golf Tournament is also the first qualifying round for the Rigby Taylor Golf Match against the Midlands Section in October, the other qualifying round being the Autumn Golf Tournament. Qualifiers are the top ten in the

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aggregate nett scores. Dates for your Diary Wednesday 17th May, Spring Golf Tournament, Mapperley, Notts. 14th-16th August National Annual Golf Tournament, Lyme Regis, Dorset. Wednesday 27th September Autumn Golf Tournament, Scaptoft, Leics. Monday 13th November AGM and Golf Competition, Melton Mowbray, Leics.

At our Section AGM last November, the subject arose about the lack of interest and attendance at most of our functions. It was proposed that a questionnaire be sent out to 1988 Section members asking if they were satisfied with how the Section and Golf Competitions were being run, and asking for suggestions on what would make members attend functions, together with any comments on the Section and Association. Some 54 questionnaires were sent out with stamped addressed envelopes, but only 27 came back!!

R. W. Willars

### SOUTH EAST REGION

London Section

The Winter lectures have become a very friendly night out and thanks to the following for the lectures:- D. W. Jenkins, David Smart. David Phillips, Nick Baldwin, Alan Stow, Watermaton.

We look forward to the lectures again next year. This month we have two venues, first a match against the Stewards at Northwood Golf Club, tee-off at 1.00pm with ihigh tea to follow. This could be a useful warm-up for the Iseki Qualifier (bandits welcome no risk to handicaps as this is a team event). The Iseki Qualifier is part of our Spring Tournament at Hadley Wood Golf Club on 24th April. This is a 36 hole competition with coffee, ploughmans lunch, and four course meal. Tee off at 8.30am. Cost £15.00

If you wish to play at either of these events, please ring me on Northwood 28167.

M. Peters

### NORTHERN ENGLAND REGION

North East Section

Spring Tournament Seahouses Golf Club, April 20th. Tee-off 10.30am - 12.30pm. Autumn Tournament City of Newcastle Golf Club, September 21st. Matches against the Secretaries and East Lothian Section will be confirmed at a later date.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian Johnson of Stocksfield Golf Club for his support in the past two years as the North East Representative on the Northern Regional Board, and wish him well in his new role as Vice-Captain at Stocksfield.

J. Richardson

Northern Section

So much for the wonderful weather, rattled on format length in last month's billy-doux! A quite exciting change of scene will take place early May when the BIGGA Nerve Centre moves from Bingley to new headquarters at Aldwark Manor, a large country hotel buried deeply within the Plain of York, about 12 miles north of the said city. This progression can only augur well for the Association and its positively developing profile in the greenkeeping and turfgrass industry generally. We wish David Golding every success in his new role as Education Officer to the BIGGA, yet more evidence of progress.

The bad or sad news is that Caroline Holdsworth, the BIGGA office Queenpin is leaving. Good luck Caroline in your future, and thank you for your charming assistance in the past.

With the movement of Mr Golding, the position of Northern Regional Administrator has fallen to yours truly (!), opening up the way for Mr Robert Lupton, who is now Northern Section Secretary. Bob will make a good go of it, perhaps injecting a bit of fresh perspective into the job. I, for my part, will endeavor to do what is right and would like to seize this chance to thank all concerned for their encouragement and support during my six years as Sec to Northern Section greenkeepers.

Bob is now your Section contact, and his address is:- 23 Hinchcliffe Avenue, Baildon, Shipley, West Yorkshire. Tel: 0274-590463.

This development has brought about a re-shuffle in

the Northern Section office. Chairman Colin Geddes. Vice-Chairman Phillip Sutton. Regional Board Robert Lupton and Colin Geddes. Greenkeeper Liaison Training Committee, Northern Section Representatives Robert Lupton, Colin Geddes and Alan Gamble.

D. Hannam

After the 'winter' season of lectures, we are now looking forward to the coming year's golfing programme, but first I must bring you up to date with some changes which have taken place in the Section. First, it's congratulations to our former Secretary, David Hannam, who has been promoted to Regional Administrator. We wish him well in his new venture.

After my brief reign as Chairman, I have now taken over from where David left off as Secretary, and Colin Geddes has stepped into my shoes as Chairman which has left Phillip Sutton with the job of Vice-Chairman. As I am new to this job, I would like to hear from any members with their news, information, ideas or problems. Please remember it is your Section and what you contribute to it has bearing on what you get out of it. So, please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any matter at all. I am waiting to hear from you!


Now onto some dates for your diaries:-

The Spring Tournament will be at Wakefield Golf Club on Tuesday 11th May. The Invitation Tournament is set for Tuesday, 25th July at Ganton Golf Club. Please note, numbers are strictly limited to 40 for this event, so it is essential to book early for this to avoid disappointment. The Intersectional Match will be on Tuesday, 10th October. For those taking part, please remember to dress correctly, in fact, why not push the boat out and buy some of the BIGGA uniform available from me at a very modest cost!


Last, but certainly not least, I would like to welcome the new members to the Section who are Messrs:- M C Tattersall, E M Paley, A D Smith, R A Smith, C White, M R Wood and P Thresh. I hope they will take full advantage for their membership by taking part in our events.

R. Lupton


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
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