



BIGGA UPDATE

IN this month's notes, I will concentrate on forthcoming events, but first report on the success of the national final of the Iseki regional tournament held at St. Pierre Golf and Country Club, Chepstow on 19th August. The facilities were superb and those members participating clearly enjoyed themselves. The Association's appreciation is due to Iseki for

the sponsorship of this tournament in its inaugural year. There was a professional approach to the occasion and we look forward to seeing the video film of the event. Iseki are one of the Association's main sponsors and we look forward to an ongoing relationship with the company in the future.

ETME - Harrogate 18-20 January 1989

The programme for the educational seminars is now available and bookings are being taken.

There will be concurrent educational sessions and I would wish to acknowledge the support of the National Turfgrass Council in organising the seminars. In addition, courses will be run on the foundation module for the Safe Use of Pesticides. The seminar programme will be distributed with the October edition of 'the Golf Course' but those members wishing to make early reservations for the seminars can obtain a copy of the

programme by contacting Headquarters office.

The Association would like to thank ICI Professional Products - one of our main sponsors - for their support in arranging the programme.

GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show, Anaheim, California

At the time of writing these notes, I am finalising details with a view to BIGGA members attending this event on a group booking basis. Whilst the details listed below may change slightly, it can be assumed that there will only be a minimal, if any, change in price.

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We will be based in the Hotel Quality Inn, adjacent to the Convention Centre. The flights will be with British Airways.

A provisional party booking has been made but with the demands on the accommodation in Anaheim for the event, this can only be held for a very limited period. It is essential therefore that those members wishing to join the BIGGA party confirm their booking immediately, with a cut off date of 30th September.

Please write to headquarters office with details of any extension required on the basic package. Bookings must be accompanied by a cheque for £85 per person, representing deposit plus insurance.

N.B. The above price does NOT include conference registration. Registration permits access to all GCSAA education sessions (including the opening session and reception and the major speaker sessions), all allied association sessions and the trade show on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Daily passes can also be purchased in Anaheim. Details available from headquarters office.

National Education Conference, 4-6 April 1989, Queens College, Cambridge

Members are advised that full details will be available shortly. The speaker list is nearly finalised and included amongst the acceptances is Professor J. B. Beard of A & M University in Texas, whose presence should ensure a heavy demand on the restricted number of places available. Other speakers will include Dr. William Dest, Associate Extension Professor at the University of Connecticut; Rolf Lowgren, Chief Consultant to

the Swedish Golf Federation; James Wyllie, Canadian Turf Grass Consultant and Jim Snow, Director of the USGA Green Section's north eastern region. Early booking is recommended and places can be secured by forwarding a deposit of £15 per person to headquarters office.

**Neil Thomas
Executive Director**



**BRITISH AND INTERNATIONAL GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
S.E. REGION**

**Educational Seminar
The Woodlands Conference Centre, Swanley,
Kent.
Thursday 10th November 1988**

PROGRAMME

- 9.40 Chairman's opening address
- 9.45 - 10.45 Gordon Macadam STRI "Drainage problems on the golf course"
- 10.45 - 11.30 Neil Baldwin STRI "Turf diseases"
- 11.30 - 11.45 Questions on diseases
- 11.45 - 12.45 David Stansfield STRI "Maintenance problems on tees, fairways and bunkers"
- 12.45 - 2.15 Lunch
- 2.15 - 3.00 Jeff Perris STRI "Maintenance problems on greens and surrounds"
- 3.00 - 3.30 General discussion
- 3.00 Disperse

The registration fee of £12.50 will include morning coffee and lunch

Please contact: John Millen, Boyton Court Cottage, Sutton Valence, Maidstone, Kent. ME17 3EG. Phone: 0622 843383, 0227 470025 (day) for further details.

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**South West & South Wales Regional Seminar Somerset College of Agriculture & Horticulture, Cannington.
November 8th 1988**

PROGRAMME

- 9.30-10.00 Registration with coffee and biscuits
- 10.10 Introduction by Neil Thomas BA Executive Director BIGGA
- 10.30-11.15 Mr. J. Hamilton Stutt "The way ahead, Golf 2000 A.D."
- 11.15-12.00 Mr. H. A. J. Swan "Building golf courses internationally"
- 12.00-12.30 Question time
- 12.30-1.30 Lunch
- 1.30 - 2.15 Mr. D. Godfrey "Grasses for the golf course"
- 2.15 - 3.00 Dr. I. Campbell "The selection and care of trees on golf courses"
- 3.00 - 3.30 Question time
- 3.45 Close

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national greenkeepers' golf tournament '88

The final of the inaugural National Greenkeepers golf tournament was held at the St. Pierre Golf and Country Club at Chepstow on the 19th August.

Conditions on the day, especially from the back tees, were not easy, as there was a strong westerly wind and intermittent heavy showers.

The old course at St. Pierre, which is in the care of course manager David Jones, is a parkland layout with heavy rough and more than a few well placed trees.

The course and entrance to the club were decked out in BIGGA and Iseki flags and the specially prepared control unit was sited next to the first tee, from where the team of BIGGA officials, headed by Neil Thomas and including David Golding, Arnold Phipps Jones and Ivor Scoones, organised the golf and collated the scores. The format for the competition was nine holes in the morning (the back nine) followed by 18 holes in the afternoon from the 10th tee.

The eventual winner was Edwin Walsh, head greenkeeper at Whitefields Golf Club, which is situated between Bury and Manchester. Edwin is an appropriate winner of the first BIGGA national golf tournament as he was a Lancashire county golfer in the mid seventies, and now holds a handicap of six at Whitefields.

He qualified for the Iseki final as the runner up in division one the of the Northern regional event, and at

St. Pierre his golf was of an even higher calibre. For the morning nine holes he shot a net 33 which left him two strokes behind the leader at lunchtime, his only moment of drama in the morning coming at the 6th where he pitched into a ditch short of the green, dropped out only to fluff his pitch but then recovered by getting down in two. It was no doubt a great boost to birdie the final hole in the morning, for in the afternoon out in the middle of the field amidst gales and showers he pitched and putted for par no fewer than five times. He missed an easy birdie chance at the 7th, but throughout the round drove straight and true, eventually finishing with a 75, net 69, against a par of 71 and an SSS of 73. His only birdie came at the 5th - significantly stroke index 1.

A fantastic effort in the conditions, for which he will no doubt be rewarded by a cut in his handicap!!

Edwin Walsh has been a successful golfer for many years, winning local and national events, but few have

given him as much pleasure as winning at St. Pierre.

"It is always nice to be the first to have your name on a trophy and I am already looking forward to trying to defend the title next year. I am also very pleased to be involved in the first national event of BIGGA, as it is one of my greatest wishes to see the Association succeed and to have the opportunity to put something back into a game and an industry that I love. I have to say that the Iseki National Final has been very well run and thoroughly enjoyed by all."

Edwin is not only a winner on the golf course but represents England at indoor bowls and was runner up in the English national singles championship (short mat) in 1987.

There were many tales of woe and disaster at St Pierre, none more unfortunate than the Scottish contingent, headed by their administrator Chris Kennedy, whose mini bus broke down both coming and going in pouring rain.

In the evening the prizegiving ceremony took



Right: Edwin Walsh - getting down in two.