

## Mid Anglia

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Our annual fixture against the Secretaries was held in May at Ashridge Golf Club and for the second year running our lads were pipped by the odd match. However, the occasion was enjoyed by all who attended and our thanks go to Sandy Heron, the Secretary at Ashridge who greatly helped with the organising of the event.

Thanks also to the club for allowing us courtesy of the course and for providing sandwiches for the players.

We are now well into the holiday season and so our next full golf meeting is not until September, but we have a home match organised on July 28 at Cold Ashby Golf Club when a team from the Midland Section will visit us for a 12-a-side, 36-hole match.

## BGGG NEWS

## Northern

Hon Sec: B. Freeman, Tel: 0937 832653

The orange colour of the Kubota tractors was seen at Moor Allerton during the spring when Alan Gray of Fearncro, Sheffield master-minded a display for greenkeepers. Two models were on display, the new 34hp L345 and the smaller tractor, the B7100 16 hp model which had a set of three hydraulically driven gang mowers mounted to a design of Alans. Though nifty in concept the tractor, which had four-wheeled drive would need to have turf tyres fitted to offset sward damage on the finer turf areas.

The L345 attracted lively interest and provided an opportunity for us to feel the built in luxuries of this model. This model won the more favourable comments although it was a pity no gangs or other implements were on hand to put the machine to work. After the demonstration the group moved indoors where films, slides and a question and answer period were handled most efficiently by Gordon Henry, Product Development Manager of Kubota Ltd.

At the section's AGM the following were elected as officers: President—W. Mountain; Chairman—D.C. Hannam; Vice Chairman—P. Taylor; Secretary/Treasurer—B. Freeman (Tel 0937 832653); Comp Secretary—J. Scott (Tel 0937 61668); Auditors—W.H. Bartle and D.C. Hannam; Committee—C. Geddes, I. Tomlinson, D. Roberts, A. Loft-house, M. Bryant, A. Gamble. Mr. Spencer, C. Garnett, A. Robertshaw, S. Bailes, W. Heeles ex-officio.

It was ruled that members who had not paid their subscription by June 30 would have their membership terminated and they would need to re-apply before being reinstated.—Stern news maybe to some!

Also there was overwhelming agreement for the resolution that anyone arriving at section tournaments in jeans etc or indeed anyone improperly dressed would not be eligible for play.

The section took the opportunity of thanking Walter and Betty Heeles for the unstinting help, to the retiring chairman Colin Geddes for long service and to Ben Freeman with suitable encouragement for the next leg!

Skipton Golf Club hosted our spring tournament when players had the pleasure of playing on the doorstep of the Yorkshire dales amid lark song and curlew calls. The tourn-

ament was played over 27 holes, the first nine marking the inauguration of the Laurie Sharp stableford competition. Had it not been for the thunder and rain the event would have been a treat. The course had a lot on offer ranging from primrose bedecked ravines to railway lines. The variety of wild flowers appearing around the course was an added pleasure.

The section thanked the Skipton club for accommodating us at such short notice when the original venue, Bingley St Ives was unplayable because of heavy snow.

We are also grateful to Norman Sheddon who organised the starting and checking the scorecards.

The dwindling interest shown in a formal annual dinner has raised the idea of holding periodic gourmet evenings at provincial centres. Alan Lofthouse has this idea in hand and details will appear in these columns.

## BGGG NEWS

## Berks, Bucks & Oxon

Hon Sec: K. Munt, 77 The Croft, Sudbury Town, Wembley Middlesex. Tel: 01 904 2487

With rounds of 75 and 73 Ray Wotten of Burnham Beeches GC won the Presidents Prize and Ransomes watch at our 36 hole Spring Tournament. Ray's last round (nett) 73 clinched the solid silver salver on a last round count back from Seve Schmitz, who's last round 77 let him down after a fine 71 in the morning.

Sonning, in fine condition thanks to the hard work put in by Alan Collis and his staff, played to its full length from the back tees. The fact that nature's overhead irrigation system seems to be stuck on repeat did not help scoring either. This made Jack Brearley's 69 nett in the morning a very fine score indeed. John Teixeira of Hillingdon GC who was defending the Parkers Shield for the best low gross shot a 76 to be hot on his heels. The nearest nett score to Jack's 69 came in from Seve Schmitz of Ellesborough GC with a 71 while Brian Valentine (Goring and Streatley GC), Tom Foster (Maidenhead GC) and John Teixeira all had 72s.

The afternoon saw the leaders collapse with gross scores in the mid 80s. This left Neil Wichelow of Hillingdon GC with his consistent total of 159 (80), (79) the winner of the Parkers Shield. Ray Wotten won the nett prize, his total of 148 (75), (73). Brian Payne of Burnham Beeches produced the best afternoon golf with a 76 gross 71 nett. M. Gale of Hillingdon rounded off the Hillingdon and Burnham Beeches benevolent tournament, by taking the first year competitors prize with 173 gross.

The section are appreciative to members and staff of Sonning Golf Club for the work they put in to give us a nice day. We also thank the Ladies section at Sonning who gave up their Tuesday match to give us the freedom of the course. David Craig ensured the golf flowed smoothly and ironed out any starting problems with his usual efficiency.

Some 34 members played at Sonning which is nearly half the total membership of 70. One face it was good to see at Sonning was that of Bob Plain, back amongst us in fine health.

With the support our section is now receiving and with 15 single figure handicap players, we should have a good representation at the national tournament at Ipswich. Don't forget to enter!

If you have any news that would be of interest to the section don't wait until it makes the News of the World! Send it to me and we'll get it in the journal.

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## BGGG NEWS

## East Anglia

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Well lads, time to stop cutting grass for a minute and put your feet up. Nothing much to report this time, except that our local club has put its gondolas away and started hiring trolleys again.

We had a nice quiet day at Stowmarket. It was nice to see some old faces that have been missing of late. I can't remember when I last saw a combine cutting the rough or the sunshine for one of our tournaments. I should imagine Michael Peters and his staff are working nights to keep that grass down, but keeping it down he is.

Our new handicapping system was used

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