

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

Administration:

Once again we have reached the end of another year, and as in the past we have to say farewell to our Chairman of 1984/5. We thank Jim for carrying out his duties with great enthusiasm, he is a credit to the BGGGA and his own North East Section, and has worked hard on our behalf. Although he does not have any transport of his own, he has attended meetings from one end of the country to the other, and when I hear some members ask what do we get for our money, I only wish they would take a more active part as all our past chairmen and Executive members do, and for a change ask what can I put into the Association.

I would like to add my personal thanks to Jim for his enthusiastic support during the year.

To follow Jimmy, we have Mr. E. R. James of the South Coast Section, a past chairman of the Association, equally as versatile and energetic as Jimmy, and I am sure will carry out his duties with great zest. We wish him well in his year of Office.

During the past year one of our Members (Mr. T. Jones) of the Welsh Section, was awarded the first prize of a trip to the USA, sponsored once again by Marshall Concessionaires, and as in the past previous two years 5 members won places to play against the Secretaries, and Club Stewards Associations, again sponsored by Kubota Tractors.

Our computer continued to be used by section secretaries to assist in their mailing. It is also in constant use for the monthly magazine, and has been used by various trades people for mailing purposes, which of course is a form of income, albeit further work for the Hon. Sec.

The greenkeeper training scheme is still making progress, and meetings are regularly attended by Mr. A. Gamble, and the Hon. Secretary.

Our membership continues to grow and we finished the year (April 1985) with 1,379 and it would seem that this upward trend is continuing.

Once again thanks are due to all Section Committees and members for their continued support of the BGGGA. This I am sure is still the Greatest Greenkeeper Association in the land.

Minutes of the 68th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the Hayling Golf Club, Hampshire on Monday, 12th August 1985, at approx. 3.00 p.m.

APOLOGIES:

Apoloiges for absence were received from Mr. P. Alliss (President), Mr. P. McCarron, and Mr. G. Malcolm.

CHAIRMAN:

The Chairman opened the Meeting, at which there were approx. 86 members present. He requested that members stand and observe a minutes silence in tribute to those who had passed away during the year.

MINUTES OF THE LAST A.G.M.

The Chairman asked that as the Minutes of the last A.G.M. had been circularised to all members in the magazine they be taken as read, on the Proposition of Mr. R. Willars and Seconded by Mr. S. Wood they were accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

I am pleased to report that once again we have a surplus for the year. We are in the happy position of receiving over £1,500 from the Building Society in interest and the Co-sponsorship and Machinery display at the annual tournament added considerably to the funds.

As shown on the balance sheet you will see that the main expenditure of the Association was for the Magazine, the STRI Journal and postage of these two items.

On the Proposition of Mr. E. R. James and Seconded by Mr. R. Gates, the balance sheet was Adopted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Nomination for Vice Chairman. It was proposed by the Cleveland Section that Mr. G. Malcolm be nominated as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Tournament Committee. Elected for 1985 were, Messrs. E. R. James, A. T. Kite, C. Geddes, The Chairman, and the Hon. Sec.

The Tournament would be played from the white Tees.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT:

The 67th Annual Tournament was held at the Northumberland Golf Club, Newcastle with approx. 72 members taking part. Once again a very enjoyable occasion. Many thanks to all participants and those who donated to the prize table and gave their time to assist.

S.T.R.I.

Again our thanks are due to the Team at the S.T.R.I. for their continued assistance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Election of Officers were accepted as follows:-

President:	P. Alliss
Chairman:	E. R. James
V. Chairman:	G. Malcolm
Sec./Treas:	W. Heeles
Executive Committee:	H. Herrington, M. Hughes, J. Richardson, J. Donaldson, H. Fry, S. Hill, C. Geddes, A. Price, R. Willars.
Solicitors:	M. Holmes
Auditors:	L. Phillips

NOMINATIONS:

It was proposed by the South Coast Section that Mr. J. Hamilton Stutt be accepted by the Association as a Vice-President. The Proposition was carried.

Questions were raised from the floor concerning the proposals to the BGGGA from the PGA. After a lengthy discussion the matter was left for the Executive Committee to consider further at their next meeting.