

# SECTIONAL News

## NORTH WEST

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### Seminar 1987

Mere Golf and Country Club is again the venue for the annual Seminar. On Thursday, March 12th, a varied selection of speakers will combine a series of lectures under the theme of 'Are you up to date?'

Tickets are priced £15 (see separate programme of day on page )\*\*\*.

Early application is advised to secure a place on the day. Cheques made payable to BIGGA N.W Section, should be sent to Section Secretary.

### BIGGA

It is hoped that a days golf will be arranged early in the Spring for all Greenkeepers in the North-West. This will be seen as a joining together of all Greenkeepers under the banner of BIGGA.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Chairman and Committee to wish all members and their families, A Happy Christmas and a Very Prosperous New Year.

## NORTH EAST

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On the 2nd October we held our Annual Match against our friends from over the border at Goswick G.C., Berwick.

We were treated to some fine but windy weather and I would like to thank George Thompson and staff for presenting the course in such fine fettle.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the committee for giving us courtesy of the course and also to Stewarts of Edinburgh for providing the prizes for the winners and losers.

### RESULTS:

North East	S.E. Scotland
B. Wilson, won 5/4	T. Rodgeson
R. Black	C. Hildersley
J. Richardson, halved	A. Holmes
G. Gainford, with	K. Archibald
W. Holden, halved	R. Bulluck,
I. Johnson with	(One vs. Two)
R. Henderson, won 2/1	J. Paton
G. Atkinson	G. Millican
S. Pope, won 4/3	D. Herd
A. Fiddes	J. Nielsen
K. Rutherford, lost	S. Dickson 7/6
R. Creane	C. Yeaman

The North East retained the trophy by three matches to one, with two halved.

Our congratulations to Richard Creane on his appointment as course manager at Gosforth Driving Range and Parklands Golf Club.

Congratulations also to Peter Henderson, appointed first assistant at the new 18 hole Slayley Golf and Country Club.

## DEVON & CORNWALL

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On Wednesday, November 19th forty-eight stalwart members struggled through storms, gales, tempests, hurricanes and floods to reach the Elfordleigh Hotel and Country Club.

Although the competition was reduced to nine holes, due to the weather everyone agreed the course was in remarkably good condition thanks to Mike Pike and his staff.

After a first class lunch the D. O. Hunt Ltd, trophy was presented to Roger Battishill from St. Mellion. Second was Gerald Ayliffe and third Nigel Stone both from Staddon Heights G.C.

Also decided were our two representatives to go into next Autumn's Jacobsen national competition.

They are:-

G. Ayliffe (Staddon Heights G.C.)  
J. Lawton (St. Austell G.C.)

The afternoon's talk was given by Martin Jones and must definitely rate as one of the best we have had, it certainly provoked one of the liveliest question times we have ever had. Our sincere thanks go to Martin who drove down and home again from Preston to give us the talk.

**The Editor thanks all Section Secretaries for their reports during the year.**

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**The next issue will be February 1987.  
Copy by 10th January**

## MIDLANDS

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On Friday, November 7th the Midlands Section played the East Midlands Section for the Rigby Taylor Salver at Walsall Golf Club.

Match result: Midlands 11pts, East Midlands 4pts.

We must thank Dave Morgan and Rigby Taylor for a splendid day and look forward to the return match on East Midlands soil next year.

Congratulations to Trevor Morris and his wife for becoming the proud parents of their daughter Stephanie.

Our Christmas Tournament was held at Oxley Park Golf Club on Wednesday 26th November. Once again we were unfortunate with the weather having to suffer, hail, rain, and a strong cold wind for much of the day.

### RESULTS:

1st	Tony Jesson	36pts.
2nd	Tucker Ryder	35pts.
3rd	John Hughes	34pts.
	Roger Pullen	

We must thank Brian Cash of Dévere Hotels for providing us with the first prize of a Weekend for Two at the superb Belfry Golf and Country Club complex.

On a sad note I have to report the death of Jack Broady in November. It was Jack who initiated the Christmas Prize at the Belfry and he will be sadly missed.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 12th, 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Lecture by Watermaton, at Moor Hall Golf Club.

Monday, February 9th, 7.00 p.m. Dennis Mottram of the Cheshire College of Agriculture on the subject of Man Management at Moor Hall Golf Club.

Friday, March 20th, 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Lecture and on course demonstration by Midland Tree Surgeons, Telford Golf and Country Club.

## MERE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB TO HOST NORTH WEST GREENKEEPERS SEMINAR

The luxury clubhouse of the Mere Golf and Country Club will again be the setting for the all day seminar on greenkeeping techniques for the third consecutive year.

The theme 'Are You Up To Date' presented by a formidable array of invited speakers, will cover a variety of subjects from club management to chemicals.

Among those expected to present papers are the Secretary to the R&A, Mr. Michael Bonnalack, the Secretary of Walton Heath Golf Club, Commander W. McNea and Mr. David Lucas, the Course Manager of the nearby Tytherington Golf and Country Club, one of the newest and most ambitious developments in recent years.

Other speakers booked to appear include, Mr. Tony Gentil, a lecturer in Arboricultural subjects, Mr. Malcolm

Evans, ICI's expert on horticulture chemicals and Mr. Martyn Jones one of Europe's best known agronomists. Not to be missed is the Section's own Mr. John Lowery, Course Manager at Ringway G.C. who has chosen as his subject "Making your own compost".

The total cost of £15.00 includes morning coffee on arrival and a three course lunch.

The date is Thursday, 12th March, commencing at 9.45 a.m. with coffee served prior to the start of the proceedings. The seminar is expected to close at around 4.30 p.m. with a Question Time to the speakers.

Prior booking through David Goulding (061) 748 8592, or write to his home address at 38, The Grove, Flixton, Manchester M31 3JH. Cheques made payable to North-West Section BGGA.

## GREENKEEPERS VISIT ROLAWN



Sheffield Section with President Kenneth Arnold, centre front, at Rolawn Ltd, Elvington, York.

The Sheffield branch of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association visited the headquarters of Rolawn Ltd at Elvington near York on Wednesday, November 5th, to view the turf nurseries and discuss the needs of greenkeepers.

Rolawn, which now has four turf production units in Britain, has been supplying the professional market for over ten years and pioneered the production of purpose-grown turf on a large scale. The visit was organised by Gordon Brammah, Secretary of the Sheffield section and Head Greenkeeper of Hallamshire Golf Club. Members were shown around the Yorkshire unit by Robert Laycock, Technical Manager and, Rod Moore, Sales Manager.

## MID ANGLIA

Hon. Sec: L. Wakerell,  
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The Autumn Tournament was held over 27 Holes of Stableford play at Woburn Golf and Country Club on 28th October, with a large entry of 44.

Scoring is never easy on the fine Championship "Dukes" Course and the 34 Points scored by Geoff Smith was good enough to win the prize for the best 18 Holes in the morning.

The afternoon 9 Hole event was played over the "Duchess's" Course and Steve Denton's 20 points took the second prize.

The President's Cup and Watch was won by Martin Lay one of our most steady players, with a 27 Hole score of 31 + 22 = 53 closely followed by another experienced campaigner, with a bit slower swing these days, Bob Plain 31 + 20 = 52.

Well done Bob, hope you are saving the Brandy for a cold day, and to Bill O'Haulon who won the Body Warmer with 33 + 18 = 51.

We were pleased to have our President, Don Reeder, available to present the prizes.

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Mr. G. Pitcher (Vice President).

We would also like to thank the Woburn Golf and Country Club for providing their superb facilities throughout the day.

Neil Whittaker and the Greenstaff provided us with 27 Holes of most interesting golf on two very fine courses, plus an exceptionally high standard of subsistence from the restaurant staff.

The first meeting of 1987 will be at St. Neots Golf Club on Monday, 19th January at 2.30 p.m. when Jon Albutt of Synchemicals will give a talk on the latest Legislation concerning the use of Chemicals.

The new laws are extensive and the opportunity to listen to Jon should not be missed.

Martin Lay has arranged for the sandwiches and liquid refreshment to be available until 2.00 p.m. so please come early, and bring along the Chairman of Green of your home club, to this most important lecture.

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In a bid to curb a wave of mole workings a trap was purchased and set on Thursday. The trap was sprung sometime Saturday and disappeared by Monday morning. Obviously we are being watched by Greenpeace or the local animal rights movements. Does anyone have a man trap?

A similar run of bad luck hit the November 13th evening in the shape of a projector failure. Just about the last thing that could have been anticipated. My apologies to all involved for such an abbreviated performance.

Please note though, that the event is now re-scheduled for January 22nd, 1987, same place, same time, complete with Dynasty-type recap, before the main feature.

A jolly bunch of landlubbers took to the high seas with the ocean salvage firm United Towing on October 23rd, for what turned out to be a very fascinating insight into the skills and danger of world-wide salvage. Very many thanks to John Illingworth of Joseph Bentley Ltd. for arranging the speaker, Mike Lacey of United Towing and Alan Jones of North British Maritime. It's a damn good job more people were not present otherwise the boat might have capsized!

Our Seminar "Are you getting the best from your Course" on the 20th November attracted over eighty interested delegates. This proved to

be a respectable number in the light of the early response in the run-up period. Apart from more technical obstacles than were wanted at the time the various speakers presented their paper in professional fashion bringing together an overall programme of fine merit, which dovetailed very well.

Many valuable points were highlighted and although the event was tailored principally towards the golf club officer, attendance was dominated by greenkeepers - the same perennial faces, I might add.

Congratulations to Paul Cole a trainee at Rawdon Golf and Lawn Tennis Club, who gained a distinction in his exams at Askham Bryan.

Reports indicate that there are due to become B.I.G.G.A. at the beginning of 1987. There was talk of subs falling due at that time also, but no directive has yet been received. One feels that this would be an excellent way to lose the membership at one blow. However, we'll see. No matter, the President, Chairman, Secretary and Committee of the B.G.G.A. Northern Section extend Seasons Greetings to all colleagues and their families and wish all a healthy and peaceful New Year.

**The Publisher and Printer of  
GOLF GREENKEEPING  
extend their good wishes to  
all members in the formation  
of the new Association.**

## SOUTH COAST

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It is pleasing to report that a packed Clubhouse was in attendance for the November Meeting, when Mr. Martyn Jones spoke to members and guests. Martyn is, of course, well known to many members of the Section, and his talk "British Courses, are they on the right course?" will have made many who were present re-consider their maintenance programmes.

Only the intervention of our Chairman prevented the evening from becoming an all night sitting! Although many were still going strong when your Secretary had to depart.

Thank you Martyn, we look forward to a follow up lecture, next year.

Looking ahead, as one must with these notes, please support our next meeting on the 4th February, 1987, when Mr. Paul Watson will be talking to members on Ransomes Gangmowing Equipment.

Please note that the Section's A.G.M. will be on the 4th March, 1987.

Resolutions and Nominations for the position of Tournament Organiser which Ian wishes to relinquish, should be sent to me by 12th February, 1987.

On a more seasonal note - your President, Jim Fry, Chairman, Eric James, and Committee, wish all members A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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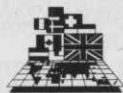
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