

SECTIONAL News

CLEVELAND

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On the last beautiful day of September our Annual Autumn Tournament was held at Blackwell Grange Golf Club.

Anthony and his staff had the course in super condition and a good day was had by all that attended, even if the turnout was lower than expected.

The Steward laid on an excellent meal, our thanks to his staff, said by the Brancepeth Captain to be about the best in the area. The Blackwell lads did well in the prizes coming 1st and 2nd.

A. Duncan and D. Dean (Steward)	43 pts.
A. Naisbitt and D. Hughiff (Captain)	41 pts.
M. Warner and N. Catt	39 pts.

The Highspeed Oil Tournament will be held at Eaglescliffe on October 23, tee is booked from 12 - 1.

A talk has been arranged at Darlington in November by Toro Irrigation, details of date and time later.

The E.G.M. was held as agreed at Billingham Golf Club on the 1st Oct. The turnout can only be described as pitiful, with only 12 members turning up. Both motions were passed unanimously in favour of the amalgamation.

On an extra note, as has been said, the turnout at Blackwell and Billingham was very poor. Members are reminded that their efforts in attendance is greatly needed if tournaments, talks, etc. are to continue in the future. With Winter Lectures and Scotsturf soon with us, the Secretary asks Members to

SUPPORT THEIR SECTION!

SOUTH COAST

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Once again the Section enjoyed a beautiful Autumn day for its 36 hole Greensome Stableford Competition.

Fifty Members and guests took part in the Competition at Basingstoke Golf Course, with the following results:

1st	Mr. E. Belcher and Mr. P. Coombs (Bognor Regis Golf Club)	76 pts.
2nd	Mr. R. Gray and Mr. A. Hebditch (Broadstone Golf Club)	76 pts.
3rd	Mr. G. Payne and Mr. P. Franklin (Maidenhead Golf Club)	75 pts.

Best Morning Score
Mr. B. Forder and Mr. S. Lockhart
(Southampton Golf Club)

Best Afternoon Score
Mr. R. Walker and Mr. R. Hill
(Queens Park Golf Club)

The course was in tip-top condition, thanks to Head Greenkeeper, Ian Rickman and his staff. Ian was, in fact, playing three roles - Greenkeeper, Competitor, and Match Secretary!! At the last Committee Meeting Ian stated that he would not be seeking re-election at our next AGM, so if any member would like to take on this position, will they please inform me or our Chairman.

The Section again wish to thanks its friends in the Trade for such a good prize table and record its thanks to:-

J. T. Lowe; T. Parker & Sons;
Rigby Taylor; Roffey Bros; Huxleys,
and Jim Fry, Section President.

An 18 hole Stableford Competition has been organised for **Wednesday, 10th December, 1986** at the Royal Winchester Golf Club - teeing off is between 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

This new event will be sponsored by Rigby Taylor and J. T. Lowe. The entry fee is £7.50 which will provide a Christmas Lunch, and the fee should be sent to:-

Ian Rickman, 53 Woodroffe Drive,
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by Wednesday, 3rd December, 1986

Wednesday, 3rd December, is of course the date for our second speaker at our Winter Meetings.

On this occasion, Derek Ganning, Manager of the Belfry Course will be talking on Course Management.

Please support our speakers with your attendance.

NORTHERN

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Except for the aqueous intermission on the day of our Autumn Tournament on October 14th this 'back end' has been truly marvellous. Out-of-season construction going ahead completely uninterrupted by the usual early winter downfalls. Those opting for the Vertidrain this year had their substratums severely disturbed. There has even been talk of artificial irrigation being used — in October!

Getting back to the Autumn Tournament. This was the event that promised to be bathed in late Autumn sunshine, but not so. It poured down! This didn't prevent 40 or so players 'enjoying' their golf.

Our thanks to Fulford Golf Club for allowing us the privilege of playing this lovely course. Our grateful thanks too, to those who contributed so generously to the prize table.

Our Extraordinary General Meeting to vote on the proposed amalgamation of the three greenkeeping bodies had the following results:

Whether or not to amalgamate,
17 votes to 2 in favour.

Whether or not to allocate £15,000 to a trust fund in the event of an amalgamation — Unanimous.

Should your sense of tradition and history fill you with nostalgia you may feel urged to invest in a BGGA tie or perhaps a sweater (scarce). These will shortly become collectors items if we go BIGGA.

DEVON & CORNWALL

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A warm sunny day greeted the competitors for our first meeting of the season at Exeter Golf & Country Club. The course was in fine condition and even the sheds had been tidied and swept so your truly couldn't make any untoward comments!

Jeff Mills the Head Greenkeeper gave those not golfing a tour of the course whilst the golfers contested for the Stanley West Cup and Ransomes watch.

As avid eagle eyed readers of this section will note the cup went to the greenkeeper with the highest score, whilst second and third although having higher scores being trade members are not allowed to win this particular trophy.

1st	K. Luxton (East Devon G.C.)	32pts.
2nd	M. Spearman	34pts.
3rd	J. Baker	33pts.

Keith Stuart of Stanley West kindly presented the prizes donated by Ransomes and S. West Ltd.

The afternoon's talk by Keith McKee of Fisons on chemicals and the law was both interesting and informative and very well received by the fifty three members of our section who attended.

Our thanks go also to both greenkeeper and trade members who contributed to the raffle prizes, the proceeds of which help to pay for the Christmas entertainment.

As I am sure all members will now be aware I have relinquished my post of course manager at Downes Crediton Golf Club and am indeed working for D. O. Hunt Ltd. A vote was taken at Exeter which showed that the members wish my wife and myself to continue running the section.

It was proposed by Brian Summers and seconded by Chris Gadsby that Richard Whyman be elected to the committee to keep the balance in favour of the greenkeepers, this was passed.

Your committee is now as follows:

Chairman:	G. Child (Churston 844056) (Executive Committee Member)
V. Chairman:	B. Summers (Par 3654)
V. Chairman:	C. Fowler (Mevagissey 842623)
V. Chairman:	R. Whyman (Bude 3438)
Secretary:	B. Pile (0392) 214053 (non voting)
President:	D. Hunt
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V. President:	P. Flegg

I have at last learned to delegate the work at section meetings and I wish to thank Gordon Child for marking the cards and Chris Gadsby and Martin Kingdom for selling the raffle tickets.

An oak tree given by the section is to be planted on the right of the seventh fairway, by kind permission of Exeter Golf Club, to the memory of Mr. & Mrs. Mortimore. A plaque is to be engraved to this effect and secured to the tree stake.

MID ANGLIA

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The Mid-Anglia Section held an Extraordinary General Meeting at Beadlow Manor Golf and Country Club on Wednesday 1st October at 7.00 a.m.

The Chairman opened the Meeting for discussion on the proposed Constitution for the new Association comprising Members of the B.G.G.A., S.I.G.G.A. and E.I.G.G.A.

Twenty-Three Members were present with apologies from M. Lay. Points of view expressed in discussion included:

- The proposed merger was being rushed through without the interests of B.G.G.A. Members being considered.
- If Greenkeepers who had broken away from B.G.G.A. in the past now wanted a merger it should be as the B.G.G.A.
- Annual Subscriptions had been paid up to 30th April 1987, so the new proposal that 1st January 1987 should be the beginning of the Financial Year for B.I.G.G.A. was unacceptable.
- Sections - (or Regions) should be responsible for their own finances - it was not considered necessary for any Board of Management to allot funds to Sections as was felt adequate.
- Uniforms should be available but not compulsory wear.

Members also commented on the lack of information available through the Magazine - Golf Greenkeeping - during the Meetings of the Steering Committee and that the B.G.G.A. Representatives failed to represent the interests of its Members and seemed happy to agree with whatever was best for the other Associations.

It was also suggested that the proposed Constitution was a copy of E.I.G.G.A. documents, by some Members at the Meeting.

Of the Twenty-Three Members present Sixteen had sent their Voting Cards to the Electoral Reform Society (they received their Voting Cards before a Meeting had been arranged) One Member did not have a Vote and the others voted accordingly:-

Proposal 1 For 2 - Against 4
Proposal 2 For 2 - Against 4

The general consensus was the Executive Committee must represent the views of its own Section Members and not those who are the most voluble.

Report by:

R. J. Goodwin, (Assistant Secretary)

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On Wednesday, 8th October we held our annual match at St. Pierre Golf Club against our friends from over the Severn.

We were treated to some fine weather for the time of the year and I would like to thank David Jones the Course Manager and the rest of the staff for presenting the course in such good condition.

We would also like to thank the management of the St. Pierre Golf Club for giving us courtesy of the course and club facilities and thank the catering staff for their excellent food.

The competition was well contested yet again with the South West coming out on top for the second successive year, by four matches to two.

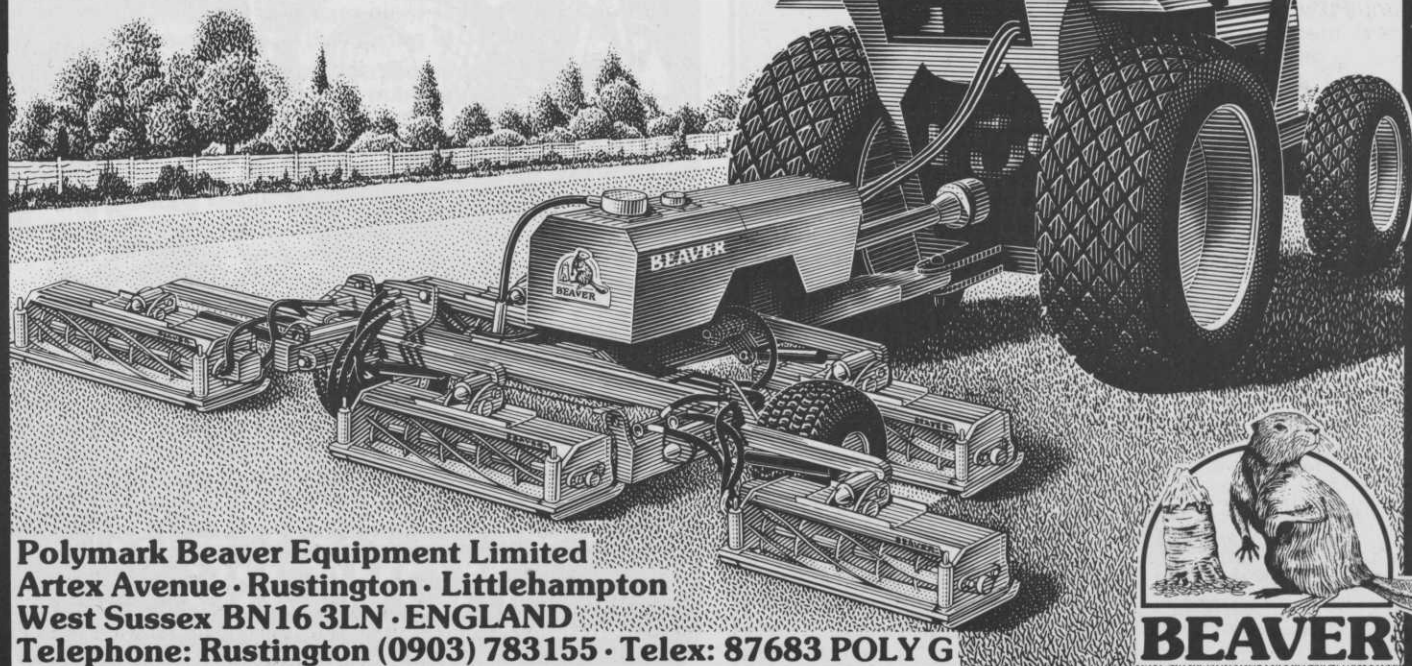
RESULTS:

Ted Thompson and Philip Swain	won 3 & 2
Dennis Jones and John Walsh	won 4 & 3
Graham Cox and George Clarke	lost 5 & 3
John Hopkins and Graham Whissett	lost 2 & 1
Henry Fry and Walter Jones	lost 2 & 1
Huw Morgan and Dennis Archer	lost 2 & 1

I would like to thank the South West team who helped make the day such a success.

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On Monday, October 27th the Final of the Rigby Taylor Greensomes Competition took place at the Berkshire Golf Club. The result was a 3 & 2 win for Steve Wood and Tony Jesson over Arnold Phipps-Jones and Geoff Porter. As with every final of this event the four finalists were chauffeured to the venue, wined and dined in style by our good friend, Dave Morgan.

Little Aston Golf Club was the course used for our Autumn Tournament held on Thursday, October 30th. This was a 27 hole Medal Play event played in the most appalling weather conditions, players having to contend with gale force winds and heavy torrential rain for most of the day.

The results were as follows:-

1st Greenkeeper Nett: M. Hughes
1st Greenkeeper Gross: A. Lewis
1st Overall Nett: R. Ramsden (Class E)
1st Overall Gross: S. Dickenson (Class E)

Our thanks to Alan Boraston and his staff for presenting such a good course in very difficult weather conditions.

Forthcoming Events:

Monday, January 12th, 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
Lecture by Watermation

To be held at Moor Hall Golf Club

Monday, February 9th, 7.00 p.m.

Mr. Mottram of Race Heath, College, on the subject of Man Management Again to be held 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

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NORTH WEST

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Autumn Tournament:

Our Autumn Tournament attracted forty members to Pleasington Golf Club, Blackburn. Past Chairman Mike Sheehan won the Ransomes Cup and Watch after a close fought battle with Chris Hulme from Sale Golf Club. It took a card play off to decide the winner.

I could not say that Joe Gillet was over confident in retaining the Hargreaves Cup for the over 50's, but he did not return the trophy and true to form he went out and won again! Don't forget next year Joe or people will think you have weighed it in. The guests prize was won by Frank Garvey of Rufford Top Dress.

We must thank Pleasington Golf Club for allowing us to play on their excellent course.

Jacobsen Qualifier:

Howard Roberts & Derek Hutcheson represented the Section at Hunstanton Golf Club. Peter Shaw of course won the 1985 trophy, played earlier this year.

Unfortunately neither was successful but had a very enjoyable couple of days courtesy of Jacobsen.

Good luck to Peter when he represents the Section and greenkeepers in Phoenix next year.

Kubota Challenge:

Peter Shaw together with Andrew Peel were part of the successful Greenkeepers team who again won the trophy after beating the Secretaries team and the Stewards. Well done lads. I trust you left the Belfry as you found it.

Gatley Golf Club's Head Greenkeeper Simon Grayson was involved in a car accident towards the end of October and suffered multiple fractures. We trust he is making a steady recovery.

The Future in the North West:

After the announcement of the results to re-unite the three Associations the Section Committee were delighted to see that a very high percentage were in favour of a new Association.

How will this decision affect the North-West? We are still deliberating with E.I.G.G.A. North-West but a meeting has been arranged and the future is exciting for all in the region. More news will follow in the near future.

1987 Seminar:

Final arrangements are now in hand for next year's Seminar to be held at Mere Golf & Country Club on March 12th 1987. Tickets will be available from January 1st 1987 cost £15 including lunch. A list of speakers will appear in the next issue of the Journal.

**Will Secretaries please note
the next issue is combined
December and January**

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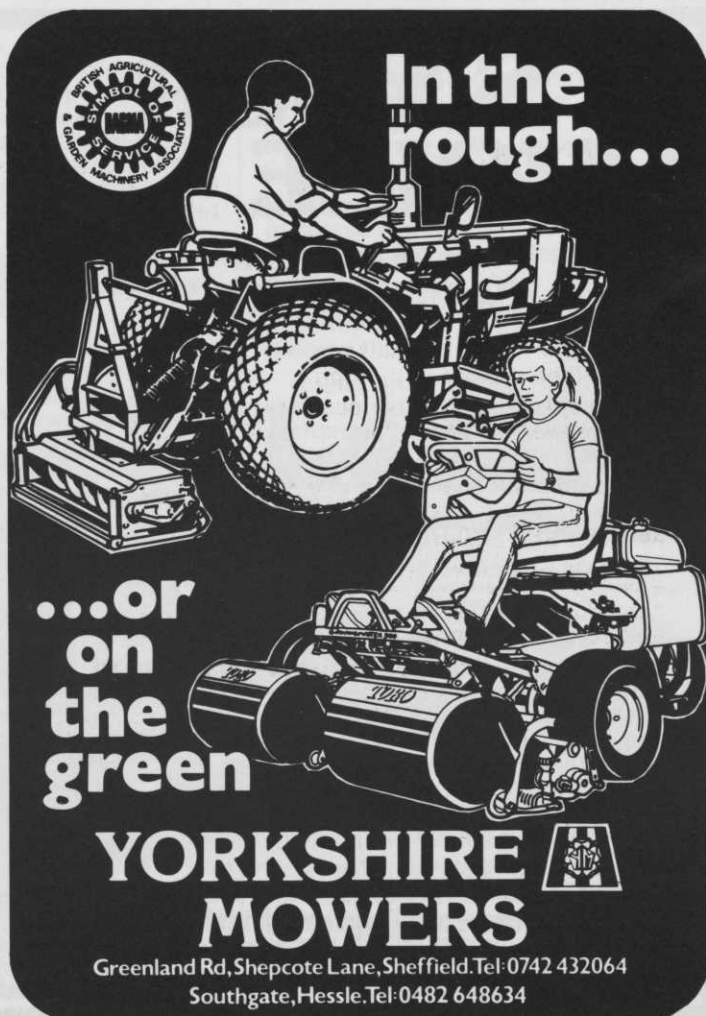
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