

# SECTIONAL News

## MID ANGLIA

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Congratulations to Ken and Bec Bunting who became proud parents on August 14th with the birth of Emma Louise.

Ken will buy the champagne at the Christmas Invitation Meeting which will be held at South Bedfordshire Golf Club on Thursday, 11th December over 18 holes. Please bring a small prize.

This is a popular meeting and entries must be sent to Ken Bunting by 17th November together with the partners name, handicap and £22.00 per couple.

Christmas Dinner will be served about 5.30 p.m. and anyone who would like to come to Dinner only should phone Ken at Little Gaddesden 3359.

Well done the Mid-Anglia lads who did so well at Billingham, Roland Hughes, winner of the Ransome Cup and Gerald Bruce who took the Golf Illustrated Cup. Commiserations to Dick Bowie who's 75 on Monday would have been good enough for the coming of age if he had known what age qualified for entry.

Congratulations to the North West for their narrow victory in the Jubilee Cup thanks to the consistent scoring of anchor man, the "Mere Miracle"

Congratulations also go to our new President, J. Hamilton Stutt, who also has the unusual distinction of being elected a Vice President.

## CLEVELAND

Hon. Ass. Sec: Roger Shaw,  
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Our Section was proud to host the Annual Greenkeepers Tournament. Harry Lees and the staff at Billingham G.C. had the course in, as usual, fine condition.

The three day event was felt to have been a great success, especially by some of our local members, notably Roger Shaw and Mark Hodgson who won the Best Nett and Gross respectively.

Two trips have been organised this year, the first to Bingley on Oct. 16th and the second, to the Scotsturf Exhibition on Nov. 12th for which the Section is providing a luxury coach. Pick-ups are at Middlesbrough, Billingham, Darlington and Ferryhill, hoping to reach the exhibition by approx. 10.00 a.m.

The A.G.M. is booked for Oct. 1st to be held at Billingham G.C. starting at 8.00 p.m. A buffet is provided. Class E Members are entitled to attend but not to vote.

The Autumn Tournament this year was held at Blackwell, on Sept. 30th. Results in next month's issue.

Further details of trips, etc. are available from your Secretary on Darlington 57891 (office hours) or 489297 (home).

## NORTHERN

Hon. Sec: D. C. Hannam,  
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Our October evening meeting will take place on the 23rd at 7.30 p.m. at Moor Allerton. The Industrial consortium, North British Maritime will present talks and films on their operations with the emphasis on North Sea salvage.

Congratulations to Paul Nicholas, assistant at Calverley Golf Club on attaining a distinction in his C&G phase 2, year two. Similarly to all other scholars who did well in their academic endeavours - Stay with it.

A piquant golfing interlude took place at Easingwold Golf Club in August, the venue of our 1986 Invitation Tournament. Reports were highly favourable on every aspect of both course and facilities. Our thanks to Easingwold's Committee for their kindness and hospitality.

NOVEMBER 20th:  
Moor Allerton Golf Club

We ask ("Are you getting the best from your course?") and invite you to come along and ask with us. Not only are we asking but also telling. Providing the words and action, will be Malcolm Campbell, editor of Golf Monthly, Norman Bey, Green Chairman, West Bradford Golf Club, Rodney Foster, International amateur golfer and Walker Cup Player, Nicholas Park, author and greenkeeping principles analyst and Peter Wharton from the Yorkshire Union of Golf Clubs.

Greenkeepers will also present short papers entitled the Professional Greenkeeping View. All wrapped up with coffee, lunch and notes at an inclusive fee of £15 per delegate. Definitely worth a speculate.

Get your Staff, Green Chairman, Secretary and Captain to join us.

This summer has been a time for arrivals and events. Committee man Bob Lupton is now the proud father of a second daughter. Mick Tattersall, assistant at West Bradford and Alan Whitaker 1st Assistant at Bradford Golf Club have taken the matrimonial plunge. Best wishes to you all and congratulations to the ladies involved.

A comment made last month implied that the R&A had imposed courtesy sanctions on greenkeepers at St. Andrews. This information, although partially founded was incorrect insofar as the R&A takes no part in the running of the Links of St. Andrews, and therefore has nothing to do with this latest piece of policy making. The Links management made this decision though for what reason it is difficult to understand.

## WELSH

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On Thursday, 11th September we held our Autumn meeting at Langland Bay Golf Club on the Mumbles coastline. We were treated to some excellent weather, yet again.

The tournament was a close run affair with an encouraging attendance by our members.

Winner of the President's Shield by ½ a shot was Graham Cox, 111½, who won a glass rosebowl donated by Rigby Taylor.

Second came Huw Morgan with a score of 112 for a bottle of whisky donated by Ted Thompson.

Third was Ted Thompson - 114½ winning a bottle of white wine - donated by Brown's of Bristol.

Best Gross: Huw Morgan - 124.

Aggregate Gross: Henry Fry - who takes the Salver.

Aggregate Nett: Winner of the Rose Bowl - Ted Thompson.

We would also like to thank Paul Robinson, Robert Litcher, Alex Cambell, Caerleon G.C., John Hopkins and Henry Fry for their donations to our prize table.

Our Christmas competition at Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club will be held on December 11th at 11.00 a.m.

All competitors to bring a prize. Entry available to trade members as well as greenkeepers.

Please give me prior notice if you are entering, to help with the catering arrangements.

## OBITUARY

### WILLIAM BARTLE

It is with regret that we report the death of Mr. Bartle. Mr. Bartle was a Northern Section Honorary Life Member and Honorary auditor.

His working life included spells in greenkeeping at West Bradford and Wilmslow Golf Club. He gave long distinguished service to the Sports Turf Research Institute working on the plots alongside the former Frank G. Smith and later as advisory officer, visiting golf clubs and sports installations in South Wales, the South West and North East.

Bill was also heavily involved with STRI's first Director R. B. Dawson in the compilation of the classical "Practical Lawncraft". His services to the Northern Section were greatly valued, spanning several decades. His solid, sensible approach and interest is a sad loss to our Section.

Our deepest condolences to his wife and family.

## NORTH WEST

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N.W. Section B.G.G.A.  
versus

N.W. Stewards Association

In the first match between the two Associations held at Bramall Park Golf Club, Stockport we unfortunately lost 4½ - 3½. This result again highlights the problem of not fielding a full team.

We won the Battle of the Roses because the Northern Section were men short but this time the boot was on the other foot and this was a shame as the day was a great success.

In very good company and on a very good course the seven teams did the Section proud. Our thanks to Duncan McGillvray and his staff for the presentation of the course.

The meal was excellent and for once the greenkeepers were upstaged by the Stewards 'comedians' team. The 'after dinner speaking' could have gone one into the early hours. I hope that this will become an annual event between the two Associations as the members who played thoroughly enjoyed the company.

The B.G.G.A. team were sponsored on the day and at very short notice by Rigby Taylor's of Bolton, so a special thank you to Keith Dickinson of Rigby Taylor for his continued support to this Section.

### The Reg. Vickers Trophy

A special day for us all who remembered Reg, took place at Warrington Golf Club, Cheshire on September 15th. In summer conditions thirty-six members played for the silver trophy.

The Section were honoured to have Mrs. Anne Vickers to present the prizes.

I would like to thank the Warrington Golf Club where Reg last worked for their help and support on the day. The Secretary, Captain, Greens Chairman and Head Greenkeeper all played in what for them was a special day in memory of a lovely man.

The club's Ladies Section presented Mrs. Vickers with a bouquet and the Section donated the raffle income to the Friends of Wigan Hospice for whom Mrs. Vickers still helps. It was also a pleasure to see so many of Reg's family at the presentation and we sincerely hope that this trophy will become a major day in the Section's golf calendar.

One of Reg's closest friends John Bond has already offered to host the 1987 Tournament by courtesy of Dean Wood Golf Club, so I am sure the efforts of all concerned in instigating the day were well rewarded. The course and facilities at Warrington were first class and from our Section may I thank everyone, who made the day so memorable.

Winner:

HOWARD ROBERTS (73-8-65)  
(Altrincham G.C.)

2nd:

DAVID BERRY (68 Nett)  
(Bury G.C.)

3rd:

DEREK HUTCHINSON (68 Nett)  
(West Derby G.C.)



Mrs. Anne Vickers present Altrincham greenkeeper Howard Roberts with Reg Vickers Trophy

## SOUTH COAST

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Details of the Sections Winter Lecture programme is as follows:-

November 5th

Mr. Martyn Jones

GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE

December 3rd

Mr. Derek Ganning

THE BELFRY COURSES

February 4th

Mr. Paul Watson

RANSOMES GANGMOWING EQUIPMENT

March 4th

Mr. Mark Wilton

RIGBY TAYLOR PRODUCTS

followed by

SECTION A.G.M.

All meetings will be held at Alresford Golf Club commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Members are reminded that guests are very welcome to attend our Meetings. Please support our speakers with your presence. Why not bring along your Chairman of Greens or Club Captain? It will give them the chance to understand the complexities of Greenkeeping.

Your Committee have invited the Winchester Branch of the Institute of Groundsmen for our first Speaker. Martyn Jones is a regular contributor to our Journal and well known as a Consultant Agronomist. Don't embarrass your Committee by allowing Groundsmen to outnumber Greenkeepers!

Holidaying on the Isle of Wight during August gave me the opportunity of meeting Section Members not normally seen. Arrangements are in hand to see if they could attend some of our Winter meetings! Yes it is possible, or so I am assured by Peter Fleming at Shanklin and Sandown Golf Club. In fact it is long overdue for one of our Summer Tournaments to take place on the Island. Why not July 1988?

One new member since my last report:-

Ian Hatch,  
Fleming Park G.C., Eastleigh

## SHEFFIELD

Hon. Sec: G. Brammah,  
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Please note the change of Section Secretary. Frank Barrett has now retired from this position after five years of sterling work. We will all miss Frank's honest, straight forward approach and his often humorous dities in his section reports. We all wish you and your wife good health and happiness in the future.

On Tuesday, 9th September we held our Autumn Tournament at Matlock Golf Club. The weather was warm and sunny, the course in excellent condition thanks to Roy Ward and his staff. Our thanks to all at Matlock for their warm and friendly welcome.

The winners were:-

|                 |             |        |
|-----------------|-------------|--------|
| 1st: I. Mathews | Notts. G.C. | 41pts. |
| 2nd: D. Wadkin  | Hallamshire | 41pts. |
| 3rd: G. Brammah | Hallamshire | 40pts. |
| 4th: P. Unwin   | Hallamshire | 39pts. |

Tony Wadkin managed a hole in one which for everyone who knows Tony was a very special achievement indeed.

The weather was even warmer when our section took on the night of the Northern Section on September 30th at Hallamshire Golf Club. This epic battle was preceded in the morning by our own 9 hole competition, The Coach Cup which was won with an excellent score of 21 points by David Chappel.

In the afternoon the 18 hole match play saw Sheffield convincingly win 4-2 and the Slater Trophy returned to its rightful place! at last we have found a course where guile and skill (with a little local knowledge) can defeat the long hitting Northern men. well and enjoyed a good game of golf. An excellent meal and a warm and friendly welcome by the Captain and members of Hallamshire Golf Club made it a very successful day. We look forward to returning soon.

WINTER LECTURES

November 5th:

Visit to Rolawn Ltd. at Elvington

December 3rd:

Ransomes Grass Machinery

## NORTH EAST

Hon. Sec: J. S. Richardson,  
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On the 25th September we held our Autumn Competition at the Hobson G.C. surely on one of the hottest days of the year. A good turn out of members, forty in all, who all agreed that the course was in excellent condition thanks to Gordon Palmer and his staff.

My thanks on behalf of the section to the following companies for their excellent support towards the prizes:-

### STEWARTS, RYTON GRAVEL CO., BLAND SHORT, MAXWELL HART, LLOYDS, PATTISSONS, PARKSIDE, GREENLAY, RANSOMES, TOOBYS, SUPATURF, SISIS

#### RESULTS:

Best Gross - Salver & Whisky  
C. HANDYSIDE (Gosforth G.C.)  
76 + 38 Total 114 (27 holes)

Best Nett - Ransomes Cup & Watch  
I. JOHNSON (Stocksfield G.C.)  
83-14 = 69 45-7 = 38 = 107 Nett

Greenlay Cup - Decanter  
B. CONSETT (Seaham G.C.)  
84-12 = 72 42-6 = 36 = 108 Nett

Fewsters Shield - Decanter & Glasses  
R. BLACK (Ponteland G.C.)  
92-15 = 77 41-7½ = 33½ 110½ Nett

9 Hole Competition - Sisis Tankard 0-11  
R. HENDERSON (Newcastle Utd. G.C.)  
37-3½ = 33 Nett

9 Hole Competition - Sisis Tankard 12-24  
J. HAGEN (Whickham G.C.)  
44-8 = 36 Nett

#### Other Prize Winners:

|                                    |                 |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| S. Pope (Tyneside G.C.)            | 82-7 = 75 + 35½ | 110½ Nett |
| R. Henderson (Newcastle Utd. G.C.) | 84-7 = 77 + 33½ | 110½ Nett |
| J. Richardson (Whickham G.C.)      | 79- 6 = 73 + 38 | 111 Nett  |
| J. Hagen (Whickham G.C.)           | 91-16 = 75 + 36 | 111 Nett  |
| A. Fiddes (Warkworth G.C.)         | 90-16 = 74 + 39 | 113 Nett  |

On the 16th September we had a joint competition with the Cleveland Section at Brancepeth G.C. kindly sponsored by Mr. Frank Garvey (R.H.). Top marks to Roger Shaw and his staff for the superb condition of the course. A credit to you Roger.

#### The leading scores were as follows:

|     |             |      |                    |        |
|-----|-------------|------|--------------------|--------|
| 1st | G. GAINFORD | N.E. | (Prudhoe G.C.)     | 40pts. |
| 2nd | R. SHAW     | CL.  | (Brancepeth G.C.)  | 36pts. |
| 3rd | S. POPE     | N.E. | (Tyneside G.C.)    | 35pts. |
| 4th | R. WILSON   | CL.  | (Brancepeth G.C.)  | 34pts. |
| 5th | B. WILSON   | N.E. | (Stocksfield G.C.) | 34pts. |
| 6th | I. JOHNSON  | N.E. | (Stocksfield G.C.) | 33pts. |

## EAST MIDLANDS

Hon. Sec: R. W. Willars,  
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This year we are having a new venue and a change to our normal type of dance for the Annual Prize Presentation. We are holding a Country Dance & Supper on Saturday, 15th November at the Glen Hall on Hillsbrough Road, Eyres Monsell, Leicester. It will be an informal evening, dress to be casual (western style if preferred).

I am quite sure this will be a night not to be missed but we need your support to make it a success. Tickets are now available from your Secretary, priced at £5 each.

#### ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Richard Barker of Longcliffe Golf Club for scoring a Nett 59 off a 7 Handicap to win the Fison's Trophy on the Wednesday of the Annual Golf Tournament, also to Steve Goode for second place in the same competition carding a Nett 64 off a 12 handicap.

## MIDLANDS

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The Annual match against the Secretaries played on Thursday 28th August, at Drayton Park Golf Club, Tamworth, produced an overwhelming victory for the Section.

Once again we had a wonderful afternoon's golf followed by an enjoyable and entertaining evening in good company. The Midland Secretaries kindly provided the wine to accompany an excellent meal. Our sincere thanks to the Captain and Members of Drayton Park Golf Club for allowing us the use of their facilities.

We have now reached the semi-final stages of the Rigby Taylor Greensomes Cup Competition. The last four pairings being:-

John Hughes and Derek Ganning,  
Arnold Phipps-Jones and Geoff Porter,  
Trevor Morris and Eric Thomas  
Steve Wood and Tony Jesson.

On Sunday September 28th at Walsall Golf Club the Annual Chris Gough Memorial Trophy was played. An event where members of Sutton Coldfield Police Club are paired with a greenkeeper from the Midland Section in a Fourball Better Ball Competition. The result was a win for Barry McDonald and Tony Jesson with a nett score of 61.

The Section would like to congratulate Mick Hughes on winning his club championship at Sandwell Park Golf Club and going forward to represent them in the champion of champions at Edgbaston Golf Club.

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of Harry Drewitt, who died aged 90 on the 24th of May. Harry was one of our longest serving members and will be sadly missed.

Our sympathy to his relatives and friends.

On Friday 5th September, Burrows G.M. held their Annual Tournament at Brockton Hall Golf Club. The winner was John Humphries from Oswestry Golf Club. Following the golf we returned to Burrows premises to enjoy their exceedingly generous hospitality.

After a series of break-ins at a number of greenkeeper's sheds in the Midlands region, my own club included, please be security conscious and check all doors and windows. Remember some things are irreplaceable, such as my driver and putter.

The Rigby Taylor Final will be held at the Berkshire Golf Club week commencing October 20th\*\*.

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