

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

Administration:

This year has been a very busy time for meetings from November to June, many of them in respect of the amalgamation of the three Greenkeeper Associations. Our Chairman (Mr. E. R. James), must have travelled many hundreds of miles including a journey from Bournemouth to St. Andrews to attend the International Tournament and Symposium on our behalf and surely must be feeling in need of a well earned rest. Thanks are due to Eric for all his efforts and for the work he has put into the Association during his year of Office.

Mr. G. Malcolm of the Cleveland Section now takes over the principle office, and I am sure he will carry out his duties as National Chairman with the same enthusiasm as his predecessor.

Last year saw our Hospitality Caravans at the Belfry, the Southport Show and the Windsor Show, these were open to all Greenkeepers and proved most successful.

The Kubota Trophy this year was won by the Greenkeeper team, and I understand was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part.

Teams from England and Wales represented the B.G.G.A. at Ransomes International Tournament.

A very successful Symposium was held at the Belfry, and Sections continued their good work with local Seminars.

I feel that it would be remiss of me if I did not mention the Green-keeping Staff under the Leadership of Derek Ganning for their marvelous efforts in preparing the course for the Ryder Cup.

Executive Members continued to represent the Association on the National Turfgrass Council, the Greenkeeper Training Committee, and the Turfgrass Advisory Committee.

The membership continues to grow with almost a hundred new members during the past year.

For many years Addington Court Golf Club have contributed the proceeds of the Harry Bennett Tournament to our Benevolent Fund and our thanks are made to them for their support.

The Sectional news outlines the many activities and continued growth of the Sections, and thanks are recorded to all Section Committees for their support and hard work. And to all members for their participation and support.

Minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting

held on Monday, 11th August 1986 at approx 3.00 p.m.
at The Clubhouse, Billingham Golf Club,
Sandy Lane, Billingham, Cleveland.

CHAIRMAN:

Mr. E. R. James On opening the Meeting the Chairman asked all Members to rise and observe one minutes silence in memory of all the members who had passed away during the year.

Minutes of last A.G.M.

The Chairman asked that as the minutes of the last A.G.M. had been published in the Magazine, "That they be accepted and taken as read". Mr. Price proposed, Mr. Burnell seconded.

Executive Committee Report:

Nomination of Vice Chairman.

Mr. P. Fitzjohn was nominated for the ensuing year by the Committee of the Mid Anglian Section.

Tees for the Tournament:

Tees left to the discretion of the Head Greenkeeper.

Tournament Committee:

Mr. E. R. James (Chairman), Mr. M. Sheehan, Mr. J. S. Richardson, Mr. A. Kite, and the Hon Secretary.

1987 Tournament:

Will be held at the VERULAM Golf Club at ST. ALBANS by kind courtesy of the Members and Committee.

Financial Report:

Although the Balance Sheet has shown a loss of £698 over the past financial year, you will see on the Income & Expenditure Account this was mainly caused by the following large Expenditure.

MAGAZINE: An increase to the Editor from 25p - 35p from Jan. 1986. This cost the Association £718 more than was received from the Members.

COMMITTEE EXPENSES: This year £2,015, last year £913 an increase of £1,102 caused through all additional meetings.

MANAGEMENT INCREASES: Management increases from £700 - £2,000.

RANSOMES INTERNATIONAL: Cost of sending English and Welsh teams Speakers Expenses, (in previous years this tournament cost has been offset by sponsorship of the symposium).

HOSPITALITY CARAVANS: At I.O.G. Windsor, Southport & the RYDER CUP.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

	Proposed by:	Seconded by:	
President:	J. Hamilton Stutt	J. Webster	R. Shaw
Chairman:	G. Malcolm	B. Burnell	A. Gamble
V. Chairman:	P. Fitzjohn	H. Herrington	R. Goodwin
Hon. Sec/ Treasurer:	W. Heeles	H. Walsh	B. Embury
Executive Committee:	As nominated by Sections.		
V. Presidents:	en bloc.		

At Approx. 4.00 p.m. the Chairman closed the meeting

Following the A.G.M. the Chairman reconvened the meeting to discuss the business appertaining to the E.G.M. called to discuss the proposed Amalgamation of the three Greenkeeper Associations. The Secretary explained that the Postal Vote that had taken place was not a resolution but a means of obtaining the views of the Membership, also no official resolution had been put forward to the E.G.M. which had been called to obtain Members views and for discussion to take place.

After discussion and question, it was agreed unanimously that talks should continue, also a Postal Voting card be sent to all Greenkeeper Members together with the proposed constitution.

The Chairman closed the Meeting