

SECTIONAL News

CLEVELAND

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The Cleveland section's A.G.M. was held at Billingham Golf Club and in common with the winter lectures it was again poorly attended.

The Chairman expressed his concern over the support of members for section meetings, so if any member feels that there is anything we are not doing or should be doing we would be pleased to know.

Our executive rep. Mr. G. Malcolm, we were pleased to hear, has been asked to sit on the Board of Management to represent the new Association. Our congratulations go to him with good wishes for his endeavours.

There were two committee vacancies to fill, the nominations were received and both were elected un-opposed, again congratulations to Kevin Heslop and Ian Holoran.

We can only request that members support our section or otherwise the small hardcore, who work hard to keep the Cleveland section active, will become more disillusioned and the section will be in some jeopardy.

WELSH

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On Thursday, 16th April we held our spring meeting at St. Mellon's G.C. where we were treated to some glorious weather and entertaining golf.

The competition was a very close fought affair with a mere half a point dividing first, second and third.

The Cardiff Cup was won by Huw Morgan with a score of 107.

Second was Ted Thompson with a score of 107½.

Third was Lawrence Walter with a score of 108.

The best gross score of the day was 121 by Mike Jones.

Our congratulations must go to Neil Carter and his workforce for preparing the course in such good condition so early in the year.

Our thanks also to the steward and stewardess for providing us with excellent meals and service.

A Special Note:

Would all the greenkeeper's in the South Wales region who want the greenkeeper's to be a substantial force make every effort to attend the meeting at Southerndown G.C. on Thursday, June 18th to form an Association Branch to be proud of. Do not leave it to the same old faces to work for everyone else.

You now have the chance to do something positive.

NORTHERN

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On the evening of February 26th we were taken into the mountains - without the sound of music. The hills were alive, but with more of a buzzing - the sound of industrious greenkeeping endeavour, generated by our colleague and ex 'pat' Mr. Ian Tomlinson. The exact location was Lausanne, Switzerland and with the aid of slides and Ian's narrative all 70 or so present took pleasure in sharing with Ian his work and experiences.

Our thanks to Ian whose pleasant style and excellent photographs, held a large audience fascinated.

In January we had the pleasure of the company of Mr. Richard Patchett and colleagues who showed a video of the new Ransomes diesel hydraulic G.T. triplex machine.

The second supporting item featured the new Jacobsen Turf Groomer attachment. Yet another example of inventive engineering being put to good use.

Our thanks to our speakers for their time and presentations. We also, as always pay our grateful respects to Moor Allerton Golf Club for making us so very welcome. It is much appreciated.

This year we plan to re-value our trophies as they come in at the various tournaments throughout the season. Please ensure that all cups, etc. are returned by the appropriate date.

This year's Roses Match was to have been played at Saddleworth but in view of last year's 2-match robbery it has been decided to arrive at a score by either (A) Gallup Poll, (B) Proxy, or (C) Secret Ballot. In case this decision is reversed carry on as normal.

Will all members please note our Annual General Meeting will take place at Keighley Golf Club on Wednesday, 3rd June at 7.30 p.m. following the Spring Tournament. This will consist of a nine hole morning stableford and an 18 hole afternoon medal.

President's Day on June 16th will be hosted by Horsforth Golf Club, offering a fine test of golfing ability with the added advantage of rubbing shoulders with international air passengers. Details of later events will be notified in due course.

Our annual seminar scheduled for November 1987 should provide something for most enquiring minds.

An impressive array of speakers including F. W. Hawtree, Martin Jones, Dr. K. Mellaby and R. Rust will present papers entitled The Architect, shaper of the golfer's habitat; Ecological aspects of greenkeeping; Pesticides: A necessary evil; and Meteorology: the cause of our weather systems and environmental implications. There will also be items on Woodland Management and the Greenkeeper in his role as a conservationist. The seminar will be presented under the all embracing title, 'The Greenkeeper and his Environment.'

Will those intending to play in the sectional tournaments please contact: Roy Spencer prior to the event. His address is:-

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Section members will be pleased to read that all arrangements for the Summer Meeting are as follows:-

Venue: Lee-On-The-Solent Golf Club
Date: Thursday, 16th July, 1987
Cost per person: £7.00

The competition, consisting of a member and partner from their Club, will be the usual format of an 18 hole Four ball better ball, commencing at 1.00 p.m.

Written entries, giving name and address, name of partner and current handicaps, together with the correct fee, should be sent to:-

Mr. Joe Burdett,
948 Castle Lane East,
Bournemouth,
Dorset BH7 6SP
Telephone number: (0202) 483017

Please note that the closing date will be Friday, 3rd July, 1987.

A number of new and old members rejoining the Section are listed below and a warm welcome is extended to them all:-

J. E. Parish	Bridport and West Dorset G.C.
P. Chiverton	
C. Tozer	
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MID-ANGLIA

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The Annual General Meeting for the Mid-Anglia Section will be held at Arkley Golf Club on Wednesday, 17th June, 1987 at 7.00 p.m.

The 18 hole Stableford for the Rigby Taylor Trophy will be played during the afternoon from 1.45 p.m., followed by evening meal.

Please let Ken Bunting have your name and handicap if you wish to play and would like a meal.

The Summer Tournament will be held over 36 holes at Welwyn Garden City Golf Club on Monday, 13th July.

The Entry Fee is £12.00 and should be sent, together with handicap to Ken Bunting, 1 Greenkeeper's Cottage, Ashridge Golf Club, Berkhamsted, HP4 1LU, by 2nd July prompt.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

You will have seen in last month's Magazine that the Annual Tournament will be held at Verulam Golf Club on 17-18-19th August this year.

Let's have a good entry from Section Members, who can look forward to an enjoyable meeting.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please do not send your Subs to Les Wakerell but hold on to them for the time being. Further details very soon.

MIDLANDS

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On Wednesday, March 11th a committee meeting was held at Walsall Golf Club to discuss the amalgamation of S.I.G.G.A., E.I.G.G.A. and the B.G.G.A. where it was agreed that this amalgamation will not alter the way in which our section functions. If however anything changes you will be informed. Notification of subscriptions will be sent out by the National Administrator when appointed.

Our last winter lecture took place at Telford Golf and Country Club on March 20th. We would like to thank Southern Tree Surgeons for a most informative talk given at such short notice due to illness of our first speaker. Also our thanks go out to Telford Golf and Country Club for allowing us the use of their facilities, where we were made most welcome.

At Edgbaston County Cricket ground on Tuesday, March 24th, Rigby Taylor held a field day. On display were the full range of products on sale to the turf industry. It was good to see such a good turn out of people, who all must thank Rigby Taylor for such warm hospitality.

Burrows G.C. also held a demonstration at Trentham Park Golf Club on Tuesday, March 31st. Machines on demonstration were from the Dabro International and Ransomes ranges. After the demonstration all present were treated to a first class buffet in the clubhouse, thanks again to the Burrows G.M. for a splendid day.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

(See Tournament Diary)

Anyone interested in playing in matches please contact Tony Jesson, Cheslyn Hay 414935.

B.I.G.G.A. NEW HANDICAPS

S. BLAKE	24
A. CUTLER	12
D. DORRELL	16
J. GUEST	20
T. JONES	11
A. KITE	15
T. MORRIS	7
P. MYTTON	24
R. PILSBURY	20
L. RUSHTON	21

SHEFFIELD

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As the winter lecture season draws to a close we reflected on three varied and interesting meetings all well supported by our members and trade friends.

Our February talk was given by Jack Wheeler - Watermaton's Service Manager. Armed with a table full of equipment he demonstrated the workings and maintenance of various items including sprinklers, valves and controllers. Mr. Wheelers' presentation was practical and workmanlike encompassing design, installation and fault finding and we thank Watermaton for their support.

At very short notice, Jonathan Harmer from Farmura Environmental Products Ltd. stepped in to talk to us on March 4th about the benefits of Farmuras' increased range of organic products. With the help of slides we were treated to detailed description of the Farmura range, including the seaweed and iron products. Once again thank you Mr. Harmer for helping us out with a very interesting talk.

The weatherman fooled us all on April 1st by forecasting rain all day and getting it right! However it did not detract from the enjoyment of the sections visit to the S.T.R.I. at Bingley. On arrival at the Institute, the 23 members who attended enjoyed the excellent buffet lunch before going out onto the trial grounds with Mr. Chris Peel and his associates. It was nice to hear that the R&A are financing more research into the problems encountered on golf courses. More research is vital if we are to counter the threat of increased wear and compaction caused by ever more play. The grass seed plots and fertiliser trials provoked many questions as did the section on turf diseases. We thank Mr. Peel and his colleagues for arranging a very informative day.

The first of the season's golf events will be our President's Day which will take place at Stocksbridge Golf Club at a date to be announced by our Competition Secretary.

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LONDON

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Firstly it is my pleasure to welcome to the Branch two new members, George Whitby the head greenkeeper of West Herts. Golf Club and Derek Lithgow the head greenkeeper of Bushey Hall Golf Club, we hope their appointments will be long and happy.

Following the April committee meeting Derek Mason resigned for personal reasons and I would like to thank him most sincerely for all his help over the past three years.

I am pleased to welcome Brian Andersen of Pinner onto the Committee and I am sure he will be a great asset to the Branch.

At the same meeting I was appointed as your temporary Administrator until the next A.G.M. This was because David Low relinquished the position due to pressure of work and family commitments. I feel sure that all members would like to pay tribute to David for the tremendous work he has done for the Branch since its foundation four years ago. He was a great ambassador and his administrative qualities will be sorely missed. However he will continue to serve as a committee member.

The summer league is now well under way and I hope you enjoy the competition as much as I do.

You will have been informed about the Committee's decision to hold regular monthly meetings of the Branch, and its inaugural meeting at the 'Capriole Room', Park Farm, Northwood on June 5th at 7.30 p.m. This offers members a great oppor-

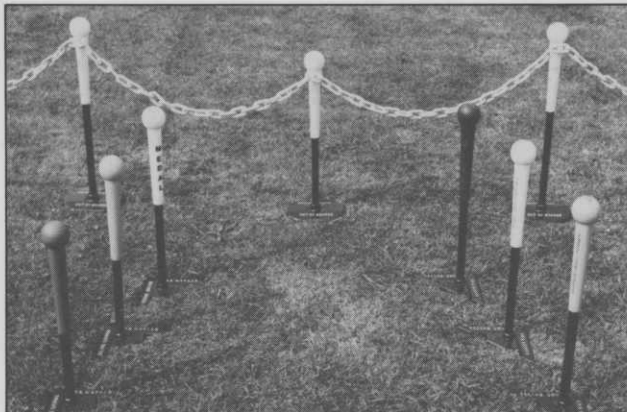
tunity to meet socially with their families. I sincerely hope we have a large turn-out for this function.

I look forward also to meeting the members at Bushey Squash and Golf Club at 4.00 p.m. on June 18th for an evening match followed by a pie and a pint at the very reasonable cost of £4 per head. Please notify me by 5th June if you wish to play.

The Autumn Meeting will be held at North Middlesex Golf Club, Frier Barnet Lane, N.20 on Tuesday, 6th October at 8.30 a.m.

We would like to send our condolences to the family and friends of George Pearce who died on Sunday, April 5th, aged 79.

He retired in 1981 after 45 years of loyal service on the greenkeeping staff of Muswell Hill Golf Club.



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