



JOHN DEERE LTD, were awarded the 'Gold Award for outstanding design and layout'. Managing Director, Douglas M. Walker (left) receives the certificate from R. J. Corbin, Vice-President of the I.O.G.

Nottingham based Doug Walker, Managing Director of the British end of John Deere announced the firm were now ready to move into the commercial turf care industry after establishing a substantial share of the agriculture business. They already have a range of compact tractors with a mid mounted mower and are ready to launch a mounted triple reel mower.

Beaver, trading as Polymark Beaver Equipment at Littlehampton, broke away from their distributors, Lely Import soon after Iseki left the St. Neots stable. They have now set up their own marketing operation headed by Bill Fisher. Bill in recent years has been with Swards at York, then Lely, moved to Iseki and is now Beaver's UK Sales Manager.

The company has always been a strong exporter and has strong ties with John Deere in the USA, so it was no surprise to see several items of Beaver Equipment attached to machines on the John Deere stand. Both companies were somewhat coy when asked if cooperation might become closer, but this observer's prediction for 1987, is that a John Deere/Beaver assault on the turf maintenance business will be launched within a few months.

Other new equipment seen around included a greenkeeper's runabout from the Cushman camp, marketed by Huxleys and a radio-controlled grass cutter powered by an 18hp diesel from Kubota.

This futuristic mower with a 60 inch cutting width is for use on awkward or dangerous slopes where the driver may feel safer controlling the machine by radio rather than sitting on the seat.

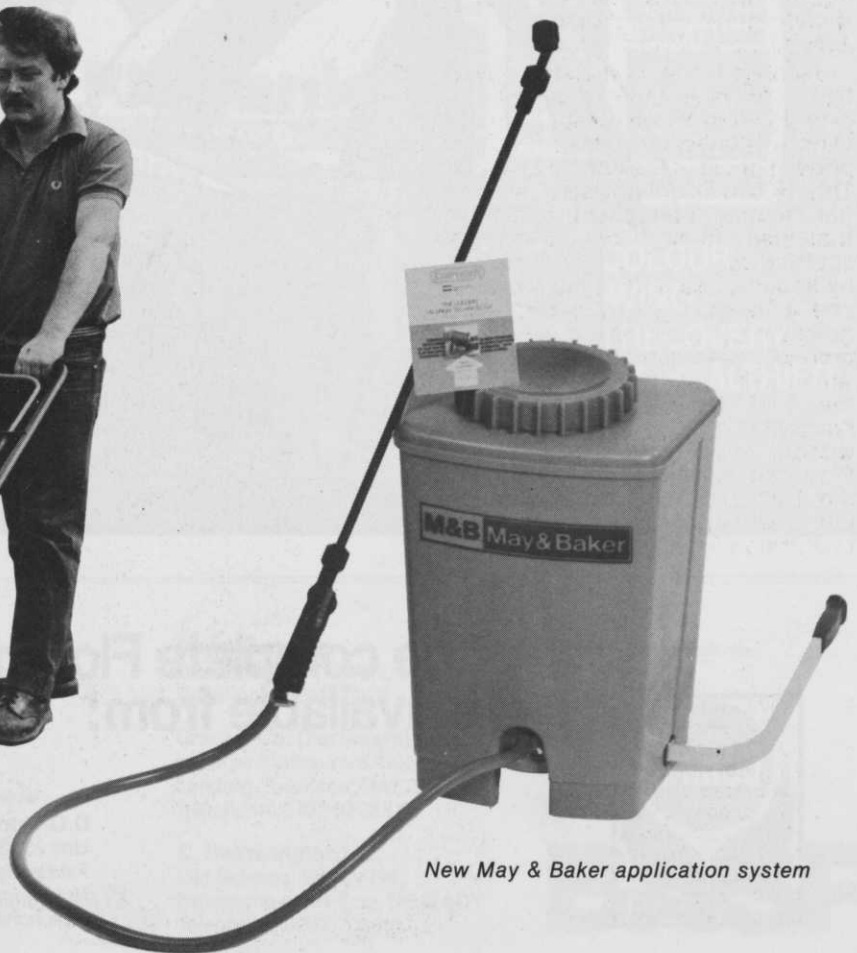
It was suggested that a greenkeeper could drive round the course setting the computerised programme as he followed a prescribed route. At the end of the day when the staff and golfers have left, the machine can be set out on its own to cut all night. Is this to be the future for golf course maintenance? With programmed machines the only addition required would be an electrified security fence around the course and a pack of fierce dogs. The greenkeeper would then be free to take on the Secretary's job!

On the fertiliser, herbicide and fungicide front the dominating producers such as ICI, May & Baker, BASF, Fisons and Rigby Taylor all reported an excellent response to their stands.

ICI have launched two new products, Tornado, a long-lasting worm killer based on carbaryl and Daconil, a new fungicide giving startling results in the treatment of Red Thread, Fusarium, Grey Snow Mould, Take-All Patch, Anthracnose, Brown Patch and Dollar Spot.

Among May & Baker's new products is Crossfire. Containing chlorpyrifos, it is aimed at the control of leather jackets and frit fly. M&B are also launching two application systems and a full support system for power sprayers.

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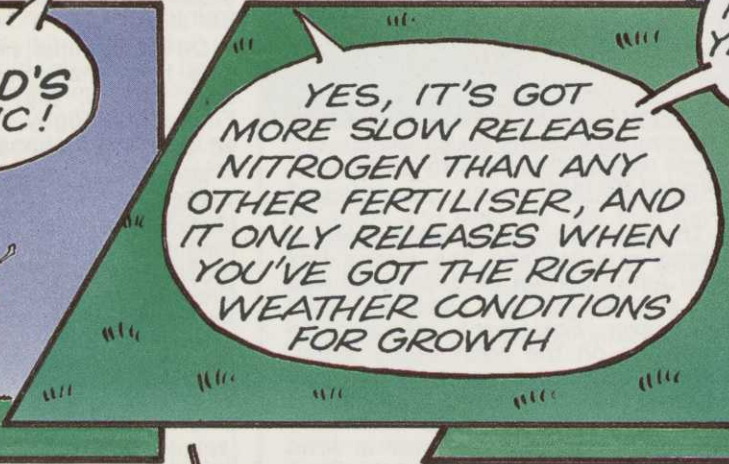
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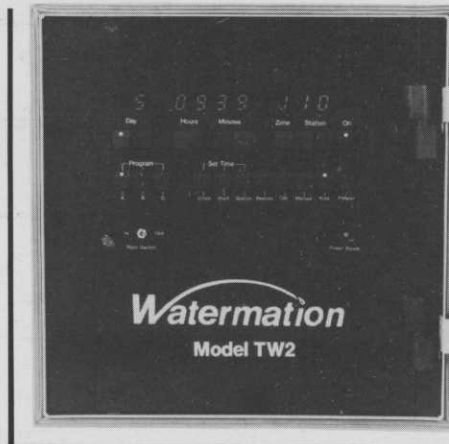
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NEWS Round-up

CUSHMAN EAGLE'S debut at SUNTORY.

Greenkeepers with the new Cushman Eagle out on the course during the Suntory World Matchplay Championship at Wentworth.



The new advanced, TW2 computer irrigation controller from Watermation will be on show for the first time in Scotland at the Scotsturf '86 Exhibition in Ingliston.

This all British designed and made controller has all the advantages of a low cost computer controller. The operation is extremely simple using prominent push buttons and it requires no previous computer knowledge.

The TW2 has been developed by Watermation from their TW1 two wire controller, which has been enormously successful, especially with golf clubs. It is capable of controlling 396 individual irrigation stations, which means it can handle a complete golf course scheme including greens, tees and fairways - all from one unit.

The TW2 will operate four different zones, each zone capable of having four different start times. In practical terms this means that given sufficient water and pumping capacity, four different areas could be operated simultaneously, or, in fact, any combination of areas. The timing, is computer accurate with set times as wide as one minute to ten hours, which makes it suitable for both drip and sprinkler irrigation. It displays "rain" when the rainstat has operated during the night.

This is a flexible, easy to use, irrigation system suited to all types of layout, soil, elevation and weather conditions.

GET THE FACTS RIGHT: JUST THE FACTS!

Last month we published an article on the Golfclub Beurberg following the editor's trip to Germany to meet Stewart Macintosh, (*Note the spelling*) the Lancastrian Greenkeeper in charge of this Southern Bavarian course.

During the course of the article's preparation, several letters were exchanged with Stewart to check the facts with the result that he has now written to say how pleased he was and that several of the club members who have read his copy were delighted to see their golf club featured.

Not so, concerning an article on Beurberg printed in Turf Management in September under the name of Lindsay Bransbury, another member of the press party sponsored by BASF.


For starters, lovely girl that Lindsay is, she committed the cardinal sin of spelling his name wrong - Stuart McIntosh (*Could it have been the Scotch the night before?*) Then, in discussing the need to incorporate finer quartz sand into the greens she suggests the size is from 0.3 to 3mm. *Imagine putting over particles of 3mm.*

To add insult to injury the next line reads - 'a lot of phosphates have been used on greens and fairways' - No they have not.

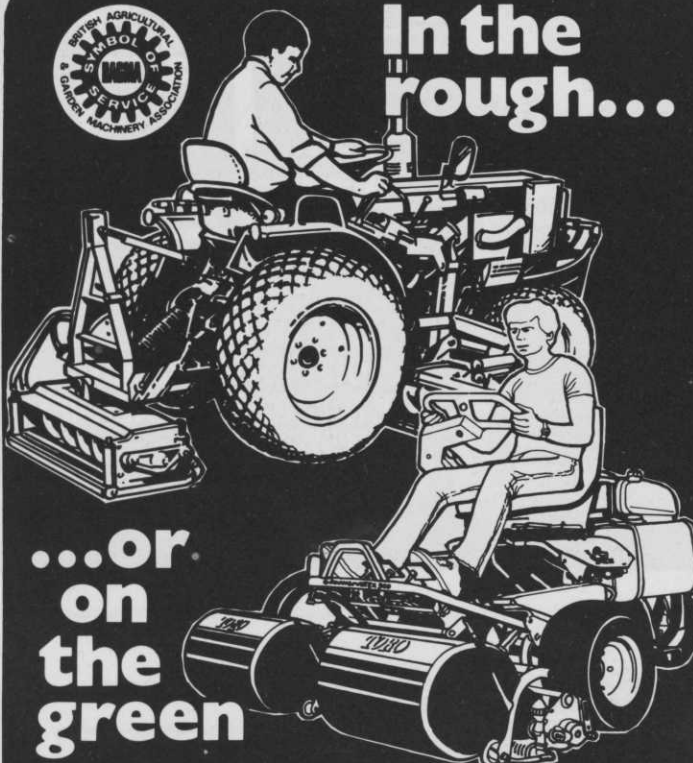
But then, and this must be a classic, she suggests - 'at the height of the season Beurberg supports 1,000 - 1,300 rounds a day!' Assuming the matches are played from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. to accommodate this number of players, they would have to tee off in three balls every one minute and 36 seconds and complete the eighteen holes in under 25 minutes. We all know the Germans are efficient but this is faster than Boris Becker can play tennis!

In a recent letter, Stewart, (*note the spelling Lindsay*) says 'What will people say when they read this. It made me feel a 'right Nana'.

To be fair the Turf Management article was professionally written, but Greenkeepers do get upset, with good reason, when the facts are wrong. Stick to Landscape writing Lindsay and leave the golf to the Greenkeepers.




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A BREAKTHROUGH IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Following an initiative by the National Turfgrass Council's Education Committee, a major breakthrough has been achieved in education and training for the sportsturf industry.

A tripartite working party representing the Council, the IOG and the Lancashire College of Agriculture - headed by Barrie Dickinson, Chairman of the Council's Education Committee - has devised a syllabus for a new Business and Technician Education Council (BTEC) National Diploma in Turfculture. Subject to approval, it will be offered by the Lancashire College for the first time in September 1987.

The syllabus is intended to provide a model for other colleges: its modular format, with compulsory and optional units, is meant to encourage the development of other courses leading to the BTEC National Diploma. Full - and eventually part-time courses, catering for the particular needs of all those employed in the industry, are envisaged.

The full-time three-year course has been developed for young people wishing to make a career in the turfculture industry and to enable them, with experience, to hold posts of responsibility within local authority parks and recreation departments, golf courses and sports clubs. It contains a unique sandwich element which allows maximum integration between the college academic work and the highly practical industry it serves.

Two periods of industrial experience occupying one full year, usually in different aspects of sports turf, are included.

Established in 1894, the Lancashire College has a long and proud tradition and now has three teaching centres and five farms. Its diploma courses are currently based at Myerscough, and the college works closely with industry to ensure that the courses maintain the high standards required.

PRIZE LIMIT CHANGES FOR AMATEURS

The R & A in response to the increasing number of sponsored events used by commercial enterprises to promote their business through golf have announced changes to the rules of amateur prize limits to take effect from 1st January next year.

The limit for a prize, in an event of more than two rounds, has gone up to £170, an increase of £20. This, however, applies only in Britain and Ireland. The rest of the world will be able to give prizes worth 400 dollars (£285), an increase of 50 dollars (£35) on present rates.

The Royal and Ancient states: "It is appreciated that the current prize limits of £150 or 350 U.S. dollars do not equate to the market exchange rates. It has, however, been decided to continue on this basis and use the same ratio".

For most club golfers who play in competitions of only one or two rounds, there will be a reduction in the value of prizes. For 36-hole competitions or less, the maximum prize will be £110 in Britain and Ireland.

There was previously no differentiation regarding the length of tournaments.

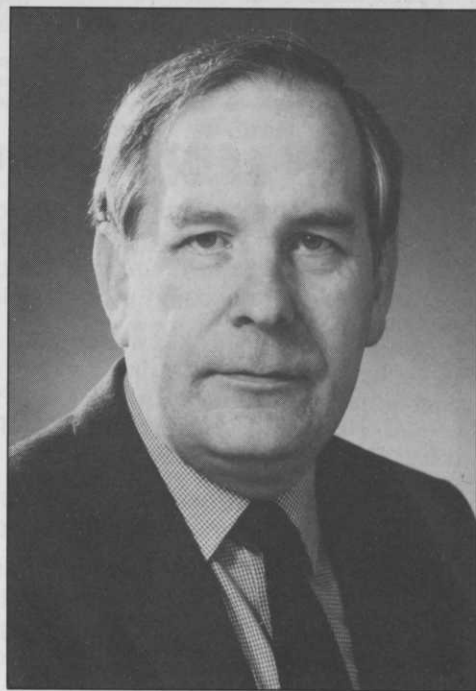
Sponsors will, in future, be allowed to pay the expenses on behalf of a player or team to compete in a handicap event approved by the governing body.

It will, however, no longer be permitted to win a prize of an expenses paid trip to take part in a golf competition.

The Royal and Ancient are making another attempt to ensure that the winner of a prize voucher does not handle any cash. In future the voucher may only be handed to a retailer in exchange for goods purchased and the retailer will send his bill to the committee for payment.

A player waiting reinstatement as an amateur may take part in a competition solely among the members of a club of which he is a member. He may win a prize, but this is for his club to decide.

APPOINTMENTS



KEIR WYATT

GUY CATCHPOLE'S SUCCESSOR

Keir Wyatt, who joined Ransomes Main Board in June of this year, has taken over from Guy Catchpole as Ransomes Sales Director.

As a farm machinery dealer and tractor manufacturer, where he held senior positions in the marketing and servicing of products through a UK and overseas dealer organisation, Keir Wyatt has brought to Ransomes a wealth of experience and fresh ideas.

Keir Wyatt had no doubts about the future being challenging. Nevertheless, he accepts it with confidence, particularly as he has the backing of an organisation with financial strength and the support of an enthusiastic and able staff.

Aged 43, Keir Wyatt is married with two sons and includes golf, music and motor sport amongst his hobbies.

GREENKEEPERS HELP TO RAISE OVER £2,000 FOR CHARITY

Filton Golf Club was this year's venue for the 1986 A.R.M.S./B.G.G.A. Charity Golf Tournament and although there were fewer players this year the total cash raised for the A.R.M.S. (Action for Research into Multiple Sclerosis) Charity was over £1,200.

The South West Section of the B.G.G.A. and Peter Hampton again organised this popular event, which has raised over £4,400 in 3 years for A.R.M.S., with the help from the following companies who donated prizes and cash towards this event:-

Bristol Garden Machinery, Barrus Bunton, Charterhouse Turf Machinery, Rocraft Engineering, Garden and Lawn Equipment, Lely, Toro, Heron Suzuki Power Products, Ritefeed Organic Turf Products, Chelwood Tool Company and Bridges Pennants. Peter A. Hampton donated the Match Sponsor Draw Prize and covered the administration costs of the event.

Filton Golf Club have recently rebuilt the Clubhouse and the group were honoured to be one of the first societies to use it. Special thanks are due to Don O'Leary, Club Secretary, for insisting this Charity Tournament be held at Filton, also to the Committee for allowing the players the courtesy of the course and for providing wine for the meal.

The Mid West Friends of A.R.M.S. Chairman Tony Williams and Filton Golf Club Vice-Captain Peter Deadman officiated with the prizes and draw.

THE SPONSOR PRIZE DRAW

1st Prize:	D. Gardner	£100
2nd Prize:	C. Walton	Flymo
3rd Prize:	M. Vincent	Watering Kit
4th Prize:	Mr. Lawes	Rake

WINNING AMATEUR PLAYERS

1st	Stuart Phipps, (Kingsdown G.C.)	Nett 65	Clock & Trophy
2nd	John McFarnon (Clevedon G.C.)	Nett 66	Ikra Strimmer
3rd	Peter Deadman (V. Capt., Filton G.C.)	Nett 68	Wheelbarrow Suzuki
4th	Les Kemp (Clevedon G.C.)	Nett 69	Suzuki Coat

WINNING GREENKEEPERS

1st	Colin Shutt (Chipping Sodbury G.C.)	Nett 67	Clock & Trophy
2nd	Barry Reeves (Clevedon G.C.)	Nett 69	Braun Shaver
3rd	Bill Curtis (Kingsdown G.C.)	Nett 71 (Back 9)	Barbeque
4th	John York (Ashley Wood G.C.)	Nett 71	Ritefeed Coat

A presentation Tankard, provided by Mrs. Lesley Hampton, was presented to George Pearce (Steward at Long Ashton Golf Club) for the highest sponsor ticket sales - again!!

Other donated prizes were auctioned to raise an extra £142 from the table.

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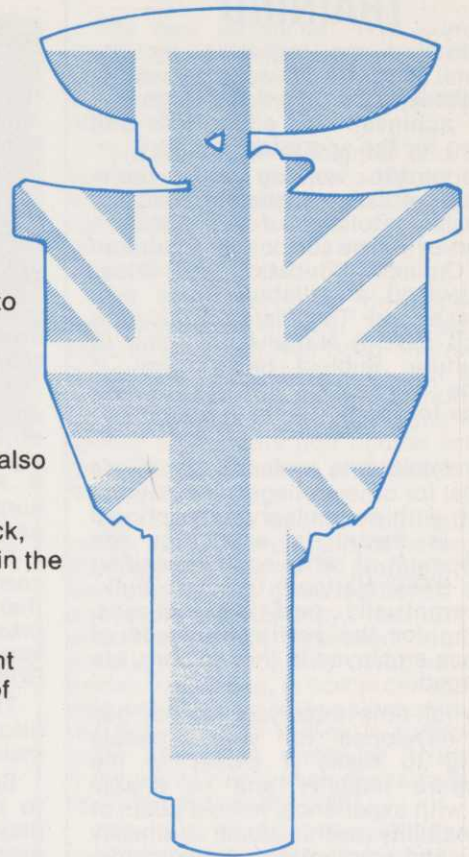
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SECTIONAL News

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

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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

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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

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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:-

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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 Hillsborough 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

Hon. Sec: Steve Wood
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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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THE BATTLE AGAINST THE EVERGREEN

by Simon Gidman

Holds a degree in Landscape Architecture and is currently employed by Hawtree & Son, Golf Course Architects and Consultants

....some thoughts on golf course planting.

There are few more depressing sights than a mass of recently planted evergreen trees - all of the same species, all equidistance and all the same height. Imagine the prospect in 10 or 15 years time - a wall of dark green vegetation, unchanging from one year to the next in height and spread - little growth below the canopy, no understorey, no change in colour with little if any wildlife. Whether these be groups of pines, firs, larch or (God forbid!) Cupressus, their very presence in such numbers suggests a lack of understanding of landscape and a single-minded view of the golf course. Fortunately this happens more often on upland slopes in Scotland and the foresters there are being given a hard time as a result.

But evergreens are often planted on golf courses in response to function rather than beauty - to hide a dismal view - to create screens or to protect boundaries. Even though planted small, they will grow quickly and provide year-round protection and isolation.

But function is not the only task that trees perform on a golf course. What of the brightness of spring flowering trees, the subtle shadows of leaves contrasting in shape and size? What of the beauty of autumn colours heralding the season of winter foursomes.

Trees, handsome in themselves, give just as much to a golf course as those doing a useful job. There is also an argument that the two must work in harmony, why not combine evergreen and deciduous plants? This diversity of species and growing patterns distinguishes our woodlands. Sometimes it is lacking on our golf courses.

The protagonist of the evergreen argues for speed of growth. Evidently conifers are mostly fast-growing. The Scots Pine and Spruce, planted at 1.0m. high, will reach 12 metres in 20 years and the European Larch, 16m. in 20 years. So within a short space of time, cover can be provided. But what of native deciduous trees? Willows (20 metres in 20 years), Birch (10 metres in 20 years), Wild

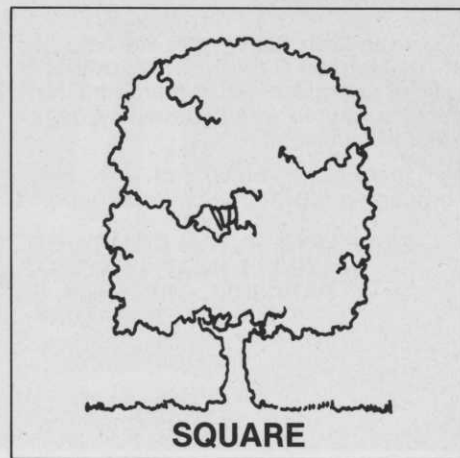
Cherry (15 metres in 20 years), Poplars (15 metres in 20 years), Field Maples, Alders, Hornbeam and Hawthorn are all fast growing given the right space, planted at the right size and given occasional maintenance.

Sometimes it is also thought that conifers are the only family that will grow successfully in exposed areas as shelter belts. That argument has a certain truth but evergreens are not the **only** plants that grow well in poor conditions. In most planting the conifers will act as a nurse species, protecting the young deciduous plants from the vagaries of weather. Once they have reached a certain height and the deciduous trees are fully established, the evergreens can be thinned out, leaving some as a backcloth to lighter deciduous trees. Local authorities who are always pleased to advise on such matters rarely advocate a ratio higher than 25% of evergreen to deciduous. The remaining 75% should be a mixture of some of the faster growing deciduous plants and slower growing species like Oak, Beech and Ash. The species chosen will depend on the site, natural soil conditions and longer term planning requirements.

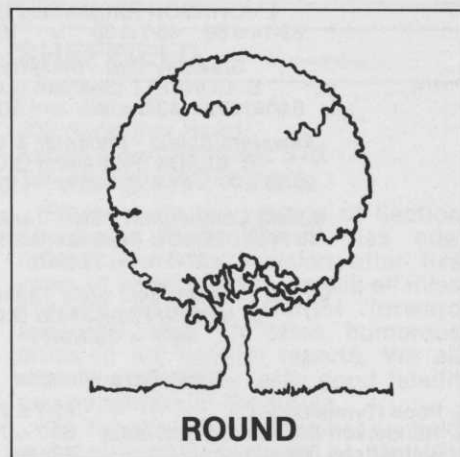
Finally some will say evergreen trees make their presence felt throughout the year and are always an obstacle to the golfer. This argument, at least, is irrefutable.

But beyond these initial considerations, what we are trying to achieve is a reflection of the local landscape and vegetation to create a natural harmony of the golf course with its surroundings. As Walter Hagan said "You're only here for a short visit. Don't hurry. Don't worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way". Though this should not be interpreted as an excuse to plant exotic plants with standard roses around tees and greens, its message is clear. Golf offers us the opportunity to savour the countryside and appreciate the changing seasonal faces of the landscape.

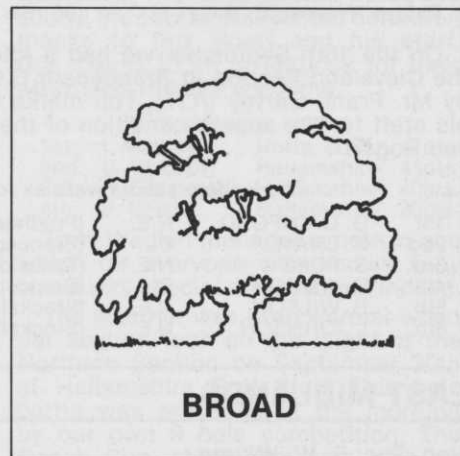
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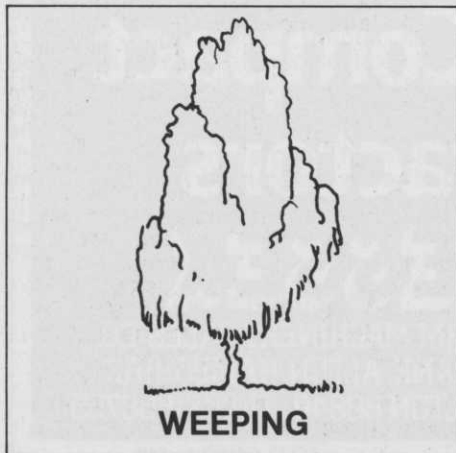
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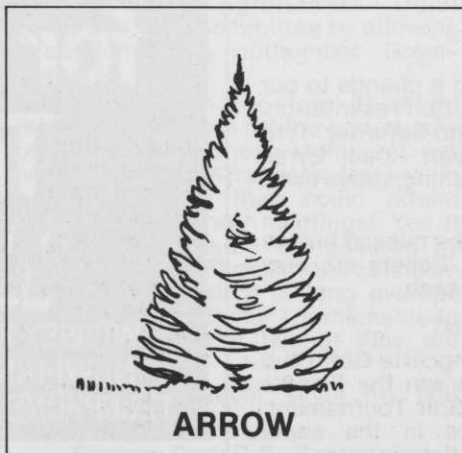
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