# **SECTIONAL** News

#### SOUTH COAST

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Our Winter Lecture Programme continued in February with a visit by Mr. Paul Watson of Ransomes.

Mr. Watson gave an illustrated talk on the firm's history, and brought us up to date with Ransomes new equipment aimed at the golf course market. This included Ransomes TMV 20, a three-wheeled dual truck maintenance power unit, and their new diesel GT Triple Greens Machine, first seen last year at the Windsor Show.

For information, full details on these machines were given in the Windsor Show review in the October Journal.

A full list of Section Tournaments for 1987 are listed below:-

Spring Tournament: Stoneham Golf Club, Thursday, May 28th, 1987 Vitax Greenkeepers Tournament: Ferndown Golf Club Wednesday, May 20th, 1987 Summer Tournament: Lee-on-Solent Golf Club Thursday, July 16th, 1987 Annual Match: South-West - High Post Golf Club Thursday, September 3rd, 1987

Thursday, September 3rd, 1987 Autumn Invitation Meeting: Cowdray Park Golf Club Thursday, September 24th, 1987 Turkey Trot:

Turkey Trot: Royal Winchester Golf Club Wednesday, December 9th, 1987

The position of Tournament Organiser, now vacant, should be resolved at the Section's A.G.M. in March. The name of our new organiser will be given in the April notes of the Section, and all applications to play in our tournaments should be directed to the new organiser.

At a recent Committee Meeting, it was agreed that a handicap limit of 22 be placed on all members when playing in our Section Tournaments. Some of us, including your scribe, are still trying to maintain a handicap in excess of this figure!

#### **MID ANGLIA**

Hon. Sec: L. Wakerell, 26 Loxley Road, Berkhamsted, Herts. HP4 3PS

The January Lecture at St. Neots Golf Club was well attended when some 50 members came along to hear Jon Albutt, Technical Manager of Synchemicals Limited, give a lengthy talk on the up to date legislation for the use and storage of chemicals on golf courses.

Some clubs give low priority to the safety aspects as required by law, while most give no priority at all.

This could well change in the future as new legislation will require a Certificate of Competence from the user as from 1st January, 1989. Who will be responsible for issuing these Certificates? Greenkeepers should expect the new administration of B.I.G.G.A. to offer positive guide lines in the future as the new laws are complex and extensive.

#### 1987 FIXTURES

The Spring Meeting will be held at Bedford and County Golf Club on Tuesday, 12th May over 27 holes. Please let Ken Bunting have your Entry, Handicap and £12.00 Fee by 1st May.

Other dates for the diary are:-A.G.M. and 18 holes: Arkley G.C. 17th June. Mid Anglia v. Midlands

Berkhamsted G.C. Thursday 9th July

Summer Tournament over 36 holes: Welwyn Garden City G.C. Monday 13th July

B.I.G.G.A. Annual Tournament: Verulam Golf Club Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th August

Autumn Meeting over 27 holes: Woodlands Golf Club Wednesday 23rd September Christmas Invitation:

South Bedfordshire Golf Club Thursday 10th December

#### MIDLANDS

Hon. Sec: Steve Wood 37 Holford Avenue, Bescot, Walsall Telephone: (0922) 611380 Minutes of Regional Board Meeting held on Monday, 23rd February, 1987, at Lutterworth.

Present: P. McCarron (Chairman), A. Kite, S. Wood, W. Cole, R. W. Willars (Secretary).

Being the first meeting of the newly formed B I G G A, it has been called to discuss any points that the Regional Board felt should be brought up at the next Board of Management Meeting on 2nd March by it's representative P. McCarron.

- Communication. It was felt that Minutes of Board of Management meetings should be sent to all Area Administrators as soon as possible after such meetings.
- It was reported that E I G G A, East of England section had been contacted and a list of members sent to the Chairman. The Midland section said they had no E I G G A members.
- 3. It was suggested that Regional Board meeting expenses be paid from Headquarters.
- Concern was expressed about the 1988 Annual Golf Tournament which was to be held in the Midland section. If this is correct, could a date be determined to enable a venue to be arranged, if this is possible at this later date.
- 5. Annual Golf Tournament to be arranged by Board of Management.
- 6. Category of non trade members to be determined.
- 7. Membership cards, with courtesy of Course, to be given to all members as in the past. Next Meeting to be arranged by

the Chairman

#### NORTHERN

Hon. Sec: D. C. Hannam, 12 Moorfield Avenue, Menston, W. Yorks. Telephone: (0943) 72008

Winter is still with us but is seems a kind winter. Kind because in this neck of the woods construction is continuing outside virtually unabated, resulting in some good work being accomplished. Drainage work, which as a rule ends up with you being stuck up to the eyeballs in mud has progressed on a relatively clean level with heavy materials moving about without fuss.

A retrospective view of golf green construction was taken on January 22 when "8th green: Baildon - take two" was successfully screened. Apart from the nostalgia the compelling question was "How the hell did we do it?" All in a winter's work, of course!

All in a winter's work, of course! On the early morning of St. Valentine's Day, 1987 60-plus people, some still drying tears of mirth from their eyes departed from Oakdale Golf Club after our Annual Dinner. Joining us for the evening were our honoured guests, Mr. W. Coates, President of Oakdale G.C. and his wife. Mr. George Malcolm, current Chairman of the now amalgamated BGGA, and his wife. The man responsible for the merriment was our guest speaker, Mr. Brian Bolus the former Yorks / Notts / Derby and England cricketer who succeeded in having most people in stitches throughout his spot. All in all an excellent evening.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES:

Spring Tournament, Keighley G.C. June 3rd

President's Day, Horsforth G.C. June 16th

Roses Match, Saddleworth G.C. July 22nd

It is with sadness that we report the death, during January of Mr. A. R. Millar of Skegness.

Mr. Millar was a Northern Section Life Member. Our deepest sympathies to his family.

In order to prevent a break in continuity if you feel like sending your subscription through it will be banked and held safe. Although it is not confirmed, it seems fairly certain that the sub-rate will be £15 for ALL classes. Whatever line is adopted by our new Board of Management, it will take some time for the organisation to function. Please be patient and **do not** become disillusioned. The provincial scene will remain relatively unchanged.



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As we look forward to a new season, already our golf committee have several confirmed dates for your diaries:

Thursday April 30th Moor Allerton Golf Club - Northern Region Rufford Top Dress' Invitation Day Thursday May 21st

Thursday May 21st Bury Golf Club - Spring Tournament Wednesday July 22 - Saddleworth Golf Club Battle of the Roses

Date to be confirmed - Heswall Golf Club Autumn Tournament

To be arranged - Match v. North West Stewards Association

Seminar 1987 - Sell out! At the time of writing we are just over a week away from our third one day Seminar at Mere and I must apologise to those whose applications had to be returned due to the demand for tickets.

The 180 tickets were sold out by mid-February which makes all the hard work put in by our seminar subcommittee well worthwhile.

I trust that the new idea of the brochures went down well and that they will be useful when ordering time comes round.

We are already considering holding another one day seminar possibly in the Autumn.

It is seen as a good indicator that members prefer one day seminars as opposed to the winter series of evening lectures held previously. Therefore we trust that all members will soon be supporting these days as I think everybody who attends agrees that they really are value for money.

#### Committee 1987-88

We will shortly confirm a date and venue for an Annual General Meeting when the officers will be nominated and elected by the members.

Already confirmed is the unity between the two past committees of B.G.G.A. and E.I.G.G.A. With a blend of youth and experience the future of the North-West B.I.G.G.A. committee looks set for years to come.

Mr. Bill, awson (Heswall G.C.) will continue to represent the section on the National Board of Management. I am sure members will be wanting to know about subscription rates, wage scales, ties, etc. but unfortunately we are not yet aware of decisions and a period of patience is required.

The appointment of the Adminstrator is imminent and we can then expect confirmation on many points.

We will endeavour to keep you informed with developments.

#### FORTHCOMING GOLF TOURNAMENTS –

|  | APRIL | 16 | St. Mellion G.C. (Welsh)   | JULY               | 1                                 | Ladbrook Park G.C. (Mid)                           |  |
|--|-------|----|--|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
|  |       | 30 | Moor Allerton G.C.<br>(Rufford Top Dress Invitation)   |                    | 9                                 | Berkhampstead G.C.<br>(Mid Anglia versus Midlands) |  |
|  | MAY   | 14 | Robin Hood G.C. (Mid).<br>Vitax Tournament Ferndown G.C.<br>Bury G.C. (N.W.)<br>Stoneham G.C. (S.C.) |                    | 13                                | Welwyn Garden City G.C. (Mid Anglia)               |  |
|  |       | 14 |  | 16                 |                                   | Lee on Solent G.C. (S.C.)                          |  |
|  |       | 20 |  |                    | 22 Saddleworth G.C. (Roses Match) |  |  |
|  |       | 21 |  | AUGUST<br>17-18-19 |                                   | NATIONAL TOURNAMENT<br>Verulam Golf Club           |  |
|  |       | 28 |  |                    |                                   |  |  |
|  | JUNE  | 3  | Keighley G.C. (Northern)   | SEPT.              | 3                                 | High Post G.C. (S.C.)                              |  |
|  |       | 16 | Horsforth G.C. (Northern)  |                    | 21                                | Brocton G.C. (Mid)                                 |  |
|  |       | 17 | Arkley G.C. (Mid Anglia)   |                    | 23                                | Woodlands G.C. (Mid Anglia)                        |  |
|  |       | 18 | Southerndown G.C. (Welsh)  |                    | 24                                | Cowdray Park G.C. (S.C.)                           |  |
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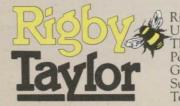
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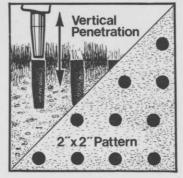


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