



## Why All Greenkeepers Should Join An Association

More than 70 years ago, the greenkeepers of Scotland banded together and formed the forerunner of the present Scottish And International Golf Greenkeepers' Association.

Even in 1911, the need for an association was considered a vital prerequisite for the advancement of greenkeeping and greenkeepers.

The basic goals remain the same today—to use the resources of a national association to bring the member's professional excellence up to a level that will set him apart from others and enable him to reap richer benefits from his calling.

Recent years have brought about the realisation that the complexities of the present day call for an expansion in the scope of SIGGA activities. No longer just a cutter and keeper of the greens, the golf course greenkeeper of today has to be a doctor of soil and grasses, a scientist, mechanic, plant pathologist, entomologist, manager, administrator, public relations man and all of this responsibility in a rapidly changing world of limited resources, new technology and a sometimes bewildering existence.

This is where SIGGA comes in—providing every greenkeeper the means to make it, comfortably and happily, in a world full of multiplying challenges.

It is a simple fact of life that everyone in a skilled trade or profession needs to belong to a professional organisation and the logical choice is SIGGA for those in the greenkeeping profession. It is the oldest association and the one that commands national respect.

SIGGA has drive, the kind that comes from representing a growing membership across the country and also abroad. It is the united voice of professionals in SIGGA who recognise that their growth and advancement will best be helped by a strong association with worldwide acclaim.

The members of SIGGA are proud of their profession and eager to see it grow in stature and occupy a position with greater strength in the world of golf. SIGGA members not only take, they give back through participation in association activities in a fine display of unselfish sharing.

SIGGA does more than offer you the prestige of belonging to an association of its stature. It keeps you informed and up-to-date on the art and science of fine turfgrass management; helps you to develop the other skills vital to your job; works to achieve recognition for you as a vital cog in the golf course community and provides a variety of other benefits that show SIGGA's concern for the well being of yourself and your family.

*J.W. Neilson, SIGGA President*

## New Addresses

William Moffett, 22 Port Street, Dalbeattie  
 Stephen Earl, 2 Wheatley Place, Stevenston, Ayrshire  
 I. Semple, 16 Kundale Terrace, Kirkcudbright  
 J.S. Barr, 20 Mount Avenue, Symington, Kilmarnock  
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 G. Heron, 38 Main Street, Ballantrrie  
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 D. Gray, Lahinch Golf Club, Co. Clare

J. Grainger, secretary of the Ayrshire section, reports that the spring tournament enjoyed the warmest April day since records began. Some 41 members, trade and guests contested the tournament at Ayr, Bellisle. The long course proved to be the winner, with only one player, R. Bruce, beating the SSS.

Thanks go to Kyle and Carrick for the courtesy of the course and to Harry Diamond and all the staff for a very enjoyable day.

Bill Beveridge came over from Edinburgh to play in the afternoon and present the prizes in the evening. It is with great sadness that we learnt of his death several days later in this his retiral year (see story in *Notebook*). He will be a great loss to Ransomes and an ever bigger loss to greenkeeping. Our deepest sympathies go to his family.

The autumn outing will be held on September 11 at Old Prestwick.

Elie Golf Club was the venue for the recent Central spring outing when 40 members and guests enjoyed a great day. The course was in excellent condition thanks to Brian Lawrie and his staff. Catering in the hands of Mrs Cowan was first class and the hospitality of club secretary Mr Forgie and club steward Mr Cowan was greatly appreciated. Our thanks go to the captain and council of Elie Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of the course.

Winners: best nett—Neil Rawlinson, 67; best scratch—Brian Finlayson, 77; 1st class—G.Scougall, 70, runner-up—John Philp, 71; 2nd class—W. Whitfield, 69, runner-up—G. Palfray, 72; trade—M. Dennis, 72 and two-ball fours—J. Lees and T. McNairney, 27½.

Qualifiers for the Autogarden tournament are B. Finlayson, C. Stewart, J. Philp, N. Rawlinson, G. Scougall, W. Whitfield, G. Palfray, I. Donaldson, C. Fotheringham and E. Small.

Archie Morton, until last year a greenkeeper at Stirling Golf Club, has died. Archie was a keen supporter of the section until he retired early for health reasons.

The annual spring tournament of the East Section was held at Glencorse Golf Club by courtesy of the club council. Over 60 members attended on a dry, sunny day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves on a course in first-class

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## Don't Fall For The Sand-Loss Trap...

Fryma Fabrics, in conjunction with ICI Fibres Division, has developed a high-tenacity fabric designed to overcome the problems of sand loss from golf course bunkers.

The greatest sand loss is due to natural causes. In very dry weather, the ground cracks and the dry sand falls into the coarser sub-soil. In the wet, this same filtration process occurs, but is exacerbated when the sand mixes with the heavier soil and the bunker soon becomes 'dirty' and unplayable.

These new Fryma bunker linings are made in such a way that they prevent the overlying sand from filtering into the underlying earth and, in extremely wet conditions, allow water to drain through into the sub-soil, thus reducing flooding.

In the autumn of 1982, a trial lining

was fitted to a notoriously wet bunker at Beeston Fields Golf Club in Nottinghamshire for testing. During the following year, the amount of replacement sand needed was negligible and drainage had improved so dramatically that the bunker was always in play. When lifted for observation last November, there was no degradation of the fabric itself and, when tested, there was no loss of inherent strength.

For ease of fitting, all Fryma bunker linings are tailor-made. When installed, they are invisible and do not interfere with play.

Founded in 1922, Fryma Fabrics is the UK's leading manufacturer of knitted industrial fabric. Full details from Fryma Fabrics, Fryma House, Denison Stret, Nottingham NG7 3PJ. ☎ 0602 782141.



Sand is replaced in a typical bunker where a new Fryma liner has been laid.

## People, Places, Products Continued...

As a direct result of making franchises available individually instead of as a package, Marshall Concessionaires has signed three new dealers. They are Shanks Mowers Croydon of Thornton Heath, Surrey, which will handle the Jacobsen range; E.T. Breakwell of Solihull, Birmingham, handling the Ryan range, and Pace and Sons of Maidstone, Kent and East Grinstead, West Sussex, which will handle the Ryan range at both locations.

Marshall Concessionaires' recent appointment as UK distributor for Motomop means that the company now offers potential dealers a choice from five franchises—Jacobsen, Ryan, Buntun, JL Multi-trac and Motomop.

*The Golfer's Handbook has been acquired by Macmillan and is now published in conjunction with Benson and Hedges. First produced in 1898, it has been completely re-designed and the format revised.*

*The Benson and Hedges Golfer's Handbook will be published in two versions—a hardback on subscription for club secretaries and in paperback (priced £8.95), which will be available at all leading booksellers.*

The 1985 IOG annual conference takes place at Myerscough College from April 8-11; the 1986 conference will be held in Cardiff from March 31 - April 3 and in 1987 it will be in Aberdeen from April 20-23.

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condition, due to our old friend Dick Duggan. The catering was excellent and our thanks to Mrs Low for looking after us in this department.

Winners: scratch—T.Rogerson (Bamburgh Castle), 71; 1st class—R.Duggan, 69, runner-up—A.Holmes; 2nd class—P.Bowden, 71, runner-up—J.Easton; 3rd class—R.Frame, 73, runner-up—S.Dixon; veteran—J.Paton and trade—M.Dennis.

One notable absentee was David Brown (ex-Baberton GC), who had been in hospital. However, I am glad to say that he is well on the way to recovery. This is the first outing David has missed in many years.

The ten East members taking part in the new tournament arranged by Autogarden are R.Duggan, T.Rogerson, J.Paton, A.Holmes, S.Crawford, A.Purdie, R.Bunting, G.Simpson, K.Archibald and T.Murray.

The new knockout tournament in the section has started

well. The finals will be played later in the year. The autumn tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 4 at Broomieknowe GC, when the annual raffle will be drawn—so, hurry up and sell your tickets, lads.

There are a fair number of subscriptions still to come and payment should be made immediately otherwise the offenders' names will be deleted from the mailing list, which includes distribution of the magazine.

It is with regret that I announce two deaths in the East, both from the same village and course. William Huish, late greenkeeper at Gullane GC, died on March 29 and Andrew Anderson, late head greenkeeper at Gullane GC died on May 5. Both Willie and Andrew were great stalwarts of the association and will be sadly missed.

W. Blair.