



Headquarters News

You will all doubtless be pleased to hear that I intend to keep my end-of-year HQ news fairly short! Details of EIGGA's forthcoming educational conference are given on this page. I am pleased with the way plans for the conference are progressing and look forward to it being an exciting and successful event.

In my notes last Christmas, I reflected on 1983 being a gratifying first year for EIGGA. Everything had galloped along at such a pace and it was pleasurable to look back on the achievements of a few short months. This year has been different, but just as satisfying. The pace has slowed somewhat, which was inevitable, but I feel the association has broadened its outlook and attitude and has matured as a result.

I occasionally hear people ask "What is EIGGA doing for its members?" The answer is "Everything in its power." The process of change is painfully slow and arduous, but we continually strive to effect change and improvement where necessary. I agree that it is most frustrating for members when they are not aware of the efforts being made on their behalf. Sometimes a degree of confidentiality has to be maintained in order to assist the achievement of our aims, but I can assure you that, although the wheels of progress turn somewhat slowly, they are turning constantly in order to make EIGGA a strong and powerful voice in the industry.

With the festive season almost upon us, now is the ideal time to purchase EIGGA clothing! I will do my best to get orders delivered as soon as possible. Blazers are navy, feature the EIGGA emblem and cost £43.50. Ties are also navy with a gold emblem and cost £3.75. Pullovers, supplied to us by a top manufacturer, come in navy, bottle green, camel and wine and cost £15.

Finally, I wish all members and their families a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Danielle Jones, General Administrator.

EIGGA Annual Conference

Notice of the association's annual conference to be held at Warwick University from March 22-24 is being distributed with this issue of *Greenkeeper*. The conference will have a wide range of subjects under discussion with speakers from all aspects of the greenkeeping industry.

The opening address on Friday afternoon is to be given by Dickie Jeeps, chairman of the Sports Council. Delegates will then be addressed by 13 speakers before the association's AGM on Sunday afternoon. The president and one of the trustees will be elected at the AGM and nomination details will appear in *Greenkeeper* together with a formal notice covering the meeting.

It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend the conference, giving demonstrable support to the association.

London

David MacIndoe, who was chairman of the branch during its formation, has left West Herts and moved across the sea to Ireland, where he takes charge of the two courses at Killarney.

We all wish David and his family every success. He will be missed by his many friends and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his time and effort in ensuring that the branch found its feet. I'm sure his enthusiasm has rubbed off on many of us.

David's successor as chairman of the branch is Tom Low of Hartsbourne and no doubt we can all learn from his wealth of experience.

The dry summer had to end eventually and it did just that on the day of our autumn meeting at Porters Park. Over 40 members and guests enjoyed their golf on a course prepared by Martin Smith and his team. It was, as usual, in excellent condition.

Barbara Norton and her staff made sure everyone forgot the miserable weather by preparing a superb meal. Mike Peters, Norman Exley and Tom MacDonald organised the cards and competitions and my personal thanks go to them as I was unable to attend. Tom Low presented the prizes and entertained the audience with his debut address as chairman.

The results were: 18 hole

Stableford, 0-14 section—C.Slater, who won the Parker shield and Rigby Taylor decanter; 15-28 section—A.Grew, who received the Patisson trophy and the fourball better-ball medal—C.Barker and R.Cameron. The branch's thanks also go to Kingston House, Synchemicals and King's for their support.

The branch AGM has been provisionally set for February 12 at Aldenham and it is hoped that at least two guest speakers will be present. On behalf of the London branch committee, I wish all EIGGA members a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

David Low.

Surrey

Branch activities for the winter include a lecture by Honey Bros on chainsaw safety, at the RAC club, Epsom on Monday November 12 (7.30pm); a talk by Martyn Jones at Malden GC on Monday December 3 (7.30pm); a turkey trot also at Malden on Monday December 17 (11am); a presentation by Lloyds of Letchworth at Walton Heath on Monday January 14 (7.30pm) and a talk at Woking GC on PGA course presentation on Monday February 11 (1.30pm).

The branch AGM will be held in March on a date to be arranged—details will be published in *Greenkeeper*. Application forms for competitions from Ken MacNiven, 5 Warren Farm Cottages, Guildford Road, Effingham, Surrey. ☎ Bookham 54312.

East Anglia

When a golf tournament was arranged for Bury St Edmunds, we all knew it would be a good day, but I don't think anyone thought it would be so good. Everyone made us feel welcome, none more so than the captain and chairman of greens.

The food definitely proved the way to our hearts and a special mention goes to Sterlie for organising the players and preparing the course so well—a job he can do with his eyes closed.

The results were: 1st greenkeeper, 0-18 section, winner of the SISIS trophy—P. Sylvester, 39 points; 1st greenkeeper, 19-28 section, winner of the Rushbrook salver—Steve

Freestone (Eaton), 40 points; 1st guest prize—T.Barton, 41 points; 2nd greenkeeper, 0-18 section—R.Smiff, 37 points; 2nd greenkeeper, 19-28 section—Richard Mitchell (Eaton), 36 points and 2nd guest—D.McKinney.

Jeff Feyers won the honorary members' prize with 37 points and the booby prize was won by 'BBC'—Big Bob Chesham—our very own SISIS rep. The branch's representative for the Kubota tournament is Roger Plumber, who won the play-off at Eaton.

I would like to wish John Young a full recovery after illness. We look forward to seeing him about next year. On a more happy note, congratulations are in order for Dick Scott, who has been appointed head greenkeeper at Costessey Park. We look forward to playing there in due course.

Our 1984 season ended on a high at Frinton Golf Club in October. Roy Vernon had the course in good shape, the catering was good and Frinton's wonderful hospitality was greatly appreciated.

The fact that we beat the captains by seven matches to four with three halved was a real bonus. It was only the second greenkeepers' victory and both have been at Frinton. The captains even had overseas help from Fred Davidson, all the way from good old St Louis, Missouri, but it was definitely our day.

The prizes were as follows and presented by Frinton captain David Irwin. 0-17 section, winner of the Ransomes watch—T.Manning, 39 points; George Newson, 36 points; R.Smiff, 33 points. 18-28 section, winner of the Victa Cup—Brian Lemmon, 36 points; E.Everett, 35

points; Walley Mann, 29 points.

R.Maidstone, J.Williamson and B.Oxley won the guest prize with 37, 36 and 35 points respectively. Sterlie Goddard won the tea caddie with 16 points.

All in all, it was a good day for Roy Vernon to be celebrating 40 years at Frinton—well done, mate!

We hope you've all enjoyed '84, but don't forget the back-room boys Steve and Dave, who made our branch tick, and our trade friends that helped with the starting, raffles and general chasing about.

Season's greetings to one and all and see you in the spring.

Mick Lathrope.

North-West

The autumn meeting was held at Wrexham Golf Club and, after early morning rain, the weather improved to allow the competition to be played in dry conditions. Thanks go to the club for the way they entertained us and our guests. Head greenkeeper Keith Holmes and his staff did a fine job in providing an excellently conditioned golf course. The event was once again sponsored by Ellesmere AG.

Competition winners were: greenkeeper prizes—Ellesmere AG Trophy, P.Darlington; 2nd C.Davies; 3rd A.Campbell and 4th T.Adamson. Winners of guests' prizes included T.Robinson, who received cut glass presented by Rigby Taylor for finishing first, while second prize went to K.Fisher, secretary of Wrexham GC.

Bill Lawson.

Sussex

Thanks go to Mannings Heath GC for hosting a late-summer evening meeting. As usual, the course, food and service were excellent and the turn-out for this popular venue was the best of the year so far.

An autumn tournament was held at Rowlands Castle. The result of the morning medal was: 1st—Dennis Ayling, 68; 2nd—Bob Tingey, 70; 3rd—Dennis Lumley, 71 and 4th—Michael Butrymowicz, 71. The result of an afternoon Stableford was 1st—Bob Tingey, 43; 2nd—Michael Butrymowicz, 40; 3rd—Dennis Lumley, 36 and 4th—Roy Jones, 36.

Winner of the Sussex plate for the best gross medal score was Bob Tingey (Holtye). Bob was also nominated golfer of the year. Once again, a warm thank you to the secretary and club for hosting the event. Thanks also to head greenkeeper Dick Bull for preparing the course and also to the catering and bar staff for looking after us.

The last golfing event of the year is a turkey trot at Lewes on December 4 starting at midday.

Evening lectures at The Ugly Duckling, Haywards Heath are now underway on the first Tuesday of every month. Please support these occasions.

Plumpton College has arranged a number of one-day lectures covering a wide range of subjects and full information can be obtained from N. Rigden at the college on 0273 890454. Details about the Sussex branch from me on Crawley 25301.

Clive Dryden.

APPLICATION FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF E.I.G.G.A.

To be returned to the General Administrator, E.I.G.G.A., 2, Golf Cottage, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.

I wish to enrol as a

<i>Full Member</i>	@	£18 p.a.	
<i>Apprenticed Member</i>	@	£12 p.a.	<i>Delete as applicable</i>
<i>Trade Member</i>	@	£20 p.a.	

Name of Applicant

Home Address

Tel. No. Club or Company

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Preferred Mailing Address: Club Home

Title

Registered Greenkeeper or otherwise

Certificates Signature

Further number of Membership Forms required