



Surrey

Branch members enjoyed one of the few days of summer so far this year when they played the superb and, as always, immaculate New Zealand Golf Club course for the Cresta Cup. This was a Stableford competition played over 18 holes and the winners were: R.Stone 41 points (Epsom GC), R.Able 39 points (Hoebridge GC), P.Crouch 39 points (Silvermere GC) and C.McMillan 38 points (Sunningdale GC).

The Surrey branch would like to thank the New Zealand club for extending the courtesy of the course and our appreciation goes to James Leddington and his assistants for all their hard work on the course and to Mrs Johnson for the catering.

A reminder regarding diary dates: Friday August 9—McMillan Trophy, Sunningdale GC, Monday September 30—McGillivray Shield, Richmond GC, Wednesday October 30—Autumn Meeting, Berkshire GC, Monday December 9—Turkey Trot, Worplesden GC and a one-day seminar on Wednesday November 27 at Wentworth, for which there will be a charge of £9.

In addition, it is hoped to arrange winter seminars at the RAC in January, Maldon Golf Club in February and Walton Heath in March.

Please advise your club secretaries and greens committee chairmen about these seminars as they will be very welcome to attend.

M. Hale, Branch Administrator.

East Anglia

Our first meeting of the year got off to its usual good start, thanks largely to the efforts of Steve Noye and the efficient way he handled the AGM. Bob Cheshire of SISIS was unanimously nominated vice-president and all other officers were re-elected.

Bungay Golf Club was the 'battlefield' of the day and our thanks

go to the captain Mr G.Moore and the members for their hospitality.

Prizes went to: 0-17 section—Roger Plummer 35 points (Parker Shield), S.Sylvester 34 points and Mr.Bradazon 32 points, on countback. 18-23 section—Steve Freestone 40 points (Rushbrook Salver), Martin Jones 36 points and Richard Mitchell 34 points. Mrs.B. Maidstone won the ladies' section with 34 points and Bungay took a clean sweep of the guests' prizes.

Our congratulations go to Mick Meen for the fine condition of the course, the steward and stewardess for the excellent meal and May & Baker, SISIS, Town & Country and Supaturf for the prizes donated.

Last, but by no means least, thanks Bungay and Waveney Valley Golf Club for two magnificent carriage clocks as prizes.

Mick Lathorpe.

London

The spring meeting, which included qualifying for the Kubota Challenge, took place on a rather cold and windy day at the Aldenham Golf and Country Club. Our thanks to Alex Low and staff for presenting the course in such fine condition. A relatively new course, it is maturing well.

I must mention the co-operation and support we received from the owner of the course David Phillips. His catering staff did him proud and it did not take us long to warm up with a



Three great minds got together for quiz time during the EIGGA conference at Warwick University. Stan Ellison, Michael Coffey, publisher of *Greenkeeper*, and Jonathan Harmer were suitably rewarded for their efforts.

hot meal and a few beers—not necessarily in that order!

David presented the prizes and, as a mark of our appreciation, branch chairman Tom Low asked him to accept an association tie. Our friends from the trade again gave their support, both in person and prizes. Alan Moffatt (T. Parker) and Roger Bowles (Rigby Taylor) provided an audience when we teed off and David Craig (H. Patisson) welcomed us at the 19th.

My personal thanks go to the branch committee—Michael, Tom, Derek and Chris—for all their efforts.

The winners were: scratch to ten—1. J.Teixeira (Kubota qualifier). 2. N.Bennett. 11-28—1. J.Hatton. 2. A.Grew. 3rd equal T.Low and D.Merrills.

Our next golf outing is to Northwood on Monday August 19 at 4pm. Arrangements are being made to visit the Lely works at St Neots and J.Mann's factory at Saxmundham, where the TORO Reelmaster 350D is assembled. Details will be announced at a later date.

To end this month's notes, congratulations to Alan Lewis of Pinner Golf Club on his recent marriage.

David Low.

Berks, Bucks And Oxon

The branch held its spring meeting at Southfield Golf Club recently. It was a fine day for golf on a fine course—thanks to Jack Brierley and team. The clubhouse staff also made us feel more than welcome.

The winners were: best gross—B.Holt 73; first year—D.Butler 106; best net—P.Kwight (on best back nine) 66, D.Parrish 66, J.Binney 67, A.Collis 70, S.Schmitz 72 and J.Brierley 73.

I thank all the members of the trade who went to Southfield and gave their valued support.

On August 22, the Jacobsen tournament will be held at Burnham Beeches GC. Members will be notified by post about this competition. And, on September 4, there will be an invitation day at Sonning GC.

Maxwell Hart has kindly donated some money to branch funds and I would like to thank the company for all its help.

W. McMillan, Chairman.

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