

and service provided and to the council and members of the Club for the courtesy they extended.

The international conference at St Andrews was quite well attended by Central section members, who voted it a huge success and our congratulations go to the organising committee for all their hard work.

The section is indebted to Stewarts & Co for the presentation of a silver quaich, which will be played for at outings next year.

Further to a previous statement regarding the seminar organised in conjunction with the East section, the committee has decided that, due to the East section's failure to pay half the costs, to which two of its officials had agreed, the Central section does not wish to be involved in organising any future events with them. The amount in question is £32.45p.

At a recent committee meeting, the paper on the proposed amalgamation between SIGGA, EIGGA, the BGGGA and the PGA - a copy of which has been sent to every member of the section - was discussed at length. The feeling of the committee was that the best future for greenkeeping is through education and, to this end, SIGGA is at the forefront and, therefore, for the time being, we should continue to make our own way forward.

It was decided to invite Martyn Jones to speak to the members sometime early in the New Year and to organise a visit to Inverclyde Sports Complex at Largs in March.

Our congratulations go to the following members of the section

who have taken up new appointments lately: William Lyon, Crieff, on gaining his first appointment as head greenkeeper at Forfar Golf Club; Ian Ritchie, Dullatur, on being appointed assistant head greenkeeper at Ladybank Golf Club; John Philp, St Andrews, who becomes the first links supervisor to be appointed by the Carnoustie Links Trust and Brian Finlayson, Braehead, on his appointment as head greenkeeper at Ardeer Golf Club in Ayrshire.

At present, membership of the Central section stands at 75. New members: Ian MacMillan, Lilliedale, High Street, Freuchie, Fife; Craig Stafford, 357 Julian Road, Cadham, Glenrothes, Fife and David McOwat, 33 Duncan Road, Glenrothes, Fife. Change of address: Ian Ritchie, 10 Queen's Crescent, Ladybank, Fife.

John Crawford.

Ayrshire

The section ran a lottery in conjunction with the Open Championship. It was a great success with an outstanding £530 profit after deductions.

The first prize, a weekend for two at Gleneagles, was won by G. Featherstone of Largs. The second prize, two weekly tickets for next year's Open, went to A. Waite of Powfoot. D. McLean of Turnberry collected the third prize of £50.

There were four runners-up prizes of £15 each, which went to A. Marcurci, Kirkcudbright; A. Hitches, Warwick; D. Johnston,

Gourock and R. Aitken, Glasgow.

The autumn outing was to Glasgow Gailes, where the scoring was very good, due, in part, to the excellent condition of the greens provided by Bobby Bennett and staff.

Thanks go to the steward and stewardess and to the club for affording us the courtesy of the course and facilities.

The winners were: scratch - A. Forrest (Western Gailes), 1st class - R. Weir (Bogside), 2nd class - M. Power (Troon) and 3rd class - G. Sloan (St Cuthberts). The leading visitor was A. Leask (Glasgow Gailes).

The north lost to the south of the section in a match for the R. Aitken Trophy. M. Power, who is now in charge of the Troon courses, had the Darnley in excellent condition. After a super meal, R. Aitken Snr presented the trophy to Harry Diamond, who thanked him for sponsoring this event.

We send best wishes to A. Jamieson in his new position as head greenkeeper at Prestwick St Nicholas and to Colin Hamilton, who has moved south to take up an appointment as first assistant at Worthing.

J. Grainger.

Lost - And Found?

Jonathan Harmer mislaid a Farmura file at Scotsturf recently. The file is brown with gold embossed lettering. Jonathan would very much appreciate its return and is offering a reward to the finder or borrower. Contact Jonathan on 023376 241.

APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP OF SIGGA

Name of Applicant Age

Full Postal Address
 Postal Code

Golf Club or Company

Position at Club or Company

Registered Greenkeeper or not Certificated

I enclose my annual subscription of £15

Signed

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