News & Views



London

The autumn meeting at Muswell Hill was an outstanding success, due mainly to Chris Greenwood's efforts on and off the golf course. His staff were out early on a miserable day and prepared the course to a very high standard.

The one, two and three in an 18-hole Stableford (scratch to 12 handicap) was A. Taylor (Parker Shield) with 37 points, A. Phillips, 36 points and I. McMillan, 34 points. In the 13 to 24 handicap section, C. Greenwood (H. Pattisson Trophy) had 36 points, N. Exley, 33 points and T. Low, 32 points.

An 18-hole Texas scramble was won by R. Howlett, D. Player and P. Shepherd from N. Exley, D. Hansard and C. Barker.

The continued support of trade members is much appreciated and, on this occasion, they were represented by Joe Spinks (Club Mowers), Roger Bowles (Rigby Taylor), Alan Moffat (T. Parker & Sons), Denis Smith (Kings), David Craig (H. Pattisson), Allan Stowe (Syn Chemicals), David Murphy (Maxwell Hart) and Bob Watts (Supaturf).

Congratulations to John Edwards and Adrian Parks (Moor Park), who won the first summer league, organised so admirably by Michael Peters. In a thrilling final, they defeated Michael and his partner Chris Slater (Northwood) at the first sudden-death hole.

The visit by branch members to J. Mann's factory at Saxmundham, where the Toro 350 D is made, and to the premises of Lely Import was an extremely interesting day, thanks to the co-operation of Colin Graham (Lely Import) and Chris Soper (A.T. Oliver) and the hospitality of the companies' staff.

The annual dinner and dance brought 1985's events to a close. The effort put into its organisation by Tom and Ann McDonald made sure that 80 members and quests ended the year with a 'swing'. We were well-endowed with raffle prizes, so many thanks are due to all those who contributed.

To close, I congratulate branch members John Teixeira, who was in the greenkeepers' team that won the Kubota Challenge, and Chris Barker, who received a Victa student award for his results in the NTC examinations. Members should note that my new phone number is Luton (0582) 21586. David Low

Surrey

The superb Berkshire Golf Club was the venue for Surrey's autumn meeting, sponsored by Rigby Taylor (South), which provided prizes of silver and cut glass. Surrey members express their appreciation of the company's help and support.

The meeting was a 27-hole Stableford and the winners were: lst - C. McMillan, 2nd - R. Moreton, 3rd - P. King and 4th - A. Morton. The best scratch score was achieved by D. Lenham and the best gross score on short holes by J. Tate.

We thank the Berkshire for extending the courtesy of its course. Thanks also to Bob Moreton and his team for having it in such excellent condition.

Tyrrells Wood hosted the first of what is hoped to be an annual match between Surrey and the golf club secretaries. A very enjoyable match finished all-square.

The day concluded with dinner at which a handsome cup, donated by SISIS, was presented to Alex Bradshaw, the Surrey branch chairman, who will keep it for six months before passing it on to the secretaries until the next match.

Our thanks to the golf club for granting the courtesy of the course and to all the staff for their efforts. Finally, a special 'thank you' to Bert Watson, the course manager, for having Tyrrells Wood in such good condition, even if he couldn't get the tees any further back!

Worplesdon Golf Club was the setting for the Surrey branch annual turkey trot competition and the members express their gratitude to the club for its kindness in extending the courtesy of the course.

As usual, Parkers donated the turkey and main prizes. Winners of the 18-hole Stableford were: 1st — B. Turner, 2nd – A. Brown and 3rd – R. Johnson.

Brian Turner, Worplesdon's head greenkeeper, produced a round of 66 gross (SSS 69) for his winning score. Well done, Brian!

A seminar at Wentworth, given by Dr Peter Hayes and colleagues Continued overleaf...



Surrey greenkeepers and secretaries after dinner.

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 Full Member @ £20 p.a. Apprenticed Member @ £12 p.a. Delete as applicable Trade Member @ £25 p.a. Home Address Address Prefered Mailing Address: Club Home Title Registered Greenkeeper or otherwise

Further number of Membership Forms required



from the STRI, proved a great success.

Diary dates for the early New Year include a lecture on first aid at Maldon GC on February 24, the branch AGM at the New Zealand Club on March 5, a machinery demonstration by SISIS at Walton Heath on March 17 and a dinner-dance at the Drift on April 19.

M. Hale

• M. Hale has resigned as administrator to the Surrey branch. He wishes all branch members well and reminds them that the AGM takes place at the New Zealand club on March 5, commencing 7.30pm, when several committee vacancies will be filled. Members wishing to stand for office should attend and have someone prepared to propose them.



Tyrrells Wood secretary Brian Spencer and Surrey branch chairman Alec Bradshaw are joint custodians of the cup.

Central Secretary

Please note that John Crawford of 1 Katrine Drive, Crossford, Dunfermline KY12 8XR (Tel: Dunfermline 737753) is the Central section secretary and not Elliott Small as was detailed in the application form for SIGGA membership in *Greenkeeper* November/December 1985.



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