

by a Canadian greenkeeper, G. Witteveen, who showed us some of the mistakes that can and do happen. His paper, entitled Twenty-five Years of Mistakes, was a real masterpiece.

EIGGA chairman Bill Lawson summed up the weekend as "a progressive step in education and better standards of course maintenance."

Monday

Up at 8.30, breakfast and then to Leatherhead GC to inspect the

alterations carried out by S. McMillan. The two new greens and several tees cut through a forest are a first-class operation. By 10.30am, we were on our way back to Heathrow to catch my return flight and a welcome reunion with wife and family.

All in all, a full and informative weekend. My mind refreshed and buzzing with ideas, I returned to my task of ensuring that members and visitors can fully appreciate the joy and challenge of golf at Killarney.

Expenses

Return ticket	
Cork - Heathrow	£137
Petrol	£34
Lunches	£14
Dinners	£8
Total	£193

Travel to Warwick and two overnight stays were covered by friends.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the club for a very enjoyable working weekend.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I would like to congratulate and thank everyone who gave us all such a memorable EIGGA conference in 1986. The standard of such well presented papers was a contributory factor to the obvious success of the whole three days that we have now come to expect of such an event in the EIGGA calander.

The tremendous spirit that prevailed throughout the three days was something I am sure no one will ever forget.

From the very first day with David Wells telling us all of 62000 rounds of golf played on his course in one year, through to the Rigby Taylor Quiz, we all knew straight away what a very enjoyable three days we had to look forward to.

Saturday morning belonged to four young men who really did give us something to be proud of, in that they are all part of our greenkeeping profession, many congratulations to David Lucas, David Merrills, Cameron Mc Millan and Raymond Hunt, indeed a credit to their chosen profession.

After the Saturday afternoon papers, once again full of very interesting topics by our more senior gentlemen, we moved to what I am sure was the best formal dinner in our short history. Our guest speaker Sir Rex Hunt related some of his past experiences on golf courses around the world, much to the delight of everyone present. We all wish Sir Rex and Lady Hunt a very

happy retirement at their home in Sunningdale.

On the Sunday I was somewhat amazed at the numbers in attendance at the first lecture after the previous nights festivities, yet again a very enjoyable day with something for everyone with the respective papers holding a captive audience.

I would like to thank on behalf of all members of EIGGA two people who have really moved mountains to provide us with an Association of which I am particularly proud to be a member. First to Danielle to whom we owe so much, not only for the work in arranging everything for a conference from one year to the next, but also for her dedication and help given to EIGGA over the past four years. Thank you Danielle, long may it continue.

Secondly to Bill Lawson who seemed to thrive as Chairman. Bill we are eternally grateful for all you have done on behalf of EIGGA and all you are continuing to do.

Lastly but by no means least may I thank the Members for their support at the conference. I was particularly pleased to see so many old friends and delighted to meet so many new ones.

I can conclude by adding that our Association can only go from strength to strength with the enthusiasm and dedication that now prevails.

Dennis Ayling
President EIGGA

London Branch

The Branch A.G.M. was held at Aldenham Golf & Country Club in March and although no golf was planned, at the invitation of Mr. David Phillips (owner) a few brave soles ventured out, and, guess what? it rained!

A very interesting discussion took place before the A.G.M., with regard to the present moves to amalgamate the three Greenkeeping Associations under one umbrella, very appropriate in the present climate! The feelings of the branch are that the objectives are correct but everything that EIGGA has achieved in the last four years must be safeguarded.

As a result of the A.G.M. the committee for 1986 will be as follows: Tom Low (Chairman), David Low (Administrator), Tom McDonald, Mike Peters, Derek Mason and Chris Greenwood.

The next meeting will be held at Finchley Golf Club on June 23rd at 4.00p.m.

Thanks must go to Mike Peters for continuing with the Summer League he ran so successfully last year. Please try and arrange to play the matches between the stated dates.

At this years conference held at Warwick it was nice to see other members of the London Branch in attendance. We even had a team in the Rigby Taylor Quiz, thanks to Tony Taylor and Bill Thompson for their support, we did not win, but gave a good account of ourselves. As in previous years the whole weekend was most enjoyable, meeting and making friends and sharing experiences both good and bad.

David Low.