



## Executive Notes

At a special executive held in October, SIGGA's achievements in recent years were appraised and plans made to consolidate in the future.

With the union of the three associations all set to go ahead next year, it was decided that now is the time to make changes in administration. Joe McKean will now act as a public relations man for the region and office administration will be carried out by Joan Kennedy, allowing Joe time to carry on his front man duties without having to worry about the office work.

Other points raised and discussed were greenkeeper registration, communications to all members, improvements in job contracts and definition of work, improvements in the association as an employment agency, regular contributions to the SGU quarterly magazine, reports from each section, a report from the Greenkeeper Training Committee, the PGA's £1,500 contribution towards the GTC and that Elmwood, Oatridge and Woodburn Colleges have been selected as the three colleges in Scotland approved and recommended by the GTC.

*Elliott Small.*

## Ayrshire

After a busy time at work during the summer, members enjoyed an afternoon's golf over the superb links at Barassie. The weather was sunny and breezy, which led to some high scoring in the third class, but scoring in the other two classes was magnificent.

I had the privilege of playing with the old men, one of whom was the best scratch score and the other was the best veteran. George Brown on his first visit to Barassie shot a superb 73, the highlight of which was a two at the par four 4th. Chairman Harry Diamond wasn't far behind with a 75. He won the veteran's prize.

The full prize list was: Scratch: George Brown (Turnberry) 73 - 6 67. 1st Class: Bobby Bennett (Glasgow Gailes) 74-3 71; Ian Semple (Gatehouse) 75-3 72 (best inward half). 2nd Class: Malcolm Power (Troon Municipal) 77-14 63. Gordon Sloan (St Cuthberts) 83-17 66. 3rd Class: Gordon Heron (Turnberry) 91-18 73. Jim Paton (West Kilbride). Trade: E. Connaughton (Souter of Stirling). New Member: P. Tulloch (West Kilbride). Veteran: H. Diamond.

The section lottery was again a great success. The winners were: S. Howie (Helensburgh), G. Wheelan (Ballantrae), J. Wilson (Irvine), Dr S. Wood (Prestwick), M. Gardiner (Beith), Mrs Brander (West Kilbride), Mrs Power (Troon).

The south west corner of Scotland will be benefiting now

in education with the inclusion of Ayr Technical College to the Scottish system. The college opened its doors to greenkeeping students at the beginning of October.

The Ayrshire section committee has been actively involved in the provision of this facility along with Radix and M.S.C.

Elmwood and Woodburn House have grown to the facilities they are today only with the backing they have had from the clubs and the SIGGA executive. We hope the same support comes to Ayr Technical College.

*J. Paton.*

## Section Descends On Boat

The North and Midlands had a great day at the Boat of Garten Golf and Tennis Club recently. I'm sure the 80 in attendance would like to thank all connected with the Boat for a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Main prize winners were: Scratch G. Hampton (71) McLean Handicap Trophy - J. Warrender (61). Meldrum Memorial Trophy (Spring and Autumn) S. McIntosh (144). 1st Class A. McLaren (68) 2nd Class - G. Farrington (67). 3rd Class G. Matheson (71) Toro Veteran Trophy - J. Low (71).

Boat of Garten secretary J. Ingram won the Visitors Trophy (68) and Eddie Connaughton (Soutars) was so confident of retaining the Trade Shield, he left it home in his trophy room! His 79 scratch was good enough on the day.

Ed Stuart seemed delighted to win first prize in the sweep and headed home to Balmoral to inform HRH. Welcome guest, former Walker Cup player Sandy Pirie, showed that there is life after thirty, storming home with a 70 after knocking his opening drive into the car park.

I hope to see a good turn out for the AGM in January, details of which will be given at a later date.

As most of you will know, I am going as course manager to the Deer Park Golf and Country Club in Livingstone. My new address is 36 Fells Rigg, Carmondean, Livingstone.

*Iain Hamilton, Honorary Secretary.*



One of the best - Elmwood College.

## Central

A committee meeting was held recently when a full report of the special general meeting held at Stirling was given.

Several ideas were discussed regarding the winter programme, one of which was to invite Dr Stuart of Aberystwyth to talk to the section early in the New Year.

The section inter-club tournament has now reached the final stage and is being contested by Gleneagles A and Gleneagles B.

The autumn outing was played over Muckhart. The weather was ideal and 32 members and guests helped to make it a successful day. Prize winners were: Nett Agg S & A, J. Kidd (72-77) 149. Best Nett E. Small (76-8) 68. Best Scratch N. Cunningham 79. 1st Class 1st H/cap S. Mitchell (79-10) 69. 2nd H/cap J. Philp (81-8) 73. 2nd Class 1st H/cap D. Peddie (83-13) 70. 2nd H/cap J. Oliver (88-15) 73. Twoball Foursomes D. Peddie/J. Robertson (46/15½) 30½. Stewart's Quich W. Woods/C. Stewart (152/164) 316.

Trade/Visitors S. Buick (83-11) 72.

Our thanks go to the council and members of Muckhart Golf Club for extending courtesy of the course and clubhouse, Alastair Tough and his staff for providing a course in excellent condition and Mr & Mrs Muston for the first-class catering.

Membership of the section now stands at 99 and we are pleased to welcome W. Mules from Callander Golf Club as the newest member.

*John Crawford, Secretary*

## West

The section recently held its autumn tournament at Hilton Park in beautiful summer conditions with the course in fine shape and the clubhouse facilities superb.

Our thanks go again to the captain and committee of Hilton Park for the courtesy of the course. Forty-four members were in attendance and the prize winners were: Scratch D. Fleming (Hilton

Park) 71. 1st Class 1. S. Taylor (Cathkin Braes) 73-2 71; 2. A. Connell (Cawder) 77-5 72; 3. C. Goodall (Milngavie) 75-3 72 (best inward half). Veterans R. McDougall. Visitors J. Gray (Crow Wood). Trade R. Bruce (Stewarts).

At a recent committee meeting, the winter programme was discussed. Lecture plans are almost ready and will be printed in booklet form and posted out to the membership.

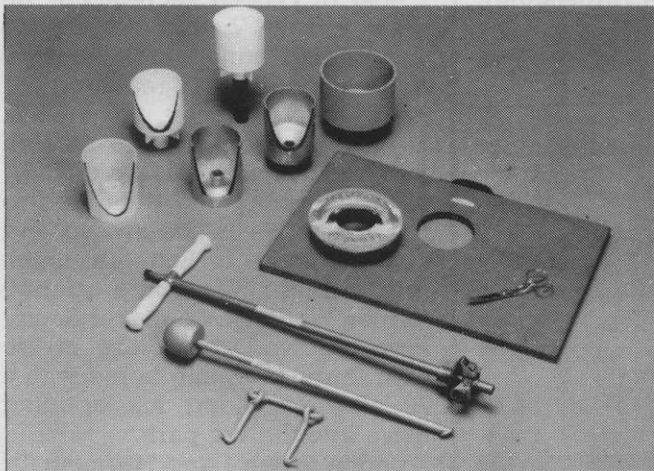
We are also investigating a member-guest dinner evening with a greenkeeper bringing as his guest a member of the golf club committee. Hopefully, this will be arranged shortly.

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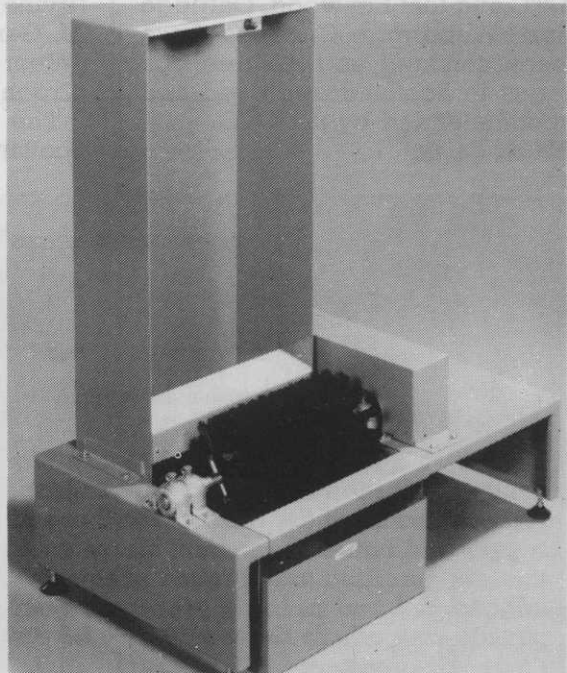
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