



Support The South Wales Seminar

As previously announced in *Greenkeeper* (August), the South Wales branch of EIGGA is to hold a two-day educational seminar at The Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern, Worcestershire on November 1-2.

The final programme of speakers and lectures in nearing completion. At present, it reads: Jim Arthur, who will talk on *The History Of Greenkeeping*, Billy McMillan (Sunningdale GC), *Course Preparation And Presentation For The 1986 European Open*, Michael Coffey (Greenkeeper), Laurence Pithie (Minchinhampton GC), *Managing A Cotswold Golf Course*, Nicholas Park, *The Golfer On Your Course - Is The Customer Always Right?*

Also presenting papers will be Bill Lawson (Heswall GC), Geoffrey Athill on *Man Management*, Derek Ganning (The Belfry), *Projecting A 36-Hole Golf Complex Into The Future*, Paul Pearse (Effingham GC), Bill McCrea (secretary of Walton Heath), *The Golf Course - Presentation For Maximum Effect And Enjoyment* and George Brown (Turnberry), *An Open Move*.

Such a first-class array of speakers ensures an extremely informative and interesting weekend.

The seminar has been staged in a central location close to the

motorway network in order to attract visitors from across the UK.

Secure your place now by filling in the form below and sending it, together with your deposit of £10, to: Raymond Hunt, South Wales Branch Administrator, 9 Esplanade Avenue, Porthcawl, Mid-Glamorgan. Cheques should be made payable to: 'EIGGA South Wales.'

The cost for EIGGA members is £57, non-members £62. Daily attendance costs £15 (EIGGA members) and £18 (non-members). Anyone interested in golf and golf course preparation will be made welcome and further information can be obtained from me on 0656 771335.

Raymond Hunt.

Sussex

Tandridge Golf Club, across the 'border' in Surrey, hosted our August fixture and an enjoyable time was had by all. Thanks go to John and staff for having the course in its usual excellent condition and the steward for the buffet.

The result was: 1st - A. Butrymowicz 36pts, 2nd - M. Gould 34pts, 3rd - P. Simpson 34pts.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank all of you who attended the match for giving me the raffle money. I was really depressed at losing money on the course. As you will all probably know, when buying a house, every penny counts. Once again, thank you very much.

A. Butrymowicz.

Victory For West Malling

The inaugural Course Management Trophy was held at Hankley Common GC in August. Played in the Bowmaker format (best two Stableford scores from three) over 36 holes for a trophy presented by Hankley Common, teams consisted of a head greenkeeper, green chairman and secretary. The competition was sponsored by Chipman.

Brigadier D. Cottam, captain of Hankley Common, welcomed the participating clubs and announced that the open competition could be held at the club annually.

He thanked management committee member John Harris, whose idea the event was. John, together with secretary Danny Lee, was the main motivator in getting the event off the ground, he added.

Prizes were presented by John Collins, marketing manager of Chipman.

Course Management Trophy (164 points) - West Malling, represented by E. Thompson, H. Ellis and C. Mardon, who each received a silver-plated pitching-wedge donated by Chipman.

Second all day - West Hill (153 points), R. Meek, W. Leighton and B. Roe. Third all day - Blackmoor (152 points), R. Banfield, R. Spiller and J. Neweers.

1st am (80 points) - Reigate Heath, D. Lattey, T. Hobbs and D. Walden. 2nd am (74 points) - Langley Park, T. Taylor, P. Macfarlane and D. Gould. 1st pm (77 points) - Hankley Common, J. Harris, D. Lee and I. McMillan. 2nd pm (75 points) - Brookmans Park, J. Welch, J. O'Brien and D. Casson.

A tote, held in aid of the EIGGA Greenkeepers' Benevolent Fund, was won by Hankley Common, who then decided to donate the £56 to the fund.

H. Ellis, secretary of West Malling, thanked the host club for providing a well-kept and presented golf course (special thanks to Ian McMillan) and a most enjoyable day.

He wished the competition success in future years and hoped to be competing in 1987 - a sentiment that was fully endorsed *J. Harris.*

I wish to reserve a place at the South Wales seminar and enclose a deposit of £10 (cheques made payable to 'EIGGA South Wales').

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South Wales

Our summer golf tournament and evening lecture was held at Royal Porthcawl GC. Simon Hopkins of the home club won the tournament.

The branch committee would like to thank Royal Porthcawl for making the club's facilities available. We would also like to thank Rigby Taylor, SISIS and Gregor Jaimeson for donating prizes.

In dreadful conditions, the golf course played very well and when the rain did ease in the afternoon, the back nine became a slightly more comfortable proposition. Congratulations go to the greens staff for presenting the course in such fine condition.

The evening lecture was a great success, with the club's common room playing host to nearly 30. Mark Black, a superintendent from Florida, gave an excellent and thoroughly entertaining talk.

The committee welcomes new member Graham Thomas of Haverfordwest GC to the branch and sends its commiserations to Bill Lawson and staff at Heswall on the Wirral. The club recently suffered an arson attack, which resulted in two-thirds of its machinery and maintenance sheds being lost.

Members are reminded that for any information regarding the branch, they should contact me on 0656 771335.

Raymond Hunt.

Surrey

Once again, I would like to thank Sunningdale for allowing us use of its course for the McMillan Tankard.

The course was in its usual superb condition, thanks to Jack McMillan and staff.

First prize went to G. McNiven on 36 points, ahead of P. Pearse, 35 points, and M. Connors, 34 points.

On behalf of the greenkeepers, secretaries and greens chairmen who took part in the first Course Management Trophy last month, I would like to thank Hankley Common GC and Chipman. The company was excellent and a good day was had by all - hopefully, it was the first of many.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the extraordinary general meeting on October 1, hopefully to be held at the New Zealand club at 7.30 pm.

Members will be informed of any change and if you cannot come to the meeting, please use your postal voting slip.

Remember, amalgamation can only strengthen greenkeeping for the future.

A. Bradshaw, Branch Chairman.

● **The North-West branch will be holding an EGM at Chester GC on Wednesday October 1 at 8pm to discuss the amalgamation of the three associations. All members are welcome.**
Guy Cannings.

East Anglia

Sorry about the distinct lack of news, lads - pressure of work and all that. Let's go briefly through what's been happening... A new vice-chairman was elected at the AGM and Dave Wells has been in action already due to Sterlie Goddard's ill health.

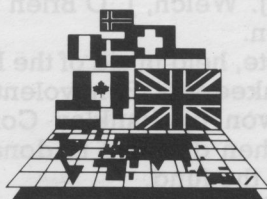
We even found time for a game of golf at Eaton (not too far to travel this time!), where the prizes went to: greenkeepers' 0-17 section - 1st P. Howard, who had 39 points and a gross score of 73. He won the Bentley Trophy playing off six handicap. In second place was Paul Bertenshaw (Royal Norwich) with 35 points.

The 18-28 section was headed by C. Barnard, whose 37 points gained him the Victa Cup, while second place went to Brian Lemmon (Barnham Broom) on 34 points. First guest was Ray Stockley (Royal Norwich). Mike Kenyon picked up the booby prize.

The prize presentation was in the hands of Mr L. Rowe, captain of Eaton GC, and we thank the club for their hospitality and courtesy of the course.

October 4 sees greenkeepers taking on club members at Heath Farm. A team of 12 is needed and anyone interested should ring Sam Sylvester on Aldeburgh 2215.

Mick Lathrope



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