

Notes From Scotland

The **Central** area AGM was held at Tulliallan GC. Jim Cameron (Callander) was installed as chairman and Ian Ritchie (Ladybank) vice-chairman. Jimmy Kidd (Glen-eagles) gave a resume on the progress of BIGGA.

Nearly a hundred met at Ayr College for the **Ayrshire/West** seminar. While this was a joint venture, most of the organisation was handled by Ayrshire secretary Jim Paton.

The college staff pulled out all the stops to ensure a successful day, with the superb catering, splendid facilities and enthusiastic cooperation we have come to expect from Mr McKinney and his team.

Harry Diamond and Alastair Connell, chairmen of the Ayrshire and West sections, introduced the morning speakers, David Boocock and Stewart Ormroyd, who were followed by a question and answer session.

Dr Peter Hayes of the STRI started the afternoon by talking

about grasses. Jeff Perris discussed maintenance problems and his answers to them, presented in a positive way, struck a responsive chord in the audience.

A panel, consisting of the four speakers and two chairmen, faced some 'nippy' questions at the final question time, especially from Chris Kennedy and Jimmy Kidd, and with George Brown bowling a 'googly,' the afternoon finished on a high note. Cecil George proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned.

Special mention should be made of the younger members who attended, some of whom travelled from as far afield as Glasgow, Dumfries and the Isle of Arran to attend their first seminar.

The first **East Midlands** annual spring golf tournament as a part of BIGGA will take place at Hinkley GC on Wednesday May 13, starting at noon.

A medal competition, the draw for teeing-off times will be made on the Saturday before - further information is available from R.

Willars on Sutton Elms 283053.

Entry forms have been posted, so if you have not received one, contact the aforementioned before Wednesday May 6, the closing date for entries.

A singles knockout competition for the Supaturf Knockout Cup will run throughout summer. The draw for this event will be made at the spring tournament and, again, entry forms are available from R. Willars.

The pairs knockout competition format has still to be arranged and entry forms will be sent out with those for the spring tournament. Other future dates include the autumn tournament at Chevin GC on Wednesday September 23.

The Rigby Taylor Trophy is for greenkeepers only and is played as a ten-a-side golf match against the Midland area. The team is selected from the first ten in the aggregate combined scores for the spring and autumn tournaments - this year, the trophy will be contested in the East Midlands.

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