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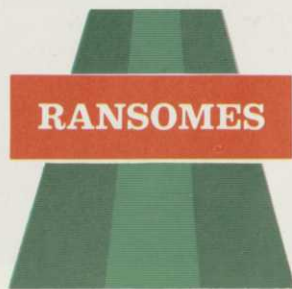
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## Board Of Management Changes

At EIGGA's second annual general meeting, held at Trinity Hall, Cambridge on the Sunday of *Golf Course '84*, a new board of management took office and elected Peter Wisbey chairman.

General administrator Danielle Jones reported that there were currently over 760 in the association and that membership was still increasing. The association's finances are in a very healthy state.

The meeting finalised subscription rates for 1985, which will be:

Full member—£18.

Apprentice —£12.

Trade —£20.

Retiring chairman Kevin Munt advised the meeting that a new comprehensive educational programme to course manager level was being prepared and full details would be published before the start of the new academic year in September.

It is also hoped discussions between EIGGA, SIGGA and the BGGGA will have some bearing on future educational opportunities.

## EIGGA Appointments

### PRESIDENT

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representing South Wales

Heswall GC

representing North West

Bruce Jamieson

Bill Lawson

East Anglia representative to be named

## EIGGA Chairman's Address

My name is Peter Wisbey. I am course manager of North Foreland Golf Club, Kingsgate in Kent, which is a busy, 36-hole downland course and the venue

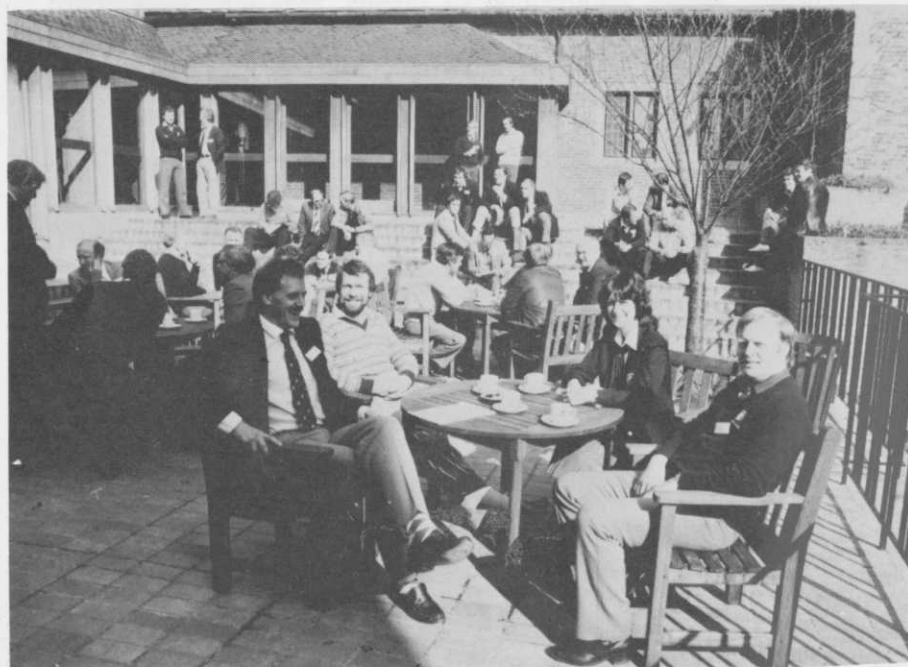
for one of the qualifying rounds of the Open in 1981 and again in 1985.

I have been in greenkeeping for 18 years and am proud to have been a member of EIGGA since its inception. For the past year, I have been a member of the board of management and following the AGM at *Golf Course '84* have been honoured to accept the position of chairman for the next year.

I am taking over this position from Kevin Munt, a founder member of EIGGA, who gave so much of his time and energy to help EIGGA through the first 18 months. I should like to take this opportunity to express our grateful thanks for all his efforts and wish him every success in his new post at Hankley Common GC.

Our main aim is to improve education and it is the intention of the board to invite principals from several of the foremost horticultural colleges to attend a future board meeting to exchange ideas on the best ways of promoting greenkeeping education.

Already in the past year, thanks mainly to the efforts of Clive Dryden and the Sussex branch in conjunction with Plumpton College, a block-release phase two City and Guilds course will be available from September and a phase three greenkeeping management course has been arranged.



Informally yours... Kevin Munt (left), who has handed over the chairmanship of EIGGA to Peter Wisbey (second left). EIGGA's general administrator Danielle Jones and association trustee David Jones are also pictured.

As members will know, EIGGA has recently attended meetings with SIGGA and the BGGGA in an attempt to find common ground in educating our members. We will keep you informed of developments.

I would like to mention the great success of *Golf Course '84*. It was the first time the different organisations involved in the golf industry have come together to exchange views and ideas. Criticism was levelled at the cost of attending *Golf Course '84*, but it was aimed at course managers and head greenkeepers.

It was good to see a large number of those attending wearing EIGGA blazers and ties.

It is the intention of EIGGA to arrange various one-day seminars for younger members at venues around the country in the near future.

A list of the board of management for the next year is shown. If you have any ideas or criticisms, do not hesitate to contact your area representative. It is, after all, your association.

We endorse the Surrey branch's comment that members should ask themselves not only, 'What can EIGGA do for me?' But, 'What can I do for EIGGA?' It is only by the full participation of the membership that the association can flourish and achieve its goals.

## EIGGA Tournament Prizewinners at Gog Magog GC, Cambridge

1st	John Walsh	31 pts (Parkers)
2nd	David Low	31 pts "
3rd	David MacIndoe	29 pts "
4th	Doug Neville	28 pts (Ransomes)
5th	Michael Peters	26 pts (Lely Import)
6th	Steve Richardson	26 pts (Sisis)
7th	Jimmy Jay	25 pts "
8th	Dennis Ayling	25 pts "
Last-but-one	Bruce Jamieson	( <i>Golf Course '84</i> tankard)
Last	Barry Beckett	( <i>Golf Course '84</i> tankard)
Trade prize	Michael Coffey	29 pts (Rosebowl and Huxley's flask)
Guest prize	G. Turner, captain of Gog Magog GC	32 pts (Carriage clock)
Retiring chairman Kevin Munt signed book		



Management Of Different Types Of Course was the topic of Lawrence Pithie's EIGGA talk at *Golf Course '84*. Lawrence is the course manager at Minchinhampton Golf Club.

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### Deputy Course Manager/Head Greenkeeper

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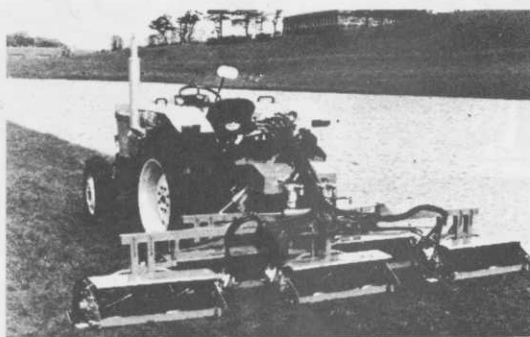
### EIGGA Diplomas

EIGGA diplomas are based on either educational qualifications or length of service and can be applied for by all EIGGA members, providing they fulfil the necessary requirements laid down in the constitution. The diplomas are: head greenkeeper status—gold, silver and bronze; assistant greenkeeper status—silver and bronze. The guidelines for application are to be found in the EIGGA constitution—a copy of which is held by every member.

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## News & Views

### The SIGGA Leader

The SIGGA AGM took place in Edinburgh on March 27. The following officials were elected. President—J.W.Neilson, Murrayfield Golf Club, Edinburgh; vice-president—W.Woods, links supervisor at St Andrews.

The meeting agreed that subscriptions for 1985 will be £14 and that part of the extra revenue raised from the increase in subs will be earmarked to set up an educational and training fund within SIGGA.

The recommended wage scale for 1985 will be based on the inflation rate as at August 31 this year plus one per cent. The percentage figure of subs to be sent to the central executive will be increased from a quarter to a third.

Resolutions proposed by the North Section, with one exception, were defeated. The principal motion by the North to have proxy votes at meetings produced some lively exchanges, but failed to obtain the required majority.

However, a motion limiting the powers of the executive to impose certain standards of dress at section and local golf events was accepted.

The annual match between SIGGA and the Association of Club Secretaries for the Gillies And Henderson Trophy took place at Gullane Golf Club on Monday April 2. A splendid day of good golf, good weather and good company was enjoyed by all. The match result was a win for SIGGA by 5½ games to 2½. I thank the secretary and management at Gullane for kindly providing an excellent venue and Tom Watt and his greens staff for presenting the course in such excellent condition.

*Joe McKean, General Secretary.*

The year seems to be rushing on so quickly and a star prize should go to anyone who can forecast a pattern to the weather, writes *Jimmy Paton, West Section chairman and head greenkeeper at West Kilbride*. At my own course recently, we started work in cold, windy conditions and after half an hour we were graced with a severe snow shower. Next, the sun came out and the temperature rose considerably to the middle 60s. Then, later in the day, we had a hailstorm. Nevertheless, my members wanted to start their spring competitions the next morning. What must the poor grass be thinking? It doesn't know what to do. However, life must go on.

The West Section AGM was held recently at Cawder Golf Club and we thank the club for the facilities afforded us. The meeting was interesting, following so soon after one in October. This allowed us to carry forward to the national AGM some of the proposals discussed in October.

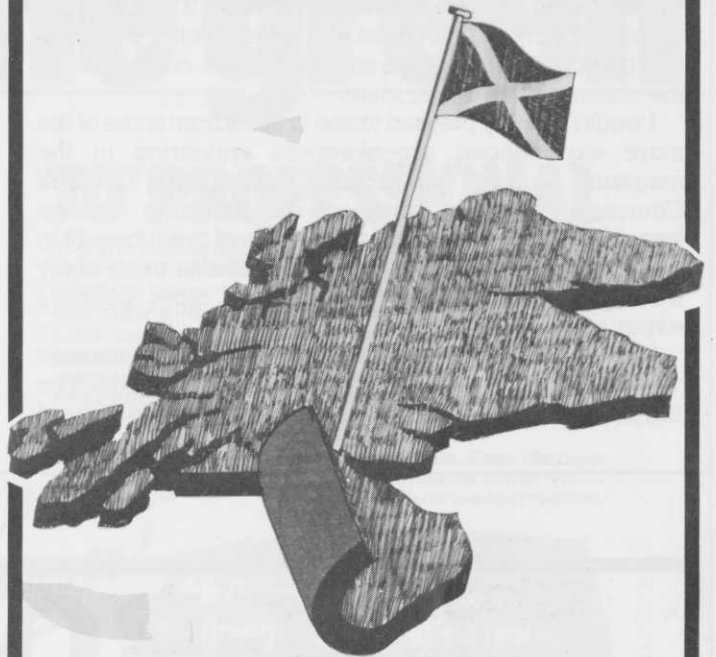
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belief that SIGGA does nothing for him. While we can provide some services for members—such as a magazine, recommended wage scales, lectures, golf outings and other social events—to get anything from SIGGA, you have to put something in by supporting and participating in events.

It is no use just sending in the subscription each year and sitting back and saying you get nothing for it. Neither is it any good sitting back and calling me and the committee all the names under the sun! We try to organise a broad spectrum of lectures and social events, but if you don't agree and would like something else, contact me or the committee with your ideas.

I would be very pleased to see articles from some of the more experienced greenkeepers appearing in the magazine. I heard an excellent talk—Trees On Golf Courses—by Cecil George at our Langside College seminar last year and such lectures are of great benefit to the young people in greenkeeping and also those of my own age, who can only benefit from other people's experiences.

The SISIS Greenkeepers/Green Convenors Foursomes was played once again over the West Kilbride links. The biggest turnout in the three years it has been played

### A Point To Ponder

With all the talk on the demerit of the phosphatic contents in fine turf fertilisers, I welcome the opportunity to throw in this idea for your discussion.

As we all know, there is an insoluble, in water, content in all phosphur—this will vary from one fertiliser to another depending on the original source of the phosphur—for example, bone meal, Superphosphate, etc.

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Possibly a bit of research in this connection would allay this opinion or, if it is found to be the case, what measures could be taken to neutralise the effects of this static phosphur content?

Well, what do you think?

*Craig Stewart, Course Manager,  
Stirling Golf Club.*

enjoyed the best weather for many weeks. West Kilbride GC must be thanked for the courtesy of the course.

The winners were the Hilton Park pairing of Bob McDougall and greens convener Ian Ferguson. They received the trophy and some beautiful crystal from Keith Vertigan and Ian McKay who represented SISIS. The winning score was a net 65. Thanks again to SISIS.

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One of the benefits gained from such meetings is the mutual exchange of views and information and also the friendships

that are established outside the conference room.

The general sessions programme attained an extremely impressive high standard of presentation. Speakers had been carefully selected to cover a wide variety of subjects and audience participation at the question and answer sessions was often the most important and interesting part of each discourse.

## **DAY ONE**

Golf course architect and writer Donald Steel gave an excellent talk on The

Architect's Relationship With Other Aspects Of The Game. He stressed the need not to create courses that are laid out purely as a test of muscle. Courses of 7,000 yards plus, built for big hitters, don't contribute much to the finesse and strategy of golf, he said.

Length is no measure of quality and it is the brief of the course designer to preserve all aspects of the game by creating courses which, according to Tom Simpson, "Will provide entertainment for golfers of all handicaps, a searching and difficult test for the good player and quite another less exacting one for the medium and long handicap man.