

COMING UP

December 10th: STRI South of England Seminar – The Environmental Impact of Golf Course Construction and Management – Hatfield Lodge, Hertfordshire.

January 14th: STRI North of England Seminar – As December 10th – Askham Bryan College, York.

January 20th-21st: BIGGA Seminar Programme – Harrogate, Yorkshire.

January 22nd-24th: BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition – Harrogate, Yorkshire.

February 4th: STRI Ireland Seminar – As December 10th – Milltown GC, Dublin.

February 11th: STRI Wales Seminar – As December 10th – Caer Beris Manor, Builth Wells.

February 12th-19th: GCSAA Exhibition and Convention – New Orleans USA.

March 27th-29th: BIGGA National Education Conference – Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester.

April 29th: BIGGA South West and Wales Region Trade Show WESTURF '92 – Long Ashton GC, Bristol.

June 3rd-4th: BALI Trade Show – Stoneleigh, Warwick.

July 16th-19th: The Open Championship – Muirfield, Scotland.

August 10th-12th: BIGGA National Golf Tournament – Littlestone GC, Kent.

September 8th-10th: IOG Trade Show – Peterborough, Northants.

AROUND THE GREEN

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

Section secretaries and correspondents should note that the closing date for 'Around The Green' copy is the first day of the month preceding publication – eg. copy for February issue to be received by January 1st. This means that section scribes must think ahead by at least one clear month and send relevant new copy before the appearance of the current issue. All out-of-date announcements will be rejected. Co-operation in meeting these deadlines will be much appreciated.

BUCKS, BERKS AND OXON

This column is so up-to-date I've decided to give it a title. Various ideas have been tossed around and my final choice is 'hot and fresh'. On that theme, we have another fine victory to add to our list of conquests in 1991, this time perhaps our most notable and dangerous, for we beat The Section Secretaries by 5 to 1 at Ellesborough GC on October 31st. This is something we would all like to crow about, but considering it is almost wage review time I think it's best that we just say how lucky we were and no doubt the secretaries will get their own back next year! Thanks go to the Ellesborough staff, secretary Ken Flint, head greenkeeper Dave Childs, and Alma Cheshire for the marvellous catering. Also we thank Bob Stewart – for the secretaries – and Golf Turf Equipment for the magnificent shield donation.

Our other golf event in October was the

Autumn Invitation at Sonning GC. It must be some sort of justice that over 30 greenkeepers, all of whom had been praying for rain over the past months, should get so thoroughly soaked throughout the day. Never again will I doubt The Great Greenkeeper In The Sky! Weather apart, the day was a resounding success, thanks in no small part to the sterling efforts of our section secretary, Bob Woodward, whose tireless work made this the smoothest run event we've had yet. RESULTS: 1st overall – Colin Vince and Andy Elmey, 2nd – Phillip Slater and Paul Wakefield, 3rd – Bob Woodward and Terry Jackson. Best a.m. – John Bevan and Dennis Ellington. Best p.m. – Simon Robinson and Owen Cooper. Nearest the Pin – Alan Collis (a.m.) and Steve Craddock (p.m.). Longest Drive – Ian Pierce (a.m.) and Simon Robinson (p.m.) Special thanks to Sonning GC, especially secretary Peter Williams, Club captain Derrick Howes, who presented the prizes, and course manager Alan Collis and his staff, for an excellent day. Finally, our trade friends from Parkers, Sta-Brite, Rigby Taylor, Pattissons, County Mowers, and Maxwell Hart, with a special word of thanks to Bernie Wall, who walked round with a score card when one of 'ours' decided not to play the second round.

Just a few reminders to tidy things up, with a gentle reminder not to forget our Gentlemen's Dinner at Frilford in Feb '92. Tickets are avail-

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