

## COMING UP

### The Greenkeeper International guide to forthcoming events

**November 6th:** BIGGA South West and Wales Region Seminar – Cannington College.

**November 6th:** BIGGA South East Region Seminar – Merrist Wood College.

**November 12th:** STRI Scottish Seminar – The Environmental Impact of Golf Course Construction and Management – Hags Castle GC, Glasgow.

**November 13th-14th:** Scotsturf IOG exhibition – Ingleston, Edinburgh.

**November 19th-21st:** Golf International 2000 Exhibition, Sandown Park.

**November 20th:** BIGGA Midlands Region Seminar – Warwickshire College of Agriculture.

**November 27th:** ILAM Southern Region Seminar – Sparsholt College.

**December 10th:** STRI South of England Seminar – As November 12th – Hatfield Lodge, Hertfordshire.

**January 14th:** STRI North of England Seminar – As November 12th – Askham Bryan College, York.

**January 20th-24th:** BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition & Seminar, Harrogate.

**February 4th:** STRI Ireland Seminar – As November 12th – Milltown GC, Dublin.

**February 11th:** STRI Wales Seminar – As November 12th – Caer Beris Manor, Builth Wells.

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

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

**April 29th:** BIGGA South West and Wales Region Trade Show WESTURF '92 – Bristol.

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# AROUND THE GREEN

## Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

### NORTH WALES

May I first say one thing – we do exist! Our second Autumn Tournament was held at Porthmadog GC on October 1st, and under quite difficult conditions too, though we did at least stay dry. I'm sure I speak for everyone in saying what a great time was had by all, especially me, as I won a bottle of scotch!

Thanks must go to everyone involved, especially Terry Adamson for all his hard work behind the scenes, and to our sponsors: Gem Professional, Sisis, Richard Campey, Mommersteeg, Fraser Turf, Major Owen, Ritefeed and Walker Engineering. Without these good folk, and of course Porthmadog GC and Gareth (Bronco), we would be the poorer and we are most grateful. We also enjoyed a bit of good fun, with our dinner interrupted by the splendid intrusion of helicopter rides, courtesy of Ritefeed!

**RESULTS:** 1st Mark Proctor 83-10=73 (on countback) 2nd Jason Moody 79-6=73. 3rd Roger Kerry 77-4=73. Guest Alex Clegg 93-22=71. Booby: John Osman 115 nett – yes, nett!

Our first AGM was held following the prize-giving and sadly Pat McAteer resigned as secretary, due to an ever increasing workload. Norman Pearce remains as chairman and David Proctor as treasurer, with yours truly now having taken the post of secretary. Final dates and venues for winter lectures will be available soon and I would ask you to note my numbers for any enquiries or information you may have: Mark Proctor: (home) 0829 733060 (work) 0829 732251.

We will be holding a Christmas golf day at Portal on December 11th, tee-off between 10-11.30 am, with cost at £12 for members, £14 for others.

This will include coffee and biscuits on arrival and an evening meal. Enquiries for this event to Terry Adamson on 0978 852908, and do remember that places are limited so early booking is advisable. Please no later than December 1st, and please do your best to support this event, even though it may not be the best time of the year.

Finally my thanks to all who made the Autumn Tournament a success by just turning out – 55 was an excellent number and we must strive to keep numbers up.

MARK PROCTOR

### SOUTH COAST

I am pleased to inform members of our December Competition, as follows:

Date: Wednesday December 4th

Venue: Royal Winchester GC.

Format: 18 hole Stableford.

Tee off: from 12.30 onwards.

Fee: £13.00

Closing Date: November 25th.

All applications with correct fee to Joe Burdett, 40 Church St. FONTWELL MAGNA, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 ONY. Tel: 0747

811439. My thanks to Rigby Taylor and New Forest Machinery for sponsoring this competition.

Following the above, at 4pm will be The Section AGM. A member of the BIGGA Board of Management from our region will be in attendance to answer questions and outline the work of the Board.

The section committee must be elected each year at our AGM and I would welcome nominations. Please ensure that each nomination has the consent of the nominee and a proposer and seconder. Resolutions and Agenda items are also invited – please submit before November 25th.

If you are unable to take part in the competition you can still attend the Christmas Dinner, which will be served at about 5.30pm. The cost will be £11.60 and your cheque should be sent to Joe at the above address.

An afternoon talk – by Peter Jefford of Rufford Top Dress Supplies Ltd, on 'Top Dressings, Applications and Materials' – has been arranged at Came Down GC, Dorchester, on Wednesday January 15th, starting at 2pm. This will be the second year that a presentation has been arranged at Came Down and your support will be most appreciated. Refreshments will be supplied by Ruffords at 3pm. For further information call Stephen Hall, Head Greenkeeper, Came Down GC, at the course on 0305 820289.

BOB DENNIS

### BUCKS, BERKS & OXON.

It is with great relief that I can at last report BB&O have won a golf match! We took on the Mid-Anglia section in a titanic struggle at the superb Berkhamsted course and came away with three wins and two halves, the nearest to defeat coming from our answer to Calcavecchia, myself and Dave Goodchild, going from 3 up with 5 to play to a shaky halved match! The match was played in excellent spirit and we look forward to a return in '92. Thanks especially to Gerald Bruce and his staff at Berkhamsted and to our Captain, Dave Childs.

May I also offer apologies to Mid-Anglia and the Club for any misunderstanding in play format, which may have meant that our presentation was not all it might have been.

Apart from the Mid-Anglia match, our events calendar has been quiet – for the better perhaps – for we have almost a congestion of fixtures coming up. Topping the list is the Turkey Trot at Frilford Heath combined with the AGM. We are out to beat the 1990 turnout of 75 and will be especially pleased to welcome candidates for committee – come on, join the merry band! Entry forms should be with you by now, but if these are missing from your desk, call Bob Woodward on 0628 664512.

May I remind you all to attend the regional seminar at Warwick College on Nov 20th. Don't miss this seminar – it will surely be a