

52 → society numbers, but did not tell us first – the result: a huge 'phone bill and a lot of disappointed would-be players. Fortunately, Ufford GC were able to take some of the overspill, for which we were most grateful.

With all that behind us we set off round Lyn Arbon's track, which was in superb condition, and fielded two handicap sections: First in 0-15 was Dave Wilkinson (Cromer) with 36 pts, 2nd Peter Howard (Aldeburgh) with 34 pts and 3rd Roger Plumber (Cromer) with 32 pts. In the 16-28 section Steve Freestone (Eaton) was first with 37 pts, followed by Steve Piggot (Cromer) on 33 pts and Dave (HG) Wells (Stockbrook Manor) on 29 pts. Stockbrook Manor? Where's that? Billericay! The guest winner was Ron Maidstone (Eaton). Who said Cromer crabs don't come inland! Well done lads.

Prizes were presented by the Woodbridge captain, Mr Watt, and donated by Sisis, Rushbrooks, CMW, ICI, Doe's and Turf Actant. Our thanks to Woodbridge for a great day out – we won't send quite so many next time.

A message from Steve Freestone – will prizewinners pick their own prizes please – why would he say that I wonder?

There are two limited number events coming: Colchester on Aug. 12th has a limit of 36 and Eaton GC on Sept. 23rd has a limit of 40 (unless you want dinner on your lap!).

The AGM will be at Aldeburgh in December after the Turkey Trot – don't say I didn't give you enough notice.

MICK LATHROPE

MIDLANDS

On Thursday June 18th the Midlands section held their Summer Tournament at Handsworth GC. The weather was breezy but warm and this made for good golf on a well prepared course – for which we thank John Hughes and his staff. Congratulations to Paul Loffman, who played some superb golf and won both the gross and nett prizes.

Thanks to Handsworth GC for the courtesy extended to us once again, which made for a most enjoyable day. In addition, thanks are due to the many companies that once again sponsored our event and helped us during the day.

Dates to remember: Midlands versus Mid Anglia on August 26th at Blackwell GC. Autumn Tournament on September 9th at Harbourne GC.



DEAN CLEAVER

SCOTTISH REGION

The Scottish National Tournament was held this year at Kingsknowe Golf Club in Edinburgh on 23rd June. It was a glorious day with a stiff breeze and a field of 82 players did battle for the many trophies. Willie Blair and his staff had the course in great condition even without an automatic watering system and after a month with no rain. Dennis and Dorothy Maddison and their

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catering staff looked after the the inner man in first class style and the captain Matthew Anderson, vice-captain Tom Dow and secretary Bert Wallace made us more than welcome and even invited us back again. To all those people our thanks for a great day. Even though it was sunny and hot the strong wind and dry conditions made for some interesting and testing golf shots but the lads had obviously been practising hard and some excellent scores were handed in. And for one of our friends from the Trade a nett 59 gave rise to some 'interesting' comments. Needless to say his name and a few others have been circulated to the section secretaries for handicap reviews before the autumn outings. Results were as follows: Scratch 1st – Kevin Peace – Peterhead 70. Nett 1st – Colin Scott – Killermont 63. Best Head greenkeeper – Gordon Moir – St Andrews 73-5=68. Best Assistant greenkeeper – Ross Wilson – Kinross 72-6=66. Best Apprentice greenkeeper – Donald Campbell – Galashiels 80-13=67. Best Veteran greenkeeper – Jimmy Neilson – Murrayfield 85-17=68. 1st Class 1st – Richard Sharp – Kinross 72-7=65. 2nd James Duncan – Aberdour 73-6=67. 3rd Jim Wilson – Torrance House 78-9-69. 2nd Class 1st Chris McLeod – Ratho Park 77-11= 66. 2nd Chris Yeaman – Swanston 82-12=70. 3rd Stephen Massam – Leven 85-15=71. 3rd Class 1st Hugh McLatchie – Peterhead 89-21=68. 2nd Andrew Forrest – Swanston 92-24=68. 3rd George Stavert – Peebles 97-27=70. Section team prize – East section. Associate member/trade/guest – John Robertson – Aitkens 83-24=59. Special Prize – Kevin Brunton – Souters 69 off scratch.

ELLIOTT SMALL

SOUTH WEST AND SOUTH WALES

A super day was had by all at the Iseki Regional Final, on the 17th June. The venue of the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club turned out to be not only spectacular to view, but very demanding to play, especially with the strong winds. Many a ball was lost in the rough, but undaunted, the strong minded battled on. There were one or two that excelled themselves, and others that fell by the wayside, but the very excellent meal provided made up for any disappointments.

Ian Pogson, area sales manager for Iseki UK Ltd, presented the prizes, and as usual kept the laughter flowing. Our thanks to him and the Iseki company for sponsoring the day. Also to their

traders for their support. Ian presented our Regional Shield to the South West Section who were in fine form. Our thanks to all who gave prizes for the raffle, it is very much appreciated.

We would like to thank all the staff at the Isle of Purbeck, and especially Mr and Mrs Robinson, chairman and managing director, who joined us for the dinner and presentation.

The day was made complete by a comment from one of the guests: "What a pleasure it has been to be with you all today, you are a credit to the greenkeeping profession." How true that was.

The results were: Category 1 – 1st P Thorn (S West) 72; 2nd L Millar Jun. (D&C) 72; 3rd R Hall (S Wales) 74. Category 2 – 1st S Montague (S West) 71; 2nd A Panks (S Wales) 76; 3rd T King (S Wales) 76; 1st reserve A McCombie (S Coast) 76. Category 3 – 1st J Leigh (S West) 68; 2nd L Hallet (S Wales) 69; 3rd R Parr (D&C) 75; 1st reserve B Price (S Wales) 78. Winning section for the regional shield: South West Section.

Many thanks to you all and good luck to the qualifiers in Coventry on the 24th September.

GORDON CHILD

COMING UP

- August 10th-12th: BIGGA National Golf Tournament – Littlestone GC, Kent**
- September 8th-10th: IOG Trade Exhibition – Peterborough, Northants**
- September 24th: ISEKI Championships Final – Coventry GC, Warwickshire**
- October 12th: TORO/PGA European Tour Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award – Aldwark Manor, York**
- October 14th: BIGGA Northern Region Seminar – Askham Bryan College**
- October 14th-15th: KUBOTA Challenge – The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire**
- October 16th: BIGGA Northern Region Seminar, Reaseheath College**
- October 19th-November 27th: BIGGA Management Courses (six weeks) – Aldwark Manor, York**
- November 2nd: BIGGA South East Region Seminar – Colchester Centre, Essex**
- November 3rd: BIGGA South West Region Seminar – Cannington College**
- November 11th-12th: IOG Scotsturf Trade Exhibition, Edinburgh, Scotland**
- November 12th-14th: Golf Course Europe '92 Show – Monte Carlo, France**
- November 25: BIGGA Midlands Region Seminar – Warwickshire College**
- November 27: BIGGA North Scotland Section Conference – Dundee College**
- December 7: ICI Professional Products Premier Greenkeeper Award: Finals – Aldwark Manor, York**

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