

COMING UP

January 14th: STRI North of England Seminar - The Environmental Impact of Golf Course Construction and Management - Askham Bryan College, York.

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

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

February 4th: STRI Irish Seminar - As January 14th - Milltown GC, Dublin.

February 10th-17th: GCSAA Exhibition and Convention - New Orleans USA.

February 11th: STRI Welsh Seminar - As January 14th - Caer Beris Manor, Builth Wells.

March 24th-26th: RECMAN (Sports Council) Conference and Exhibition - National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

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

April 8th: BIGGA Annual General Meeting, The Royal York Hotel, York.

April 23rd-26th: The World of Golf, Olympia, London.

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

June 3rd-4th: Landscape Industries '92. Trade Show - National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

AROUND THE GREEN

SOUTH WEST

The morning dawned fair and frosty for our Autumn Tournament at Tracy Park, with play accordingly starting on temporary greens. But... let's hear it for Steve, for after the first few holes members of his staff appeared - as if by magic - and most of the pins were replaced. Maxwell Hart had adopted this tournament from 1991 and thanks to their generosity the prize table was bursting at the seams.

My playing partner, James Taylor from Tall Pines, was finding the mix of greens to his liking, firing six birdies in a round of 67 gross (or 41 points). Not quite good enough, however, for a protege of mine - Philip Newton from Lilley Brook - came in with the best score of 43 points off a highly dubious 28 handicap. Philip is an extremely likeable young man who has been in greenkeeping and playing golf for just under two years.

THE FULL RESULTS: Philip Newton (Lilley Brook GC) 43 points and winner of the Maxwell Hart Trophy. Division 1: 1st, J Taylor (Tall Pines GC) 41 points. 2nd, C Fudge (Tracy Park GC) 39, 3rd, M Gray (Clevedon GC) 37. Division 2: 1st, J Leigh (Henbury GC) 35 points. 2nd, S Earl (Chipping Sodbury GC) 34. 3rd, R Wellman (Lyme Regis GC) 34.

Many thanks to Maxwell Hart and Sta-Brite Supplies for the prizes, to Tracy Park for their hospitality and to Steve Francom and his staff for preparing such an excellent course upon which to play.

The latter part of the day was given over to Colin Pryce and his Terralift for a very informa-

tive and interesting couple of hours, giving us a full insight into how this versatile machine can help with the maintenance of greens and tees etc., and also how it can be adapted to maintain and improve the health of trees.

Colin's talk was followed by our AGM, with Bob Gates formally retiring from the Chair after some 22 years! Bob, who built up the section from virtually nothing to its present lofty heights, was presented with an inscribed crystal vase by Ivor Scoones, who also paid tribute to Bobs' great efforts to further the cause of greenkeepers and greenkeeping.

Elected Officers: CHAIRMAN - J York, VICE CHAIRMAN: P Cox, SECRETARY: P Worster, MATCH CAPTAIN: K Millar, REGIONAL BOARD: I Scoones & R Williams. Also elected to served on the committee was S Earl, with David Everett elected to the college committee at Cannington.

FIXTURES 1992: Jan 8th- Cirencester GC, Lecture on Modern Maintenance. Feb 27th- Yeovil GC, Lecture by Huxleys.

March 11th- Stinchcombe GC, Lecture by Ruffords. Apr 13th- Swindon GC, Iseki Qualifier. Apr 29th- LONG ASHTON GC, WESTURF '92. May 27th- Westonbirt GC, Greenkeepers V Amateurs. June 9th- Launceston GC, Match V Secretaries. July 15th- Cotswold Hills GC, Summer Tournament. Sept 17th- Wells GC, Match V South Coast. Dec 10th- Chipping Sodbury GC, Christmas Luncheon.

A full list giving details etc., sponsored by T H Waites, will be circulated soon.

At the meeting it was decided that all players participating in team events will be required to stay for the meal afterwards - as part of the day. It was also stressed that the most important event in the calendar is WESTURF '92 and that all members should make an effort to attend.

Finally I would like to wish all members a happy New Year and good greenkeeping for 1992.

PAUL WORSTER

NORTH WALES

First may I wish all our members a happy and prosperous New Year, with the hope that you have all recovered from the festivities by now!

My wife and I extend thanks to the staff at HQ for the support (and the flowers) which followed our recent car accident. Thankfully, everyone is now well on the mend.

The November lectures had a reasonable attendance and our thanks to those who responded to the call; with a question for the rest: where were you?

Speakers were Stuart Pierson on COSHH, Tony Gush on Fuels and Gordon Wright on Ecology on the Golf Course. To them we extend our thanks for their time and effort in supporting our section. We are working on one more lecture this winter, covering the subject of Practical Welding, and I'll keep you all posted on this one, which should prove most interesting.

The Christmas Golf Day at Abergele & Pensarn GC was a tremendous success with over 70 players turning out. RESULTS: 1st David Law 35 points (winner of the Bruera Shield). 2nd Terry Adamson 34 points, Guest - Paul Pearce. Special thanks to sponsors Bruera, Turf Mech, Richard Campey, Walkers, Gem, Cheshire Light Tractors, Fletcher Stewart, Martin Brothers, Hunters of Chester and Mommersteeg and most grateful thanks especially to Abergele & Pensarn GC, who at the eleventh hour took such a greenkeeper invasion!

Finally, I know all our members will join with me in wishing Cliff Lunt, formerly of Vicars Cross GC, all the best on his retirement, albeit a little early.

MARK PROCTOR

EAST OF ENGLAND

What a glorious day we picked for our Lambs Trophy in October, with the course at Burghley Park like a green carpet and manicured to perfection - as usual - by David and his team. A gathering of twenty four players returned some excellent scores, and I suppose that when you prepare the course to your liking, you are allowed to win. And that was how it happened, with David Salisbury returning 41 points to retain the trophy once again. Tied in second place with 37 were C MacDonald, G Dolan and F Cobb. Prizes were donated by our generous sponsors, Robin Lamb and Colin Sangster, and we were delighted that they both joined us for an excellent meal in the clubhouse. Our thanks also to our other friends in the trade, who also joined us and gen-

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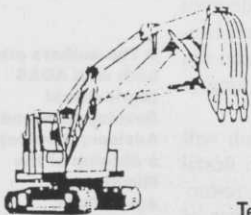


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