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Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

SOUTHERN IRELAND

Due to airline re-scheduling, my time at Hermitage Golf Club for the Southern Ireland Iseki competition was very short. However, in the time that I was there the sun shone over the magnificent picturesque course in beautiful condition under the care of head greenkeeper, Jim Byrne. My thanks to Chris Nolan for the taxi ride.

Twenty-nine greenkeepers took part in the competition and the results are as follows:

Category 1- Handicap 0-9 inc.

1st Tony Burke nett 73, 2nd Ian Richie nett 74, 3rd Ollie English nett 74.

Category 2 - Handicap 10-18 inc

1st Joe Flaherty nett 70, 2nd Jim Byrne nett 70, 3rd Tom Bagnal nett 73

Category 3 - Handicap 19-28 inc

1st David Casbourne nett 77, 2nd Chris Nolan nett 80, 3rd Brendan Harmon nett 86.

We all look forward to seeing the team at Coventry Golf Club for the final on 24th September.

DEBBIE SAVAGE

NORTHERN IRELAND

Unfortunately, (*writes Debbie Savage*) due to fog, Leeds/Bradford Airport was closed and my journey to Lurgan Golf Club was aborted. Luckily David White was also due at Lurgan as part his recent trip to Eire and Northern Ireland so the reporting is up to him as follows:

Like Debbie, my flight was also delayed, though due more to the monster car park known as the M25 than fog! I arrived in Lurgan some hours late and was dismayed on asking directions to be told that a bomb had gone off in Lurgan centre and all traffic was diverted around the town - my informant, bless his devious heart, failed to let on that the bomb had exploded months previously, though it did leave me with heart in mouth for a wee while!

I was not too late to see at least some of the splendid golf being played over a pretty and lush parkland course, thought it was a pity I had no time to acquaint myself with all those who were locked in combat. Looking through the lens of a camera, however, I could pick out the skillful players and was most impressed with the style and performance of Patrick Devine, who shot a mean 74 gross over a tight and demanding track. Those Northern Ireland guys certainly know how to enjoy themselves too, and I was regally plied with Old Bushmills and Guinness!

Thanks to them all for a splendid day. The results are as follows:

Category 1- Handicap 0-9 inc

1st Patrick Devine nett 68, 2nd Michael O'Neill nett 73, 3rd Laurence McCusker nett 73

Category 2 - Handicap 10-18 inc

1st Jonathan Eager nett 68, 2nd Davy Eagar nett 69, 3rd James Kane nett 70



Patrick Devine

Category 3 - Handicap 19-28 inc

1st Raymond McMath nett 71, 2nd Paul McBlane nett 73, 3rd Hugh McLaughlin nett 85.

Like Debbie, I shall look forward to seeing the victors at Coventry GC, which I'm sure all will all enjoy immensely.

DAVID WHITE

EAST OF ENGLAND

Our first tournament of the season was held in the 'Soak of Peterborough' and a 'wee soak' is what we experienced. However, the weather did not spoil the friendly welcome we received at this municipal course, the first our section has played.

Orton Meadows Municipal course is run on a franchise by professional golfers, Dennis and Roger Filton and maintained by David Walden, the course manager. It was David who welcomed us and I must thank him most sincerely for making all the arrangements.

The Peterborough Machinery Trophy was donated by Alistair Brown, who also joined us for our dinner and presentation. The main prize was given by Jacobsen and many more excellent prizes were received by our many trade friends - some of whom travelled many miles to deliver the prizes - thank you, gentlemen!

Orton Meadows course is built in two very different halves. The long half, which played around a lake, was a real test in the wind and the back nine was one where tee shots had to be well placed to gain advantage. With tees well back - nearly on to the busy A1 - it was not surprising that a local man, Graeme MacDonald, won with a splendid 35 points to beat Gilbert Ogden of Stoke Rochford, with Michael Wood of Thorpe Wood in third place.

I should like to place on record my thanks to BIGGA for making sure the wives who attended the recent conference at Cirencester had a superb time. Three members from our section took their wives along and they are now all looking forward to next year's meeting.

COLIN SWINGLER



NORTH SCOTLAND

The section's Spring Outing to Montrose GC was a great success, despite the windy weather. The course was in first class order, which would have been reflected in the scores had it not been for the gale force wind blowing, warm though it was. Nevertheless we were well looked after, with 74 members, trade and guests participating, 69 of them playing golf. Our thanks to the catering staff in the Caledonian clubhouse.

The results were: Scratch - 1st R Patterson 79 (b.i.h.) 2nd G Hampton 80. Handicap Class 1 - 1st I A Macleod 79-3=76. 2nd George Mitchell 81-4=77. 3rd A Dempster 83-5=78. Class 2 - 1st B Taylor 85-8=77. 2nd A Strachan 86-7=79. 3rd S McBain 88-9=79. Class 3 - 1st T Simpson 93-20=73. 2nd S Frost 96-20=76. 3rd S Donald 94-17=77. Unofficial and booby shared by K Wood and R Allan. Trade P Allan 78-5=73. Apprentice B Cameron 89-9=80. Veteran A Grant 86-8=78. Guest W Donald 93-6=87. Nearest the pin - R Patterson.

The day rounded off with the usual raffle and the first of our 200 Club draw, the winners being: Jan - £30 C Cumming, 16 Gollanhead Ave. Rose-

markie. Feb - £30 M Hampton, Balghulan Cott. Pitlochry PH16 5QT. March - £40 J Hamilton 15 Crown St. Inverness. April - £100 J Lawson, Letham Grange Farm, Colliston by Arbroath DD11 4RL.

Man on the move is Andy Robertson, who in June moved from Thurso to become first assistant at Sunningdale in Berkshire. We wish him all the best and promise to forward his money if he gets lucky in the 200 Club.

Congratulations to Steven Macintosh, first assistant at Muir of Ord, who won the North District Championships at Elgin by 6 strokes with a one under par total of 137. Fellow greenkeepers who also performed well were Mike Wilson of Kingussie with 145 and George Paterson of Fortrose with 146.

Well done to Steven Frost (Royal Aberdeen) and Derek Anthony (Duff House Royal) on qualifying for the Scottish team in the ISEKI finals to be staged in Coventry in September. Robert Allan Hazelhead is first reserve in class three.

Finally, the winner of a BIGGA blazer in the free members raffle at the Spring Outing was Donny Dingwall from Contin, near Strathpeffer. We hope to run a similar draw at our Autumn Outing.

IAIN MACLEOD

SOUTH WEST

Summer is here, the sun is shining, birds are singing, golfers are moaning, the greens mower is on the blink and the hosepipe ban is looming. Apart from that everything's fine.

The historic Westonbirt School was the venue for the ever-popular John Ireland Greensomes Competition at the end of May. Urbane thanks to the Westonbirt Bursar, John Watts, for yet again closing the course for the afternoon to allow us to play. All 52 competitors enjoyed the short course, the quality of which was reflected in the low scoring. Interestingly, the competition, which involves a greenkeeper paired with an amateur partner, was won for the second year running by brothers: Division 1 (0-18) Ist. J. & M. Leigh (Henbury G.C.) 75-18=57. 2nd. L. Johnson & R. Hodgson (Saltford G.C.) 81-18= 63. 3rd. C. Tozer & D Rendell (Bridport G.C.) 74-10= 64. Division 2 (19-28) 1st P Baynton & S Wilson (Long Ashton) 86-27=59. 2nd M Gray & P King (Clevedon) 80-19.5=60.5. 3rd A Johnson & R Stubbs (Saltford) 87-23=64. Best front nine- D Neale & W Jones 35. Best back nine - T Roberts & C Middleton 30. Two's - J Cooper & I May. J & M Leigh.

Many thanks to all the staff at Westonbirt for preparing the course, the landlord and his wife at the Old Royal Ship for the excellent meal, and Avoncrop and Roffey Bros. for their donations to our prize table.

Congratulations to Laurence Pithie, our Master Greenkeeper, on his forthcoming move to Candoval Holdings, where he is to become the adviser/agronomist to their some ten projects in the South East. Laurie is to oversee the courses right from the pre-construction stage to the day-to-day maintenance when they are up & running - quite a challenge. We wish him all the best.

Section membership now stands at 150, a far cry from the 56 on the books when BIGGA started in 1987. There is still room for more however, so do make every effort to convince any greenkeeper

at your Club who is not yet in, or maybe the greenkeepers at the next Club over from yours – half yearly subscription rates apply from now, so there's never been a better time to join.

This is also a good time to reconsider those pesticide training courses with the autumn not far away. This all important training will again be available at considerably less than college rates, and with less travelling and fellow greenkeepers at your side in the classroom, the whole day is extremely beneficial.

We are still offering the COSHH Assessment Service: just £60 for our resident expert to come to your Club and ensure when the man from the Ministry turns up out of the blue that you are not going to be his first prosecution.

Finally, to set the record straight concerning the circumstances of our section chairman, John York, I can confirm that he has left Wells GC in

Somerset and is currently at Mid Dorset GC., Blandford Forum. He intends to continue in the chair, sends his regards, and hopes to see as many of you as possible at the next meeting.



PAUL WORSTER

SOUTH COAST

Details of the section's Summer Tournament are as follows – Venue: Basingstoke Golf Club. Date: Thursday 6 August 1992. Time: Teeing off from 2.00 pm. Fee: £12.00. Closing Date: 27 July 1992. The competition, consisting of a member and guest, will be the usual format of an 18 hole four ball better ball. A guest can be either a member from your own Club or a greenkeeper from a different Club. Written entries giving name and address, name of partner and current handicaps, together with the current fee, should be sent to: Mr Joe Burdett, 23 Jacobs Ladder, Child Okeford, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11. 8EA. Tele: 0258 861482

I am pleased to report that following a nasty fall at home followed by eleven nights in hospital, our chairman's wife is making a steady recovery. Ken has been unable to attend one or two meetings but has become very adept at overseeing numerous household chores. He has informed me of a number of new courses under construction in South Hampshire, including Cams Hall at Fareham, so hopefully this will provide plenty of opportunities for members in this section.

Not very many new members from Dorset took advantage of playing at Weymouth in our Spring Tournament, which was a little disappointing for your committee. Next year's Spring Tournament will be at Sherborne GC., and a good turn out from members in West Dorset would be appreciated.

Finally a report of our Spring Tournament, for which I am indebted to Joe Burdett, as follows: 'From a total 'field' of 40 players from all over the area, the sponsors Huxleys Grass Machinery Ltd (Alan Jeffrey and Mike Read) and Jim Fry (section president) were well pleased with the response. The sponsors kindly presented their own individual prizes, which were appreciated by the winning greenkeepers. Additional prizes were donated by Roffey Brothers Ltd., CME Equipment, Sta-Brite Supplies and I.C.I. Garden Products, and distributed by the host Club captain, John Wilson, assisted by the section vice-chairman Paul Drodge. The vice-chairman thanked the host Club for their hospitality and generosity in not only donating two glass engraved tankards, but for granting courtesy of the course to all the players. The day started very cloudy and rain dampened only a few of the competitors for a short while, but this did not deter the golfers from performing again in the afternoon to return some quite creditable scores. Robert Mabb (2) from the host Club returned a gross score in the morning of 70, closely followed by Brian Forder (3) from Southampton with a 71. Kevin Glass (New Forest) and Gordon Payne (Maidenhead) both returned nett 66's. The afternoon rounds of

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Brian Forder and Kevin Glass showed their determination by maintaining and improving their morning positions to take major trophies, with Brian successfully defending his trophy by a clear 4 shots.

TREGUNNA TROPHY (lowest gross 36 holes): Brian Forder, Southampton 71-73=144. ROWES ROSE BOWL (2nd lowest gross 36 holes): Robert Mabb, Weymouth 70-78=148 Third: Bernard Emberley, Knighton Heath 73-79=152. THE ROFFEY CUP (lowest nett 36 holes): Kevin Glass, New Forest, 66-68=134. THE DENYER CUP (2nd lowest nett 36 holes): Shaun White, Ferndown, 68-68=136. Third: Gordon Payne, Maidenhead, 66-70=136. NITA STIMSON AWARD (lowest nett – over 50's – 18 holes): Gordon Payne, Maidenhead, 73-7=66. Runner-up: Joseph Burdett, Sherborne, 82-13=69. THE CHRISTOPHER FRY TROPHY (lowest nett 36 holes under 25 's): Paul Jackson, Ferndown 69-70=139. Runner-up Spencer Naines, Romsey, 68-71=139. Prizes were also distributed for the lowest 'surviving' scores from the morning and afternoon rounds. Lowest gross a.m.: Mark Webb, Alresford, 79. Lowest nett a.m.: Rob Bailey, Salisbury & S.W., 70. Lowest gross p.m.: Ted West, Broadstone, 77. Lowest nett p.m.: Terry Patchin, Hockley, 65. Nearest the pin on the 5th hole: Ian Noble, Moors Valley. Longest drive on 16th hole: Paul Jackson, Ferndown. A special prize was awarded to Anthony Hyde from Ashley Wood, for actually returning his two cards, albeit achieving the highest gross score of the day.'

BOB DENNIS

BUCKS, BERKS & OXON

Hi out there to all the downtrodden masses now even harder at work after some lovely 'warm & wet' from the great greenkeeper in the sky. You asked for it, so don't moan – get out there and cut the stuff!

Now down to the nitty-gritty, our Spring Tournament at Henley. I'm sure everyone had a marvellous day, I certainly did – and not just because I won the p.m. nett award. Our thanks to Harvey Tribe and his staff for preparing the course to a standard we all enjoyed (not easily done when dealing with greenkeepers), to secretary John Hex, and to Club captain, Martin Jordon, who presented the prizes with a flair and originality seldom found in one whose office is so high. RESULTS: Gross 36 holes 1st P Platter, 2nd T French, 3rd D Goodchild. Nett 36 holes 1st R Woodward (153), 2nd T Brown (155) 3rd S McFarland (146). A.M. nett: M Long (71) P.M. nett: R Clark (66). ISEKI qualifiers 0-9: P Platter, D Goodchild, M G Smith and T French. 10-18: R Clark, P Reeve, T Brown and M Cox. 19-28: S Lamb, J Socket, B Horworth and R Spicer.

The ISEKI qualifier will take place at Brockton Hall, Staffordshire, on July 16th – good luck to everyone taking part.

On a personal note I would like to thank the 'old gits' (Roger Bowles and Derek Stead) who in their straining to get to the dining table first forgot that they always serve the forest away first – I can't talk though, because I was sharing their table, but better luck next time.

Last, our thanks once again to the trade: Rigby Taylor; Maxwell Hart; Parkers; Sta-Brite and Bernie (who played like a star for 27 holes); and, of course, to ICI, who have also supplied us with

stationery. My number, should you wish to call me, is 0628 829208.

RAY CLARK

SOUTH WALES

May 14th saw our competition for the Jacobsen Cup, Brown's Shield and Waycott Cup, with the main sponsor being Keith Morgan of Usk, the Jacobsen agent. We thank him for the excellent prizes donated and the captain and committee of Cradoc GC for allowing us the courtesy of the course and clubhouse facilities. In particular, our thanks to the Club captain for presenting the prizes at the end of the day. RESULTS: Winner of the Jacobsen Cup, set of crystal glasses and a brollie – R Kitcher, 69 nett. Winner of Brown's Shield and set of crystal glasses, A Jenkins 80 low gross. Winner of the Waycott Cup and a golf bag, T Garland, 74 nett. All the above awards donated by Keith Morgan. Other places (nett) were 3rd H Morgan (Whisky/Proturf), 75 on countback. 4th P Swain (Shirt/BIGGA funds) 75, 5th M Davies (Headcovers/Roffey Bros.) 76 .

A raffle was again held with a view to swelling section funds, the results being: 1st T Garland (Brollie, ICI), 2nd D Archer (Sherry, Avoncrop), 3rd A Panks (Whisky, Toro), 4th D Jones (Sherry, British Seed Houses) 5th P Robinson (Wine, G Peck/Birds) and 6th A Jenkins (Wine, M Davies/Cradoc GC).

My thanks to vice-chairman Mike Jones for chairing the meeting, to Malcolm Davies and his green staff for the course preparation and to Miss Ann Pugh and the catering staff for attending to our hunger pangs throughout the day.

PHIL SWAIN

MIDLANDS

On May 1st we held our Committee Cup at Moorhall GC, with the course playing nicely (thanks to Peter Woodward and his staff) and obviously suiting Mike Hughes, who played well enough to win for the second year running. The meal that followed was excellent, enjoyed by everyone and made even more pleasant by the Moorhall captain and his wife joining us in the evening. Thanks to Moorhall GC for showing us such good hospitality.

Thanks to Eric Thomas for again organising the annual match against Handsworth GC. Although this is not a BIGGA event run by our section, our members have supported it for the past 40 years. As usual, the afternoon and evening was enjoyed by everyone and this year the greenkeepers won. Handsworth GC are to be congratulated for keeping this event going and for making us feel so welcome.

Dates to remember: Autumn Tournament at Harbourne GC on Sept. 9th. Closing date Aug. 7th. If you want to play and do not have an entry form, please call me (before the closing date) on 0789 762912.



DEAN CLEAVER

DEVON & CORNWALL

Trelawny's army was once again on the march from the Duchy, but instead of watching the rugby at Twickenham, the party of true Cornish greenkeepers visited the Westurf trade show. It was reported to me that in case of a fire on their journey, some of the boys carried a red fire extinguisher! Those who were visiting Westurf for the first time were pleasantly surprised at the quality of the show and the professional way it was run. This, as usual, is all down to Marion & Gordon Child, who dedicate so much of their time in organising it and dealing with all other affairs of our region. Also I must mention the Devon lads, who as usual turned up in such large numbers – and not for the first time either. Next year let's see an even bigger gathering of members from this section attending the show – you could even bring your club officials along. With the success of Westurf, once again the region is offering

members a subsidised package to the 1993 British Turf Management Exhibition (BTME) & Seminar at the very popular Yorkshire venue of Harrogate between 19th & 22nd January 1993, all for only £99. This includes coach travel from your local pick up point, 3 nights B&B and entry to all seminars and (of course) the exhibition. Wives are welcome at reduced rates by prior arrangement with Gordon Child. Many Clubs already pay for their greenkeepers to attend, largely in the knowledge that extra greenkeeping skills are properly acquired – so why don't you ask your green chairman or secretary. All head greenkeepers should have received an application form, but if by chance you have slipped the net and are interesting, please call either Gordon Child (0803 844056) or 'yours truly' on 0288 353438.



RICHARD WHYMAN

SURREY

This section now boasts a membership of 295, including 85 new members enrolled this year! We extend a welcome to all these newcomers and encourage them all to make themselves known at our golf days and section functions.

Our candidate for the ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year this year is Ian McMillan, course manager at Hankley Common GC. Good luck to him in the rigorous testing that lies ahead.

Forthcoming fixtures see the McMillan Tankard at its familiar venue of Sunningdale GC on Aug. 6th and the Parkers Salver at Surbiton GC on Sept. 24th. Please send all entries for these events by the deadline date and observe the following rules: All Stableford competitions to be played at 7/8 handicap allowance and lowest current handicap to be declared.

ROGER TYDEMAN

NORTH WEST

The venue for the '92 Spring Tournament was West Derby GC (Liverpool), and the members of West Derby, who celebrate their centenary in 1996, made us all feel most welcome. The caterers and bar staff did a great job looking after the 34 competitors. The course, which covers 100 acres, is a good test of golf with tight tree-lined fairways making accurate golf essential and with greens that were a delight to putt on. Chris Sheehan and his staff had this very busy course in great condition and thoroughly deserved the many complimentary remarks made on the day. Many thanks must go to the North West president, Arthur Harrison of SISIS, and many other trade supporters, including Cheshire Light Tractors, Martin Bros., Maxwell Hart and ICI, who helped to swell the prize table. RESULTS: best gross B Horvath 81-9=72. best nett J Pearson 87-13=74. Other nett scores were T Davies 90-14=76 (card play off). F Platt 85-9=76. W Merritt 86-9=77 (card play off). T Doughty 95-18=77 S Moon 87-9=78. Over 55's B Cross.

The following are ISEKI qualifiers: 0-9 B Horvath, F Platt and W Merritt. 10-18 J Pearson, T Davies and C Wheeler. 19-28 E Stewart, J Wright and G Corness.

The next NW fixture will be the Roses Match at Stockport GC on Friday Aug. 28th. I will require a team of 16, so if you are available please give me a call on 051 7245412. In the meantime, if any members are going to The Open or the BIGGA National I will look forward to meeting them.

BERT CROSS

CLEVELAND

Tony Mears, head greenkeeper at Dinsdale Spa GC has constructed a new green with added features and mounds, also a large lake as part of environmentally friendly alterations.

Tony's hard work over the past years is improving Dinsdale – a slow job on heavy clay, but

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worthwhile – stick at it, Tony.

There are no short cuts to success in greenkeeping and a word of thanks is due to assistant greenkeepers who are hard working and conscientious – important members of a small team (average 5 per 18 holes). These important people make golf pleasurable for so many players (at least 50,000 rounds) and deserve our thanks and congratulations.

Today's assistants are tomorrow's head greenkeepers, so learning good standards is vital, i.e. trying not to top dress greens on ladies day. A five-day week is too short and time flies! Cold spring weather is responsible for poor response from fertilisers and top dressings. Warm weather is required for fine grasses to grow at all!

Gordon White, head greenkeeper at Castle Eden GC, has retired after 40 years service, his position being filled by David Crocker, who was first assistant at Blackwell GC (Darlington) – our congratulations to them both.

Of the new so-called agronomy consultants, I suggest that greenkeepers ask themselves where the consultants do their research work.

I have supported STRI for 28 years and have received an advisory visit most of those years. Their trial grounds are available for visiting and research is on-going. Before taking any unnecessary risks, I urge greenkeepers to support STRI and involve their Club in an annual subscription – which means an annual visit to the course and any amount of advice over the 'phone – i.e. how soon to irrigate following systemic fungicide treatment etc. Interesting answer, but invaluable. When learning useful tips, keep a notebook of them.

Our regional rep., Ian Holloran, head greenkeeper at Middlesborough Municipal GC, finds life hectic. Last year saw 79,000 rounds played and this year he has had staff cuts from 5 to 3, which is making his task impossible as allowances have to be made for holidays, sickness or both!

A recent SISIS and Kubota demonstration was well attended. The spring meeting scheduled for April 2nd at Stressholme, Darlington's Municipal course, was postponed due to heavy rain.

Following last year's drought, Peter Bishop, head greenkeeper at Seaton Carew, was earlier this spring in cultivating 4 fairways, re-seeding and top dressing. Spring germination is always difficult, particularly on a links course, but Peter's 36 years of experience is of enormous value to his Club.

Phil Walshaw, head greenkeeper at Saltburn GC, recently completed the City & Guilds Phase 4 management course at Askham Bryan College and we send him congratulations on his success.

Last year's influx of Crane Fly (Daddy Long Legs) has led to a lot of Leather Jackets and they are causing much damage to fairways. I heard of a bowling green almost ruined because of neglect last November, when preventative treatment would have meant success.

Harpers private pay and play have opened a second nine holes and this 100 acre course at Norton on Tees is in the good hands of head greenkeeper Paul Kellett, who was for many years at Billingham under Cleveland chairman Harry Lees. Harry recently underwent an operation for an ear complaint but thankfully is now keeping well – Good luck, Harry.

BRUCE BURNELL

NORTHERN

This is my last report as section secretary as I am taking up my position as regional administrator. My successor is Pat Murphy, course manager at Shipley GC, and all queries, golf deposits etc. should be directed to him at 49 Cornwall Rd. Bingley, W. Yorks BD16 4RL tel: 0274 568128. He has taken up what can be a very demanding and time consuming job which is made worthwhile when members support events and give encouragement. Best of luck, Pat!

The winter lectures list is in the process of formation and will include some joint ventures with our colleagues in the IoG. They are running a bus to the show in Peterborough in September and would welcome any of our members along.



BOB LUPTON

The Northern region of BIGGA plan to hold a seminar in October on Toro machinery and irrigation, more details to follow.

WEST SCOTLAND

The section held their annual Spring Meeting, courtesy of the captain and committee of Kilmacolm GC. Some 57 members and trade guests entered and it was a pleasure to see some new faces. This was, in fact, the biggest turn-out for an outing in almost ten years, ironically also achieved at Kilmacolm.

As everyone in the West can vouch, the spring weather has been hellish to say the least. According to the Weather Centre it has been the wettest spring for 60 years and the rain need fall no more 'till mid July to bring the rainfall average back to normal! It is for this reason that special mention must be made of the work of Ronnie Bunting and his staff, for having the course in excellent condition. At the end of the day, which did finally clear, the winners and qualifiers for the forthcoming ISEKI Tournament were as follows: Scratch – Stuart Taylor, Glasgow GC. First class – 1st Ronnie Bunting, Kilmacolm, 2nd Alistair Connell, Cander, 3rd Stuart Taylor, Glasgow, 4th Stephen Hogg, Drumpellier. Second class – 1st Martin Treacy, Elderlie, 2nd Sandy Brawley, East Kilbride, 3rd David Montgomery, Cander, 4th Stuart Cameron, Drumpellier. Third class – 1st Kevin McGuire, Drumpellier, 2nd Colin Scott, Glasgow, 3rd Andrew McDowall, Torrance House, 4th David Elliot, Drumpellier. New members prize – Jim Smith, Kilmacolm, trade prize – Derek Duthie, Aitkens, visitors prize – D Waugh, Captain, Calder GC. A special thanks to the captain of Kilmacolm for presenting the prizes.

A couple of dates for the future are Sept 17th for the Autumn Outing to Hags Castle and Nov. 20th for the Annual Dinner at a new venue – The Admiral Restaurant, Glasgow. The speaker has yet to be confirmed. These and other dates appear in our new fixture card, which was produced courtesy of Aitken Seedsmen, Glasgow. Those who did not collect a copy at Kilmacolm will receive one in the post. In the meantime, may everyone in the section have a good season.

GORDON KERR

NORTH WALES

Chester Golf Club was the venue for the North Wales ISEKI qualifier. First overall and winner of the Lesco Trophy, donated by RJ Campey, was Alan Lewis with an excellent 74 -4 =69. Best gross and winner of the Rose Bowl, donated by Paul Smith of High Speed Oil, was Ian Buckley with a score of 79-8=71. Second nett was Paul Best and best guest was Alan Buckley. Nearest the pin on 8th went to Rick Fletcher, who after the competition will be moving south to Henley on Thames GC. I am sure all members wish him well in his new job.

ISEKI qualifiers were: 0-9: A Lewis, I Buckley, D Parry, reserve J Dunn. 10-18: J Humphries, C Davies, A Kift, reserve S McCabe. 19-28: P Jeffries, I Gibson, P Bowen, res. J L Jones. ➡ 42

32 ➤ Many thanks to the committee and members of Chester GC for allowing us courtesy of the course and to the catering staff for an excellent meal. Naturally, our congratulations to head greenkeeper Peter Sproston and his staff for presenting such an excellent course and thanks to our sponsors: R J Campey, High Speed Oil, Gem Professional, Fisons, Fletcher Stewart, Mommersteeg Seeds and Jamie Warr, pro at Chirk G&CC.

On a personal note, Terry Adamson and I would like to thank Lewis Parks, chairman of Chester GC, for his company on the day.

Turning to other matters, anybody interested in staging one of our events at their Club should contact Terry Adamson. During the rest of the season we hope to arrange a match against the North Wales stewards, so – once again – anybody interested, please contact Terry.

D S PROCTOR

KENT

May 6th saw our Spring Tournament and ISEKI qualifier held at Darenth Valley. It turned out to be a fabulous day: the weather was glorious, the course was in great shape (thanks to the hard work of Nigel Stapley and his lads), and the food at lunch and throughout the evening was terrific – possibly the best day we've had yet. Unfortunately only about 16 or so competed in the morning, with the numbers 'swelling' for the afternoon's Texas Scramble to about 20. Most of the usual hard core were there, so for those who did not make it, I can only say that you don't know what you missed for you couldn't find a better day out for £22 anywhere – imagine, mountains of food and great surroundings. Please don't forget that even if you cannot make the golf at our events, you can always come along for a chat and book a meal. Anyway, here are the results: The morning medal was won by David Wood with a nett 71, with David Vidler (despite a curious medical condition and a personal problem!) second with nett 73. Third was Bernie

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Sturdy with 76. Low gross was also won by David Wood, but modesty prevented him from picking up this prize. In the afternoon we held a hotly contested Texas Scramble, won by the team comprising Ian Rawlins, Jason Bean, Gary Ogilvy and Liam Galway. The ISEKI qualifying results: 0-9 George Brown and Ian Rawlins (by virtue of turning up!) 10-18 David Wood, David Vidler, David Goodhew and Paul Copsey. (reserve Jason Bean). 19-28 Bernie Sturdy, John Roots, Nigel Stapley and Rob Pearl (reserve John Waterman).

A couple of nearest the pin prizes were up for grabs and the winners – each with a rare accurate shot – were Neil Carter and me! Many thanks to Bernard Dibhams and Rigby Taylor for providing the wonderful cut glass prizes for the morning medal and we are delighted to learn that Rigby Taylor will also be donating a trophy which we shall play for annually at our Spring Tourney. Thanks also are due to our other friends from the trade who come along to support us and donate prizes at all our events – it is much appreciated by all who take part.

Finally, the news of two new staff members at Stockton Park, with Paul Stockton, previously at Cobtree Manor, joining as an assistant greenkeeper and Mark Drake, formerly of Pennyhill Park, taking the position of deputy course manager. The best of luck to you both.

PAUL COPSEY

COMING UP

- July 16th-19th: **The Open Championship – Muirfield, Scotland**
- August 10th-12th: **BIGGA National Golf Tournament – Littlestone GC, Kent**
- September 8th-10th: **IOG Trade Exhibition – Peterborough, Northants**
- September 22nd-24th: **Leisure Industry Week – NEC, Birmingham**
- 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-15th: **KUBOTA Challenge – The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire**
- October 19th-November 27th: **BIGGA Management Courses (six weeks) – Aldwark Manor, York**
- November 11th-12th: **IOG Scotsturf Trade Exhibition, Edinburgh, Scotland**
- November 12th-14th: **Golf Course Europe '92 Show – Monte Carlo**
- November 24th-26th: **Golf International 2000 – Sandown Park, Esher, Surrey**
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