

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.

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## 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

# AROUND THE GREEN



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**
- November 27th: **BIGGA North Scotland Section Conference – Dundee College, Angus**
- December 7th – **ICI Professional Products Premier Greenkeeper Award: Finals – Aldwark Manor, York.**



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