

AROUND THE GREEN

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

Will section reporters please note: Final copy date for inclusion of 'Around The Green' material in the August issue is July 1st.

NORTHERN

Everyone should now be flat-out cutting, slitting, dressing etc., and I guess you must all be too busy to play in our golf events, for they are not filling up very well. I'll give you a further reminder of these: Invitation Day at Shipley Northcliffe GC on Wednesday, 19th August (members must be accompanied by one of their Club officials). Autumn meeting at Scarborough Southcliffe GC on Wednesday, 30th September.

We also need names of those wanting to play for the section in the Roses Match. This is fully sponsored so all you have to do is get there (and win!). The venue for this is Stockport G.C. on Friday, 28th August. Names to me by 'phoning 0274/590463 please.

A recent event was our annual dinner dance where 26 people enjoyed a fine evening with good food and wine and excellent company. Of those attending, 12 were colleagues from the trade; so only 14 greenkeepers and wives out of almost 600 greenkeepers and wives on my list turned up. Come on you guys out there, this is your section, please support it. A lot of work goes into planning events for your benefit and if BIGGA didn't exist we would all be back to square one with poor wages, poor opportunities, poor education and poor conditions. We have come a long way, but support is needed to keep the momentum going.

I am trying to organise a first aid training course for the autumn. I'm sure it must be useful (not to mention possibly life-saving) to have at least one trained first-aider on every Club staff. The course can be undertaken in a few ways, either at your own Club or at one venue. Also, a number of options are open with half day, one day, two day and four day courses all available. Please give this matter some thought and ring me if you are interested. I need to know numbers as soon as possible to enable me to organise what you want. Certificates will be issued on completion of the course whilst those aiming for Master Greenkeeper certification will gain 3

credits - all useful additions to your CV.

There are a few moves around the section: Gary Dyson takes over at Darrington and Adrian Holroyd moves from Lightcliffe to Ripon. I hear they are both about to join us and I look forward to seeing them soon. I am also losing my own right-hand man, Robert Gee, who is moving just up the road to Lightcliffe as head man. I suppose he will be forever on my doorstep borrowing tackle, but best of luck anyway to Robert, Gary and Adrian. More very good news is that Bradford's Ralph Smith has returned to work after long illness. Hope to see you soon Ralph, back amongst your friends in the section.

A potential disaster was averted when the location for our spring 'do' was cancelled just 12 hours before tee-time. Fortunately, Ganton GC kindly agreed to let us play at short notice and we thank them for accommodating us so very well. The qualifiers were: Div. 1 - E Walsh, R Gee, M Hannan and M Lealman. Div. 2 - E Paley, L Nelson, C Garnett and R Johnson. Div. 3 - L Kirkbright, A Gamble, D Cockburn and M Bryant... all of which means that last year's 'champ', Telford Jarvis, is out!

Cleckheaton GC have appointed Andrew Fowler as deputy course manager to replace Robert Gee and 'yours truly' is resigning as section secretary to take on the post of regional administrator. My thanks to everyone who helped me during my time in office.

BOB LUPTON

EAST MIDLANDS

Firstly, a belated note of thanks to Peter Jones and Phil Helms at Collingtree Park for entertaining the section back in March. I'm sure this well attended visit was an eye-opener to many, seeing such good surfaces so early in the season.

Thanks are also due to Chris James of Erringtons, and to Toro for providing lunch.

Our Spring Tournament at Wollaton Park on April 28th attracted 54 entrants, and a competitive day of golf produced some excellent scoring. Winners in each section were: Greenkeepers - (handicap 0-9) 1st Russell Allen, 2nd Phil Refin, 3rd Glen Miller. (hcp. 10-18) 1st Phil Jennings, 2nd Jamie Bedford, 3rd Clinton Hare. (hcp. 9-24) 1st Adey Porter, 2nd Ian Dunmore, 3rd Mark Bindley. The trade/associate winner was Mike Franklin. Many thanks to all the staff at Wollaton, and to those section members who helped to organise an enjoyable day.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members: Paul Sumpter, Kibworth G.C. Barry Gostinshie, Western Park G.C. Jeffrey Cassidy, Western Park G.C. Steven Linthwaite, Western Park G.C. Matthew Buckley, Oakmere Park G.C. and Andrew Richardson, who is a student member at the Lancashire College.

Finally, it gives me the greatest pleasure to offer congratulations to Graham Arnold on his completion this year of 25 years at Erewash Valley. I understand (from the king of the second helping, Mr Barsby) that this is also Graham's silver wedding anniversary, so congratu- → 32

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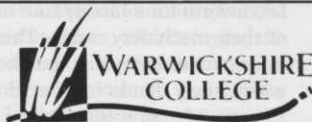
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