

34 → ter of there being little to report (again), this because your section is run efficiently by a great committee (and knowing my luck, none of them will read this!). Now on to business.

We will require names of greenkeepers who would like to play in our section matches. These include fixtures against Mid Anglia, BB&O secretaries & captains, and including one or two others in the pipeline. So – don't delay, rush your name forward together with Club and handicap, to Dave Porter, c/o Ray Clark, Flat 1, Temple GC, Henley Rd, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 5LH.

On behalf of all section members I congratulate Roy Kates on becoming the national chairman of BIGGA and on receiving the fine red blazer. I'm sure we'll see him sporting it at many of our golf days and section functions. Last, but not least, a little note from Bob Woodward requesting that those wishing to make contact should call him at home after 6pm on 0628 664512. Please, don't call him at work as it is difficult to get messages on time – thanks.

RAY CLARK

AYRSHIRE

Our spring meeting was held on April 30th at Irvine Ravenspark, where we were welcomed with a persistent downpour upon our arrival at 9am. After long deliberation (about five minutes!), it was decided to dismiss the morning round in favour of some welcome discussion and a few rounds of pool and dominoes. A wise decision, as it turned out to be at least playable in the afternoon, although not for 'yours truly'.

Many thanks for the efforts of the bar and clubhouse staff for altering things to suit us, to Cunninghame DC for the use of their course; and to the greenkeepers for their sterling work in keeping the course open. Also to the young

AROUND THE GREEN



greenkeeper who warned us about the 'gators in the everglades at the bottom of the course!

Prize winners: Scratch -G Brown, Turnberry, 75. Handicap 1st class: – 1st J Devlin, KCDC, 82-12=70. 2nd W 'Arthur' McMeekin, Turnberry, 79-7=72. 3rd H Diamond, KCDC, 79-6=73. 2nd class:- 1st J Johnstone, Turnberry, 93-20=73. 2nd S Wilson, Western Gales, 93-18=75. 3rd D Whiffen, Dumfries & Country, 89-14=75. Trade D Duthrie, 77-6=71. New member, A Gallagher, Skelmorlie.

It is with regret that I report the death of Jock Robertson, ex head greenkeeper at the Troon Municipal courses. Jock was a real character and will be sadly missed by his many friends in the greenkeeping world.

On the move: John Kinder is coming to us; moving from the Bushes in Paisley to Dumfries and Galloway. Robert Johnstone is moving from Ardeer to Newport and John McLaughlin is moving from Turnberry to assistant head at Dumfries & County.



Finally, we all wait with bated breath for the invitations to arrive for the grand opening dance at George's new 'mansion' at Turnberry.
DUNCAN GRAY

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 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

December 7th – ICI Professional Products Premier Greenkeeper Award: Finals – Aldwark Manor, York.

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