

# AROUND THE GREEN

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

■ Pictured at the recent GCSAA Conference and Show in New Orleans are GCSAA outgoing President, Steve Cadenelli and BIGGA Chairman, George Malcolm. Neil Thomas reports that: "BIGGA's booth at the Exhibition was exceptionally busy with much interest in membership, magazine subscriptions and exhibiting at the 1993 BTME. Relationships with the GCSAA were further strengthened and productive discussions were held with both Steve Cadenelli and the GCSAA's Executive Director, John Schilling. The event proved to be an excellent marketing and public relations exercise for the Association."



## COMING UP

**March 11th:** British Institute of Golf Course Architects Seminar, 'The Positive Face of Golf Development', Institute of Engineers, London.

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

**March 26th-29th:** Golf Asia '92 - World Trade Centre, Singapore.

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

**April 8th:** BIGGA Annual General Meeting, Royal York Hotel (immediately adjacent to York Railway Station), York. Commencing at 2.30pm.

**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.

**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.

● Will section reporters please note that final copy date for inclusion of *Around The Green* material in the May issue is April 1st.

## NORTHERN

I hope everyone enjoyed the show at Harrogate, where it was good to see so many Northern section members present. Special thanks to those who gave up their time to man the doors and perform special duties.

With spring quickly approaching, now is the time to tell you of the golf events planned for 1992: SPRING TOURNAMENT over 27 holes, Wed. 15th April at Kirkbymoorside GC (Iseki Qualifier). PRESIDENTS DAY Wed. 3rd June at Bradford GC. INVITATION DAY, Wed. Aug 19th at Northcliffe GC (Shipley) n.b. guests must be officials from your Club. AUTUMN TOURNAMENT Wed. 30th Sept at Scarborough (South Cliff) GC.

The Roses Match for '92 will be in Lancashire and details will follow when available. Please note that all bookings must be accompanied by a 10% deposit and that entries close one week before the event. Most venues have a 40 limit so early booking is advised to avoid disappointment. Unfortunately the proposed trip to Lloyds of Letchworth has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

The Annual Dinner Dance will take place at Tinos Restaurant/ Wharfedale Public House, Arthington, Otley on Friday 3rd April, commencing at 8.00 pm. Tickets are £15.00 and the event is open to members and guests. Please call 0274 590463 for reservations.

BOB LUPTON

## SURREY

The winter lecture held recently proved to be a huge success, with over fifty members present. A superb presentation on chainsaw safety was given by Brian Mills and Alistair Scott from Brinsbury College. Thanks were extended to them, along

with gratitude to the Walton Heath Artisans Club for the use of their clubhouse and to Ted (James) Bond for manning the bar!

Congratulations are due to David Whitaker of Wisley GC on his election as Greenkeeper of the Year and a warm welcome is extended to new member, Gary Martin of Ashford Manor.

Our Spring meeting will be held on Thursday April 23rd at Foxhills GC. Entries are limited so please apply promptly.

ROGER TYDEMAN

## BUCKS, BERKS AND OXON

Thanks to all who attended our first winter lecture at Sonning GC., featuring what may have been a long-winded and boring subject - COSHH - but which actually turned out to be one of the finest lectures I have ever attended. Those who were present now realise just how important the subject is and our sincere thanks go to Jon Allbutt for his excellent presentation, along with gratitude to Alan Collis and Sonning GC for the smooth running of the event. Whilst on the subject of lectures, do not forget the third lecture in the series: Conservation on the Golf Course, again at Sonning GC on March 17th. The speaker is from the National Conservation Council and the topic is indeed most topical - so I hope to see you all there!

Not too many reminders this month (I can visualise the sighs of relief!) but a prompting that we will be looking for entries for the Rigby Taylor Fourball Trophy soon, so sort out a good partner before they all get snapped up and keep watching this column for details. That wraps it up for this month, but I hope to see you all at Sonning.

RAY CLARK

## MID ANGLIA

The BTME at Harrogate goes from strength to strength and congratulations must go to all concerned. It was particularly good to see our section so well represented, with many members supporting the event. The section has been relatively quiet since Christmas, though we have had one lecture - being entertained by Chris Brook who talked of his experiences in bringing a new golf course into play from seed. It was an extremely interesting talk (even though there wasn't a projector!). Well done, Chris. Elsewhere in 'Faces & Places' you'll see the news of Andrew and Ann Kennett's new addition (Elizabeth Helen) and I'm sure you'll join with me in wishing them lots of happiness together.

Finally, you should have all received your entry forms for forthcoming competitions. Chris Brook would be very grateful if you send the appropriate form and entry fee back to him at least 2 weeks before the competition. If you haven't yet received forms - or have any query - please do not hesitate to contact me.

GERALD BRUCE

## MIDLANDS

Following our AGM held at Edgbaston GC our committee remains the same; as follows: President: R Pugh. Chairman: A Kite. Vice Chairman: M Hughes. Secretary: D S Cleaver. Treasurer: P