

NORTH WEST

The annual match between the North West section and the Golf Club Stewards was held at Wigan GC, Arley Hall. The course, which is nine holes, is a gem which played twice works out at just over 6,000 yards. As you might imagine, there are some fine holes to be played. The clubhouse is Arley Hall itself, which was built in the 1300s and is surrounded by a moat which is stocked with rare and beautiful water-fowl, making the perfect backdrop to a well maintained golf course. The result was a win for the stewards, mainly because some team members failed to turn up despite making promises – nevertheless a day to remember and enjoyed by all who attended.

Now that winter draws in our thoughts turn to winter lectures. As soon as I have completed the programme I will ensure that members receive a full fixture list covering the winter period. To start the ball rolling an interesting talk by Clive Heginbotham of ICI on 'Nutrition of Fine Turf' will take place at Bury GC on 25 November commencing at 7.00pm, followed by our AGM. Please make every effort to attend and support your section.

One piece of news I am very happy to report is that Anthony Davies and his family are all making a good recovery following their motoring accident.

Any news, views or comment – please contact me on 051 724 5412.



BERT CROSS

EAST OF ENGLAND

To be given a jewel is always worth a wait, however long, and our return to Kings Lynn GC was certainly worth the two year wait.

On the last occasion we experienced a cloud-burst and play was abandoned for the day, so we were really looking forward to this fixture. The Rigby Taylor Trophy was played on this superb course set in birch and heather. The fairways proved a little narrow for some of us and the 'give' underfoot was something many of us had not experienced for a long time.

The prizes, which were greatly appreciated, were donated by our sponsors and trade friends. Steering a straight course paid off for Michael Wood of

AROUND THE GREEN



Thorpe GC and he is now the trophy holder for 1992/93. Following him closely came the evergreen David Salisbury of Burghley Park, with further prizes being won by G MacDonald, G Patrick and D Wells. As Aussie Macklin wasn't with us to retain the raffle prize, his 'boss' David Salisbury was lucky – again!

The hospitality of Kevin and Liz Morgan in the clubhouse made our day complete – many thanks.



To club secretary Mr G J Higgins go our grateful thanks for the courtesy extended to us.

The Toft GC (Bourne) fixture on 4 November will have taken place when this report appears – a report will follow.

COLIN SWINGLER

SURREY

On 24 September the Surbiton GC hosted the Parker's Salver and despite several days of monsoon-like rainfall, Tony Witt and his crew managed to present the golf course in top class condition. The results were: 1st D Box 39 pts. 2nd W George 38 pts. 3rd R Christie 34 pts, with Brian Wilmott (32pts) completing a hat-trick of trade prize victories.

Thanks to Surbiton GC for allowing us courtesy of their course, to the catering staff for their hospitality and, obviously, to the green staff for a job well done. Special thanks are also due to Ron Jobson for his continued help at golf days with starting, score cards and the like.

Don't forget to contact a committee member if you are interested in the free

travel to Harrogate for the BTME this coming January. The Turkey Trot and AGM will be held at Effingham GC, 19 December.

ROGER TYDEMAN

LONDON

The section's third and final summer competition was held at Hatfield & London CC on 11 August. A field of 32 players enjoyed the golf – but not the odd cloud-burst that threatened to ruin a good afternoon – however, the rain held off and most players completed a dry round. Thanks to Peter

and everyone connected with London & Hatfield for looking after us so well. The competition was well supported by our trade friends: CMW; Parkers; Sta-Brite and S&G Landscapes – our thanks to them.

Results: 1st Tony Dunstan (Mill Hill GC) 45 pts. 2nd Ted Dickinson (Hatfield & London) 41 pts. 3rd John Jackson (Wanstead) 38 pts.

On 17 September and our Autumn Competition, held at Upminster GC. A disappointing turn-out but not surprising considering how busy everyone is at this time of the year. Only 16 players enjoyed what was a good day and a clear winner emerged in the form of Jimmy Jay of Brent Valley GC, with 80 pts over 36 holes, a long way ahead of second place man Douglas Smith of Thorpe hall Gc on 69 pts. Steve Paterson of Abridge GC came third with 68 pts.

Our thanks to Pattissons; Sierra; Fisons; Vitex; Rhone Poulenc; Agrimaster and to Dennis Smith of T Parker and Sons for organising all the prizes and presenting the winning shield. Our thanks also to Pat and all at Upminster for allowing us to play.

Our London and SE representatives at the Iseki finals were John Jackson and Norman Exley and though neither brought home any silverware they were both proud to be part of the SE team – and of London, naturally.

Please contact me with any news on 081 4413216.

Finally, a couple of movements around the section: Brian Moggeridge leaves Mill Hill GC to take his first head greenkeeper post at Royston GC; whilst Darren Burdis takes over as deputy head at Brookmans Park GC, moving from Hadley Wood.

ANDREW PHILLIPS

NORTH EAST

Stocksfield GC was the venue for our Autumn Tournament held on 10 September. Richard Creane, our chairman, thanked the captain and committee of Stocksfield for giving us courtesy of the course and for the hospitality extended to us all, also to head greenkeeper, Tommy Harrison, and his staff for preparing the excellent conditioned course so well.

Our thanks go out again to the usual donating companies: Rytan Gravel Co; Shorts; Maxel Construction; Fisons; Stewarts; Rigby Taylor; Thompsens and Rickerby's, with a special thanks to Abcon (Top Dressing) for their very substantial donation. The following golf clubs also provided donations: Tyneside; Alnmouth; Newcastle United; Whitley Bay; Whitburn; Beamish; Arcot Hall; Parklands; Prudhoe; Warkworth and Northumberland.

Results: Best gross A McLure 71. Best nett (Ransomes Cup) N Parkin (Hexham GC) 74-4=70. Handicap 0-11 Best nett (Greenley Cup) B Wilson (Stocksfield) 77-5=72 (on countback). Handicap 12-28 Best nett (Foresters Shield) R Bell Slayley G&CC 96-19=77. Other leading scores – I Johnson (Stocksfield) 83-11=72. I Hutton (Consett) 77-3=74. J Richardson (Whickham) 80-5=75. I Cairns (Closehouse) 86-9=77.



Congratulations to Michael Gunn of Tyneside GC on finishing third in his category in the Iseki finals.

JIMMY RICHARDSON

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COMING UP

October 19–November 27: BIGGA Management Courses (six weeks) – Aldwark Manor, York

November 2: BIGGA South East Region Seminar – Colchester Centre, Essex

November 3: BIGGA South West Region Seminar – Cannington College

November 11–12: IOG Scotsturf Trade Exhibition, Edinburgh, Scotland

November 12–14: Golf Course Europe '92 Show – Monte Carlo, France

November 24–26: Golf International 2000 – Sandown Park, Esher, Surrey

November 25: BIGGA Midlands Region Seminar – Warwickshire College

November 27: BIGGA North Scotland Section Conference – Dundee College, Angus

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

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January 18–22: BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition and Seminar Programme, Harrogate, North Yorkshire

March 25–28: Golf Asia 1993 – Third International Golf Exhibition and Conference, World Trade Centre, Singapore.