

52 ■ 1993. Gordon McKie even managed to get his photograph in the 'Independent'. We await the signed versions for general release!

We welcome four new members to the section: Thane Lawrie - Aberdeen, David Scott - Westhill, Colin Burgess - Moray District Council and Alistair Angus - Elgin. Older members should remember Alistair, who was a regular to section outings before we he left greenkeeping. It's good to see him back in his old job at Elgin Golf Club.

I'm sure members are united in wishing Jim McCormack of Kirriemuir a speedy recovery from his accident.

Our autumn outing will be at Kingussie this month and I hope to see a big turnout. Mike Wilson is head greenkeeper and we look forward to meeting him and playing his course. See you all there.

IAIN MACLEOD

CLEVELAND

Belated congratulations to Roger Shaw and his wife on the birth of a son, now five months old.

The annual friendly match between the Eaglescliffe green committee and greenkeepers took place at Eaglescliffe recently. Thanks to all who made the evening game a success, also to Messrs G Munro; I Holoran; B Burnell; S Carroll; N Hamilton; N Dawson; D Cook and J Webster in representing Cleveland BIGGA. The result was a glorious draw.

Our autumn tournament is being arranged for late September and details will be available (via newsletter) from Roger.

I am sorry to inform members that Gordon White, ex head greenkeeper at Castle Eden GC, has died. We are sorry to lose an old friend.

Brian Hull is the newly appointed head greenkeeper at a new course at Bretton, near Saltburn in E. Cleveland. Congratulations Brian and welcome to this area.

BRUCE BURNELL

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

Your committee are in the process of arranging events for the autumn/winter period - what ever happened to summer? Some suggestions put forward include a return visit to the Monarch course at Gleneagles and a visit to Souters Sportsturf at Stirling. It is hoped to include a lecture or demonstration at each of these events.

Dates confirmed are: Thursday Oct 8 - The Autumn Tournament at Kinross GC, courtesy of the Kinross Estate Co. Thursday Nov 26 - section AGM and SISIS demonstration at Alloa GC. Friday Dec 4 - The grand prize draw dinner at Stirling GC, with guest speaker Mr Ernie Walker.

Tickets for the grand prize draw will be circulated shortly and it is hoped that members will make every effort to sell their allocation. Tickets will also be available for the dinner in December, so if you wish to attend please get your order in quickly. Full details of all events will be circulated in due course.

Having attended the Scottish Tournament at Kingsknowe and The Open, it was heartening to see a number of section members taking part in both events - well done lads!

Win a trip to BTME at Harrogate: All Central Scotland section assistants and apprentices will soon receive details of a questionnaire/short essay paper which they will be asked to complete - there's no obligation and it's up to the individual - with an award in each category

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being an expenses paid trip to BTME, Harrogate in Jan 1993 - sorry lads, the 'expenses' do not include beer or entertainment money!

Remember that points for your MGC award can be gained by attending section education events.

Membership: section membership has now topped the 150 mark, which is very encouraging; though there are still a great many greenkeepers in our area who are not members - they don't know what they are missing - so if you know any of them, try to encourage their attendance at some of our events and let them see at first hand the benefits to be gained from being a BIGGA member.

Who wants fifty greenkeepers for a day? Venues are being sought for future section outings in April and October each year. If anyone is willing to accommodate 40/50 greenkeepers 'on the staff' for a day, please get in touch.

The section are now proud owners of a plaque presented by headquarters in recognition of our £200 donation to the Education and Development Fund.

JOHN CRAWFORD



EAST MIDLANDS

I am pleased to report that the East Midlands team has once again enjoyed success in the ISEKI competition. In the regional final held at Brocton Hall on July 16, our 11-man squad was successful in carrying off the team prize, with Steve Goode and Ian Dunmore both winning their categories and Russell Allen finishing a creditable third in the top category. Congratulations to all the team. I am expecting another interesting competition to see who keeps the shield.

Walter Cole tells me that he has lost one of his rising stars, so good luck to Steve Tolley in his new position at the Seagrave development.

It has been my pleasure every time I have written for 'Around The Green' to welcome new members, and this month is no exception. So, welcome to Barry Kiline of Notts Golf Club. If I have missed anybody out this year please accept my apologies. So as not to be seen to be painting too rosy a picture I must also advise that we have lost a few. To all those, doubtless reading a borrowed copy of this magazine, can I beg you to reconsider? The new half year subscription rates are very reasonable.

TONY HOWORTH



SUSSEX

Our third outing took us to Brighton for a visit to the Dyke GC. The weather was dry but extremely windy, which made play pretty difficult to say the least. Most of the time was spent looking at more woody areas of the golf course!

Anyway, the course was in good condition and very well presented considering the lack of rainfall of late. Well done to Dave Ranger and his staff.

The competition consisted of two 18 hole Sta-belford's the morning round sponsored by Farmura, the afternoon by Thameside Soils. The results were: AM - 1st Stuart Shelford (Isfield) 40, 2nd Peter Ray (Haywards Heath) 39, 3rd George Barr (Ham Manor) 37. Trad & Guests - Chris Meldrum 36, Gary Ogilvie 34. PM - 1st Duncan Haste (E. Brighton) 35, 2nd Chris Reed (Paxhill Park) 33 (on countback), 3rd Mike Butrymowicz (Lingfield Park) 33.

We also held two further competitions longest drive, won by Dyke greenkeeper, Robert Hudson (he obviously knew all the fairway contours) and nearest the pin, won by David Cole. He, incidentally, was the only player to actually find the green! Peter Ray thought the nearest pin was on the fifth and promptly sunk a hole-in-one! The day finished with a superb four-course dinner and prize giving. Our thanks to the caterers and Dyke GC for their hospitality.

Other news: Peter Ray qualified for the Iseki finals and we wish him luck - his prize from us was immediate election to the Sussex committee. Due to an extra workload as head greenkeeper at the newly constructed Welbourne GC, Les Shrubbs has found it necessary to stand down from committee and George Barr has succeeded him as chairman.

One final note: our next meeting will be at Bognor GC on Sept 30. All applications must be accompanied by payment - no payment, no entry!

We also need to stimulate larger turn-outs for our golf meetings, so more new faces please. For those regulars, why not chivvy-up your staff and get them to come along - it is in all of our long-term interests to keep the section thriving.

MARK WILTON

COMING UP

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: BIGGA Northern Region Seminar - Askham Bryan College

October 14th-15th: KUBOTA Challenge - The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire

October 16th: BIGGA Northern Region Seminar, Reaseheath College

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

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

November 3rd: BIGGA South West Region Seminar - Cannington College

November 11th-12th: IOG Scotsturf Trade Exhibition, Edinburgh, Scotland

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

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

November 25: BIGGA Midlands Region Seminar - Warwickshire College

November 27: BIGGA North Scotland Section Conference - Dundee College

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