

AROUND THE GREEN



37 → (Cardiff Cup), K Kitcher (Jacobsen Cup), A Jenkins (Browns Shield), P Lloyd (Birdie Cup), H Morgan (John Duncan Cup), T Garland (Waycott Cup) I Ellis (President's Shield), A Jenkins (Vitax Shield). Aggregates- M Davies (Nett) and H Morgan (Gross).

Election of officers for 1993 were: T King (chairman), I Morris (vice chairman), H Morgan (section administrator), committee P Lacey, D Archer, M Davies, M Jones, L Hallett and A Panks, with regional board representatives being H Morgan and P Lacey. Messrs Parry and Swain were thanked by the members for all the hard work they have done since taking office. A raffle was held, with Bryn Phillips the first prizewinner of fourteen.

On behalf of the committee and members I would like to thank the many traders who have made donations, not only for our Christmas competition but throughout the year. Without generosity from the following companies the section could not survive: ICI; Avoncrop; Rufford's; Liquid Turf; Tacit; Farmura; Proturf; Peter Hampton; Roffey's; Sisis; Rigby Taylor; F Sutton's; M Keeling; C Murphy; C Frost; Vitax; Nomix-Chipman; Jacobsen; K Morgan; Maxwell Hart; Birds and Trident - My apologies if I have missed anyone from the list.

The section extends its sympathy to R Kitcher on the recent death of his father; whilst sending good wishes to T King for a full recovery following his punctured lung at the Iseki finals. On a personal note, I must thank all those who have helped me

during my nine years as section secretary, including those good folk at HQ and at section level throughout South Wales.

PHILIP SWAIN

NORTH SCOTLAND

The section AGM took place in December, preceded by an informative talk on top dressing given by Peter Jefford, Rufford Top Dress Supplies, for which our thanks. Following a light snack our annual golf match Chairman v Vice Chairman was held, with the first match a head to head between chairman Doug and vice-chairman Sam - resulting in a half. The end result was a victory for the chairman's team, four matches to two. Nearest the hole went to Stuart Donald, who also won the first raffle prize, thus preventing a committee clean-up, as Andy Wilson, Sam Morrison and Dougal Duguid picked up second, third and fourth respectively. Dougal finished his stint as chairman but was unanimously voted back on to the committee, Sam Morrison took over as chairman and Andy Wilson was elected vice-chairman. Section members were told of a library to be set up by the committee, with various books on greenkeeping to be purchased by the section and loaned free of charge (except postage, of course) to members.

We welcome two Nairn greenkeepers to our Association, Richard Ewen and Martin Gunning, and wish Wilson Morrison all the best in his new post at Alford GC. Just before Christmas I attended the Patrons Luncheon at Calder GC, a really worthwhile meeting which provides the opportunity to meet and talk with friends in the trade.

The final draw for the 200 Club was made in December, the winner being Inverurie greenkeeper John Hay, who won the October £30 and the December £100 draw. Other winners were No 198 Niall McGill, (September) £30, No 148 TD Elder, (November) £40. This concludes the 200 Club for 1992 and my thanks to everyone who bought tickets, thus helping to raise section funds. The 200 Club for 1993 is now launched and I ask all members to sell cards as soon as possible, or return them

in order that we may sell them all this year. As an added incentive, greenkeeper members buying a ticket will be placed into an extra draw with prizes available as grants towards a trip to BTME '94, or any training course at college or Aldwark Manor. Require tickets? Details, 0862 894402. IAIN MacLEOD



COMING UP

- March 9: BIGGA Scottish Region Conference, Oatridge College, Glasgow**
- March 25-28: Golf Asia 1993 - Third International Golf Exhibition and Conference, World Trade Centre, Singapore**
- March 26-28: BIGGA National Education Conference, University of Keele, Staffordshire**
- April 21: BIGGA Annual General Meeting, Royal York Hotel, York**
- April 28: Westurf Trade Exhibition, Long Ashton, Bristol**
- May 25-30: Amateur Championship, Royal Portrush, Northern Ireland**
- June 9-10: Landscape Industries '93, National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire**
- July 5-8: Royal Show, NAC, Stoneleigh park, Warwickshire**
- July 15-18: The 122nd Open Championship, Royal St Georges, Kent**
- July 18-24: International Turfgrass Research Conference, Palm Beach, Florida**
- August 2-4: BIGGA National Golf Tournament, Dunbar Golf Club, Scotland**
- August 18-19: The Walker Cup, Interlachen, Minneapolis, USA**
- September 7-9: IoG Show, Peterborough, Northants**
- September 24-26: Ryder Cup, The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire**
- October 11-12: Toro/PGA European Tour Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award, Aldwark Manor, York**

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