

49 → dence and preparations finally came to fruition with the staging of our one day conference at Dundee College. Despite one or two hiccups – like a power failure seconds before the first speaker began – the day was a great success. Almost 150 people packed into the Dundee College Lecture Theatre to listen to some really excellent speakers, with special thanks singled out for Bob McLaren, who stepped in at the last minute following Eric Shiel's withdrawal due to his wife's hip injury – it was like having an International player on the 'subs' bench! We wish Eric's wife a speedy recovery and hope that Eric will address us at a future conference.

Alasdair McLaren and Sam Morrison ably chaired the proceedings, whilst Sam Ellacott and especially Graham Carr kept things running smoothly on the college side.

Thanks also to David Golding, for not only did he address the conference but also closed the festivities – I hope by this time, David, that the 'Frenchman' has settled in. Finally, heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors, M&M Turf Products; CSC Amenity and Scottish Grass Machinery – without their assistance the day would not have been a success.

We welcome our first new member in 1993, Simon Reekie of Reekie Grass Machinery, Arbroath, who joins us as an Associate.

Following an earlier story concerning the new course at Skibo Castle, Alick MacKay has left Boat of Garten and joined Skibo Castle as head greenkeeper – we wish him success, knowing that work on the course is to be resumed in February, with the rest of the fairways being shaped and seeded in the spring and tees and greens to be turfed. In addition, a rabbit protection fence has been installed around the whole perimeter, a must for this area. Alan Dobie, previously assistant at Boat of Garten, takes over as head greenkeeper and, like Alick, we wish him success in his new job.

I hope Ian Carson is settling down in married life and wish him and his wife every good fortune.

IAN MacLEOD



# AROUND THE GREEN



## BUCKS, BERKS & OXON

The Turkey Trot took place at Frilford Heath on 2 December, with the following players in the winning frame: 1st John Scoones, 40 pts (The John Deere Trophy + voucher for £25 from CMW). 2nd Dave Goodchild, 40 pts. 3rd John Teixeira 33 pts.

Our sincere thanks to secretary Jacques Kleynhans, to the catering staff for a superb meal and, of course, to Dave Heads and his staff for a wonderfully presented course – yet again! In addition, our gratitude to Bernie Wall of Sta-Brite and Roger Bowles of Rigby Taylor for official scoring efficiency and to Richard from Parkers, Mark and his gang from Risboro' Turf and Mike Moss from CMW. The Rigby Taylor Fourball

A normally exciting and enjoyable day at Frilford was marred by the unfortunate involvement of semi-finalists John Teixeira and Peter Austin in a motor accident. Luckily they were not seriously hurt, but they were unable to take part in their match. This led to a few headaches for Roger, but as usual he managed to sort things out and the rest of the day progressed with ease.

The semi-finalists were J Nudds & S Horwood, D Childs & D Goodchild, S Edwards and P Wright, J Teixeira & P Austin. Match one was a walk-over, with the aforementioned accident giving Edwards and Wright automatic victory. In match two Nudds and Horwood won 2/1 against Childs and Goodchild. Thus the final was played: Nudds and Horwood versus Edwards and Wright.

The match itself finished in splendid style with John Nudds producing a fine birdie at the 18th to win, this after being all square at seventeen. Everyone present enjoyed another great day of match play and for this our thanks go to Rigby Taylor, our much appreciated and generous sponsors, especially when considering the difficult times experienced at the moment. Our thanks also to Roger Bowles, who worked tirelessly to make it all happen, especially as he had one or two scares along the way. Finally, to all our friends at Frilford Heath for again making us so welcome.

It is the time of year when ideas are needed for possible winter lectures. If you have any, please talk to Mark Chesman on 0734 313479.

Members should have received details of the 1993 programme of lectures, all of which will again be held at Sonning GC. I hope to see all of you in attendance, especially our younger and less experienced greenkeepers – if you require further information please let me know.

If anyone is interested in visiting BTME '93 at Harrogate we are going to run a minibus. Please let me know – pronto – and we will see what can be arranged (e.g. days and times, according to demand).

The Gentlemen's Dinner will again be staged in March – watch this column for details or call me, Ray Clark,

on 0628 829208. Congratulations to Risborough Turf on becoming Gold Key members, contributing



to the BIGGA Education and Development Fund. This is an extension of the support they already show for the BBO section and we look forward to welcoming Mark, Peter and Jim to our functions in 1993.  
RAY CLARK

## EAST SCOTLAND

The annual skittles event took place on 6 November at the Silver Wing, Edinburgh and proved to be another great night. A similar event is planned for early in the year at the same venue.

The East Scotland AGM took place at Kingsknowe GC on 25 November, with a larger turn-out than usual. Before the start of the meeting chairman Mr C Yeaman asked that a minute of silence be observed in memory of those who had passed away so suddenly during 1992: Mrs W Blair, Mrs D Herd, Mr G Dollochinn and Mr W Shepherd.

Various relevant questions were asked at the AGM and these were dealt with by the chairman in his usual confident way. Needless to say, the committee was given a total vote of confidence by the members and was re-elected en bloc.

The year of 1993 looks to be every bit as busy as last year with my diary filling up already: I have the BTME at Harrogate in January; the secretaries outing at Aldwark Manor in February; The Scottish Seminar at Oatridge in March, followed by the National AGM at York. I also am still involved in the setting up of the British Tournament to be held at Dunbar in August, plus working toward the success of all of our own tournaments.

Here are some of the dates for section golfing events: Tuesday 6 April, Spring outing to Sea-houses GC, (a coach will be organized for this). The Autumn Tournament will be held at Ratho Park GC. on Tuesday 14 Sept and the W. Woods Tournament at Dunbar on 19 October. No Summer Tournament will be held this year due to the BIGGA Championship being held in the East. A full list of section events will be sent to all members.

One thing more – please ensure that your subscriptions are paid on time. They are due at the end of this month and you may miss out on events if subs are late. Please remember also to herald the advantages of membership and to pass on the good news to those who are not yet members.

WILLIE BLAIR



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## COMING UP

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

**January 23-30: GCSAA Show, Anaheim, California, USA**

**March 9: BIGGA Scottish Region Conference, Oatridge College, Glasgow**

**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**

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**June 9-10: Landscape Industries '93, National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire**

**July 15-18: The 122nd Open Championship, Royal St Georges, Kent**

**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**