

Around the Green

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

SHEFFIELD

Sheffield's David Chappell (Grange Park GC), has been appointed course manager of Bond Hay G&CC, Worksop. David has served 27 years as a greenkeeper, starting in 1966 at Rotherham GC under the watchful eye of Harry Herringham, in 1971 moving to Grange Park as head greenkeeper where he has remained for the past 22 years. David is most enthusiastic about his appointment and is looking forward to working alongside architect Donald Steel and the development team. The Bond Hay site is an 18 hole (pay and play + membership) and a 9 hole Par Three. There will also be a driving range and clay pigeon shoot facility. The 9 hole will be open around August '93, and the 18 will start construction (it is hoped) in July '93, with an opening target of September '94. A keen golfer, David is married to Gillian and they have a daughter, Jenny. We send our best wishes to them and we shall certainly look forward to playing Bond Hay in the future.

The Spring Tournament was held at Notts GC Hollinwell, with an excellent turn-out of 50 competitors. The course proved difficult, with a stiff breeze and a lot of rusty swings after the winter rest, reflected in the scores of all save one well-tuned member, Wollaton Park's Martin Scothern, who comfortably won the Presidents Prize and the first division Hayter qualifying prize with a marvellous score of gross 75 nett 76 (yes, you guessed it, Martin's handicap is plus one). What a credit Martin is to our profession. The day was not without a few hiccups, with our competition secretary, Barry Heaney, having to stand on his soap box voicing his favourite saying, "I'm sorry, but you are out of order!". I don't know if his comments were directed at our players or those Hollinwell members who enthusiastically cheered on the England football team during the prize presentation, but seriously, it was a real treat to play Hollinwell, especially at a time when the gorse was in full bloom. Our thanks must go to head greenkeeper Graham Armsom & his staff for presenting us with a superb course, which must be rated one of the finest inland courses in Britain. Every hole has its own individual character and the setting is idyllic. For members who were not lucky enough to take part - make every effort to visit Hollinwell and witness this truly magnificent course. Thanks to secretary John Walker for making us so welcome, and stewardess June for looking after our appetites. Thanks also to Barry Heaney for the administration and finally to Hayter for sponsoring the prizes and for the goodies on the first tee.

Results (nett) : (1-9) - M Scothern 76, S J Currie 78, I Whitehead 78. (10-18) I Collett 81, M Coultas 81, A Whittington 83. (19-28) S Mason 76, M Crossland 78, P Unwin 79.

Spring Tournament Winners. R Ullathorpe 81, D Neve 81, M Coutas 81, S Currie 78, I Whitehead 78, M Crossland 78, P Unwin 79.

Annual Tournament: 21 July at Lindrick GC, tee off 10.30am & 2.30pm. Please book early and return your form and remittance by the closing date to Barry Heaney. Tel: 0742 884063. No late entries will be accepted.

Please contact me with any news on 0298 813374, or write to Stoneyford, Chapel-En-Le-Frith, Stockport, Cheshire, SK12 6QU.

JANE RYAN

KENT

April 26 saw a large turn-out for our visit to the new London Golf Club, with 45+ members viewing developments and enjoying a very interesting afternoon. Thanks for this visit must go to Joe Paulin and his staff and I am pleased to note that we can anticipate a similar trip to see the progress of the works, perhaps in October. As for our golf, again another very large turn-out for our Spring Tournament and Hayter Challenge Trophy qualifier at Rochester & Cobham on 10 May. Many thanks to our gracious hosts at the club, especially to Barry Coveney and his green staff for turning out the course in such fine condition. It must be somewhat daunting to have over 40 greenkeepers arrive on your doorstep first thing Monday morning, though perhaps not quite as disconcerting as the prospect of having BR blaze its Channel Tunnel Rail Link slap-bang through the middle of your beautifully prepared course. We all hope things work out for the best.

As for the results - here goes. The Rigby Taylor morning Stableford was won by Jason Bean with 35 points, hotly pursued by Dave Vidler, Richard Hopgood, Nigel Stapley and John Wakelin. All received very attractive cut glass trophies courtesy of Bernard Dibbams and Rigby Taylor, although the winner had to go home minus the top trophy as someone forgot to bring it along! Yes, that someone was last year's winner, our section secretary David Wood - perhaps it is superglued to the mantelpiece? The main Hayter Medal 0-9 handicap section was won by new boy, or boyo, Huw Morgan with a nett 72, with other qualifiers (in order) being John Wakelin, Mike Smith and Steve Suttle. Reserve Ian Rawlins. The 10-18 group was won by another new participant, Richard Hopgood with a nett 71, followed by Malcolm Arthur, Peter Biscoe, Derek Keen, and reserve Rob Lucas. The 19-28 winner was Rob Purrell, followed by Steve Johnstone, John Millen, Nigel Stapley, and reserve Steve Phillips. I hope luck shines on you all at The Weald of Kent, which takes place after this report goes to press. The scratch prize (on count back), went to Huw Morgan with an 80. Many thanks to Hayter for the prizes, goodie bags and flags - and for making the effort to show their machines around the clubhouse. One other prize was 'nearest the pin' at the 16th, kindly donated by Barry Coveney and won by John Millen. Finally, thanks to our other friends from the trade for coming along to support our events and providing the raffle prizes.

Another interesting recent event saw a small number of greenkeepers attend the second annual Kent Golf Union Seminar for secretaries and club committee officials, held at the Weald of Kent GC on 12 May. The main topics were Health & Safety by Jon Allbutt and the progress of greenkeeper training by John Millen, supported by Hadlow College's liaison officer, D Geoff, and principle training officer, J. Curtis. Jon Allbutt's session left many looking a bit uncomfortable at the prospect of grappling with their responsibilities regarding new provisions from HSE. Greenkeeper training is definitely heading in the right direction, with John Millen working locally behind the scenes for some time, along with the Kent Golf Union and the Association of Golf Club Secretaries, in developing a recognised National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) in greenkeeping. This will be based at Had-

low College and will replace the old City & Guilds examinations. The details and principles of the new NVQ are somewhat lengthy for me to outline here, but no doubt they will soon be made available to us all.



Late news: A summer tournament (18 holes) will be staged at Moatlands GC on 26 July. For further details, call David Wood on 0342-850875.

PAUL COPSEY

CLEVELAND

As reported in the June issue, Ian Harrison has left Darlington GC to become course manager of the Mendip Spring GC, Avon. We take this opportunity to wish Ian, his wife Carol and their daughters Nicky and Kelly every happiness in this new venture. On the same subject, Paul Moore, who has worked at Darlington GC for 14 years, has been appointed 'acting' head greenkeeper for six months.

A visit to Wynyard Hall, Wolviston, took place in May, led by Terence Redding, owner of Maxel Golf. A large number of greenkeepers turned out to view the new course under construction, designed by Steve McFarlane of Hawtree & Co. Tees and greens are nearing completion and the drainage system utilises storage tanks. The course is built over 150 acres and is 6600 yards in length. A further 150 acres are planned for housing development on this attractive rolling countryside site.



The annual golf match against the Eaglescliffe GC green committee is set for late July. Members will be contacted by Ian Holloran.

BRUCE BURNELL

SOUTH WALES

Congratulations are again due to Marion and Gordon Child for what was undoubtedly the most successful Westurf to date. We gathered in the sunshine at Long Ashton to admire the vast array of modern equipment and sparkling machinery, and ideas were exchanged and working methods discussed with both familiar and unfamiliar members of the trade. It was reassuring to see so many members from our section supporting this growing annual event, more so when our very own Andrew Jenkins (Southerndown GC) won the Spot the Disease competition, held on the BIGGA stand. Andrew won a bottle of bubbly but has assured me that he won't pop the cork until the birth of his baby, (due in June, though hopefully not on the 8th, when we will be in Clevedon).

On 12 May we held our annual competition for the Jacobsen Cup, Waycott Cup and Browns Shield, at the Alice Spring GC in Usk. The event was made all the more special this year by playing over a course owned by our sponsor, Keith Morgan (Keith Morgan Mowers), the Jacobsen main dealer for South Wales. The competition was played over 18 holes on the newly constructed Kings Course at Alice Springs, though a poor entry of just 17 battled for honours.

Results: Overall winner - Peter Lacey (yours truly), nett 68 - Jacobsen Cup + crystal brandy glasses. Second - Andrew Jenkins, nett 70 - Waycott Cup + set of head covers. Best gross - Vincent Northey, 76 (37 back nine) - Browns Shield + crystal brandy glasses. Second gross - Robert Johnston, 76 (38 back nine). Winner of the

31 → longest drive competition was Mike Jones and winner of nearest the pin (17th) was yours truly.

Special thanks to Keith Morgan, not only for allowing us the courtesy of one of his courses but for providing, as always, a superb prize table. Anybody with any relevant information for our summer newsletter should contact me on 0792 - 233923.



PETER LACEY

DEVON & CORNWALL

Not much to report this month, as we are all busy cutting grass like mad – yes Bill, even on a links course!

I am nearing completion of our fixture card for next season and this will be winging its way to you very soon. Our thanks go again to Devon Garden Machinery, for they have kindly sponsored the fixture card for yet another year.

Our Cornish summer evening meetings are now in full swing, with the agenda being to arrive at 7.00pm, followed by a walk round the course and rounding off with a Cornish pasty and a pint! The remaining dates and venues are: 13 July, Truro GC. 17 August, Lostwithiel GC, 14 September, Mullion GC. If you would like to attend, please contact Bill Mitchell on 0872 571283 at least one week before the venue date.



RICHARD WHYMAN

SOUTH WEST & SOUTH WALES REGION

Results of the Hayter Challenge Tournament Regional qualifier, held at Clevedon GC on 8 June: (all scores nett)

Category One: 1st L Millar Jnr 69, 2nd C Fudge 71, 3rd B Newcombe, 72 (on back nine), Reserve S Rattenbury 72. Mug – R Whyman 89.

Category Two: 1st M Blake 71, 2nd L Walter 72, 3rd B Ridgeway 73, Reserve V Lewer 74. Mug – P Lacey 92.

Category Three: 1st S White 67, 2nd P Jackson 70, 3rd N Macityre 72, Reserve P Baynton 76. Mug – P Huish 92.

The Regional Shield was won by the Devon and Cornwall section.

GORDON CHILD

EAST ANGLIA

No, we're not dead, just resting a bit. Two meetings to catch up on, the first being at Gosfield Lakes where 23 members and guests took part in the Hayter Challenge Tournament qualifier. We were very pleased to welcome the captain, Mr Pat Stephenson, as our guest and thank him for kindly presenting the prizes, also the head greenkeeper, Alan Sharp, who recently moved to Gosfield from North Wales. He has a handicap of five, which could prove very handy.

The qualifiers are as follows (please say 'yes, sir' when your name is called): H'cap 0-9 Andy Sheehan, Alan Sharp, Glen Norris, Alan Carter (reserve Steve Denton). H'cap 10-18 Paul Gould, Simon Barnaby (plays for Spurs), Tom Smith (played for Liverpool), Michael Peters (played for West Ham) and sub Stewart McGeogh (who doesn't play at all – he's Scottish!). H'cap 19-28 Steve Millard, Toddy Huddleston, Keith Chinnery. Prizes were donated by our ever present trade lads representing Rushbrooks, Sisis, Fisons, Kings, Colliers, and Rhone Poulenc. Our thanks to all at Gosfield Lakes for a most enjoyable day.

The second match was at Ufford Park G&CC, sponsored by Rushbrooks, Sisis, Rhone Poulenc and Fisons. It was well attended and we all split into teams – but I don't know who won what. Alan Sharp scored 32 points (I told you he'd be handy – he's off three now) whilst Messrs Peters, Tims and Carter all scored 31 points. Uncle Sam was 'nearest the pin' and Robert Whiting played like a fish but managed to get in the 'longest drive'. £56 was raised for the Save the Children Fund and a good day was had by all. Our thanks once again to our sponsors and to Ufford Park for their hospitality

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(and I didn't once mention the greens).

I would like to end on a serious note. In the April issue I read the biggest load of rubbish about 'Greens must not be spared' and frankly did not expect to see such an article in a greenkeeping magazine – the Beano maybe, though I expect Biffo the Bear would have done a better job. After years of trying to rectify the effects of over-watering and over-feeding and the resulting *Poa annua* we come across an article expressing the views of an ex-apprentice greenkeeper who after just six years thinks he knows it all. If *Poa annua* is wanted, his method is the sure way to get it, but if you want quality – then please ignore the whole thing. The trouble is that a lot of other amateurs – i.e. green chairmen – will be waving it about like the gospel. If ever proof was needed that 'a little knowledge is a dangerous thing'...



MICK LATHROPE

NORTHERN

To begin, may I thank Kevin Garfitt of Pontefract and District GC, Allan Gamble of Pannal GC, and Arthur Mason of Millfield Golf Complex, for applying to represent us in the ICI Premier Greenkeeper Award. I am pleased to inform members that Allan Gamble has been chosen to represent the Northern section.

I am also pleased to welcome the following new section members: Gordon Morritt, Mathew Mortimer, Peter Hay and Robert Briston (Pike Hills GC), Gavin Hawker (Silsden GC), Richard Pull (Knaresborough GC), Robert Walker (Bracken Ghyll GC), Nigel Wild (Skipton GC), Joe Mellor (West Bowling GC), Alan Crowther (Woodsome Hall GC), Mark McEvoy (Malton & Norton GC), Simon Wood (West Bradford GC), Graham Bates (Cleckheaton GC), Lee Hebden (Garforth GC), David Brierley (Kirklees Leisure Services), Paul Jackson (Castlefields GC), Kevin Garfitt (Pontefract and Dist. GC), Mark Jones (Cocksford GC), Phillip Basteley (South Bradford GC), Andrew Preston and Robert Burnett (Pannel GC), Brian Dean, Dominic Parr and Lee Dacre (Moor Allerton GC), Adrian Anderson and Matthew Houseman (Harrogate GC), Nicholas Hodgson (ShIPLEY GC), Robert Crossley (Calverley GC), M A Cordingley (Kirklees Council), Matthew Green (Rawdon GC), Stephen Roebuck (Crosland GC), John Heaton (Filey GC) and Derek Wilkinson and Malcolm Hawker (Keighley GC).

If any new members (or old-established members, for that matter) require any information whatsoever, please contact me on 0274 568128. There are still a few places left for our golfing events, so if you have not yet booked please do so immediately by sending your name and a £10.00 deposit to me. In doing so, you will avoid disappointment.



PAT MURPHY

NORTH WEST

Fine weather, an excellent course and good food – all these awaited the North West section when the Spring Tournament was played at Birchwood GC on 10 May. Keith Addison and his staff had this very testing course in beautiful condition and, as is their custom, Birchwood GC made us very welcome. Once again the prize table was well furnished, mainly by our friends in the trade, and the NW section would like to thank them for their generosity and support. The tournament was also a qualifier for the Hayter Challenge Tournament regional final, which will have been played over

Workshop GC by the time this report reaches you. Even with this added attraction the number of competitors was low, with only 28 members playing. As usual there were some excellent scores and most of the prizes were taken by low handicap players. The following qualified for the regional final: 0-9: Paul Pearce. Mike Sheehan. Bill Horvath. 10-18: Paul Smith. Robert Janovskis. Chris Hulme. 19-28: John Wright. Gerard Corness.

Our next golf will be the Roses Match at Fulford GC on Tuesday 3 August. A team of 16 will be required, so if you would like the opportunity to play this very fine course and represent the NW section, please contact me as soon as possible.

There will be a visit to the GEM Professional factory towards the end of August, although the date has not yet been finalised. Further details will be in

the August section news, but in the meantime it would be advisable to contact me as soon as possible as only 20-25 people can be managed at a time. My number is 051 724 5412.

BERT CROSS

NORTH WALES

Last month saw the retirement of John Jones, who joined the greenkeeping staff of Abergele and Pensarn GC in 1986, having been a member of the club for 27 years. In 1971 he was made captain of the new Abergele and Pensarn GC and in 1989 he captained the Denbyshire Golf Union. During 1991-1993 he was president of the North Wales Four Counties Golf Association and during that period he was also captain of the Past Captains of Denbyshire. Additionally in that year he held the presidency of the North Wales Junior Golf Association and all in all he has been a very busy man in North Wales Golf. On behalf of section members I would like to wish John a very happy retirement and to thank him for all he has done for golf in North Wales. Congratulations to Pat Valentine (otherwise known as Curly, though I can't think why), who has taken over from John – we wish him well.

On 6 October our Autumn Tournament will be held at Pwllheli GC, so reserve the date in your diaries. Forms will be handed out nearer the time.

A trip to the Gem factory at Oswaldtwistle will be arranged for late July or early August and there will also be a trip to Haydock Park Show on 29 or 30 September. Interested? Contact me – David Proctor – or Terry Adamson.

Apologies to Gem Professional for not including them in last month's magazine, for they kindly sponsored our match at Llanymynech against the North West Section, also to Pro Turf, sponsors of our events, who for some reason have not been mentioned in the section notes – Sorry Glyn.

DAVID PROCTOR

SOUTH COAST

Our Summer Tournament will be held at Alresford GC on Thursday 29 July, teeing off from 2.00 pm. The closing date for entries is 19 July and the entry fee is £13.50. The member and guest competition will be the usual four-ball better-ball format, played over 18 holes. A guest may be either a member of your own club or a greenkeeper from a different club.

Written entries, giving name and address, name of partner and current handicaps, together with the correct fee, should be sent to: Joe Burdett, 23 Jacobs Ladder, Child Oakford, BLANDFORD FORUM, Dorset. DT11 8EA. Tel: 0258 861482.

SPRING TOURNAMENT From a disappointing field of only 25 players, the South Coast greenkeepers were the guests of Sherbourne GC and although the field was small, the quality of golf was of a very high standard. The morning round produced a new Nita Stimson winner in Joe Newman (Downshire) with a score of 74 nett, whilst Paul Jackson (Ferndown) stole the morning show with a sparkling 67 nett. In the afternoon, Brian Forder (Southampton) made sure of retaining the

Tregunna Trophy by shooting a gross 78 to add to his 77 in the morning. Bernard Emberly (Knighton Heath) made a brave attempt with an afternoon round of 77, but was pipped for runner-up spot by Joe Newman, who returned a gross 75, which was the best 18 hole score of the day.

The prizes were kindly sponsored by Huxleys Garden Machinery Ltd., and our section president, Jim Fry. Dave Rogers of Sta-Brite kindly donated wine for the prize table and prizes were distributed by Eddie Fox and Jim Fry (sponsors) and by the host club captain, John Heyes.

Results : THE NITA STIMSON TROPHY (over 50's low nett) Joe Newman 81-7=74. THE TREGUNNA TROPHY (low gross 36 holes) Brian Forder 77+78=155. THE ROWES ROSE BOWL (runner-up 36 holes gross) Joe Newman 81+75=156. THE ROFFEY CUP (Low nett 36 holes) Paul Jackson 67+70=137. THE DENYER CUP (runner-up nett 36 holes) Terry Patchin (Hockley) 71+71=142. THE CHRISTOPHER FRY TROPHY (under 25's low nett 36 holes) Mark Diment (Knighton Heath)

73+75=148. Lowest surviving gross (am) Bernard Emberley -75. Lowest surviving nett (am) Jamie Friend -71. Lowest surviving gross (pm) Ted West -77. Lowest surviving nett (pm) Ian McLean -70.



BOB DENNIS

LONDON

Congratulations to Linda Exley on her recent Northwood GC appointment. We wish you well, Linda, and look forward to seeing you at many of our functions. We also welcome Paul McDowell (Sandy Lodge) to the committee and thank him for his support.

The date for the Emergency First Aid course is now set and will take place at the St John Ambulance Centre, St Albans, on 20 August. The four-hour session will cost £18 per person and members wishing to participate should contact me before 13 August.

The summer four-ball tournament is now well under way and I would urge all participants to play their matches before the deadline. Remember also that the most important thing of all is to enjoy your golf.



Please keep me informed of any news, no matter how insignificant, and if you have any queries or need for information - call the hot line on 081 9595629.

TONY DUNSTAN

BUCKS, BERKS & OXON

Many thanks to all who attended the Hayter Challenge Tournament qualifier at Burnham Beeches. I know you found the course impressive and were equally impressed by the club's head greenkeeper, Brian Payne Snr., who holed his second shot on the third for an 'eagle' two. Talk about setting up the course for yourself.... he event turned into an even bigger family affair when Brian Payne Jnr. carded two nett 69's to walk away with the silverware!

RESULTS: 1st nett - B Payne Jnr. 1st gross - M Smith. 1st a.m. - P Simpson, 2nd a.m. - J Teixeira. 1st p.m. - P Reeve, 2nd p.m. - B Payne Snr.

We thank Burnham Beeches GC for their generous hospitality, in particular the secretary, steward, and catering staff for their help in making the day run so smoothly - and of course to Brian Payne and his staff for producing an excellent course. Last, thanks to all the trade members: Sta-Brite, Rigby Taylor, Driving Force Leisure (Europe), Risboro' Turf and Parker-Hart, and special thank to Barry Halls and Hayter for coming along and getting involved - an involvement that we all appreciate and one that will, I'm sure, go from strength to strength in the future.

Has everyone received the 1993 fixture card? If the answer is 'no', let me know and I will send one immediately.

We would still like to have more section members representing BB&O in golf matches, in partic-

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ular against the Mid Anglia section and The Secretaries (the big grudge match). If you are interested please contact our match captain, David Goodchild, on 0296 415337. These matches will be staged on Tuesday 20 July and Monday 26 July and there is NO handicap limit - all are welcome.

Do you want to try your hand at go-karting? If this appeals and you have not yet received the information, contact me ASAP. Remember that the invitation is open to friends and family alike.

Finally, we need your ideas for social events that you might like to see staged next year, also brain-waves for next year's lecture programme. Ring or write to me with your valued input, please.



RAY CLARK

NORTH SCOTLAND

Another two new members to welcome this month: James Mackay from Wick GC and Neil Whyte from Elgin GC - two young lads to whom we wish a long and enjoyable career in greenkeeping.

The Spring Outing to Murcar, Aberdeen was a great success despite the now familiar atrocious weather! We thank Murcar for their hospitality and especially Chris Pearson and his staff for the condition of the course. Ninety members, guests and trade representatives were present, with 84 braving the elements and playing. The prize winners were: Scratch - 1st George Paterson (Fortrose) 77, 2nd Iain MacLeod (Tain) 80 (also winner of the Committee Trophy). Class 1 - 1st Chris Pearson (Murcar) 79-6=73, 2nd Robert Patterson (Royal Dornoch) 81-4=77 BIH, 3rd Kevin Peace (Peterhead) 81-4=77. Class 2 - 1st Stewart McBain (Nigg Bay) 86-10=76 BIH, 2nd Colin Mackay (Forres) 84-8=76, 3rd Sam Morrison (Royal Aberdeen) 87-10=77. Class 3 - 1st Michael Clark (Kingussie) 90-16=74, 2nd Wilson Morrison (Alford) 93-18=75, 3rd Hughie McLatchie (Peterhead) 99-21=78. Apprentice - 1st James Stewart (Strathpeffer) 86-11=75, 2nd Barry Cameron (Inverurie) 86-9=77. Veteran - 1st Roy Donald (Oldmeldrum) 79-5=74, 2nd John Taylor (retired) 84-5=79. Trade Shield - Kevin Brunton (Souters) 71 - Scr=71. Guest - Keith Loades 84-6=78 BIH. Booby Prize - Stuart Hogg (Fortrose). Eric Pickard (Ellon) won the longest drive at the 18th, with a drive that finished through the green, whilst Royal Dornoch men Robert Patterson and Eoin Riddell won the nearest the hole prizes. Our thanks to Murcar professional, A White, for donating these prizes.

The winner of the free draw for a BIGGA blazer was Derek Roy (Nairn Dunbar), and our four lucky winners in the 200 Club were (January) £30 - Ian Carson (Nairn), (February) £30 Iain Grant (Alyth), (March) £40 - Steve Sullivan (Craigiehill) and (April) £100 - Kenny Anderson, formerly of Newmarcher but now at Sheringham GC, Norfolk. Raffle prize winners were too numerous to mention.

Congratulations to George Hampton (Pitlochry) on winning the seniors event in the Scottish Professional Golfers Championship at Dalmahoy. George is a regular at our section events and is putting up a trophy to be played for at our Autumn Outing. Transferring to our section is George's neighbour from Blair Atholl, Gary Blyth - maybe George will bring him to our Autumn Outing.

I have pleasure in reporting that three North members have qualified to represent Scotland in the Hayter Challenge Tournament later this year. Leading from the front in the Scottish qualifier at

Stirling, chairman Sam Morrison came second in class two with a nett 72, whilst in class three



Hazelhead's Keith Wood with a fine nett 63 and Morris Rogers (Fraserburgh) with a nett 70 were also successful. We wish them success in the final at Sand Moor GC, Yorkshire, in September.

IAIN MACLEOD

SCOTTISH REGION



Pictured at the recent Dundee College student prize presentations, sponsored by BIGGA Scottish Region, are James Fox (Dundee United FC), Steven Peffers (Carnoustie - first year prize winner), Colin Anderson (Tayside Regional Council youth training managing agent), Peter Fox (Dundee United FC, second year prize winner), Robert Whitehead (Camperdown GC, third year prize winner) and John Philp (Links Supervisor, Carnoustie).

The awards were presented by Alisdair MacLaren (Abernethy GC), who is also education convenor for the North section.

MID ANGLIA

First round matches of the Lodgeway Tractor Four-Ball Tournament were played during May and although one match has still to be played (as of 31 May) I can give the following results: D Croxton and I Oliver (Cold Ashton) beat B Allonby and B Wright (Letchworth). C Brook and E O'Hanlon (Chesfield Downs FGC) beat J Wells (Brocket Hall) and P Simmons (Verulam). A Freeman and D Lowe (Northants County) beat M Morgan and J Gentles (Griffin). K Bunting (Ashridge) and R McKeown (Arkley) beat R Saunders and J Burton (St Neots). P Lockett (S. Beds) and R Coogan (Stockwood Pk) received a first round bye due to odd numbers.

The Summer Tournament is being held on 31 July at St Neots, a 36 hole tourney. Closing date is three weeks prior, so as you read this, panic, pull out the cheque book - and enter!

A match against BB&O section has been arranged for 20 July at Harewood Downs, ten a side, starting at 2.30pm. If you wish to represent the section please contact a committee member (as I am not sure who is organising the match). Good luck to all our representatives in the Hayter Challenge Tournament regional final at Northants County on 14 July.



Finally, a match has been arranged at Dunstable Downs GC on 10 August against the Midlands section. John Wells is organiser, so contact him if you wish to play.

PAUL LOCKETT

SOUTH WEST

The merry merry month of May saw a major break in the South West. For 'donkeys years' the section have been enjoying the delights of the historic Westonbirt School golf course for the ever-popular Greenkeeper & Amateur Greensomes. Originally inaugurated in 1964 to celebrate the centenary of the school, success eventually overcame the tournament, with the vastly increased number of competitors over-running the charming little nine-hole course. The decision was reluctantly taken to move to a larger course. Our eternal thanks go to Westonbirt, and to the bursar John Hall, for the welcome and support we have enjoyed over the years. (I did hear a rumour that the course may be extended to 18 holes one day, in which case it might be just au revoir, not goodbye). ➔ 42

33 → Incidentally, best wishes and a speedy recovery to John Hall following his back operation.

Where do we go from here? Enter Derek Eves, who generously threw open the doors of Painswick Golf Club. This course has to be one of the most natural, scenic courses anywhere in the country and at 4800 yards, albeit up-hill and down-dale, it made for exactly the enjoyable sort of day we have become used to. Painswick has long had the reputation for being the friendliest of clubs and it certainly lived up to its reputation. The golf was keenly fought, as usual, and the full results are as follows: 1st L. Johnson (22) & R. Hodgson (18) 41 pts. 2nd. D. Eves (24) & K. Johnson (11) 40 pts. 3rd. N. Wilson (9) & A. Young (9) 39 pts. 4th. A. Johnson (28) & J. Stubbs (28) 38 pts. 5th. P. Corfield (15) & S. Gallier (16) 38 pts.

Our sincere thanks to Painswick GC for being such good hosts, and to all the club staff, both indoors & out, for making the day such a success. I am looking forward to next year when the competition moves to another very traditional club, Minchinhampton Old Course.

Having seen such a wonderful display of wild flowers at Painswick, I wonder, in these days of the decline of traditional wild plants such as the cowslip, primrose, spider orchid etc, do we really need to worry? It seems that the farmers have come up with another plant which is rapidly becoming indigenous – oil seed rape. In the Cotswolds, any patch of bare ground, roadside verge or hedgerow is rapidly becoming overgrown with the stuff. Never mind, I'm reliably informed that a strong mix of 2-4-D & Dicamba – plus a flamethrower – keeps it in check!

Finally, congratulations to Jon Leigh on producing a booklet with some very sound and down to earth



advice for golfers on how to get the best from their course by looking after it while playing. It may all be glorified etiquette, but he'll go far that boy! (and he's one of ours).
PAUL WORSTER

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AYRSHIRE

The section 50/50 draw is now up and running, though anyone wishing to join can still do so by sending the sum of £6.00 to Jim Paton ASAP. First results may be expected in the next issue.

A good turn-out of members visited Stewarts of Edinburgh in May, and after inspecting the turf nursery in the morning, a light lunch was provided before going on to look at the fertiliser and compost making plants. Our thanks to Stewarts for a most enjoyable day.

A demonstration of the Hydroject was held at Kirkcudbright GC by M&M Products. It was good to see so many greenkeepers from the Dumfries and Galloway area turning up for this – let's see you all at the other BIGGA events lads.

Our representatives in the Hayter Challenge Tournament area finals at Stirling did well, with Douglas Drain and Paul Rae winning prizes. We wish them good luck in the final.

I have to apologise for being brief but all the news coming in from the section appears to have been lost in the post – again! Hopefully there will be more next month.

DUNCAN GRAY

SURREY

The wettest May for seven years turned many parkland courses into virtual grass factories and really tested out the available mowing equipment – what a headache! It seems to be one extreme or

another nowadays – wet or dry – with no happy medium... or has it always been like this?

July is normally a quiet month for golf events within the section, with only the England v Scotland match scheduled (Walton Heath 21 July). Hopefully the Huxley Bowl will be progressing toward its latter stages without delay and please remember that it is the responsibility of the winning pair to notify Derek with their result.

Looking ahead to August, the McMillan Tankard takes place at its traditional venue – Sunningdale – on 12 August. Please ensure that entries are dispatched before their 'sell-by' date!

Hopefully this section will be well represented at The Open Championship – if you have volunteered to help, please be sure to attend.

ROGER TYDEMAN

COMING UP

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

July 18-24: International Turfgrass Research Conference, Palm Beach, Florida, USA

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.

October 12-13: Kubota Challenge, The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire

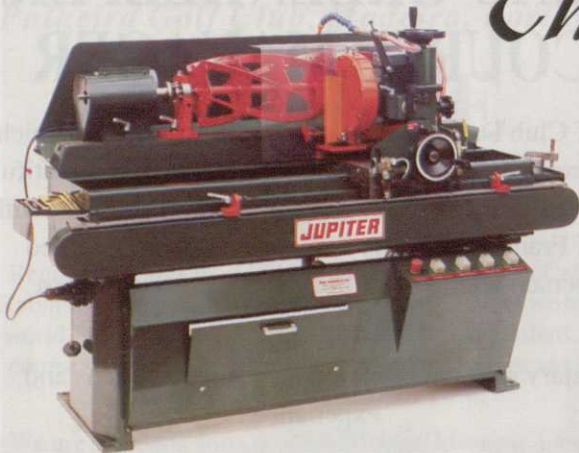
December 6-7: ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year Award, Aldwark Manor.



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