

AROUND THE GREEN

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

Will reporters please note that *Around The Green* copy for May must reach the editor before April 1st.

LONDON

Our condolences to the family of David Phillips, owner of Aldenham Golf Club, who passed away last year. David's help with section seminars and events was always appreciated and he will be sadly missed.

On a happier note, congratulations to Andrew Phillips on his new appointment as head greenkeeper of Glynhir Golf Club, Dyfed. As you all know, Andrew served on the London committee for many years and we thank him for all his efforts. His successor at Hadley Wood GC. is Craig Handyside and we wish him good luck for the future.

Our 1993 section qualifying event for the Hayter Challenge Tournament will be held on Tuesday 20 April at Highgate GC. The 18-hole competition will be held in the afternoon (followed by high tea) at a cost to be advised. Entries will be accepted by 'phone.

An Emergency First Aid course will be organised for April and anyone interested should contact me. It will be a four hour session and will certainly be important for your work environment.



Finally, any news, ideas or tournament entries can be directed to me by telephoning 081 959 5629 – during the evening.

TONY DUNSTAN

CLEVELAND

Bob Lawton, head greenkeeper at South Shields GC, has been busy repairing worn areas (from a few years build-up) whilst playing to winter greens. He has modernised his irrigation system with a new Toro 3000. His past qualification is City & Guilds Phase II (with distinction) and he is currently studying the Phase III Supervisory course.

Bedale GC have acquired the services of Simon Lawn, who has completed a three year college course as well as having worked in America. He is proving to be a most useful asset to Gary Munro's team.

Ian Pemberton, first assistant at Saltburn GC is now a happy father, his five month old son, Thomas, creating much happiness. Ian is an experienced greenkeeper and continues to further his career (after many years at Middlesbrough) by currently studying City & Guilds Phase III.

David Malcolm, who was first assistant at Brass Castle, has moved to Germany and has been working since October at a course just a half hour by road from Frankfurt. The course, not yet complete, is built on a clay soil, has greens built to USGA specs and seeded with a fescue/bent mix.



Notes for your diary: The section will be visiting GEM Products, Accrington, Lancashire on 18 March, whilst our spring tournament is arranged for 20 April at Bedale GC – tee off 1.30 pm.

BRUCE BURNELL

MID ANGLIA

Our first winter lecture was held on 5 January at Beadlow Manor GC, when Duncan McGilvray (course manager at Letchworth GC) gave a presentation on "The Duties of the Golf Course Manager". Duncan's talk, which clearly laid out the goals a course manager should be aiming for, was well received by the 25 members who attended, producing some lively questions and debate. Many thanks to Beadlow for again providing such excellent facilities.

On 26 January at Oaklands College Richard Knifton of Fabrications and Mowers gave a presentation on the Jacobsen MkIV Greens King. Sixteen members attended and some very useful information on maintenance and operation was supplied. Thanks to Richard for his time and excellent presentation, also to Chris Bishop of Oaklands College for allowing us to stage the workshop there.

By the time you read this you should have received entry forms for the spring, summer and autumn golf competitions. Due to the healthy financial situation of the section, the committee has decided to keep the cost of golf at the same rate as last year: £17. The Spring Tournament will be held at Mid Herts GC on Thursday 22 April and will be a 36 hole event as opposed to the 27 holes played last year (subject to confirmation). The closing date for entries is Monday 5 April. Anyone wishing to enter must send the appropriate form – with payment – to the competition secretary: Chris Brook, 15 Gibson Close, Hitchin, Herts. by the date stated. Telephone entries are not acceptable.

A trip to the Jacobsen factory (not, unfortunately, in Wisconsin USA, but in Kettering), is organised for 23 March. If you would like to attend, please call Gerald Bruce (secretary) on 0442 865832.

It was heartening to see so many section members at the BTME workshops and seminars at Harrogate in January – undoubtedly another success for BIGGA. The Duke of York opened the proceedings and made a most complimentary speech regarding the role of the greenkeeper within the great game of golf, and of the recognition that is now more frequently given to our contribution. If you have not yet been to Harrogate I would strongly urge you to go next year – it is well worthwhile.



Should you require any further details regarding any of the section events, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0582 490746 (work) or 0525 402550 (home).

PAUL LOCKETT

AYRSHIRE

A games night was held at West Kilbride GC recently, the winners being: Darts – Derek Wilson (Bogside), Dominoes – Gary Crosbie (Dumfries & County), Putting – Jim Paton (West Kilbride), Bowls – Lee Shannon (Bogside).

The spring outing has been arranged for Southerness GC on Tuesday 20 April, with transport by

bus to be arranged. Full details will be with members very soon, so let's see a big attendance at this excellent course. The section will run a monthly draw to help with the day to day running of our affairs, so please do your best to respond when details are sent out. The first draw will be at Southerness.

We are running a summer four-ball competition this year as the normal winter competition has not been successful, largely due to the miserable weather conditions. The event will be home and away, so let's have a go at involving more greenkeepers in the section and in getting everyone to mix.

Our new committee has been elected, so to assist those who have news, views or ideas to pass on, here are the names: Derek Wilson (Bogside) chairman, Ian McNab (Dumfries & County) vice chairman, Jim Paton (West Kilbride) secretary. The committee – Bob McKay (Prestwick St Nicholas), Neil Turner (Ardeer), Steven Kraggs (Dumfries & County), Robert Bruce (Trade), George Brown (Turnberry), Harry Diamond (Kyle and Carrick), and Duncan Gray (Prestwick).



To conclude, our congratulations to Andrew Kerr (Prestwick St Nicholas) on his recent marriage to Liz. May all their troubles be little ones!

DUNCAN GRAY

DEVON & CORNWALL

Our first meeting of 1993, held once again at the superb venue of Fingle Glen on 13 January, was our section seminar. With weather conditions fit only for ducks, it was left to our more hardy members to take to their flippers to play 'water' golf for the nine hole ICI Devon v Cornwall match. As usual the trade supported us by taking eight stands in the reception area, and these proved especially successful in view of the awful weather outside. Our thanks to Avoncrop, Devon Garden Machinery, Fisons, PJ Flegg, Rigby Taylor, Roffeys, Vitax and Willcocks for their most welcome presence. After an excellent lunch, Richard Minton of ICI presented prizes to T Pipe (Honiton) 17pts (best Devon score), S Evans (St Enodoc) 13pts (best Cornish score), B Ridgeway (Fingle Glen) 21pts (best overall score). As a repeat of last year, the Devon lads won the match.

Our afternoon seminar on construction and education was held in the ICI sponsored conference room, with Nick Rigden, head of horticulture at Cannington College, presenting a paper on the new National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) and the partnership it has with the training manual (a document which every club should have for the future training of their greenkeepers).

Our second speaker, Jim Arthur, presented a paper on "Construction and the Analysis Fallacy", as usual keeping his audience riveted to their seats. A question time rounded off a highly entertaining and interesting programme. Our thanks to Nick Rigden and Jim Arthur for presenting excel-

lent papers, and to course manager Bill Pile and all the staff at Fingle Glen who made our day so successful. Our gratitude also to Martin Breeding, M.D. at Fingle Glen, for again allowing our section the use of Fingle Glen's facilities, and to Richard Minton (ICI) and all our trade sponsors.

Your help is needed to promote the 1993 WESTURF Trade Show, to be held on Wednesday 28 April at Long Ashton GC, Bristol. Many of you must know groundsmen & committee members at your local sports club, so why not invite them



RICHARD WHYMAN

to the show. Be assured that everyone involved in the turf care industry will be most welcome. We also need your support at Westurf, so I look forward to meeting you all on the new BIGGA stand.

NORTH EAST

Section events for the coming months are as follows: March – A visit to Abcon North East Ltd (Top Dress Supplies), Blaydon. April – Breaking with tradition, we are opting for an inland course rather than one on the coastline, and on 22 April will for the first time play our Spring Tournament at Ryton GC. July – Annual match against club secretaries, date to be advised.



JIMMY RICHARDSON

September – Autumn Competition, 16 Sept at South Moor GC. October – Annual matches, a) versus East Lothian, b) versus Cleveland.

NORTH SCOTLAND

The latest of our members to be married is George Paterson of Fortrose. We wish him and his intended all the best. It's nice to see that his assistant, Stuart, has settled in well since his move from West Kilbride and I hope he has by now found suitable housing for himself and his family.

Another BTME has come and gone, getting better every year. I missed attending last year so saw a big difference since 1991. It will be difficult to improve next year but I'm sure the powers that be will manage it. It was great to renew old acquaintances and forge new friendships. I sometimes wonder if we don't learn more when chatting over a pint in the evening than during the day? Unlike my last visit, when I was the only North member present, this time there were many fellow members amongst the large Scottish contingent. Let's hope this month's National Conference is as successful.

By now, the first of our spraying courses should have taken place, with the initial eight members having been put through their paces and (hopefully) succeeded in gaining their certificates. Should anyone else be interested in going on such a course please contact me. I have had a few enquiries concerning COSHH regulations with regard to golf courses, so members will be pleased to know that a book is to be published this month covering the subject. This will be an essential publication for greenkeepers as we try to keep abreast of new rules and regulations.

The section library is up and running now and members who wish to borrow a book should phone me on 0862 894402, or Gordon Moir on 0334 74021.

No new memberships have been received this month, so how about a little recruitment drive? Are there any greenkeepers on your staff or at a club nearby that are not members? If so, tell them of the BIGGA benefits and persuade them to join. I have membership details and spare magazines that I can send out if you contact me.

As spring approaches, hopefully bringing with it early growth and warm weather, I trust the

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winter has not been too harsh on your course and that once your top-dressing programme begins, the greens will settle and keep your members happy – if that's possible. We have had our first bad winter for a while, so let's hope it will be followed by a good long summer.

Finally, following a request at the AGM for a dinner dance, the section committee have decided that if sufficient interest is shown, we will stage one in Aberdeen in April. Interested? – please call Sam Morrison on 0224 705083.



IAIN MACLEOD

NORTH WEST

The section's third winter lecture on Wednesday 20 January clashed with the BTME at Harrogate, yet we still had a reasonable turn-out. Pat Murphy, the Northern section secretary, gave us a most interesting talk and slide show based on his experiences when reconstructing a green and having it back in play in seventeen days. The talk was very well presented and judging by the questions fired at Pat, I feel sure that the audience felt more confident to attempt such a task after listening to him. On behalf of the NW section I would like to thank Pat for sharing his time and experience with us.

By now you should have received your fixture list of events for the summer months. Also included is an information letter regarding entry forms and deposit information for golf events. I am afraid that we have had to take these measures simply because, when catering arrangements are made in advance, all meals must be paid for. Unfortunately, the section funds have had to be utilised to pay for late cancellation far too often.

A new competition has been launched, a four-ball better-ball knockout to be played for over the season. Each round will be over 18 holes, the event culminating in a 36 hole final. The rules: There will be closing dates for each round, and to ensure that each team plays at least two rounds, first time losers will go into a separate competition. Entry forms (or queries) to Paul Pearse, 1



BERT CROSS

Swan Close, Poynton, Stockport SH12 1HX.

Finally, I would like to welcome all new members to the NW section, and if anyone has any queries at all, please contact me on 051 724 5412.

SOUTH WEST

Apologies for missing the last edition – pressures of work and all that. 'Christmas at Chipping Sodbury' – doesn't have much of a ring, does it? However, our last event of 1992 was a roaring success when 63 members and trade turned up for a day upon which the sun shone, the course shone, and the meal outshone everything. Roffey Brothers of Bournemouth were our new sponsors, bringing with them a new product for our approval – 'sunshine in 25 litre drums'. Just apply to the course and play – simple. Our sincere thanks to Chipping Sodbury for allowing us to play, for being a clay-

based course it had suffered more than most during the unkind autumn & winter floods. The course had literally re-opened the day before our visit, this after several weeks of flooding, and it wasn't long before the rains returned causing it to close again. Talk about the Devil looking after his own!

Peter Cox struck the opening tee shot of the day, his caddy handing him his trusty driver before retiring to a safe distance directly to the right of the tee. Seconds later he was diving for cover as Peter's ball flew off the nose of the club and thudded into the trees directly behind. Peter stood, red-faced, before declaring loudly that he didn't want the caddy to have to walk too far to find the ball. Some shot!

The new foursomes format proved to be an interesting change to the usual singles, the full result being: 1st – P Godwin & R Gates. 39 pts. 2nd – N Wilson & P Cox. 38 pts. 3rd – M Gray & S Frankom 37 pts. 4th – P Worster & P Hampton 36 pts. (Also on 36 points were J Kane & S Shipley, J York & N Turner. Two's were scored by Messrs Kane, Shipley, Pople and Stephens.

Major sponsors for the day were Roffey Bros., also Messrs Avoncrop, ICI, County Mowers, Vitax, BS Mowers, Sierra, Sisis, TH White, West Country Groundcare & Rigby Taylor.

Thanks also to Clive Richards and his staff for preparing the course against all the odds. Congratulations are due to Clive on securing the position of head greenkeeper and our best wishes go to him.

The educational season is coming to a close with our second batch of twelve passing the FEPA modules 1 & 2. Some twenty section members have also passed our Emergency First Aid Course and, after a slightly slow start, twelve have gone through our Chainsaw Training Course. Fourteen clubs have also had COSHH assessments prepared by our resident expert, and it should be noted that this service is on-going and can be arranged by just a telephone call to me. Please indicate any other subjects for inclusion in next winters' programme.

The golf season is just around the corner, starting on 21 April at Henbury with the Spring Tournament and Regional qualifier. This used to be the Iseki Tournament, but is now sponsored by Hayters under the new title – Hayter Challenge Tournament. We welcome them and wish them well.

There is also a slight change to our annual Summer Tournament, this year played at Enmore Park GC on 6 July. Tee-off times will run from 11.30-12.45 am, and the evening meal and prize-giving will be at 5pm.

Finally, Westurf. If you manage turf, you can manage Westurf. So 28 April at Long Ashton is when we will need some help on the gate. Also before, during, and after the event. If you can help, please get in touch, we need you. We also need you pouring through the gate in great numbers. Be there!

PAUL WORSTER

EAST SCOTLAND

In various reports during 1992 it was my sad duty to inform members of several bereavements. I begin 1993 the same way. It is with regret that I must report the death of Grace Bullock, beloved wife of Seahouses GC head greenkeeper, Ralph Bullock, who passed away just before Christmas. Our deepest sympathy go to Ralph and his family at this very sad time.

We will be seeing Ralph shortly when we visit Seahouses for our Annual Spring Tournament on 6 April. Forms are already distributed and members should note that entry forms must ➤ 48

47 ➔ be returned by the date stated.

This looks like being another very busy year. I attended the BTME at Harrogate – and what a week that turned out to be. This year was the first time I had attended, but never have I been to such a well organized event. The education seminars and speakers were first class and the machinery displays were second to none. Neil Thomas and his staff must be congratulated for a job well done. For those members who often complain by saying 'what is BIGGA doing for me,' – take my tip and attend some of these events. I am sure your eyes will be opened.

To the many well behaved lads from Scotland who attended, I will also say 'well done'. But please, don't keep me up so late next year – I usually rise at 5am, not the other way round!

You will be pleased to know that the full 1993 programme is now prepared and will be out shortly. Indeed, the committee is so far advanced that even the winter lectures are organized.

The committee selected to organize the British Tournament at Dunbar from 2-4 August will be meeting shortly to finalise details. We are hoping for a large turn-out from the East, so as soon as the entry forms are out – return them! Especially if you don't want to miss out on the highlight of the year.



Finally, a question – is your subscription paid? If it isn't, pay it now. Last year our membership figures were the highest ever so let's all make an effort to increase these once again.

WILLIE BLAIR

NORTH

I am pleased to inform you that 30 members from our section attended the extended Emergency First Aid course and now hold certificates of qualification. Yes, there were a few light-hearted moments with Lucy, the female dummy, – I shall say no more! On a serious note, may I thank Kenneth Bick and Dick Burley who represented Medical Training Services on this excellent instructional course. Just to remind those who attended, three Master Greenkeeper credits are awarded. Once again I must apologise to those who wanted to attend but were turned down – quite simply, the course was full. As I have said before, get your names down early to avoid disappointment.

Our winter lecture series comes to an end on Wednesday 17 March at Cleckheaton GC, when Lloyds hold their workshop. The time to arrive is 1.30 pm. Perhaps you might call me if you plan on coming. The reason? to get an idea of numbers attending. My number is 0274 568128.

All the golfing venues are now in place and by the time you read this you should have received your mail-shot with the details, as follows: Spring Tournament, Wednesday 21 April – Sandmoor GC. Presidents Day, Thursday 10 June – South

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Leeds GC. Roses Match, Tuesday 3 August – Fulford GC. Invitation Day, Tuesday 17 August – Pannal GC. Autumn Tournament, Wednesday 6



October – Kirkbymoorside GC. The Christmas golf has yet to be arranged. On a final note, may I thank all section members who helped to make BTME a huge success.
PAT MURPHY

EAST MIDLANDS

I am devoting most of this month's section report to relate a harrowing experience suffered by Gordon Mitchell and his staff at Leek Golf Club, following a break-in. On 6 January, Gordon reported to work to find his sheds had been broken into overnight. A considerable mess was in evidence, with fire extinguishers having been discharged inside the building and equipment vandalised. After calling the police, Gordon and staff began taking inventory inside the shed to determine if anything was missing. Some time later, one of the staff complained of feeling ill.

Shortly afterwards, continuing with the inventory, Gordon noticed that his poisons cabinet, located inside the shed, had been broken into. A number of Phostoxin containers had been opened and some of the contents had been strewn on the floor and were giving off toxic gas. An ambulance was called immediately and Gordon and staff were rushed to hospital where they spent the night in intensive care. Through having the Product Safety Data Sheet available from Gordon's files, doctors were able to make a quick diagnosis and administer correct treatment. Having contacted Gordon some three weeks after the event, I am happy to report that both he and his staff are OK, although all of them have had to take time off work and are still suffering after-effects.

This incident not only emphasizes the value of following the correct procedures in the handling and storage of chemicals, but highlights that even when taking all reasonable precautions, as Gordon had, a risk element is never completely eliminated. Any member arriving at work to find a similar scenario will be well advised to learn from Gordon's experience and to don protective clothing before entering a chemical storage area that may have been violated, or if in doubt to call the fire brigade, who have breathing apparatus.

I think this is also a good time to mention again the importance of first-aid training for greenkeeping staff. A knowledge of basic procedures or, even better, the presence of a qualified first-aider, may one day make all the difference. Short courses are available and organisations like the St. Johns Ambulance will arrange training on site for golf clubs if there are sufficient numbers. Paddy McCarron at the Leicestershire and Glen Miller at Ullesthorpe have both recently completed such training, and I believe it is something we should all consider. I can supply details to any interested parties.

Now, to the rest of the section business. I am pleased to offer congratulations to Chris Lewis on his appointment as head greenkeeper at Market Harborough GC., and to welcome the following new members to the section – Paul Brazier, currently studying at Cannington College, and Mark Caldwell, recently of Torksey GC., Lincs. I hope to see you all shortly at the Spring Tournament – if I ever finalise the arrangements. Finally, please note that my secretarial 'hot' line is 0509 650140.



TONY HOWARTH

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

Unfortunately, this month's report begins with some disappointing news regarding the 1993 Spring Tournament. Due to circumstances beyond our control, Gleneagles Hotel have had to cancel our booking for 6 April, though we are hopeful that another date may be arranged for next year.

On a brighter note, Falkirk Tryst GC have granted us courtesy of their course on Wed 28 April, start 9.30 am. My sincere thanks to club secretary Don Wallace for his help and for accepting us at such short notice.

Due to this change of venue, both 1993 tournaments are scheduled to take place in virtually the same area of the section, Falkirk Tryst in April and Glenbervie in October. Hopefully, this will not effect attendances and we can revert to our system of moving around the section in 1994. I did approach Downfield GC in Dundee, but they were unable to accommodate us.

Having spent a grand week at BTME in January it was heartening to see so many Scottish members in attendance, especially a healthy contingent from Central Scotland section. From what I can gather, our members had such a good time that plans are already afoot for a return in 1994, though there is a strong rumour that alternative transport arrangements are being made – I wonder why?

As we approach the start of another golfing season, with a little luck it may herald drier conditions than over the past months.

What was one of the wettest winters for many a year may soon be just another statis- ➔ 58



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To any member who is starting a new job this season, our best wishes for your future success.

JOHN CRAWFORD

SURREY

Another well supported winter lecture was held at New Zealand Artisans club in January. The speakers were Carl Crome of Envirogreen, whose topic, not unnaturally, was chemical waste disposal, and Jon Allbutt, who revealed details of the recently introduced new laws relating to health and safety at work. Watch out for these, they affect us all and are sure to cause some headaches. Thanks were expressed to speakers and to the club, for once again hosting the event.

The section run trip to BTME proved a highly successful venture and everyone who took advantage of the trip seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Ian Kerry kindly paid for the coach trip, with accommodation (in the excellent Moat Hotel) subsidised by the section.

I am frequently asked why our section news is somewhat brief. I prefer to think of it as short but sweet and as such would welcome news and contributions from members. On that count, I was pleased to hear about Jim Russell's car, which mysteriously 'moved itself' across the hotel car park in Harrogate. It later transpired that a frantic airport-bound resident, blocked in by Jim's car, made several abortive appeals for him to move it before eventually having it shifted.

A reminder that our first golf event of 1993 is the Spring Tournament at Coombe Hill on 22 April. This is also a qualifier for the Hayter Challenge Tournament. The Veterans Cup will now be played for at the Autumn Tournament.

ROGER TYDEMAN

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MIDLANDS

On 14 January we held our first lecture of the winter period, with some 35 people in attendance. The subjects were STRI advisory visits, given by Andy Cole, and a talk on grass seeds given by a representative of British Seed Houses. We thank them both for their valued time, also British Seed Houses for the refreshments.

Our next lecture will take place at Telford G&CC on 26 March, starting at 1.30pm. Representing Oakleys, the local Jacobsen dealers, will be Mr E Simcox, whose talk will be centred around machinery maintenance. The second speaker, Carl Crome, will discuss the Envirogreen service and how it works. Refreshments will be provided by Oakleys and Jacobsen.

It was sad to hear that Matt Williams, assistant greenkeeper at Moorhall GC for some years, was made redundant in January. We all wish him well in finding a new position soon.



Our first tournament will be played at Moseley GC on 14 April. If you have not received an entry form, contact me on 0789 762912.

DEAN CLEAVER

BUCKS, BERKS & OXON

Would anyone like to do battle for the BB&O in matches against the

Surrey section, the Mid-Anglia section and the section secretaries? The last match, of course, must not be seen as a 'grudge' match, but let's say that any member of a losing team will have their name printed in the section news - leaving them open to ridicule! These matches will be held over the summer, starting on 1 June at Stoke Poges. There is no handicap limit, so all are welcome. If interested please contact our match captain, David Goodchild, on 0296 415337.

Gentlemen's Dinner. After the success of our inaugural event, this year should be even better. So don't miss out, get all of your friends together and bring them along for a round of golf, a three course meal and the opportunity to listen to David White, the flamboyant editor of Greenkeeper International, all for £25 a head. Demand is expected to be heavy, so please contact me ASAP with numbers required - Black tie or lounge suits only. Date: 17 March, Venue: Beaconsfield GC, Time: tee-

off approx. 12.30 pm.

The 1993 Spring Tournament will be held at Burnham Beeches GC on 28 May over 36 holes. This is also the Hayter Challenge Tournament qualifier. Your entry form will be with you soon. Due to the section sustaining heavy losses on golf day meals, anyone who does not pay before the deadline will NOT be permitted to take part - you have been warned!



We have a selection of BIGGA ties (light blue and red) at a special price of £4, so if you want to look the part, ring me to place an order - now.

RAY CLARK

KENT

Our forthcoming Spring Tournament is to be held at Rochester & Cobham GC on Monday 10 May. This event will also incorporate the initial qualifying round for the Hayter Challenge Tournament. I understand that it will run on the same format although sponsorship details are to be finalised. The regional qualifier will also be held in Kent, during early summer at Weald of Kent GC.

Finally, may I thank all those who helped me to maintain Barnehurst Golf Course over the past 14 months or so, by the loaning of materials, machinery, man power and tools. As you may have been aware, times were a little tough: with the impending departure of the parent club and a natural unwillingness to provide some of the bare essentials for proper maintenance. So to all of our machinery and material suppliers, local golf clubs and greenkeepers - a heart felt thank you. You have all contributed to Barnehurst being in probably the best shape it has ever been (he wrote modestly). Well, a very complementary report from the STRI is proudly displayed in the clubhouse. So this may be my last report as head greenkeeper of Barnehurst Golf Club, a place



where I have been associated for nearly 20 years. I can perhaps look forward to performing the same (expanded) role when Barnehurst is renamed Mayplace Golf Course.

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- 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
- 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, 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, York
- October 12-13: Kubota Challenge, The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire
- December 6-7: ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year Award, Aldwark Manor, York