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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

AROUND THE GREEN



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.

PAUL COPSEY

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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