

# Around the Green

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

## DEVON AND CORNWALL

Westurf will be with us any day now and your support will be vital to its continued success. With Westurf's success, the region will be able to keep its fees on educational events down to cost price.

Westurf has helped the section purchase a secondhand photocopier which will allow yours truly to supply all your committee members with minutes of regional and national board meetings, so if you have any queries about recent events within your Association, your local committee member will hopefully now be able to update you with all the relevant details.

With the winter programme complete, I would like to thank all of you who attended meetings. The section is always looking at ways to generate an even higher membership participation at our meetings, so I would like to hear from anyone who has a good idea to increase numbers.

Our next meeting will be the new summer tournament for the Jacobsen Trophy, to be held at Yelverton GC on Wednesday June 22 and sponsored by Jacobsen & MST. With major educational prizes on offer for golfers and non-golfers, it's one you cannot afford to miss. Details will be sent to you nearer the date.

RICHARD WHYMAN

## EAST MIDLANDS

There's not a lot to report on this month as I have just come back from a golfing holiday in the Algarve. Congratulations go to Chris Lewis this month on his appointment as deputy head greenkeeper at The Leicestershire Golf Club and to Kevin James of Rushcliffe GC on his promotion to head greenkeeper.

This month we welcome Paul Redding of Rugby GC and Warren Barker of Ansty GC to our section. We have certainly made a promising start this year with new members to our section - 22 in all. Let's hope this increase continues. Any members who have not paid their subscriptions should do so straight away, or

## EVENTS DIARY

**April 27: Westurf, Turf Care Trade Exhibition, Long Ashton Golf Club, Bristol**

**June 8-9: BALI Trade Show, Stoneleigh**

**June 29: Southurf, Turf Care Trade Exhibition, Mottspur Park, south west London**

**July 14-17: Open Championship, Turnberry**

**August 1-3: National Tournament, Dartmouth Golf Club, Devon**

**September 6-8: Saltex (previously IoG) Trade Exhibition, Royal Windsor Racecourse, Berkshire.**

**September 22: Hayter Challenge Final, Pannal Golf Club, Harrogate**

**November (to be confirmed): Scotsturf**

**December 1: Scottish Region North Section one-day conference at Craibstone Estate, Bucksburn, Aberdeen**

**January 25-27, 1995: BTME '95, Harrogate International Centre**

they will miss out on all the benefits.

With the golf season about to start, I would like to wish all greenkeepers a successful year, and hopefully a drier one than last year.

Our winter lecture produced a good turnout (32), but please try to send your forms back to me before the closing date in future. A thank-you should go to our two speakers, Valerie Holt and Mark Hunt, for their excellent talks, and to Lingdale GC for their hospitality and marvelous buffet meal, which made this a great night.

ANTHONY BINDLEY

## CLEVELAND

Clive Higenbotham from ICI Professional Products gave a talk/slides on the management of a golf course. His technical knowledge and enthusiasm was inspiring. He covered fertilisers, fungicides, selective weedkillers etc and ensured us that good turf management was the key factor in producing a healthy sward. The new fungicide Greenshield sounds interesting as it lasts 6-8 weeks and has worm repellent quality. For empty pesticide containers, which are called special waste, ICI will collect empty, clean ICI containers free of charge through their environmental disposal service.

Just ring 0345 125398. All head greenkeepers are personally responsible for safe disposal. We cannot bury or burn anymore and we need written proof of what we have done.

David Crocher has moved from Castle Eden GC to Bishop Auckland. At Castle Eden, Graham Border has been promoted from first assistant to head greenkeeper.

A new course is being built at Ingleby Barwick, near Thornaby.

Paul Millard of Bedale GC has gained year 2 NVQ and a chainsaw certificate.

New members are Anthony McGeough (Richmond), Craig Wayman (South Shields), Allan Piggins (Hunley Hall), and Paul Stephenson and Peter Allison of Beamish Park.



BRUCE BURNELL

## NORTH EAST

At last the message is getting around about joining BIGGA. I'm happy to welcome the following new members to the section:

John Walton and Kevin Walkinshaw from Heworth GC; Ashley Marshall, Matfen Hall GC; Jason Campbell, Whitley Bay GC; David Coulson, Morpeth GC; Derek Cruddas, Garsfield GC; James Stoney, Alnwick GC; Steven Quince, Alnmouth GC; Shaun Collier, and Martin Donbavand, students at Haughall College; and John Hogg, student at Elmwood College.

Providing all 1993 members pay their '94 subs, we shall be over the hundred mark, that's up 500 percent since 1984.

On the move is Parklands' Andrew Bowes who has gone to Matfen Hall GC as first assistant. Eddie Crozier, formerly head greenkeeper at Parklands, takes over at Burgher Farm.

Golf dates: April 14 - Spring Competition, South Moor GC; July 12 - Match v Secretaries, Seaham Harbour GC; October 6 - Match v East Lothian, Westerhope.



JIMMY RICHARDSON



## BIGGA NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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### ACCOMMODATION

Due to the popularity of the area, may we suggest that you contact BIGGA Headquarters as soon as possible if you are looking for accommodation during the National Golf Tournament. Accommodation to suit all pockets is available in the surrounding area of Dartmouth Golf and Country Club. A selection of local rates is available to competitors - call Samantha Flint at BIGGA Headquarters on 0347 838581.

The full golfing programme will appear in the May edition of Greenkeeper International.

## AYRSHIRE

This season's outings have now been finalised with the spring meeting at Thornhill GC in Dumfriesshire on April 19 (also a Hayter Qualifier) and the autumn meeting at Glasgow Gailes on September 22.

As with BIGGA, our section membership is steadily growing but I am sure most of you know of someone who is not a member, so please let them know what is being missed.

Scottish Grass and Kubota have both issued invitations for our section to visit their showrooms and workshops. If anyone is interested, please inform Jim Paton, our secretary, to enable him to organise this.

On the move is David Whiffen, assistant at Dumfries and County GC who is going to Witelbacher GC in Germany. We wish him the best of luck.

The first winners of our lottery this year are R Stewart and N Carruthers, who win £30 each, and G Haughie with £40. The big £100 winner is Jill Paton. Congratulations to them. There is still plenty of time to join up, so let's be having you. If you're not in, you can't win.  
DUNCAN GRAY

## NORTH WALES

Firstly, a reminder that all entry forms for the Hayter Challenge Spring Tournament should be completed and returned to Terry Adamson at his new address (27 Berwyn Ave, Penyfordd, nr Chester) by April 14. No entries will be accepted after this date. Any members who have not received an application form should contact me on 0836 785751.

Any members wishing to attend a first aid course at the Welsh College of Horticulture

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should also let me know so appropriate dates can be booked.

Finally, all nominations for the ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year award should be forwarded to me c/o The Estate Office, Carden Park, Chester CH3 9DQ by April 30.

ANDY CAMPBELL

## LONDON

The second RPK supercart challenge was held in February at Bracknell indoor circuit – and it was an excellent evening. I would like to thank RPK Supplies and especially Jamie Bennett for organising the event. The overall winner was the undefeated Cameron McMillan.

I would also like to thank G Brown Implementations for organising the day trip to the Massey Ferguson factory. Everyone that went along enjoyed the excellent hospitality and were all suitably impressed with the set-up.



Another date for your diary – June 28, the summer golf tournament at Old Ford Manor. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

TONY DUNSTAN

## NORTHERN

Our Christmas Golf Competition was held at

Shipleigh Golf Club, in December. There were 35 entrants on the day and I am pleased to say that all entrants did receive a prize, which they richly deserved. It rained heavily all day, in fact at night on Calender it actually announced that the largest recorded rainfall in the area was Bingley where 3 inches fell. Despite the weather MOST people enjoyed it.

Our AGM followed the Christmas golf and a brief resume of that meeting being that the following members were duly elected to office: President – Bill Mountain; Chairman – Phillip Taylor; Vice Chairman – Allan Gamble; Secretary/Treasurer – Pat Murphy; Committee – Dennis Cockburn, Ian Thompson, Colin Garnett, Michael Hannan, Telford Jarvis, Robert Gee, Robin Smith, and David Thackray.

I thank those members who attended and voiced their opinion on various matters relevant to our section. President Bill Mountain informed the meeting that this would be his 34th year in office, all I can say is keep up the good work.

May I welcome the two new committee men who have joined us this year. I am sure you will enjoy your term in office.

On behalf of the Northern Section I'd like to thank Andrew Smith for the time and effort that he put into the Northern Section during his time in office.

The visit to Gem Fertilizers was a huge success. I thought it was marvellous how everything was put together on such a huge scale. If you get the chance to visit it, I recommend you go. My thanks on behalf of the Northern Section to John Harris, Andy Hardy, Duncan Metcalfe, and Alan Dyson for making us so welcome. The visit to Martin Brothers was also

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a huge success. We now know how Money-stone bunker sand is manufactured. My thanks go to Andy Law of Martin Brothers who arranged everything for us.

The golf venues for this year are Bingley St Ives GC, Wetherby GC, Harrogate GC, and Aldwoldley GC. The Roses Match venue is the pleasure of the North West Section this being Motram Hall GC. Let's hope we can still retain the trophy away from home. The Roses Match will be run on the same format as last year – by invitation – the date being Wednesday August 10.

All members should now have in their possession the notice for the above golf venues – please fill them in and return to me with your deposits as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Any member requiring further information, or have any contributions to this column, please contact me on 0274 568128 or 49 Cornwall Road, Gilstead, Bingley, West Yorkshire, BD16 4RL.

New members this month include: Paul Thresh, Normanton GC; Richard Smith, Shipley GC; Stephen Dalton, Knaresborough GC; Neil Horton, Moortown GC, Michael Rooks, Fulneck GC; Christian Martindale, Halifax GC, Melvyn Guy, Mountains Mowers; Robert Barnes, Mark Campbell, Paul Gawthorpe, Gary Dangerfield all from Sand Moor GC; Raymond Jackson, Bradford Moor GC; Stephen Capel Selby GC; John France, Garforth GC; Paul Hunter, Garforth GC; Robin Oxendale, Pike Hills GC; Simon Payn, Northcliffe GC; Mark Ainley, Mid Yorks GC; Daniel Regan, Dewsbury & District GC; Jacob Kay, Mid Yorkshire GC; Paul Mitchell, Otley GC; Gerald Smith, Wakefield GC; Richard Hartley, Baildon GC.



PAT MURPHY

#### SOUTH WALES

February was a quiet month as far as section events were concerned, but the lack of fixtures was made up for by the quality of the event that did take place. That was the education evening at Pencoed College by Jim McKenzie, formerly of Wentworth GC and now course manager at the biggest golf club development in South Wales, namely the Celtic Manor Hotel Golf and Country Club.

By far the largest attendance we have had to date at the evening lecture programme. Forty listened intently to a truly fascinating talk about the development of the 18-hole Roman Road golf course and the soon-to-be 18-hole

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Coldra Woods course.

The development has been hampered somewhat by the appalling weather of '93 and won't now be ready until the summer, when a trip to the club will be organised. Then you will be able to see for yourself the delights of one of the largest, most secure, ultra-modern sheds, workshop, maintenance buildings in the country.

Some facts about the course to whet your appetite: it's a par 70, 7010-yard long championship course, designed by Robert Trent Jones; it boasts a 10-million gallon reservoir, various streams and a lake; and Ian Woosnam is to be the touring pro.

April is set to be a busy month, so don't forget these dates: April 17 – South Wales seminar at Pencoed College, mechanisation on the golf course; April 20 – Spring tournament and Hayter Challenge Qualifier, Newport GC, 1pm prompt; April 27 – Westurf, Long Ashton, Bristol.

PETER LACEY

#### NORTH SCOTLAND

The planning of the one day conference in Aberdeen on December 1 is progressing well. The venture is being co-sponsored by Greens of Scotland, Morayshire Tractors, Stewarts and Watermation. The brochure is currently being printed and below is a brief description of the speakers and their subjects.

The conference will be opened by Eric Thain, a director of Greens of Scotland. First speaker is David Roy, head greenkeeper of Linnithgow Golf Club speaking about "Wildlife and Conservation on the Golf Course". He will be followed by Steve Cadenelli, past president of the GCSAA and course superintendent at Metedeconk National Golf Club, Jackson, New Jersey, who will give us the benefit of his knowledge from across the Atlantic. The third speaker is Greens of Scotland's Raymond Morris talking on "Drainage and Construction". After a coffee break we have J D Patterson from the Northern Ireland Horticultural and Plant Breeding Station in Armagh giving us a lecture on "Breeding Turf Grass Varieties". Our final morning speaker will be John Hacker of Professional Sportsturf Design talking on "Golf Course Presentation".

After lunch we start with a lighthearted look at the "Rules of Golf" presented by David Rickman, assistant rules secretary at the R & A. Our penultimate speaker is Tom Mackenzie, a native of Dornoch who is part of the Donald Steel Design Team. His subject being "Golf Course Design in the Highlands". People planning to enter the Scottish Greenkeepers Competition next year will find this talk very

interesting as there will be a lot of slides of the Carnegie Golf Course at Skibo on view, the venue for the outing. Last but certainly not least is Mr Robert Laycock of Karsten Golf Science with a talk on "Turf Pests and Diseases".

There will be a question and answer session in the morning and the afternoon and Master Greenkeeper Certificate credits can be obtained for attendance. All in all a great day in prospect, so be sure and return entry forms quickly to ensure attendance.

The Spring Outing is at Forres next month on Thursday the 12th. Entry forms will be out this week and a large entry is anticipated for a day out to this lovely course set amongst the trees above Forres.

A glut of new members to welcome this month. Head greenkeeper John Mowat, Reay Golf Club; Assistant greenkeepers Stuart MacGregor, Panmore Golf Club; Gordon Fraser, Tain Golf Course and apprentice greenkeepers Mark Ross, Elgin Golf Club; Bryan Cocker Jr, Alyth Golf Club and finally Paul Fiske, Moray Golf Club. Gordon Fraser is the last of my staff to join! How many other head greenkeepers



can claim total staff membership to BIGGA? Brian Cocker Jr is following his father's footsteps into the business. Bryan Snr is head man at Alyth.

IAIN MacLEOD

#### EAST OF ENGLAND

Eleven section members attended the enjoyable and enlightening trip to Hardi Sprayers, Leicester. Chris Hale, Mike Williamson and Simon Bloefield from Sherriffs must be thanked for their hard work in making the event run smoothly.

Thanks must also go to Bill Oliver, Colin Gregory and their team at Hardis for their hospitality and presenting a series of informative talks clearing up the often misunderstood aspects of spraying technology.

If any section member has any suggestions for places to visit or people they would like to hear speak, then please pass them on to me or to a member of the section committee.

Finally, some dates for your diary: May 11 – PGA Trophy, Burghley Park GC, Stamford; May 26 – Purdeys Trophy, Stoke Rochford GC (Hayter Qualifier).

If any section member does not receive any posted information on these tournaments, then please call me on 0832 274409.

MIKE FINNEY

#### EAST SCOTLAND

I am proud to welcome the following new members: Christopher Murray, Stuart Townsend, David Miller, Mark Pagan, James Manuel, Allan Shaw, Brian Strachan, John Reid, Ian Cunningham, Paul Miller, George Asher, Andy Birrell, Graham Ferguson, Gary Tusler, David Bridges and James Little.

We hope to see you all at section events, where a big welcome awaits you. So far that is 16 new members, but I am sure there are many more to come. So, as I said in my last report, let's all make a big effort this year to make everyone a member of the Association.

I know it's not the done thing to blow your own trumpet, but I am very proud to have been nominated by our new Scottish Region chairman, Gordon Moir, as his vice chairman. This is not just an honour for myself, but also the section as I am the first East section candidate since BIGGA was set up; and you can bet



Mike Jones, winner of the Pro-Turf-sponsored matchplay knockout competition receives his engraved silver trophy from sales manager Julian Driver.

I will give my usual 100% to our cause.

I have just returned from a two-day secretaries meeting at Aldwark Manor and again this proved to be a very enlightening affair. These meetings give the secretaries the opportunity to put their sections views across; and I for one was delighted with the response.

Next on our busy calendar is the Spring outing on April 12 over Gullane No.2. By now you should all have your entry forms; providing your subscriptions are up to date. This is also the qualifying for the Hayter Challenge and a big entry is anticipated. The regional finals this year will be held at Duddingston Golf Club on May 24.

A full calendar of all section events will soon be in all members' hands very shortly. It is hoped that this year everyone will make a special effort to attend. The social committee are at present working very hard on your behalf, but there is nothing worse than organising these events and only a handful turn up. We as a committee have always said 'tell us what you want and we will do it (within reason)'.

In conclusion, may I wish everyone another successful greenkeeping season; hopefully, the weather and golf club committees will be kind to us all again this year. I would also be grateful for news of any kind; this is your magazine and Association, so let us use it. Also remember to get these non-members to join our ever-growing BIGGA.

WILLIE BLAIR

#### **SOUTH COAST**

Our winter programme of lectures concluded last month with a talk by David Whitaker from the Wisley Golf Club. His subject was course maintenance.

The February lecture was delivered by Paul Hobden as Ken Barber was unable to attend. Paul is the assistant course manager at the East Sussex National Club and ably covered the subject of the maintenance there. Sometimes it is possible to view clubs such as East Sussex and Wisley as the elitist end of our trade. Paul was at pains to dispel this image, showing them as providing a specific product for a specific market, there for us to learn from and test new ideas. It was good as well to have the head greenkeepers of the two courses at East Sussex in attendance. The behind-the-scenes drama came in the form of a temperamental projector and extension lead, but in the true style of the theatre, 'it was alright on the night'.

April is a busy month for the section with the spring tournament at the Test Valley Golf Club on the 21st and Westurf on the 27th. The spring tournament is a qualifier for the Hayter Challenge and all enquiries should be directed to our tournament organiser Bob Cully on 0489 782976.

Westurf is now well established on our calendar and we are hoping for a record turnout from the industry this year. Call Ken Lodge, our chairman, on 0329 282362 for travel information. Be there!

With education becoming more industry led and the GTC and BIGGA being in place and geared, the section is looking to be more involved with the training of our young greenkeepers. Already several course managers in the section are undertaking training as NVQ assessors. With levels 1-3 of the Training Manual in place and level 4 aimed at head greenkeepers in production, greenkeepers are well placed to lead their industry. Level 5 giving

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general manager status will be available to those wishing to take their careers that far in the future.

ALAN MITCHELL

#### **MID-ANGLIA**

A full day's first aid course was held in February at the Family Golf Centre. It was a great success for the ten delegates who attended, giving them an introduction into basic first aid.

After discussion at the last committee meeting, it was agreed to try and include a visit to a course in next year's programme, as well as a possible talk from a greenkeeper.

If any member is interested in doing such a talk, could they please contact Gerald Bruce or myself and it will be considered. It was also felt that a lecture involving machinery would be of benefit, and this is being looked into at the moment.

The Lodgeway Fourball Tournament is being run again this year by Chas Ayres, with some slight changes to the format. The initial stages of the competition will be on a regional league basis, the winners of which will go on to quarter finals where a knockout format will be adopted. All entries should be in by April 29 using the appropriate form. The final will be played once again at Brockett Hall on October 7.

There is still time to enter the Spring Tournament at Harpenden GC on Tuesday April 26. Tees are booked from 8.30am and this will be a section qualifier for the Hayter Challenge. Entry is by the usual form with an enclosed cheque for £20.

PAUL LOCKETT

#### **KENT**

Our Spring Tournament and Hayter Qualifier will be taking place at Mid-Kent Golf Club on May 10, you should shortly be receiving more details and your entry forms through the post. The other notable date for your diaries is June 29, the South Turf Exhibition at Motspur Park. We expect the event to be well attended and it will give you a chance to meet your greenkeeping colleagues and your local dealers and suppliers.

We will be arranging a summer afternoon's golf and an Autumn Tournament, although venues and dates have yet to be finalised. We will be looking for a venue towards the east of the county for at least one of the events. Any suggestions or willing hosts? On to perhaps more important matters, the section is now in possession of the long awaited career video, "Keeper of the Green". This is an excellent presentation and an ideal introduction to career opportunities for your young members of staff, junior golfers and local schools. The video is available to you on loan, or if you feel you can collect a small band of budding course managers together for an evening's viewing and a brief talk, please contact me on 0322 664547 (eves) or 0322 523746 (days). Further to educational matters, next winter

we will be looking to promote monthly, one day/afternoon/morning seminars or "teach-ins". Perhaps there are some topics you feel should be covered. Should we, for instance, be running more first aid courses, health & safety courses, would this be of benefit to you, your staff and your clubs? Never forget that this is YOUR Association and your input is most welcome. Like most things you must put something in if you are to get the best out of it. With this in mind, we will all be required to comment on the national BIGGA five-year plan. You may have read about this in Neil Thomas' article in the February magazine. There are some very tough decisions to be made and you will be given the chance to make them. More details at a later date.

PAUL COPSEY

#### **SOUTH WEST**

Ever played 18 holes, come off the 18th and it's felt like 36? That's what my legs were telling me and I should think many others felt the same way after playing in the recent winter competition at Castle Combe Golf and Country Club. One or two contemplated using one of the fleet of available buggies but such were the frowns of disapproval from the majority, that not wanting to seem the odd ones out any thoughts of an easy round were soon forgotten. Anyway, whoever heard of a greenkeeper using a buggy?

Joking apart, in an idyllic setting, with brilliant sunshine, the course was in excellent condition and a credit to course manager Guy Woods and his staff. Thanks are also extended to general manager Paul Ware and Castle Combe for their hospitality, to Lloyds of Letchworth for their afternoon lecture and last but by no means least to the caterer for some excellent home-made steak and kidney pies!

The event results are as follows: 1, Paul Godwin, Tracey Park; 2, Ian Hazel, Clevedon; 3, Marc Haring, Cumberwell Park, 4, Andrew Johnson, Saltford.

If you are keen, be seen at Westurf this year. April 27, Long Ashton Golf Club, 10am-5pm to be precise. Your presence is invaluable and there are even opportunities for a stint on car park gate duty! Interested? Give me a ring to secure an hour session.

As reported in the February edition of Greenkeeper International, a five-year plan to review and improve the Association's continued growth is to be formulated this year. The opportunity for any section member is there to voice his/her opinions and submit ideas. If you feel you have something to raise, either put it on paper and send it to me or give me a ring on 0272 793127.

Congratulations to Martin Townsend of Avoncrop Amenity Products and his wife Lesley on the recent birth of their son Roger Martin.

Finally, Chippenham Golf Club is the venue for the Hayter Challenge Regional Qualifier on April 21 - book early and I'll see you there.

KEVIN GREEN

#### **BERKS, BUCKS & OXON**

Only a few reminders to report this month. The Spring tournament and Hayter Qualifier is at Mill Ride GC on June 1. You should have received your fixture cards for 1994 by now, if not let me know.

If anyone has any ideas for this year's win-





ter lecture programme, could they let Mark Chesman know on 0734 440225 and if you have any news for this column please call me on 0628 829208.

RAY CLARK

**SURREY**

It was nice to see the winter lecture so well attended. The lecture, on Surrey heathland, was presented by Dr McGibbon and Ian McMillan – thanks to both of them for a most interesting and beneficial lecture.

Thanks also to Clive Osgood and Steve Shaw, head of greenkeeping at NESCOL, for organising the event.

The South East Region's Annual Gentlemen's Dinner at Walton Heath was also well

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attended. Thanks to Doug Smith and David Wood for all their hard work. Thanks also to all members of the trade for their involvement in the day's proceedings and to Clive Osgood and everyone at Walton Heath GC.

The winners were: Gross – J Jackson, 39pts; Handicap 0-8 – 1, S Haynes, 38; 2, J Tiexeira, 37; 3, L Bingham, 36; Handicap 9-16 – 1, D Wilson, 41; 2, S Antolk, 40; 3, B Walsh, 40; Handicap 17-24 – 1, J Millen, 33; 2, M Mewett, 27; 3, D Coomber, 27; Guests – 1, D Taylor, 41; 2, C Town, 41; 3, R Elderfield, 39; Longest drive 13th – G Barr, R Pride, T Dunstan; Nearest pins – S Haynes, R Glazier, R Watts; Putting – J Jackson, 32 putts.

Is anyone interested in a dinner-dance in the near future? If you are, please contact any of the committee members listed on the front of your fixture lists. An amended telephone number on this list – David Gibbs – 0737 832015.

A belated thank you to Ian Kerry for supplying our section with a coach to the BTME.

Any member with any news, please contact Roger Glazier (081 394 1493) or me.

Two forthcoming events: June 1 – the Cresta Cup, Laleham GC; June 29 – South Turf, Motspur Park.

DAVID GIBBS

**HAYTER QUALIFIER**

The Scottish Region North Section held their Hayter Qualifier during the Autumn Outing at Kirriemuir last September. The reason for this is that the North members felt that qualifying at the Spring Outing in May is only a couple of weeks prior to the Scottish Final and some could not get the time off. The following members qualified:

Class 1 (Scr-9) – 1, George Paterson, Fortrose; 2, Alisdair McLaren, Abernethy; 3, Gary Tough, Montrose (BIH); 4, Eoin Riddell, Royal Dornoch (BIH).

Class 2 (10-18) – 1, Steve Simpson, Fraserburgh; 2, Sam Morrison, Royal Aberdeen; 3, Kevin Fowler, Fortrose; 4, Stuart Robertson, North Inch, Perth.

Class 3 (19-28) – 1, Robert Allan, Hazelhead; 2, Stuart Hogg, Fortrose; 3, Tom Simpson, Murrayshall; 4, Colin Burgess, Forres.

These 12 will represent the North Section in the Scottish Finals in May at Duddingston Golf Club.



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