

Around the Green

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

EAST ANGLIA

Reymeston Golf Club, Norfolk was the venue for the happy wanderers and a good day it was too. Non-stop sunshine on a lovely course prepared by Paul Gould and his team.

Reymeston is a new course which has been done properly (a rarity these days). A lot of money must have been spent and the course was allowed time before the happy hackers were allowed out. The result being a course that will still be there in years to come. Well done to all concerned. Meanwhile back at the ranch the day's golf went as follows: in the 0-20 section Alan Carter was first with 38pts, and Roger Plummer second with 37pts. There were, however, some unkind comments about the 21-28 section as Richard Mitchell (Eaton) was first with 33 pts and yours truly (Eaton) was second with 28pts. They are now calling us Butch and Sundance and questioning our parentage. Guest prize was won by K Taylor (35pts). Prizes were presented by Steve Hand 'el capitano', and donated by Messrs Collier's, Sisis, Rushbrooks, Kings, Rigby Taylor and CMW. Thanks to all at Reymeston for a super day.

By the first tee (just digressing) I saw a really rare sight. So rare it could be compared with snow in the Sahara. It was a greenkeeper unwrapping a new ball! after severe interrogation Lyndon said he didn't actually buy it, he won it in a raffle. I think he was showing off in front of his lady captain

EVENTS DIARY

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

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

November 9-10: Scotsturf, Ingleston, Edinburgh

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

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

guest. Once a poser always a poser.

Talking of posers, did anyone see big Bobby Chessam? Not only is he trying to find a brimmed hat that will protrude further than his bread basket (something like a sombrero might make it) but he has also bought himself a set of Pings. He is quick to point out, however, that they are secondhand, rather like saying I've got a 'Roller' but it's an old one. Hydromain 25s must be going like hot cakes.



Enough banter, Uncle Sam is looking for venues for next year's golfing exploits. Is anyone kind enough to give a golf day to the few whose expertise (and hard work) gives enjoyment to so many?

MICK LATHROPE

CLEVELAND

The Cleveland Spring Tournament at Dinsdale Spa Golf Club produced the following winners and Hayter Challenge Trophy qualifiers: Cat one - A Partridge, T Mears, D Crocher; Cat two - A Reed, R Lawton, A Naisbitt; Cat three - C Fiddell, C Powley, B Walker.

Winner of the Hi Speed Trophy was C Fiddell with 47 points. The Assistants Trophy was won by C Powley (39 points), the longest drive by T Mears and nearest the pin was Bob Lawton.

Thanks to the trade for prizes and helping on the day, especially Norman Sheddon of Aitkens, Henry Blanchard of Vitax, Clive Higginbotham of ICI and Gerald Brady of Rhone-Poulenc. Visitors included BIGGA's new education officer Ken Richardson and membership officer Clare Douglas.

New section sponsors are Carburol Oil and Platt Harris.

New members include Raymond Mathers of Billingham Golf Club and Alex Russell of Bedale Golf Club.

Phillip Tones is now first assistant at Chester-le-Street. Harry Lees has left Billingham Golf Club after 21 years service.

BRUCE BURNELL

NORTH-WEST

Not a lot of news this month as we have not had



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any tournaments since the last section news, and nobody contacted me with any information, but I still need a team for the Stewards Match in September, at Fishwick Golf Club, so if you fancy a good day out give me a ring on 051 724 5412.

I would like to welcome Chris Whittle back to the North-West, and congratulate Chris on his appointment as head greenkeeper at Royal Birkdale. Any news, views, births, marriages, or just plain gossip, give me a ring.



BERT CROSS

NORTHERN

Our Presidents Day at Wetherby Golf Club on Wednesday was a great day according to our president, Bill Mountain. There was good weather, good food, a course in very good condition and the new clubhouse is excellent. The club's president and captain gave our members a very warm welcome, informing us that we were one of the first to use the new clubhouse. I could not attend as I was on holiday, but I have been informed that the members that did attend had an excellent day out. I must thank Ian Thompson, course manager, and his team at Wetherby for preparing such an excellent course for our members. I must also thank Wetherby Golf Club for allowing us the use of their beautiful course and clubhouse and to the captain for presenting the prizes to the winners. Before I give you the winners I would like to say thank you to our president for making this day possible and for putting on a fantastic prize table. The winners: 1st division - 1, D Collins; 2, M Cordingley; 3, R Smith; 2nd division - 1, L Kirkbright; 2, A J Baxby; 3, D Cockburn; Jubilee Cup - C Garnett; Highest score - M Bryant; Repts and guests - A Dyson 67-3=64.

Ray Jackson from Bradford Moor Golf Club is off to work in Germany. On behalf of the Northern Section may I wish you all the best.

I welcome to the section the following new members: Richard Trafford (Normanton G C), Phillip Mansfield (Cottingham G C) and John Beavan (Spofforth G C). Any information you require please ring 0274 568128. As you are all aware the Northern Section in conjunction with B&W Lawnmowers held a demonstration day at Northcliffe Golf Club on June 29. Thank you to the members that did turn up, I hope you were all suitably impressed with the machinery. When I arrived I thought Nigel Mansell was driving some of the machines with the speed they were going. Anyway, everyone that did attend were well fed and watered by our hosts, B&W. Thank you to David Betram and Ken Watson for organising the day. Last but not least thanks to Ken Christie, head greenkeeper at Northcliffe for his help arranging the day.

For your information all golfing venues are fully booked except there are a few places left for our Autumn Tournament at Alwoodley Golf Club on Wednesday October 12 - not a lot - if you have forgot, book now.



PAT MURPHY

SURREY

The Cresta Cup held at Laleham Golf Club was well attended on what turned out to be a blistering hot day. Congratulations to John Ross and staff for a finely turned out golf course and thanks also to Laleham Golf Club for allowing us to use the course and club facilities. Result: 1 - T Edwards; 2 - S Kirkham; 3 - G Holland.

The recent Southturf exhibition proved to be a huge success. Congratulations to the South East regional committee on their flawless organisation. I'm sure this will now become an annual event. By 3pm 5-600 visitors and members had passed the gates. A higher number than expected.

Tickets for the dinner dance on November 11 have now started to move, so interested parties should contact the committee. Tickets are £18.00.

Congratulations to Roger Glazier, previously of Cuddington Golf Club upon his appointment as greenkeeper mechanic at Foxhills Golf Club.

Also education wise, Dr S Shaw reports that

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Nescot are now able to offer NVQ Level 3 as approved by GTC.

Forthcoming events include The Parker Salver at Purley Downs Golf Club, Turkey Trot at Kingswood Golf Club in December. Also, the first winter lecture by Bill Oliver of Hardi Sprayers is to be held at Kingswood Golf Club on November 9.

DAVID GIBBS

LONDON

The winner of our summer tournament at Old Ford Manor G C was Paul Brown with 41 points. Runner-up was Fred Read with 39 points, one point ahead of Don Wilson. Longest drive was Craig Handyside, nearest the pin Gary Speller. Darren Burdis won the putting competition.

I would like to thank Old Fold Manor for the hospitality shown to us and especially Ian Semple and his staff for the excellent condition of the course. I would also like to mention the catering manager for the excellent meal and the captain of Old Fold Manor for his presence throughout the day. The turnout of 51 players was our best yet and it is encouraging to see so many new faces.

The Southturf exhibition was well supported by our section and the coach provided was a great success. The prize draw was won by Jeff Robinson from Sudbury G C and he collected his BIGGA waterproofs from John Millen.

I would like to congratulate Stuart Green for his recent award and work placement at Gleneagles. Stuart was chosen along with five other students for the Gleneagles excellence in golf award. He represents Reaseheath College and will be working in the Monarch's, King's and Queen's courses for the year. Well done Stuart and best wishes for the future.



TONY DUNSTAN

NORTH SCOTLAND

Kennay Golf Club's Richard Sweeney and Green of Scotland's Maurice Gray are the latest new members to welcome to the section. Maurice is an agronomist with Greens, co-sponsors for this December's one day conference in Aberdeen. Section members are reminded that application forms will go out this month along with the autumn outing forms. This gives you first chance to book a place before the forms go out in general later, you have been warned! The outing is to Murrayshall on September 7. This lovely golf course, set in Perthshire countryside is looked after by Jim Low and his staff. Numbers are limited, so get your entry in quickly to ensure participation.

Mixed fortunes for North members at the Hayter Scottish finals and the Scottish golf tournament. The great news from Duddingston, venue for the Hayter qualifier, was that four North lads won through to represent Scotland in the Hayter final next month. Kevin Peace (Inverurie), Kevin Fowler (Fortrose), Robbie Allan (Hazlehead) and Leslie Rae (Montrose) will fly th flag for the section and hopefully bring the trophy back to Scotland. There was a good turnout from the North at the "Scottish" in a field of more than 100 golfers but no major prizes came North. Fortrose's George Pateron equalled the winning scratch score of 74 but missed out on the prizes altogether on the better inward half rule as there were a few 74s.

This year's AGM goes back to the south of the section with the venue being Letham Grange Golf Club. The date will probably be December 8 or 15. More details to follow.

I only received one inquiry about first aid courses, so I assume every course has a first aider

with up to date training, if not then get in touch on 0862 894402 and I will try to set something up.

IAIN MACLEOD

KENT

The regional final of the Hayter Tournament once again proved to be the "end of the road" for many of our Kent qualifiers. The only member definitely going on to the final in September is Haydon Hayes in the 19-28 handicap category, although Jim Wakelin does still stand a slim chance of a trip to the final, qualifying as reserve in the 0-9 category. Perhaps this once again proves that our handicaps in Kent are more realistic than our regional counterparts, or that we are so hard working that we have little or no time to practice or play as much golf. Well, hopefully you will be able to make time for our Autumn Tournament. October 24 sees us visit the Chart Hills Golf Club for 27 holes plus the usual culinary accompaniments. The price for the day will be in the region of £25. Many thanks go to Chart Hills for extending the invitation to us and I am sure that it will prove to be very well attended and interesting day, for many of us it is the first chance to see this much publicised Nick Faldo course. Details will no doubt be sent to you nearer the date.

On the Kent committee front, we anticipate the addition of Denegate Ridge's Rob Lucas to our smaller band. Rob perhaps brings a unique dimension to the committee - as its only volunteer!

February '95 will see us stage a seminar/workshop at Hadlow College. With the structure of the NVQ courses in greenkeeping, your attendance at all seminars and work-related courses can be invaluable and a record of attendance can count as evidence of learning in particular topics. Although there is a part to be played in our local college towards greenkeeping qualifications, much of the course requirements are largely based on previously gained skill that can easily be assessed or proven by previous written evidence.

As you may be aware, Kent leads the country in beginning the latest training programme and to this end now has greenkeepers that are recognised as being competent to "assess" those in the NVQ levels 1-3. At present myself, David Wood, Chris Mardon and shortly Tony Bennett and Mike Smith. The structure of the courses is ideal for those wishing to be recognised by a certificate and get qualified. A brief glance through the GTC's Training Manual will easily demonstrate to most greenstaff that they already have the majority of the skills required, simply by past experience. So for those of you, young or old, thinking about becoming qualified, adding to the list of achievements in the CV



why not contact Dave Geoff at Hadlow College, myself, or even David Golding at the GTC for further details and see how easy and straight forward it could be.

PAUL COPSEY

DEVON & CORNWALL

Our new summer meeting, sponsored by MST and Jacobsen, was held at Yelverton GC. Numbers for the day were slightly disappointing with the workshop having to be cancelled at the last minute due to poor support. I wish to apologise to those of you who arrived for the workshop only to find it had been cancelled. The golfing members played a stableford competition for the Jacobsen Trophy over the excellently presented moorland course which is a credit to Steve Redman and his staff. Winner of the Jacobsen Trophy was Teignmouth's A Woolnough, second was J Mitchell (Perranporth) and third C Rawlings (Padbrook).

All three prize winners returned scores of 33pts, with the result being decided on the back nine holes. After an excellent evening meal our raffle with the first prize of a place on the 1995 regional trip to BTME concluded the day. First ticket drawn out of the hat by David Withers, business manager for Jacobsen, was Roy Battishill, course manager at St Mellion. The section would like to thank Jacobsen and local dealers MST for sponsoring the day and to Yelverton GC and all their staff for making our afternoon so enjoyable.

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future go to Jim, Margaret and family from everyone in the section.

Everyone should have received the entry forms for the five-a-side football tournament which is taking place next month, so if you intend entering a team, please return your forms as soon as possible. If you would like to enter a team, but cannot get five players from your own club, then you may make up a team from other courses as long as everyone is a member of the Association. Likewise with patrons of the Scottish Region, teams may be made up of players from more than one company, as long as they are all patrons of the Region, (this could create some interesting combinations).

Details of some future events: Tuesday November 2 - Lecture by British Seed Houses, time and venue to be confirmed; Tuesday November 29 - Section AGM at Abersour Golf Club and a talk on course presentation by Jimmy Kidd, director of turfgrass management at Gleneagles, at Burntisland Golf Club, date and time to be confirmed. A full list of section events for the winter period will be circulated shortly.

Response to the questionnaire sent out earlier this year was dismal, to say the least, but at least some members took time to return them with the outcome as follows: Health and safety 12, first aid 14, education 11, chemicals 11, fertilisers/irrigation 10, grass seeds 7, course construction 16, machinery 12, course presentation 15, thatch and compaction 10, additional golf tournaments 8, man management 1, quiz night 1, chain saw training 1, machinery repairs maintenance 1.



Efforts will be made to organise as many of the above subjects as possible during the coming months.

JOHN CRAWFORD

EAST SCOTLAND

The annual Summer Tournament, held over Lothianburn GC, was very poorly attended which makes you wonder if it is worthwhile holding it at all. However, our grateful thanks go to head greenkeeper Stuart Melville and his staff for the excellent condition of the course, despite the recent dry condition; to the captain and committee for the courtesy; and to the catering staff for the meals etc.

Chris Whittle, course manager at Muirfield, has decided on pastures new. Chris is leaving later this year to take over Royal Birkdale and the section wish him all the best. Another on the move is Robert Hogarth, ex-Peebles GC who, after a short spell as a salesman; has returned to the greenkeeping profession as head greenkeeper at Interleithen GC. We all wish Robert the best and will hopefully see him again at our many events which he has supported throughout the years.

A change has taken place to the qualifying for next year's Hayter Finals. Qualifying will take place over two tournaments - the Autumn and the Spring with the best aggregate scores going through to the regional finals. Please note that the first qualifier will be the Autumn at Uphall in September followed by the Spring in April.

As secretary, I personally find a tremendous difference this year since the re-organising of the committee under chairman Peter Ormiston. You may remember that I said earlier that Peter had issued jobs to all committee members and put them into various groups; social, match and education. This is certainly working as I find I have very little to do during events and at last can go to the match committee, social committee and education.

Dance tickets this year are going like hot cakes. I would advise anyone who has not yet booked

theirs, to do it now or miss out on the highlight of the year.

The next big event on our calendar is the "Willie Woods". This will be held on August 17 at Murrayfield GC. Entry forms will be out in plenty of time, but make sure they are returned early as we are limited to 40 people.

Another change this year will be the AGM on November 23. Instead of the usual morning lecture, a "Texas Scramble" has been organised with the AGM taking place after this match. More details will follow. It is hoped by the introduction of this more members will attend.

All winter lectures have now been organised and waiting to be rubber stamped at the next committee meeting. The social committee have done a great job, I only hope they get your support.

WILLIE BLAIR

SOUTH WEST

Excellent individual and team performances on two occasions throughout June has meant that South West greenkeepers have triumphed in two golfing events recently.

The first success was in the Hayter regional final held at Bude Golf Club. A full strength team produced first places in each of the three categories, a second place in category 1 and a third place in category 3. Best score of the day was achieved by Paul Legg with a nett 68. With an overall section result such as this the section team shield was presented to the South West by last year's holders Devon and Cornwall.

Thanks must go to the sponsors, Hayter, for their continued support, to Richard Whyman for the unenviable task of producing a first class course for scrutiny by so many fellow professionals and to Bude Golf Club for their hospitality. The below mentioned qualifiers will play in the final at Pannal Golf Club near Harrogate on September 22. South West section qualifiers for each category 1 - 1, Robert Barrett nett 69; 2, Paul Godwin nett 71; category 2 - 1, Robin Greaves nett 69; category 3 - 1, Paul Legg nett 68, 3, Peter Seviour nett 71.

More recently our second victory came at Clevedon Golf Club on June 28 in the annual match versus the secretaries. Team captain Dave Neale began his captaincy on a winning note by selecting a dozen section members who braved the afternoon heat on what was the hottest day of the year so far, to produce a convincing win, the final score being 41/2 to 11/2 points. Avoncrop Amenity Products are the sponsors of the event and many thanks are extended to them for their generosity in presenting a prize to each member of the winning team, providing wine during the meal, and donating the event's shield held last year by the secretaries. Thanks also go to Clevedon GC for the use of their facilities.

KEVIN GREEN

SOUTH WALES

Our regional Hayter Challenge finals were recently held at the Bude and North Cornwall Golf Club, Cornwall.

The course, a beautifully undulating, well manicured course with slick, smooth greens is known to be one of the South West's most challenging links courses. This it proved to be (for me anyway) and a most worthy host to this event, now in its second year of sponsorship.

The 6222yard long course, not over long, but long enough if you know what I mean, was demanding but fair and was presented to the highest of standards. For this we thank Richard Whyman and his team of greenstaff. To the committee and staff at Bude Golf Club, praises cannot be sung loud enough. Nothing was of too much bother or trouble and everybody was both friendly and courteous.

Gordon and Marion Child's organisation was as excellent as ever, with everything running true to form, as was Hayters and hats off to Hayters for without their splendid support this event would not be possible. Thank you Kim Macfie!

Our only qualifier through to the Hayter Challenge Finals, on September 22 at the Pannal Golf

My own club, Bude and North Cornwall GC was the venue for this year's Hayter regional final. As always this event was superbly run by Gordon and Marion Child and didn't Huw Parry do a good job as starter and scorer! Congratulations to C Rawlings and S Milne on qualifying for the National final, but the section's team couldn't hold on to the sectional shield, which was won by the South West for the second time. During the days running up to this event, I had the pleasure to meet the "Hayter support team" consisting of Robin and John, with Hayters back-up service as good as the team running it, it is no wonder Hayters have become leaders in our market.

On concluding this report I would like to inform you that two of our members, Peter Stringer and Tony Ramsden, have recently spent time in hospital. We wish both of you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you fully recovered at a meeting during the winter programme, also we would like to wish Steve Dommert of DGM a speedy recovery from his broken leg.

RICHARD WHYMAN

SOUTH COAST

We were all very sorry to hear of Royal Winchester's clubhouse being destroyed by fire. The section has for many years enjoyed the hospitality of the club for their December meeting and dinner. Also from Royal Winchester I hear that Kevin Unsworth has left to take up a new position at the new Paultons Golf Centre.

Sparsholt College has established a bursary to assist students experiencing financial difficulties. This has become a problem at the college over the past few years of recession and some students would have to discontinue their studies without help. The committee have therefore felt it appropriate that the section make a donation of £200 towards the fund.

A section seminar is to be organised during March 1995 at Sparsholt College. All members should have received notification of this giving them the opportunity to suggest possible subjects for the seminar. If you have not yet returned the questionnaire, please do so as this will enable us to tailor the seminar to the section needs. A working party has been established to organise the seminar and is due to meet during September.

Eric James, a familiar face in the section for many years, has retired. Eric was one of the founder members of the section in 1969 and has served on the committee ever since. He has been chairman and vice chairman as well as twice serving as national chairman. He assures me that he is still playing and enjoying the courses that he knows so well. I am sure that we all wish Eric a long and happy retirement.

It was sad to learn that Paul Drodge has decided to leave Highcliff Castle after 14 years due to problems with the club.

During June I was able to visit the Isle of Wight for a morning lecture programme and visit Sandown and Shanklin Golf Club during the afternoon. The tour of the course was led by Paul Knight, the head greenkeeper. Paul is a long standing member of BIGGA having been involved in greenkeeping all his working life. He was involved in a serious road accident on his motorcycle a year ago and is making a good if slow recovery. The accident though has not dampened his enthusiasm for his course. The only let down of the day was the weather for after days of fine sunshine the rain came down and the wind blew while I was there. The committee is looking into the possibility of staging one of the section tournaments on the island during either 1995 or 1996.

ALAN MITCHELL

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

Section chairman Jim Easton is on the move from Scotland to Surrey. Jim is leaving Stirling Golf Club to take up the appointment of head greenkeeper at Royal Blackheath Golf Club. (There is a strong rumour that he is moving, rather than to find a new joke to tell at this year's annual dinner. Is this true, Jim?) Best wishes and every success for the

Club, Harrogate, was Chriss Thomas. Chriss, a 14 handicap golfer, works out of the Southerndown Golf Club. Mike Jones of the INCO Golf Club and David Gladwin of Carmarthen both qualified as reserves for their respective categories.

On Saturday June 25 Pencoed College hosted its annual open day, BIGGA was in attendance with stand space displaying merchandise such as the "Keeper of the Green" and "Setting the Standard" videos and magazines, and section committee members were present all day to answer questions regarding membership, training etc. The weather was warm and sunny and the attendance was exceptional, a most interesting and entertaining day, definitely a date to remember for next year's diary. Thanks to Peter Gillard of Pencoed College for his help and to the principal, Mr JDB Thomas, for affording us the opportunity.



PETER LACEY

EAST MIDLANDS

Firstly a reminder to all entrants of the pairs and single K/O. Semi-final matches must be played by the 15th of this month.

Not a lot to report, only to say congratulations to Richard Barker for his sponsored golf day in which he completed 180 holes of golf from 5am-9pm for various charities and still managed to come to work the next day.

All members should receive their entry forms for this year's remaining golf tournaments, before the end of the month. Please return them to me one at a time (after each preceding tournament) and before each closing date.



ANTONY BINDLEY

SCOTTISH NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Renfrew Golf Club June 21 1994

At 4am it was raining so heavily in the West of Scotland I had visions of a flooded Renfrew. However lady luck was with us and by 9am all was set to go. Fraser Ross and his merry men had the

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course in great condition and 110 stout men and true (sorry 109 men and a lady) set out in pursuit of glory and honours. Gary Lewis and his team of caterers produced excellent food all day long and the bar staff looked after all our other needs. The vice-captain, Bobby Ferguson, and green chairman David Love joined us on the course during the day and captain Jack Bill presented the prizes.

This is Renfrew's centenary year and Gordon Moir, Scottish Region chairman, in his speech thanked the captain and the council in allowing us the use of the club in such a busy year and presented him with a plaque from the Scottish Region.

And as for the results, everyone seemed to think the scoring should have been better in the conditions, may be too many underestimated Renfrew's

trees, there are many of them and most of them in very strategic places. Definite winners during the day were those with their cameras ready when the club's resident fox, a vixen, strolled across the putting green amongst everyone at lunch time and stopped to have her lunch from the hands of chef Gary Lewis, now we know why they have a stone model of a fox in the middle of the putting green.

Our special thanks go to all the Scottish Region patrons who sponsor this event every year, we are most grateful. Our thanks also go to Kenny Hunter (Huxleys) who performed above and beyond the call of duty in selling all the raffle tickets and to Ian McKay (SISIS) who donated the much coveted bottle of Laphroaig to the raffle.

Results: Scottish Champion - Stuart McCrindle, 74 scratch; Best Nett - George Brown (Turnberry) 74-5-69; 1st Class - 1, Archie Dunn (Auchterarder) 76-6-70; 2, Alistair Connell (Cawder) 77-6-71; 3, Sany Bulloch (Haggs Castle) 74-3-71; 2nd Class - 1, Ian Wilson (Hamilton) 84-15-69; 2, Paul Rae (Brunston Castle) 90-17-73; Andrew McDowall (Torrance House) 89-16-73; 3rd Class - 1, Neil Henry (Langlands) 100-25-75; 2, Graham Hobbs (Torpin Hill) 95-20-75; 3, Hugh McLatchie (Peterhead) 96-21-75; Best head greenkeeper - John Young (Dougalston) 87-17-70; Best assistant - James Sievewright (Auchterarder) 78-5-73; Best apprentice - Kevin Fowler (Fortrose) 85-11-74; Veteran - Alex Wallace (Dollar) 81-11-70; Trade/guests - 1, Kenny Hunter (Huxleys) 85-14-71; 2, Pat Allen (Stewarts) 77-5-72; Team prize - West Section.

The course at Duddingston was in excellent condition considering the very dry cold spell with no growth. Adam Gordon and his team had worked wonders to get it ready for the Hayter regional final.

Fifty-seven players were joined by guests Gordon Moir, Scottish region chairman, and John Pemberton from HQ, on the lovely dry day.

You only have to look at the scores to see it is a tough course. But these don't show how tough it is to find. Many of the Ayrshire lads took as long to get there as they did to go round!

HAYTER

Hayter Challenge Scottish Region Finals held at Duddingston Golf Club. 1st Class - 1, David Gall (Cardross) 79-9-70; 2, Kevin Peace (Inverurie) 78-5-73; 3, Ian McNab (Dumfries & County) 77-4-73; 2nd Class - 1, David Montgomery (Cawder) 81-11-70; 2, Dick Dugan (Glencarse) 84-10-74; 3, Kevin Fowler (Fortrose) 86-11-75; 3rd Class - Leslie Rae (Montrose) 95-24-71; 2, Stephen Knaggs (Dumfries & County) 96-25-71; 3, Robert Allan (Hazelhead) 101-26-75.

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