

Around the Green

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

North West

The temperature is 90 degrees in the shade and rising. The grass has not been cut this year and is now six feet tall and turning to a golden brown because there is no irrigation system and it has not rained since January. Everything is dust dry but I'm enjoying every minute of it. Yes, I am on holiday in central Africa (Zambia) and it just occurred to me that I had better drop you a line to remind you about the autumn tournament at Didsbury GC on September 7. Soup and sandwiches will be served between 12-1pm. The tee is booked from 1.30pm and tee off times will be allocated on the day. The closing date will be Friday September 1 and all applications to play including a £10 deposit must be sent to Paul Pearse, 1 Swan Close, Poynton, Stockport SK12.

Now back to the holiday. My wife Marie and I are staying at the orphanage that we help to support deep in the bush about 30 miles from Lusaka, the capital of Zambia. The only way to the orphanage is on a road cut through the bush about one and a half cars wide and riddled with pot holes. We use a four wheel drive Toyota pickup truck to go to Lusaka for supplies and driving in the town is similar to the dodgems at the fairground.

The orphanage, called Kasisi (which means little sister) is run by a Polish community of sisters and they care for about 130 babies and children from one week old to 13 and 14 year olds. Unfortunately many of the babies that arrive are HIV positive but they are all cared for as normal babies by the sisters. Amazingly in several cases after about 12 months further tests prove they are negative. No medical cure has been found for HIV so I can only assume that the never ending love and care that these children receive from the sisters can be the answer.

Since we arrived two weeks ago we have travelled extensively and we have visited Livingstone and the Victoria Falls, the Musi-o-tunya Game Park and the Kafue National Park photographing rhino, hippo, giraffe, elephants, crocodiles, monkeys and many other animals. The national parks are thousands of square miles of thick bush burnt brown by the sun and the lack of rain. It is a beautiful country totally unspoilt.

Today we visited the Kariba dam and Lake Kariba, travelling about 300 km on a winding pot holed road. On each side of the road is dense bush and towering above the bush are giant Bo-Bab trees that look as though they are growing upside down with branches that look like giant roots.

The only problem is that in a week's time we have to return home. But hopefully we can save enough to return again next year.

Greetings from Zambia.

BERT CROSS

Northern

Our President's Day golf tournament at Woodhall Hills GC got underway amid breezy conditions but even so the standard of golf was very high. The condition of the course helped tremendously

EVENTS DIARY

September 5-7: SALTEX, Windsor Race Course
September 13-14: Hayter Challenge Tournament Final, West Lancashire Golf Club, Blundellsands
January 24-26, 1996: BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition, Harrogate International Centre

as it was excellent. Many thanks to the greens staff for the course preparation prior to our event.

The winners on the day were: Div 1. 1. M.A Cordingley; 2. R. Smith; 3. D. Collins. Div 2. 1. A Baxter; 2. S. Dalton; 3. D. Cockburn.

Overall winner for the Jubilee Cup for the best gross was S. Hall of Woodhall Hills with a 78. Many congratulations. Nearest the Pin winner was G. Potter.

Many thanks to Woodhall Hills GC for allowing us to hold our tournament there and also thanks to the catering staff for an excellent meal and first class service.

All members and friends would like to send their kindest regards and best wishes to Bill and Emma and hope that Emma is feeling much better after her recent stay in hospital following a stroke.

MARCUS CORDINGLEY

South Wales

It was our section's turn to host the Hayter Regional Final and Carmarthen GC, Dyfed, West Wales was the venue - slightly awkward to find but definitely worth the effort. A typical Welsh welcome awaited all - we even arranged the weather, glorious sunshine with a cooling breeze (gale force 3).

The course, not overlong but narrow and demanding of a thinking game of golf, proved tricky as the scores will no doubt reveal.

Our thanks to the green staff, and especially David Gladwin, for their hard work and effort in presenting the course for what was an extremely enjoyable day.

Congratulations to our section members who did so well and therefore progress to the Hayter Challenge Tournament Finals at the West Lancashire GC on September 13-14, namely John Borja, Vale of Glamorgan GC, and Andrew Roach, Haverfordwest GC, second and third respectively in category 1 and to one of our newest members Alan Crighton, Kington GC who was the category 3 winner.

A sincere thanks to Kim Macfie and Robin Boyes of Hayter's for their generosity, hospitality and continued support. To Marion and Gordon Child for their super organisation and to all at the Carmarthen GC for contributing to making the day such an enjoyable one.

My thanks to all of our team who tried so hard to win the Section Shield event eventually running our in second place behind the deserved Devon & Cornwall team.

On Saturday June 24 Pencoed College held its annual Open Day. Again the weather was splendid with glorious warm sunshine making it a typical summer's day.

Although overall the attendance seemed a little down on last year, the BIGGA stand that shared room 16 with the IOG was kept ticking over quietly all day, with many general queries regarding greenkeeping as a possible career as well as membership queries. A valuable day and one which remains firmly on our calendar. Thanks to all those who gave up their time to help out.

Congratulations to our Education Chairman, Malcolm Davies and his wife Roberta on the birth of their second baby daughter, Rebecca Louise who weighed in at a healthy 7lb 11oz recently.

A belated happy 65th birthday wishes to our President, Mr Colin Murphy.

Our annual greenkeepers v secretaries match will take place as usual at the Southerndown GC on August 17. Will all those who are able to attend and who wish to be a part of the team please contact me as soon as possible to confirm a place and hopefully help us to retain the shield.

PETER LACEY

East of England

Our second golf tournament of the year was held at the windless Sandilands GC - "A rare day," said one member. Thanks to Bob McGowan for courtesy and a super meal by the staff. The event also incorporated the Hayter Qualifier where the winners go on to the Midland Regional Finals at Erwash Valley.

The East of England Qualifiers were:

Cat 0-9 1. Richard Owen, Boston; 2. Charlie Macdonald, Newark; 3. Graeme Macdonald, Eyebury; 4. Michael Wood, Thorpe Wood.

Cat 10-18. 1. Nick Downman, Belton Park; 2. Ian Ross, Newark; 3. David Hornsey, Woodhall Spa; 4. Geoff Knowles.

Cat 19-28. 1. Simon Piggott, Belton Woods; 2. Brian Robinson, Belton Woods; 3. David Griffon, Belton Woods; 4. John Scotney, Sleaford.

The only sour note on the day was that several members did not turn up. Please cancel early if possible, so that meals can be cancelled.

On happier matters Kevin Garfitt, Head Greenkeeper at Ely City GC was in a proud mood recently when I spoke to him because the Cambridgeshire County Championships were to be held at Ely GC - two days of scratch golf over 72 holes.

Kevin felt quietly confident that his course preparation was in good order and that the course would test the best of Cambridgeshire's scratch golfers. Kevin has been at the club for 18 months, moving from Pontefract and says he has settled well into the Fens lifestyle.

Please let me have your news.

GRAEME MACDONALD

East Midlands

Congratulations this month go to all those section members who successfully achieved their Assessor tests at Brooksby College. Good luck to all other greenkeepers who are taking the course.

A team has been selected to represent the section against the East of England section on August 15 at Market Harborough. Good luck to both

teams and let's hope everyone has a good day.

Some results have come in for the singles and pairs competitions. Antony Bindley & Martin Hopkins, Kirby Muxloe, beat David Wright & David Marshall, Ramsdale Park; Peter Billings & Tommy Foster, Cotgrave Place beat Anthony Foulds & Donald Blacker, The Manor GC. In the singles Antony Bindley, Kirby Muxloe beat Jeff Dickinson, Hucknall; Dave Mitchell, Springwater, beat David James, Scraftoft; Paul Tatlow, Kedleston Park, beat Roger Willars, Birtstall; Adie Porter, Greetham Valley, beat David Wright, Ramsdale Park. A reminder to all entrants that semi-finals must be played before August 31.

This year's Autumn tournament will be hosted by Kedleston Park on September 11. All members should have received an entry form by now. If any member has not you can give me a ring and I will forward a copy to you.

ANTONY BINDLEY

Devon and Cornwall

This year's Hayter Regional final was held in Wales at Carmarthen GC. As usual Hennings our Cornish Hayter distributor, kindly helped to finance the mini bus which took the majority of our team on the 500 mile round rip to Carmarthen. It was a pity that we couldn't gain the help of a Devon Hayter dealer but there's always next year! A special mention and thanks must go to our driver Steve Evans who had the unenviable task of setting off from Cornwall before 4am and not returning home until midnight. As for the golf we were once again blessed with fine weather but a difficult wind kept scores higher than usual – at this point I won't mention my score as I am sure someone will within the Around the Green section. All I will say is that the team picked up Regional Shield for the third year out of five.

Our congratulations are extended to the qualifiers for the final from our section who took a clean sweep of the 10-18 category – 1. Trevor Pipe 2. Kevin Piper and 3. Buster Lewer. On behalf of the section would like to thank Marion and Gordon Child for organising and running a superb day. Also to Robin Boyes and Kim Macfie of Hayters for their support and friendliness shown to everyone on the day. Long may it continue.

Belated congratulations to Tony Blackburn on his appointment as Head Greenkeeper Crediton GC where Tony has been First Assistant for many years. Two new members have joined our section after taking up posts of Head Greenkeeper and our congratulations go to Steve Peters, Yelverton GC and Nick Rouke, Dawlish GC on their appointments.

Our good wishes to Ivan Brown, formerly of P.J. Flegg Ltd and Vice President of our section on his appointment in the Virgin Islands.

Cornish summer evening meeting dates to remember are August 23, Newquay and September 20, Bude. If you would like to attend these meetings please contact organiser Steve Evans 01208 863647.

RICHARD WHYMAN

South Coast

The annual match against the South West section will be played at Lee-on-Solent GC on Thursday September 21. The team will consist of 10 players and all those eager to take part should phone me on 01489 782976. Last year we not only provided a team but also came quite close to winning. This year could be our turn to trounce the South West.

Congratulations to Ed McCabe and Alan Mitchell on recently qualifying as NVQ assessors. With the recent introduction of National Vocational Qualifications within our industry there is

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still a need of additional people to become qualified assessors, particularly in the Dorset area.

For further information on this worthwhile subject, contact Kerran Daly on 01722 742898.

BOB CULLY

North

The North section welcomes two more new members, Christian Till, Assistant Greenkeeper at Pitlochry GC and Alan Joss, Club Secretary at Portlethen GC. Ken O'Donnell has rejoined and last month he got married so all the best to him.

The Scottish Greenkeeping Championship was held in the north in June at Royal Dornoch and I'm pleased to report that section members were very much to the fore at the prize giving, with the following major winners.

Scratch. I.A. Macleod, Tain; Cat 1. E. Riddell, Royal Dornoch; Cat 2. S. Morrison, Royal Aberdeen; Cat 2. R. Napier, Camperdown; Head Greenkeeper Trophy R. Patterson, Royal Dornoch. There were numerous second and third placings and it was no surprise that we won the St Mungo Cup for the best four scores from each section.

Double congratulations to Robert Patterson, firstly along with his staff for the excellent condition of the course and secondly for his recent victory in the Royal Dornoch Club Championship.

On the eve of the Scottish Championship 24 greenkeepers played over Tain in a hastily arranged Stableford competition. Two Stewarts lads were present and volunteered a sweatshirt for the winner. They then played their hearts out to keep it in the company with the north rep, Pat Allan winning it! A big thank you to Tain GC for granting courtesy of the course to everyone.

Remember that tickets for the dinner/disco are available now at £12 each. The venue is the Westhill Hotel, Aberdeen on Friday November 24 and accommodation is available at £20 per person per night. So come on book now. You won't regret it.

The section is looking into the possibility of staging a one day seminar in conjunction with the STRI this December with Elgin being a possible venue. More details when available.

Next month will see our autumn outing at lovely Grantown-on-Spey. Entry forms will be out about now so get them back quickly to ensure your place in the field.

IAIN MACLEOD

South West

Some outstanding views and one of the hottest days so far this year greeted those who playing in the annual match against the secretaries on June 27. Lyme Regis GC was where it all took place with two teams of 12 enjoying a social and competitive afternoon of golf. After our victory last year at Clevedon in the same event team captain Dave Neale was keen to carry on in winning form and was duly rewarded with a final result of five matches to one in the greenkeepers' favour. Well done again Dave.

Dave Everett and his staff had the course, and particularly the greens, in excellent condition. They were fast, true and hardly and visible dry patches to be seen. Quite commendable bearing

in mind the recent weather conditions.

After was was a first class evening meal it was time for the prize giving and our thanks go to Avoncrop Amenity Products, the sponsor of the event, and to John Palfry who joined us for the meal. Not only did Avoncrop provide a prize for each member of the winning team but also the wine for the evening meal.

So to the moment Secretaries' team captain Jackie How hadn't been looking forward to – the shield presentation. Never mind Jackie, it gets easier each time. This year is Jackie's last year as captain and we thank her for her organisation over the years and wish her successor well. Finally, thanks to the Secretary of Lyme Regis GC for making us most welcome.

The other event to take place recently was the Hayter Regional Qualifier at Carmarthen GC where there was more success for the South West section. Congratulations to Shaun Richards for Taunton & Pickeridge GC on winning the day's event by coming first in Category 1 with a nett 72. Well done also to Sean Sage from Thornbury Golf Centre and Chris Sealey from Chippenham GC both with a nett 71 in Category 3 and to Les Johnson with a 72 and a reserve for that category. Congratulations to the Devon and Cornwall Section for winning the team Shield for this year's best team performance. Well done lads. The above mentioned people will go on to the final to be played at the West Lancashire GC on September 13 and 14. Thanks to Hayter for its continued support; to Carmarthen for its hospitality and to Gordon and Marion Child for the unenviable task of organising the event for the four sections in our Region.

The next section event for everybody is on November 9 at Seltford GC but prior to that is a team match against the South Coast on September 21. As mentioned in last month's report to Lee-on-Solent by minibus is hopefully to be arranged so if interested please get in touch.

KEVIN GREEN

Surrey

The Cresta Cup held at Kingswood GC this year was enjoyed by 30 competitors in what proved to be testing conditions. On reflection the 37 points achieved by Ian Sutcliffe were exceptional as the course played its true length.

Thanks go to Ken Cooper and the rest of his team for all the hard work but into setting up the course for our enjoyment. Also thanks to Tom Hilliard for allowing us to use the course and a thank you to Gerry Doughty of Gerry's of Wimbledon for donating a voucher for £25 to be spent in Kingswood's pro shop which went to the winner. Results:

1. Ian Sutcliffe 37 pts; 2. Bev Eyre 33 pts (on countback); 3. A. Gattland 33 pts.

Trade Prize: Brian Wilmot. Nearest the Pin: M. Kirkham 17th hole. Longest Drive G. Holland 9th hole.

Also a big thank you to Ron Jobson for his valued assistance with the scorecards.

Interested parties for the dinner/dance at Reigate Manor Hotel this November should contact the committee for tickets – priced £18.

Southturf was again a great success and thanks to the South East regional committee's hard work and the trades continued support, an estimated 6-700 bodies past through the gates and in general most enjoyed the exhibition.

An item of personal news for those of you who know me. I am now the proud father of a baby daughter. She was born in the 10th June (Derby Day) and weighed in a 7lbs 11.5 oz. We have named her Danielle and mother and baby are

doing well – dad's shattered.

Forthcoming events include August 3 – McMillan Tankard; September 5 – Parker Salver; October 4 The Autumn Tournament and November 10 Dinner/Dance.

DAVID GIBBS

East of Scotland

I am afraid I must open this month's report on a sad note. Norman Whytock of Rhône-Poulenc has died at the age of 49. Norman was a man who would help any greenkeeper young or old at great length with any problem he might have. I am sure that I speak with every member of the section in extending our sincerest condolences to his family.

On a happy note I have just returned for the Scottish Tournament at Royal Dornoch GC and this has to be the best kept course I have ever had the pleasure of playing. Well done to Robert Patterson and his staff who worked tirelessly to have the course in first class condition for us (even on Sunday afternoon I might add). And thanks to Elliott and Edna Small for all the work they put in to make the tournament the great success that it was. Thanks again.

On Saturday June 10 we had a family barbecue at the Kilspindie House Hotel which was well attended with 48 members, wives, children and guests all enjoying a good night. Pity it was on the cool side but it was dry so we hope to have another during the summer so keep a look out for the next date soon to be arranged. The annual dance is at the same venue as last year (as above). Tickets on sale now at a price of £18 per person. Rooms are also available at £18 per person per night bed and breakfast. Letters regarding this will be with you soon or give me a call.

Tickets for the 100 club are going slowly so come on get entering and don't miss out of the first draws to be made soon. So hurry.

The East section football team is on the look out for some more games so come on other Scottish sections how about some challenge games home or away against the boys from the East. Give me or Chris Teaman a call on 01875 870 485. In Glasgow you may have Gazza and Hooydonk but in the East we have Stevie (Bergkamp) Dixon and Roberto (Baggio) Hogarth so let's get arranging some fixtures.

A mistake in the last issue. the library that is being set up is being done by Chris Yeaman and Andrew Forrest with the money they received from their Patrons Awards earlier this year, and not the committee as previously said. the library will be situated at Swanston GC in the Course Manager's office when the new sheds are built later this year. A small fee will be charged from anyone wishing to borrow any. Money collected

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will go towards buying more books.

Best wishes to all the lads who have just had their results. They have all passed their HNC. Well done to you all.

We recently had our committee outing to Craigmillar Park GC. Thanks go to Captain and Council, Tom, Stevie and staff. The course was in excellent condition and the weather pure sunshine – 80 degrees. The winner on the Eddie Holt Trophy was our Secretary Robert Hogarth and he also accepted the shield from the Chairman's team versus the Vice Chairman's team as the Chairman could not attend.

Better luck next time Stevie.

ANDREW FORREST 0131 339 1315 or ROBERT HOGARTH 01721 722 832

Midland

Sitting in the garden sunbathing as I write this month's note must mean that summer has finally arrived. My family and I headed off down to Richard Whyman's neck of the woods for our annual dip in the sea on July 1. It must be a joy this time of year to be on the coast with the sands just a few minutes away.

Firstly may I congratulate Paul Jenkins on his marriage. Paul has given me advice over the years and it's nice to know Paul has joined the ranks of the biggest institution known to man. How does the song go – "another one bites the dust"? Seriously, we all wish they both a happy future.

The next golf tournament is on September 25 at Maxstoke Park GC. that day Reginald W.T. Stonebridge will be celebrating his retirement and would like to see new and old friends alike join in. If you would like to attend the evening meal, contact Rhys Thomas on 0121 357 5378. All entries to the tournament must be with Rhys by August 25.

Finally I would like to congratulate all the Course Managers/Head Greenkeepers who have become NVQ Assessors. It hasn't been an easy thing to do, especially as we have had to learn what seemed to be a new language altogether. So we all now know what PC stands for. No it's not Police Constable!

KIM BLAKE

Kent

Three months ago at the excellent Littlestone GC Andy Arthur and his brother won the Rigby Taylor Shield and being Bromley's answer to "Marvo the Memory Master" I forgot to mention it. So congratulations to Andy and Malcolm and thanks to Bernard Dibbins of Rigby's who put up the prize.

Herne Bay was the venue for our second golf day of the year. It was made all the more special as the club had invited us down to help celebrate its centenary year. Phil Hirst and his team worked extremely hard on the course to give us a great day and special mention should also go to Mr Brealy, the Owner, and Mr Westlake, the Captain, for donating the prizes and making us all so very welcome. I must also mention the catering and bar staff for their patience, good humour and fine evening meal. One of the most enjoyable parts of these golf days is the opportunity to meet with one's peers, develop friendships and discuss the weighty issues facing greenkeeping today. That is, of course, unless you are John Roots who entertained the whole gathering with a non stop barrage of jokes, all of which, as you can imagine, were politically correct, clean and bereft of sexism.

Unfortunately there is no room here to print these jokes but for anyone interested John will be busking outside BTME next year. On a more serious note the newly reinstated Parker Hart Trophy was won by Stewart Smith of Deangate Ridge with an excellent 65. Congratulations to him and thanks to John Noyce of Parkers for the trophy.

Finally a day for your diaries. Birchwood park GC September 25. Among other things this is the last round of the Eclectic competition and even if you are yet to enter a card you are still in with a chance of winning.

RICHARD PAGE

Sheffield

On July 3 we had our 27 hole National tournament at Cavendish GC. Our thanks go to Pat Heaney and his staff for having the course in excellent condition. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the course and we look forward to playing it again.

Results: Nine Hole Morning Comp.

1. R. Binns 20 pts; 2. B. Heaney 19pts.

18 Hole Afternoon Competition.

1. M. Clegg 68 (nett) 2. M. Coultas 69; 3. R. Needham 69; 4. C Hopper 70.

Our thanks for the prize table go to our trade members Rhone Poulenc, G. Brady; Barenburgh UK, A. Elliss; Alexanders, S. Chapman and E. Sommerfield; Amenity Sports Turf, S. Burrows; GEM, T. Adamson and S. Dyson; Rigby Taylors, B. Booth, Aitkens Sports Turf, P. Fell; Trident, M.



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The next golf tournament is at Coxmoor or September 25 and the first winter lecture on October 5.

RONALD ULLATHORNE

Sussex

On the premise that "no news is good news" Sussex must be doing very well. However, things have been happening in the section with our spring meeting at the Nevill GC in April at which Bruce Cruickshank educated us on the many and varied uses of hollow cores on the course. And they say the Scots are mean! The winners in the morning were Matt Saunders, Chris Reed and Carl Whyborne with Alan Wickens taking the Guest Prize. The afternoon winner were Chris Allen and Raymond Day with Sean Sturrock as Guest winner. Thanks are offered to the sponsors of the day, Culverwells and Rigby Taylor. Congratulations also go to those who qualified for the next round of the Hayter Challenge but more especially to Chris Allen and Raymond Day who have made it through to the Final - good luck!

Summer found us at Ifield on a blisteringly hot day. Thanks must be given to Alistair Cale and his team for their efforts in preparing the course for us - pity about the pin placements! The winners in the morning were Jon Hall, Raymond Day and Colin Martin with Gary Ogilvie taking the Trade prize. The afternoon winners were Andy Paynter, Lawrie Tremlett and Duncan Haste with Norman

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Kennard and Peter Stuart collecting the Guest prize. Thanks again to the sponsors, Farmura and John Shaw (Machinery) Ltd

Special thanks must go to both clubs and their catering teams for looking after us so well.

While handing out the accolades, I would like to thank the Steering Committee of the Southturf Show for putting on another great event. However, one has to wonder at how sincere the support is for the Association when two of the South East Region manufacturers were not only absent but held private display days on either side of the show. It has been noted who they are. On the other hand support from Head Office was outstanding and I personally noted some "heavyweights" among the crowd.

And now to the future. The autumn meeting takes place on September 27 at Worthing GC. Are you ready for us, Rob? Please don't forget that if you have been unable to attend the last two meetings this is your last chance to be eligible for the

Turkey Trot (some time in December at Littlehampton GC)

STEFAN ANTOLIK

North Wales

I was saddened to hear that Peter Gabriel, the Head Greenkeeper from Carden Park, was made redundant recently. If anyone can help him out with either casual work or a permanent position please contact him on 01978 266284.

I have not been made aware of any other news around the area so I can only presume all is well in the North Wales section.

The only point I have to raise is that there is a required standard of dress for all greenkeepers who attend BIGGA Greenkeeper days and the committee would be grateful if all members would do their best to comply. If anybody has difficulty in obtaining the correct standard of dress please get in touch with me and I will do all I can to help.

Can I say well done to all the boys who took part in the Hayter Qualifier at Middlesbrough and my congratulations to Darren Davies of Flint and Ian Buckley of Northop Country Park who I believe got through to the Final.

Congratulations to Haydn Jones and Richard Taylor of Chirk GC in passing their Level 2 Greenkeeping this month. There goes the myth that you can't teach an old dog new tricks. Well done to both of you.

T.P. EVANS

Southern Irish Section

The Glasson Golf and Country Club in Athlone Co Westmeath was the venue for the Southern Irish Section of the Hayter/BIGGA Challenge.

Fine weather greeted the protagonists who managed to record some very healthy scoring.

The event was contested by 48 players which reflects a substantial increase in numbers from last year. Everyone agreed that the Glasson Golf and Country Club was a perfect venue being in the heart of Ireland and therefore within reach of all participants. The course itself provided a mix of challenging holes and superb scenery although not everyone enjoyed the 15th hole where both tee and green were islands on Loch Ree which adjoins the course.

Stan Mitchell of Dublin Grass Machinery played as a guest and his score of 70 would have equalled that of the winner.

The event was a great success for all concerned, particularly Hayter, whose new FM514 was demonstrated cutting the last six fairways. Earlier in the week Thomas Spratt, greenkeeper of West Waterford GC had placed an order for the new Hayter T93 following a successful demonstration organised via John O'Flynn/Paddy Geary.

Results: Cat 1. 1. Des Murtagh, Tramore GC, 70; 2. David Casburn, Athy GC, 71; 3. Oliver English, Dun-

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dalk GC, 71. Reserve. David Behan, Killeen GC.

Cat 2. 1. Ciaran Gorman, Hermitage GC, 71; 2. Eddie Gilsinan, Skerries GC, 71; 3. David Molloy, Royal Dublin GC, 72. Reserve. Thomas Dorran, Westmanstown GC.

Cat 3. 1. Martin Browne, Skerries GC, 71; 2. Michael O'Brien, Royal Dublin GC, 72; 3. Paddy Guinnan, Island GC. Reserve. Colm McGuinness, Swords Open GC.

Northern Region

The Northern Regional final of the Hayter Challenge was held at the Middlesbrough GC in early July.

Thanks to Hayter for its generous sponsorship and especially Kim and Hamish Macfie for their help on the day. Thanks also to Bert Cross for starting and driving the mini bus, Howard McAddey and Ian Holoran for help with the scoring and everyone at Middlesbrough GC for making the event such a success.

Cat 1. 1. D. McJannet, Sheffield, 69; 2. D. Davies, Wales, 71; 1. Buckley, Wales, 71.

Cat 2. 1. P. Harley, North West, 66; 2. R. Johnson, Northern, 66; 3. M. Broughton, North West, 68.

Cat 3. 1. C. Powley, Cleveland, 68; 2. K. Bush, Cleveland, 68; 3. D. Cockburn, Northern, 69.

Midland Regional Final

The Midland Regional Final was held on July 5 at The Erewash Valley GC, Stanton by Dale, Derby.

Our thanks go to the Captain and Committee of Erewash for allowing us to stage the event and to Graham Arnold and his staff for getting the course in such superb condition under very trying weather conditions and to Doreen and her inside staff or an excellent meal.

Some very good scores emerged and as we know in the East Midlands we were Bindleyed again. It was nice to see Neil Thomas and Barry Heaney attend our event.

Special thanks go to Hayter for sponsoring the event (long may they do so) and to Kim Macfie and his entourage for all their help on the day.

Cat 0-9 1. R. Barker 72-4-68 on countback; 2. C.A. Macdonald 72-4-68; 3. J. Dair 71-2-69. Reserve P. Woodham 71-1-70.

Cat 10-18. 1. P. Richmond 86-16-70 on countback; 2. R. Thomas 85-15-70; 3. P. Holtham 82-10-72 on countback. Reserve E. O'Hanlon 91-18-73.

Cat 19-28. 1. A. Bindley 85-20-65; 2. I. Dunmore 91-22-69 on countback; 3. A. Roberts 88-19-69 on countback. Reserve G. Arnold 88-19-69.

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