

cost is £12 per person with overnight accommodation available at £20 per person if required. The date is Friday November 24 at the Westhill Hotel, Aberdeen so contact me or any of the committee to book your place. It could be a good time to do the Christmas shopping (*you should be fined for mentioning Christmas in July - Ed*) and make a weekend of it. All are welcome so bring along friends as well. Anyone from other sections are also welcome. The more the merrier.  
**IAIN MACLEOD**

#### Cleveland

The spring tournament at Wearside GC was a successful and enjoyable occasion for all who attended. Congratulations must go to Head Greenkeeper Barry Walker and his team for presenting the course in such fine condition and to the club itself for hosting the event. Thanks to the sponsors for their generous prizes, Course Care, Turf Care, Rhone Poulenc, Aitkens and the local golf clubs. A mention too for Norman Sheddon who marked all the scorecards.

The overall winner and new holder of the Course Care Cup is K. Bush.

#### Results:

Cat 0-9: 1. G. Carmichael, 33 pts; 2. R. Douglas, 32 pts; 3. M. Sewell, 31 pts.

Cat 10-18: 1. R. Lawton, 32 pts; 2. A. Reed, 26 pts; 3. C. Fidell, 23 pts.

Cat 19-28: 1. K. Bush, 37 pts; 2. A. Cheeseborough, 33 pts; 3. C. Powley, 30 pts.

**BRUCE BURNELL**

#### South West and South Wales

With more than half the year gone it's time to look at what's coming up next. This region is pleased to announce that prices will be pegged for '96 and we are able to offer you a special package deal to the BTME at Harrogate - Tuesday January 23 to Friday 26 - at £99 for members (£75 for members' wives)

# Around the Green



and £125 for non members. Once again we will be staying at our very comfortable hotel overlooking Valley Gardens. Included in the price will be coach travel from various pick up points to and from Harrogate, three nights B&B, all seminar sessions (excluding wives) and entry to the exhibition. This event is sponsored by Westurf, so make the most of your opportunity and give me a ring to reserve your place now!

Westurf '96 will be on Wednesday May 1 at Long Ashton GC. Your support to the Region and Traders is vital. More details about that later. For our traders, costs are also pegged and stand spaces will remain at 1995 prices.

The last event of the year will be the Regional Seminar at Cannington College on Wednesday November 29. Full details will be out soon along with booking forms are the cost will be kept at the usual £10 for members and £15 for non members. It promises to be a very interesting and informative programme.

Incidentally, if you are a non-member and wish to attend our events, why don't you become a member now and enjoy the advantages that belonging to BIGGA can bring. Give us a ring now. The number is 01803 844056.  
**MARION CHILD**

#### North West

On May 11 I ventured almost to the outer reaches of the North West section and met some of the members from the Cumbria area.

A golf day sponsored by Course Care was held at Penrith GC, giving the members from the far north of the section the opportunity of competing without having to travel long distances. It is hoped this will become an annual tournament to be played for the Cumbria Cup.

The course was in great condition, considering how cold it gets in 'them thar hills' but John Berry and his staff had done a great job in preparing the course for the big day. Also on the day we had the pleasure of a visit from the President of BIGGA, Viscount Whitelaw, who braved the cold wind and watched the members tee off. The day was most successful and I must thank the sponsor Course Care for its generosity - also Ian Holoran who instigated the day.

Peter Sproston has now joined the section from the North Wales section. Peter has moved to Sutton Hall GC from Chester GC after 17 years at Chester, the last five as Head Greenkeeper. Sutton Hall is a new course under construction and is due to open this autumn. Peter asked me to mention that his wife Julie gave birth to their first son Paul on November 11 last year. Another budding greenkeeper in the Sproston family no doubt - like father and grandfather.

West Bowling GC is the venue for the "Roses Match" on August 10 and I will require a team of 16 to help us retain the trophy. The tournament is sponsored by Patissons and is always a good day - especially when we win. Anybody interested please contact me as soon as possible on 0151 724 5412.  
**BERT CROSS**

■ Scottish Region members were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Norman Whytock Rhône Poulenc Sales Manager for Scotland and Northern Ireland. "Norman was a popular figure in the industry and our thoughts go out to his family," said Elliott Small.

The Scottish Region final of the Hayter Challenge was held over the testing Cardross course on May 30. After some overnight rain, fears for another wet day were groundless except for a dull spell in the middle of the day and a lovely pleasant day was enjoyed by all.

Under the eagle eye of starter Cecil George (dragged out of retirement for the day) and presented with a new ball (first time some of them had ever seen a new ball) by Hayter's man on the tee Tony, the competitors were dispatched almost on time. There were some doubts whether the last threeball could possibly be greenkeepers, certainly judging the softness of their hands they hadn't dug a drain or raked a bunker for a long time - maybe they were course managers! However a bit of bribery and corruption, like a dram for the starter, and even they got off on time.

The course was in excellent condition and Davie Gall and his staff deserve all the compliments that were being handed out. In the clubhouse the needs of the inner man were more than adequately catered for by Mr and Mrs Gillespie. We thank them all and especially we thank Sandy Campbell, Cardross Captain, and his Council for allowing us to use the course in this its centenary year.

As the scores began arriving it was obvious that the course was a lot harder than was perhaps expected or was it just a bad day for most of the competitors? Maybe we should have given Edna a calculator to check the scores.

With clear cut winners in the first and third

## HAYTER CHALLENGE

categories it was the second which was creating tension with five 73s waiting to see who had the best back nine.

And so to the presentation. A few kind words from Sandy Campbell, the club Captain and Gordon Moir, Scottish Region Chairman and finally from Kim Macfie, Hayter's Sales and Marketing Director. It was a great day, a long one for the lads from the far north and the deep south but another day of meeting upon with old friends and making new ones.

The region wishes to express its thanks to Hayter for its continued sponsorship of this marvellous tournament, long may it continue. On a personal note I would like to thank Cecil George for his assistance on the 1st tee and to Edna for all her hard work before, during and after the event.

#### Results:

Cat 0-9: 1. George Brown, Turnberry, 75-5-70; 2. Kevin Peace, Inverurie, 77-5-72; 3. Keith McCartney, Dumfries/Galloway, 75-2-73; 4. Derek Wilson, Irvine Bogside, 83-9-74.

Cat 10-18: 1. John Gray, Higgs Castle, 86-13-73; 2. Sandy Brawley, East Kilbride, 89-16-73; 3. Alex Reid, Letham Grange, 83-10-73; 4. Bryan Cocker, Alyth, 88-15-73.

Cat 19-28: 1. Patrick Wood, Newmacher, 89-19-70; 2. Martin Carey, Balmore, 92-21-71; 3. David Mowatt, Killermont, 96-20-76; 4. Robert Hogarth, Innerleithen, 100-22-78.

Team Prize: North Section.

■ The South West and Wales Regional Final was held at the historic Carmarthen GC which has beautiful views extending over five counties. Although quite difficult to find, and 200 miles plus for many of our greenkeepers, it was well worth the effort. A special thanks must go to Steve Evans who chauffeured the Devon & Cornwall bus in the early hours to make sure everyone arrived on time - in fact he hadn't slept at all as he was afraid to miss it. It was also good to see Neil Thomas visiting his homeland - shame about the rugby.

The windy conditions made play difficult, so much so some found themselves playing to alien greens, however scoring was remarkably good. Thanks to our starter for keeping everyone to time and Chris Hopkins for supplying halfway refreshment.

After dinner Kim Macfie presented the prizes and our thanks go to Hayter for sponsoring this excellent tournament which is appreciated by all.

Our hosts Carmarthen GC welcomed us very warmly with superb facilities and the co-operation received from the club helped to make the day a success. Results:

Cat 1. 1. S. Richards (nett) 72; 2. J. Borja 72; 3. A. Roach 72. Reserve C. Rawlings 74.

Cat 2. 1. T. Pipe 72; 2. K. Piper 72; 3. V. Lewer 73. Reserve A. Knight 73.

Cat 3. 1. A. Crichton 70; 2. S. Sage 71; 3. C. Sealey 71. Reserve L. Johnson 72.

The Regional Shield was won by the Devon and Cornwall Section.