

Around the Green

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

Scotland Scottish Region

Was there ever a saying so true as, "the sun shines on the righteous". On Tuesday May 28 it poured rain all day, on Thursday May 30 it poured rain all day, so what happened on Wednesday May 29? Of course it was the Scottish Region Final of the Hayter Challenge and what a grand day it was too. The sun shone, a reasonable temperature and just a light breeze, perfect! Royal Aberdeen Golf Club lies on Balgownie Links, a natural links which must rank high in the list of best links in Scotland.

Even though it was just a light breeze it was still a very stern test, in fact many found it rather more than stern. The first criteria was hit the fairway off the tee or you are in trouble and with quite a few long hard par fours scoring was never going to be easy. However Sam Morrison and his staff had the course in excellent condition, especially the greens and there could be no excuses laid on the course. We were met at Royal Aberdeen with great friendliness and hospitality from all on the staff and our thanks go to the Management staff and to the clubhouse staff under Maureen Sinclair, the service was first class and the food wasn't half bad either. Your sticky toffee pudding was excellent Maureen.

We were delighted to have BIGGA Chairman Dean Cleaver and Executive Director Neil Thomas join us for the day and what better place for Dean to have his first taste of golf in Scotland (don't ask him about his two at the 8th) We were especially pleased to have with us for a meal and to present the trophies the Captain of Royal Aberdeen Golf Club, Jim Christie. A true gentleman and host we learnt quite a bit about Royal Aberdeen over the meal. And to answer the question that Royal Aberdeen had posed to Sam Morrison, yes we did think the course was in great shape. Sam, of course, as well as being Head Greenkeeper is also Chairman of the Scottish Region, so between an early morning start making sure the course was ready for us, then playing in the tournament and acting as host to our guests he must have been a tired man that night. The fact he did

not get to bed till 2am the previous night would have nothing to do with it, of course. But what about the important people and none more so than our sponsors Hayter led as ever by that, forced to live south of the border to earn a crust, Scotsman Kim Macfie (we'll accept that, Kim as long as you don't lose your accent) It's a great tournament Kim it gives so many people a chance to compete locally, regionally and nationally and we are indebted to Hayters for giving us this opportunity. The next most important people are of course the players and we had a great mixture from far and wide, and I'm sure the Dumfries lads did not get home the same day they started out. However it was a marvellous day, well as I said at the beginning "THE SUN SHINES ON THE RIGHTEOUS" Out of all those good players the following were the best and they qualify to represent Scotland at Fairhaven in September.

Cat 0-9: George Mitchell, Newmachar, 73-3-70; Bob McKay, Prestwick St Nicholas, 80-9-71; Ian Bell, Glencorse, 78-6-72.

Cat 10-18: Brian Hillen, Easter Moffat, 86-15-71; Tom Hindmarch, Erskine, 86-14-72; John McLachlan, Brunston Castle, 86-12-74.

Cat 19-28: Graham Shearer, Balmore, 98-24-74; Gordon McRae, Ratho Park, 97-22-75; Garry Crosbie, Dumfries and County, 97-22-75.

Inter Section Prize: West Section. Elliott Small

North

The Section outing at Cruden Bay was a great success with 70 members, guests and trade participating. All credit to Hamish Stephen and his staff for presenting the course in such great condition, the only complaint I heard was from Scottish Chairman Sam Morrison about the stone in the 18th fairway which must have been there as this was the only way he reckoned Gordon Mckie could have beaten him in the longest drive competition. Seriously though, I envy Hamish having such beautiful links land to work on, no wonder Cruden Bay is so highly rated in world golf. The lucky prize winners were as follows: Scratch, 1. Colin Forbes, Aboyne 73; 2. Bradley Wood, Westhill, 79. Class

One, 1. Steve Sullivan, Craigiehill, 75-4=71; 2. Iain Macleod, Tain, 80-4=76; 3. Kevin Peace, Inverurie, 81-4=77; Class Two. 1. Gordon Moir St Andrews. 79-7-72; 2. Gordon Mckie, St Andrews, 87-11=76, 3. Ken Kinnaird, Grantown-on-Spey, 89-12=77. Class Three, 1. Steve Simpson Fraserburgh 95-18=77 (bih); 2. Wilson Morrison, Alford 96-19=77; 3. Keith Wood, Hazelhead, 101-22=79. Veterans. 1. George Asher, Kemnay, 104-28=76; 2. Roy Donald, Oldmeldrum, 86-7=79. Apprentice. 1. Michael Reid, Newmachar 98-16=82, 2. Kevin Keith, Fortrose, 103-15=82. Trade. Pat Allan, Stewarts, 84-6=78. Guest. Chris Campbell. Special prize Anne Strathnairn. Nearest the pin Patrick Wood Newmachar. Longest Drive, Class One, George Mitchell, Newmachar. Class Two, Gordon Mckie St Andrews. Class Three. Wilson Morrison Alford. Amid cries Of 'fix' Chairman Andy Wilson won the scorecard draw for the BIGGA Blazer. The winners of the first four draws of the 200 Club were: January £30 James Peace Newburgh GC, February £30 John Geddes Macdonald Ellon GC, March £40 Iain Macleod Tain (at last!) and April £100 Gary Urquhart Nairn GC. A final big thank you to Cruden Bay for making us so welcome, and we look forward to returning one day to see the new clubhouse shortly

This month sees the Open Championship at Royal Lytham and I hope to be there with Downfield's Paul Murphy to represent the Section on the Greenkeeper Support Team. Let's hope for a good week. Also this month at the Carnegie Golf Club at Skibo Castle in our section, we have the opportunity to see a challenge match in the Shell Wonderful World of Golf series. The match is between Greg Norman and Fred Couples and I believe is, the only one to be held in the UK, so if you have got the time to spare on Sunday July 14 you know where to go.

Finally congratulations to Muir of Ord Assistant Stevie Macintosh on winning the North District Championship at windswept Tain with a 36 hole score of 142, just two over par which was excellent scoring as a cold North West wind gusted over the course all day. Iain Macleod

Northern North West

Penrith GC, once again played host to the Cumbria Cup competition, sponsored by Course Care. This competition in its second year, is mainly for greenkeepers in the N/W section, who work in the Cumbria area, and are out on a limb as far as getting involved with most of the N/W competitions. Course Care sponsored the day, the prizes, and the meal for the competitors. We were also honoured to have Lord Whitelaw, the President of BIGGA, join us for a meal, and the presentation.

The course was in great condition thanks to John Berry and his staff and I must admit I was also pleased to see so much wildlife of the course. (The animals and birds of course).

The spring tournament on the 30th May, was played at Morecambe GC, and almost a record number of 60 played. Myself and many others not having visited Morecambe before, were pleasantly surprised to find, not a links course, as expected, but a well established parkland course, in beautiful condition, with magnificent views of Morecambe Bay, and the lake district.

Mark Broughton, the Course Manager, whom I am happy to say, has gained his Master Greenkeeper Certificate, had the course in excellent condition considering the bad start to the season we have all had.

Many thanks to Morecambe GC, for allowing us the courtesy of the course, and to Ken Dean and his wife, Eileen for the fair banquet they gave us.

The results were:

Best gross. P. Pearse. 68; Best nett. P. Simpson. 80-14-66; Over 55s. W. Shipley. 82-11-71; 2, nett C. Ball; 3, nett C. Stanley; 4, nett J. Coar; 5, nett W. Merritt.

Many thanks to the companies who supported us with the prize table. They were: SISIS, Acorn Equipment, Gary Worrall Course Care, Rhône Poulenc Premier Turf, Miracle Grow, Gem, Hayter.

The competition was also a qualifier for the Hayter Regional Final, and the qualifiers are:

0-9. P. Pearse. W. Merritt. J. Berry. Reserve. C. Hulme.
10-18. P. Simpson. C. Ball.

C. Stanley. Reserve. J. Coar.
19-28. A. Holt. N. Berry. A.
Davies. Reserve. J. Fitzgerald.

The regional final to be played
at Abergele & Pensarn July 3.

Finally the Roses Match will be
played at Whitefield GC, on
Wednesday 14 August. A team of
16 will be required so anybody
interested please contact me on
0151 724 5412.

Bert Cross

Northern

Well, it's well into the year and
most courses seem to be strugg-
ling to get any kind of growth in
the right places. But at least every-
body seems to be in the same
boat, so that's not too bad.

With regards to our Spring
Tournament held at Scarborough
South Cliff Golf Club, may I thank
Nick Gray, Managing Director of
Martin Brothers (UK) Ltd, for
their kind sponsorship of the
prizes and Mel Guy who repre-
sented them on the day.

I would like to welcome the fol-
lowing new members to our sec-
tion and look forward to meeting
them at one of our forthcoming
events: Kevin Alderson, Shipley
Northcliffe G.C.; Steven Slator,
Beverley & East Riding G.C.; Ben-
jamin Pearson, Shipley Northcliffe
G.C.; Eric Garlick, Redhall Ser-
vices; Stephen Dwards, Swingtime
GC; Stephen Couzens, Flambor-
ough Head G.C.; Roger Bielby,
Hornsea G.C.; Leslie Bunker, Filey
GC.

Anyone who has any problems
or wishes to put their name down
for any golfing days, please con-
tact me Tel: 01484 519829.

Finally, I am pleased to
announce that Andrea and I were
married in the Caribbean on the
13 May 1996.

Simon Heppenstall

Sheffield

Firstly, good luck to Paul Unwin
who after 21 years at Hallowshire
GC is leaving. He is to run his own
pub in Sheffield called The Hal-
lowshire Hotel which, I am told,

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has nothing to do with the golf
club!

Just a reminder of a couple of
dates – our annual competition on
July 9 at Abbeydale GC and our
autumn competition at Hickleton
GC on September 2.

Finally it is with regret that I
have to report that Tony Wadkins
passed away recently. May I, on
behalf of the Sheffield Section
convey our sympathies to his fam-
ily.

John Lax

North Wales

The Section's Spring tournament
and Hayter qualifier was held on
May 14 at the Bull Bay Golf Club,
Almych, Anglesey. Given that we
have had such a cool start to the
year it was an unusually sunny
day with temperatures into the
high 70s and hardly a cloud in the
sky, at least one member was
sighted wearing regulation shorts
and I for one was suffering from
sunburn the following day. Eighty
five members and guests took part
in the competition and for those
members who did not play, you
missed a real treat. We have quite
a few thank yous to say for what
was a wonderful and most pleas-
ant day out. Firstly to Bull Bay
Golf Club, which at short notice
provided us not only with cour-
tesy of the course for the day but
also with a splendid venue and a
good challenge of golf, also to the
caterer and his staff who provided
a beautifully prepared and pre-
sented meal and not forgetting
the splendid job done by the bar
staff in Re-hydrating us on such a
hot day. Our thanks must also go
to Andy Peel and his staff for pre-
senting the course in such fine
condition, especially the firm, fast

and true greens. Last but by no
means least our thanks must go to
our sponsors for the day who pro-
vided all the prizes:- Hayter, Acorn
Equipment, Gem Professional,
Grosvenor Nurseries, John Osman
Machinery, Ki-Chem, Major Owen,
Martin Brothers, Mommersteeg
International, Richard Campey,
Rigby Taylor and Walker Engi-
neering.

The results of the competitions
were as follows:

The best scratch score was
achieved by R Cowell 68 – 5 – 63
a little bit of local knowledge
might have had something to do
with this, he is Captain of Bull
Bay. Very well done.

The following qualify to repre-
sent the section in the next round
of the Hayter Competition.

Cat 1 Pat Valentine 76-6-70.
Darryl Davies 81-6-75. Ian Buck-
ley 83-7-76.

Cat 2. Craig Wheeler 83-15-68.
Steve McCabe 90-17-73. Andrew
Jervis 89-16-73.

Cat 3. John L. Jones 93-22-71.
Don Rowland 96-24-72. Stuart
McCall 96-24-72.

We are pleased to welcome two
new trade sponsors for the sec-
tion: Aitken Sportsturf (Nigel
Prestwick) and Strike Top Turf
(David Robertson).

Our Chairman Brian Anderson
wishes to thank our Section Presi-
dent Terry Adamson and Vice
President Phil Davies for the effort
and hard work that they have
given to the section over the years
and especially in the last few
months, it is only with support
like theirs that we have such a
active and successful section.
Brian also wishes to thank Andy
Campbell for his support and ser-
vice. Andy resigned as Section
Secretary in May and has trans-
ferred to the North West section.
It has been decided that all future
section competitions will have
properly organised starting times.
This will entail a bit more work
for our Match Secretary (MS)
Terry Evans. Entry forms will
require you to indicate at what

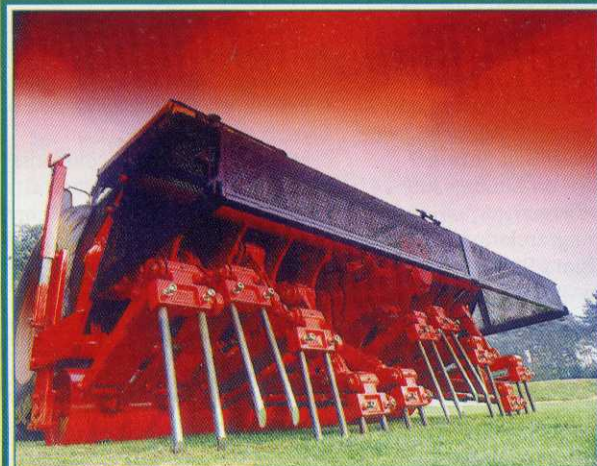
time you would wish to start your
game and will need one person to
act as the contact for the MS to
advise you of your allocated start-
ing times. To make life easier for
the MS entry forms will also
require you to indicate for each
entrant whether they are guest or
member. Completed entry forms
will of necessity have to be
returned to the MS approx. one
month prior to the competitions.
Please remember that first come
will be first served and the earlier
you return your entry forms the
more likely you are of teeing off
when you want to. It should also
be noted that as we are granted
courtesy of the host golf clubs our
guests are expected to be golf club
related ie. Captains, Vice Captains,
Secretaries, Green Chairman etc.
Our Match Secretary, Terry Evans
would like the winner of the '95
Christmas Cup at Prestatyn and
the cup winner of the Autumn 95
Chirk competition to contact him
on 01352-720692 as soon as pos-
sible.

With over 130 members in our
section I am sure there must be
some news out there or someone
with an idea for a new activity or
event. Remember that this is your
magazine and if you have any-
thing that may be of interest to
the rest of your colleagues please
feel free to phone me on 0151-
336-6675 or write to me at 11
Ashtree Close, Little Neston,
South Wirral, L64 9QS.
Trevor Johnston

Cleveland

Our Spring Tournament was held
for the first time at the new course
at Ramside Hall Hotel golf com-
plex, Durham City. This magnifi-
cent 27 hole centre is now fully
open to all.

Our congratulations must go to
the owner Mike Adamson, for the
wonderful layout and to Roger
Shaw, Course Manager and staff
for the fine fescue greens and fair-
ways and the tee mix of Bent
grasses. The condition of all was
superb.



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Results: Cat 0-9. 1. M. Hodgson. Overall winner 41 pts. 2. G. Border, 3. D. Crocher; Cat. 10-18. 1. H. Stevenson, 2. A. Reed, 3. R. Lawton; Cat 19-28. 1. T. Cheeseborough, 2. I. Pemberton, 3. D. Joby. Best Nett on Par 3. 1. Pemberton. Best Visitor. J. Pemberton.

Thanks to sponsors Course Care and the other trader suppliers who gave prizes, Rigby Taylor, Aitkens, Skeens and Norman Sneddon.

Thanks to Norman Sheddon for the card marking. It's great to have Norman with us since retiring last year. Thanks Norman.

Welcome to new member Tommy Pickles, Course Manager at Seaham Harbour GC, Co Durham.

News of some of our members is that Phil Walshaw, Head Greenkeeper at Salbrun has pulled a back muscle while Chris Fiddell broke his leg in a motor bike accident. He is slowly improving and we wish them both well. Graham Scott is helping Bob Lawton at Billingham while Chris is off.

Bruce Burnell

Midland Midland

Here are the results of the first golf tournament of 1996. Apologies for the lateness due to me missing the magazine deadline. 1. D. Fellows 68; 2. J. Wood 70; 3. M. Cutler 70; 4. P. Holtman 72; 5. A. Roberts 72; 6. J. Palmer; 7. M. Bryant 73; 8. J. Randall 74; 9. S. Mucklow 74; 10. M. Hughes 74 (All scores nett). Nearest the Pin. D. Fellows; Longest Drive M. Hughes - just beat R. Thomas by the thickness of a tee peg.

J. Brown, who was playing in his first tournament, scored a nett 71 but could not collect a prize as he had forgotten his handicap certificate. Under the Association rules, all players must play in two tournaments before they can receive a prize unless an EGU handicap certificate can be produced. There were four new members playing for the first time - it is good to

hear to new members joining in.

After the tournament there was a handicap review. D. Fellows 11 to 10. As this was for the Hayter Challenge may I remind all players who qualified that the final is on July 16, 1996.

The committee would like to thank all the following companies and their representatives for their support. Firstly, E. Breakwell for being the major prize sponsor and all the other Trade Associates for their raffle prizes. TACIT for sponsoring the Nearest the Pin and Longest Drive. New scoreboards were used on the day, supplied by Bathgate Silica Sands and we thank Mr GM Wood Managing Director for these.

We thank all the staff at South Staffordshire GC for all their help and support and I'm told a good afternoon was had by all concerned. Ken Richardson attended on behalf of HQ.

New members to welcome this month are as follows - James Mannion, Richard Swingle, David Marsh and Richard Jones.

Kim Blake

East of England

Firstly my apologies for the last two months. The reports were not received by Scott so our first Golf Day is a bit short of results and news from the region.

Our first Golf Event of the year was held at Ramsey GC and sponsored by Peterborough Garden Machinery. A poor turn out for our section but all who played had a enjoyable sunny days golf. Thanks to Phil Belton and staff for presenting the course and a good test of golf.

1. Andrew Brown 35pts, 2. Graeme Macdonald 34pts.

The top five placings this year will receive points which will go towards an Order of Merit and the overall winner will receive a BIGGA Blazer.

Our day out in May was played at Market Rasen. This course must be the hidden jewel of the East of England, because it offers all you

can want of a golf course.

A tough test of golf, breath taking holes, tree lined fairways and in excellent condition, pleasant clubhouse and staff and excellent catering. The day was sponsored by Rigby Taylors and Hayters, with prizes donated also from Aitkens, Fieldcare and Purdys. The Rigby Taylor Trophy and decanter went to Richard Smith, Immingham GC, 78 - 12- 66. 2. George Mackay, Lanceby GC, 84 - 17 - 67 who took the Whisky tumblers, 3. Graeme Macdonald, Ryston Park GC, 77 - 5 - 72, who received Brandy glasses. 4. James Dair, Oundle GC, 74 - 1 - 73 took the wine glasses. Nearest the pin on the 18th was won by Les Purdy, who played the last shot of the day and was the only person to hit the green. Rigby Taylor rep, Stuart Jeffs, certainly did not lose any business caddying for John Scothey because his mobile must have gone off 20 times which John said affected my putting (his excuse).

The Hayter qualifiers from Market Rasen to represent EoE at Peterborough Milton in the regional final are as follows

Cat 0-9. G A Macdonald, Ryston Park, James Dair, Oundle, Michael Wood, Thorpe Wood, Richard Owen, Boston West.

Cat 10-18. Richard Smith, Immingham, George Mackay, Lanceby, Kevin Hodges, Northshore, Alan Buckley, Newark
Cat 19-28. G Taylor, Market Rasen, G Ogden, Stoke Rochford, F Cobb, Newark, J Hewson, Market Rasen.

A welcome to new members Leigh Siddon and Jonathan Deavin. The next event is at Newark GC on the 26th June sponsored by Purdys, Hayter Regional Final July 16, Peterborough Milton.

Graeme MacDonald

Bucks, Berks and Oxon

The second golfing event of the season takes place at Henley GC on Monday July 15. If you haven't

entered by now then I'm afraid it is too late because numbers are restricted.

The following day is the Hayter Regional final at Peterborough Milton. I feel pretty confident that the 12 representatives of the B, B&O will do us proud (they can't do any worse than we did last year). Good luck to the Section lads.

Congratulations to Martin Jones and staff for a successful Benson and Hedges tournament. for the benefit of all members local greenkeepers helped with the bunker raking throughout the week. It's probably the only time in my life that I've enjoyed raking bunkers. Mind you I don't envy the guys doing them daily!

If you cast your memory back some months I mentioned the introduction of a newsletter (what newsletter I hear you say) Well hopefully after a few hiccups you have received it now. Hopefully you have some feedback with regards to this venture both positive and negative.

See you all at Henley on the 15th.

Lindsay T. Anderson

South East Kent

On June 9 the Hayter Regional Qualifier was held at Benton Hall GC in Essex. On a very hot day conditions were very tricky with the ball bouncing everywhere often into the few small ponds hidden around the course.

The Kent Section was well represented and out of the nine qualifiers on the day we supplied four.

The lucky ones are: Cat 1. 2. H. Morgan 3. N. Gillham; Cat 2. 2. R. Malt; Cat 3. 2. B. Abbott.

I would like to thank the Kent players who filled in as reserves at short notice unlike some Section players who failed to turn up at all. On behalf of the players I would like to thank Benton Hall for a super day and for making us very welcome and to Hayter for their continued support with this

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St. Andrews Links Golf Course supervisor*

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tournament.

Details for the next competition at Wilderness will be sent out soon with start times.

I would also like to with John Roots a speedy recovery from his car accident recently. Get well soon John.

Watch this space for further information.
Huw Morgan

Surrey

The Spring Tournament this year had a very good turn out with 51 Surrey members entering. The event was played at Foxhills GC over the Longcrosbie course. Thanks firstly must go to Foxhills for accommodating us in such great numbers and to Neville Shade, the Course Manager, and his staff for turning the course out in such great shape. Also a big thank you to Hayters for their sponsorship and all the rest of the trade's generosity. Results:

Cat 0-9. 1. D. Langheim, 2. D. Murdoch, 3. T. Ingram, 4. A. Freeman; Cat 10-18. 1. D. Jones, 2. G. Pitfield, 3. B. Eyre, 4. G. Kyle; Cat 19-28. 1. E. Stiles, 2. J. Lockyer, 3. J. Roberts, 4. M. Bellarmy. Longest Drive C. MacMillan.

The turnout for this event was outstanding and most encouraging for our Section. I hope those of you who had not played in our Section events before had a most enjoyable day and will be in attendance at future events. Thanks for everybody's support. Keep it up! It makes our job on committee more worthwhile.

There's a cause for congratulations on several items of news.

Firstly to Kevin Day and his family of Woking GC upon the birth of a son, Fraser. Well done! Hope all are well. Also to Mark Bellarmy of the Drift on his marriage to Deborah on May 25. Further congratulations to Puttenham GC's, Tim Watts, who is at present the club's First Assistant. Tim has completed 27 years with Puttenham and at the youthful age of 42 we consider this to be quite a feat.

Forthcoming events include the MacMillan Tankard on Aug 7 and also the Parker Salver on September 12 and the Autumn Tournament on October 3. Entry forms for these events should soon be dispatched if they haven't been already.

David Gibbs

South West and South Wales Region

We had a great day for our Hayter Regional Final at Salisbury & South Wilts GC on June 12. Everything was perfect and our thanks to the golf club and all the staff for making us feel so welcome.

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A brilliant sunny day with a course in superb condition – we couldn't ask for more...but we got it in the form on excellent food. Everyone recommends the treatle bread and butter pudding.

Results and our Hayter Team for Fairhaven on September 18.

The Section Shield was won by The South West with a score of 924 while the three category mugs are C. Tozer, B. Jones and J. Breyley.

(All scores nett) Cat. 0-9. 1. N. Pring, 69, 2. C. Rawlings, 71, G. Payne, 72. Reserve. B. Emberley.

Cat 10-18. 1. A. Knight, 73, 2. W. Potter, 74, 3. P. Wentworth, 75. Reserve, D. Jenkins.

Cat 19-28. 1. A. Crichton, 72, 2. J. Barr, 73, 3. A. Archer, 75. Reserve, A. James.
Marion Child

South West

Despite a later date for this year's Westurf, again held at Long Ashton Golf Club, we were once again subjected to some poor weather with heavy rain greeting visitors to the show. This year's events had many new ideas with a redesigned show ground having a central demonstration area, a public address system to publicise demonstrations and products and a major draw prize. There was also a question and answer forum organised by the region with the Association's Executive Director, Chairman, Editor and Membership Officer in attendance. Despite the publicity for this last item it was disappointing to see so few people attending what could have provided some interesting discussion. Improved afternoon weather helped in the success of the day with thanks as ever to Gordon and Marion Child for their organisation and to everybody in the section who helped in the event's setting up, running on the day and clearing up afterwards.

The annual Greenkeeper/Amateur Tournament was this year held at Erlestoke Sands GC. This enjoyable competition is always well supported with this years being no exception as over 50 people played on the day. Don Southey and his staff worked extremely hard to have the course in excellent condition despite the slowness of the growing season. The course itself provided a good test of golf with most of us returning average

scores. However one or two pairs did come in with the now familiar rugby score! Thanks go to Secretary Mike Pugsley and Erlestoke Sands for allowing us and our guests course courtesy, to Trevor and Pauline Head for an excellent buffet meal and once again to Don and his staff for the time spent preparing the course.

The results are as follows:-1. Jason Cooper (Saltford) and Paul Evans 48 points (back 9); 2. Robin Greaves (Thornbury) and Tim Greaves 48 points; 3. Chris Sealey (Chippenham) and Doug Maddison 45 points (back 9); 4. Anthony Knight (Kingsdown) and Robert Pyaz 45 points; 5. Gary Cook (Enmore Park) and Kevin Budd 43 points.

This year's match against the secretaries will be held on the July 30 at Holsworthy GC. Team Captain Terry Humphery may well have been in contact with you for selection by the time you read this report.

Another reminder that Supervisory and Management Courses are being run by Headquarters between October 7 and November 8. Contact Ken Richardson at Headquarters for more details.

Finally I look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Tournament at Mendip GC on July 25.
Kevin Green

Devon and Cornwall

I start my report this month by wishing Don Hunt of Roffeys a speedy recovery from his sudden illness, Don's commitment to our section has been second to none, we all look forward to seeing Don at our meetings in the very near future.

Congratulations to Michael Bosley of St Enodoc who has been nominated by Cannington College to represent them in this year's Toro/PGA European Tour Student Greenkeeper of the Year. Good luck Michael.

The summer meeting programme is now well under way, unfortunately I was unable to attend the first meeting held recently at Yelverton Golf Club. Our organiser for these meetings Steve Evans reported that the meeting went well. Our thanks to Head Greenkeeper Steve Peters and Yelverton G.C for allowing us use of their facilities. Our next meeting will be held at Woodbury Park Golf & Country Club on Wednesday 17 July, the agenda will be as usual, arrive and meet in the car park at 6.15pm prompt, course walk with host Course Manager Jeff Mills returning to the Clubhouse at approximately 8pm for a bite to eat. If you would like to attend please call Steve Evans on 01208

863647 by Wednesday 10 July.
Richard Whyman

South Coast

Our Summer Golf Meeting will be held at Stoneham Golf Club on Wednesday August 14 1996. The Competition will consist of an 18 Hole Four Ball Better Ball.

Members may bring a guest from their Golf Club or a Greenkeeper Colleague from another Club. The cost of the day will be £11.50 each. All Cheques to be made payable to BIGGA South Coast Section and forwarded along with entry forms stating current handicap to: Mark Webb, 12 Lime Road, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 9LD, Telephone 01962 733061. The closing date for entries is Monday 5 August.

Once again I must ask all the Trophy holders to make sure the Trophies are on the prize table at the end of the Competition.

Westurf has been and gone again. The re-vamping of the show seemed to have met with every one's approval whom I spoke to. Personally I thought it made a big improvement to the show. The Demonstration Area in the Centre was a great success. A number of the Members of the Trade took full advantage of this facility and this allowed demonstrations of their machinery.

We must not forget Gordon and Marion who do so much for Westurf and all the other regional events. Without them these events would just not happen. So thank you both.

It is very sad that I have to finish on a low note as regards to Westurf. "South Coast Section where were you?" You were very conspicuous by your absence. Walking around the show I could count the numbers of you on my hand, Westurf is the main support of our region and we should support it a lot more than we do. Incidentally I do not consider the weather as a reason for not attending. For those few who do make the effort I thank you for your support.
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