

Around the Green

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

SCOTTISH REGION

West of Scotland

Summer over and everybody should be hard at work starting renovation work. What a summer if it can be called that – been and gone in a flash. Let's hope winter is kind to us.

Apologies to Peter Cowan for omitting you in last month's issue with regard to your new appointment at Clydebank and District, as First Assistant. Congratulations and I hope you settle in well and encourage them to come along to West events.

I hope everybody has returned their questionnaire forms full of ideas. It will be interesting to find out what sort of response has been forthcoming.

Remember to return your entries for the autumn outing at Balmore. It is sure to be popular.

Last but not least best wishes to Brian Inglis of Souters on account of taking the plunge. His new wife Kathleen must have a big heart taking on such a challenge. No more golf for Brian. Apparently they had a beautiful honeymoon in St Lucia which means he'll be chasing orders when he next sees you folks. Only kidding. May you have many happy years together.

S Taylor

East

Welcome to this month's report. First of all by the time you read this we shall have had had the Willie Woods Memorial Tournament at Seahouses GC on August 22. So I hope that everyone and his partner, whether it be Captain, Secretary, Greens Convener or any other committee member had a very enjoyable time. Results and report in next month's magazine and perhaps even a photograph or two.

On the subject of photographs if anybody has any photos that may be of interest send them to me and we will see if we can get them into the magazine.

People on the move include one of my former assistants Craig Pennyquick who has moved to Winterfield GC, Dunbar as Head Greenkeeper. Congratulations and all the best for the future in your new job. Craig moved to Dunbar from Duddingston GC in Edinburgh where he was assistant greenkeeper. So now I will wait for an invite to play his course at Winterfield.

I must apologise for the next one. This slipped through and should have been in the column a couple of months ago. So belated congratulations to Scott Ramsay, who has become Head Greenkeeper at Harburn GC, where he has taken over from Bob Smith who retired in April. All the best in your new job Scott and best wishes from the Section to both of you.

Up and coming events. We have arranged a skittles night at the Right Wing on Willowbrae Rd, Edinburgh on Friday October 25 from 7.30pm until 11.30pm. As well as skittles there is a basket supper included in the price of £5 per person. So if you want a good night out and good company get our entries in as soon as possible with numbers – call Andy Forrest 0131 339 1315 or Steve Dixon 0131 660 3965 or Chris Yeaman 01875 870485 to book one of this winter's social nights.

We have arranged a shopping trip again for the Christmas Shopping (Already it's only September) (Exactly, and a yellow card from the Editor for being the first person to mention the "C" word) to the Metro Centre in Gateshead by coach with various pickup points in and around Edinburgh. The price will be £8 per person and the bus will be leaving Edinburgh on the morning and returning at night. The date for this is Sunday November 24. It's a great opportunity to get your Christmas shopping done and we hope to see a big turnout and support for your section.

Coming up in next month's report are the results and comments and possibly a few photos from the Autumn Tournament at Murrayfield GC which is celebrating its centenary this year.

Next month we will also have the list of winners of the Patron's Prize for 1996 – look out as you could be one of the lucky ones as there are four chances available.

Also dance tickets are going fast with just over a quarter gone already as I write. The venue once again is Kilsplindie House Hotel, Aberlady, Saturday December 7 at a cost of £18 per person and £20 B&B per person. Hurry they're going fast.

That's it all folks. Don't forget to support all your section's activities not just the golf! Social events as well because it is after all your section.

Also if you have anything of

interest let me know or you would like to write an article give me a call – you pick the topic – and send it to me and we'll make every effort to get it into print.

Chris Yeaman

North

This month we return to Grantown-on-Spey to stage our Autumn outing, unfortunately, rained off last year. As usual there should be a good turnout to play this lovely course. At the outing we will draw the next four winning numbers in the 200 Club, so if anyone still has not paid for their ticket, please do so quickly. This is the Section's only fund raiser and all tickets need to be sold to help the Section thrive. Anyone wanting to buy a ticket should phone Gordon McKie on 01334 653995 before September 11, the day of the outing.

Once again, I will mention the second Section Dinner/Disco (I am not trying to fill space honest!). The venue this year is the New Inn Hotel, Ellon, the date Friday, November 29 and it will cost £12.50 per person with a double room available at the hotel for £33.00 bed and breakfast. Telephone Hughie McLatchie on 01779 470173 to book your tickets. Family and friends are welcome to come.

The Open Championship at Royal Lytham was a great success again. My only complaint was the heating being on in the hotel bedroom all week, with outside temperatures in the high 70s and 80s, although it gave us the perfect excuse to stay up all night as it was cooler outside. I won't name the people who took it a bit far and had an early morning dip in the sea! It was great meeting up with all my old friends again and making new ones. A special thank you to Paul Murphy for getting me to my train in Preston with a couple of minutes to spare after I misread my ticket and missed the train at Blackpool! We had BIGGA members from Sweden, USA, Vietnam and all over Britain in the team to make it a really cosmopolitan group. Any of you who visited the STRI tent and had a go at the putting competition might like to know that I won the prize for Friday, the new edition of the "Care of the Golf Course", very nice indeed. Roll on Troon 1997.

Iain Macleod

NORTHERN REGION

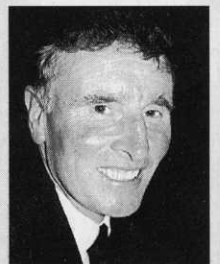
North Wales

Later in the year our section will again be organising first aid courses. There will be a two day refresher course at £40 for those people who are already certificated and wish to keep their certificate valid. A four day certificated course at £80 and a one day Emergency First Aid course which should cost less than £25. I believe that as we work in an environment that involves both hazardous machinery and quiet isolation on the golf course it is in our own and our clubs' interest that we should each have at least the basic emergency first aid knowledge. An application form for the above First Aid courses will be posted along with the entry forms for our autumn competition which I can confirm will take place on October 16 at Chester Golf Club.

Our records of past prize winners seem to be a little bit lacking and I would ask anyone who knows the whereabouts of the Richard Campey Trophy, which was won in April 1995 at Abergele, to please contact me.

Our Chairman, Brian Anderson, and our Treasurer, Dave Proctor, will both be standing down from committee at the end of this year. So, if you can spare four or five evenings per year and you wish to take a more active role in your association, please contact me or any of the following committee members that you might know personally: Brian Anderson (Abergele), Dave Proctor (Storws Wen), Stuart McCall (Chester), Justin Cheung (Eaton), Terry Adamson (Gem), Phil Davies (Mommersteeg), Terry Evans (Nine of Clubs), Neil Toner (Wirral Ladies) or Dave Goodridge (Denbigh).

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abroad, Bermuda"

Elliott Small, Kincardine GC

Our congratulations go to Andy and Sarah Peel on the birth of their second son on July 19.

The Welsh College of Horticulture advise us that three students have achieved their NVQ4 and they are almost certainly the first in Wales to do this. They are Robert Wilkinson of Bargoed Golf Club, Matthew Horton of Buihth Wells Golf Club and our own Alan Cefn of Carden Park. Awards day in July at the College saw various trade prizes being awarded for meritorious achievements. The Gem Professional prize went to Cefn Owen of Conwy, the Hortiplay prize to Alwyn Jones of Bull Bay, the Rufford prize went to Tudor Owen of Lanidloes and the Mommersteeg prize was won by Carl Price of Northop Golf Club.

I am sure as a section we would like to wish Ray Cotgreave of Bromborough every success in the forthcoming Toro/PGA Student Greenkeeper of the year award.

Please ring me on 0151 336 6675 if you have anything that may be of interest to your fellow greenkeepers.

Trevor Johnston

Northern

The Open at Royal Lytham & St Annes is over and all the lads on the support team had a great time, me included. It is nice to meet up with "boys" from all over the British Isles and even a couple from Augusta.

The vacant sponsorship place for our invitation day at Bingley St Ives on September 4 this year has been kindly taken over by the Ritefeed liquid fertiliser company. This position being vacant due to Yorkshire Mowers going into liquidation.

May I take this opportunity in welcoming the following new members to our section: John Edmund, Cottingham Golf Club; John Crowhurst, Howley Hall Golf Club; Christopher Peel, ADAS (Associate member).

A couple of dates for your diary: Christmas golf at Selby Golf Club on December 11 and Annual Dinner Dance at Wetherby Golf Club on March 15, 1997.

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Finally, anyone wishing to purchase a caravan please contact Dennis Cockburn. But be sure to check out the stability of the bed before purchasing!

Simon Heppenstall

North West

I have just returned from The Open at Lytham as part of the greenkeeper support team and once again met many old friends and some new ones. It was interesting to see again some international representatives from Sweden, Thailand and the USA. The two greenkeepers from the States work at Augusta and although Lytham and Augusta are as different as chalk and cheese, they were very impressed with the condition and the design of a true links course. I would like to congratulate Jim MacDonald and his staff on the fine condition of the course. To produce a course to the standard that Lytham is, takes many hours of hard work and dedication and Jim and his staff fit the bill perfectly and are a credit to our profession.

A funny thing happened while out divoting after the second day's play which just shows how gullible people can be. I happened to comment while removing a large divot, "This must be one of Woosnam's" and five or six passing spectators stopped to gaze at the divot. Alec Davies quickly responded that the divot he had removed was one of "Seve's" and another one was one of "Daly's". We soon finished up with a crowd around us, asking for the divots to take home. I feel sure that had we set up a stall and labelled the divots we could have been in business.

Now back to reality, and a reminder to get your entry for the

Autumn Tournament at Wilpshire Golf Club. The details are in the August section notes.

Not often do I receive any news from section members but John Nicholson, Head Greenkeeper at Longridge Golf Club, passed me a letter which I think is well worth a mention. On June 22 at Longridge Golf club after the President's prize presentation, the Club presented John with a silver tray, decanter and glasses. John gratefully accepted the gift and in thanking them decided to enlighten them on what is a greenkeeper. To some he is, "The guy who cuts grass in the summer and plays cards in the winter, fails to cut the grass where the ball has landed, puts the hole in bad places and alters things when they have just got it right." However, a greenkeeper is, "A machine Operator, Mechanic, Botanist, Weather Forecaster, Architect, Constructor, Gardener, Ecologist, Irrigation Engineer, Manager and above all a Diplomat." John once again thanked the club for their gift and left them with a parting thought that the greenkeeper is also their friend (I think John might be right).

I would like to finish by thanking the Northern Region and particularly Ian Holoran and Bob Lupton for the donation of £75 which was raised by two raffles and will be used to help the children at KASISI orphanage in Zambia to purchase much needed medical supplies. Any queries, please ring on 0151 724 5412.

Bert Cross

Cleveland

Bill Rank, Head Greenkeeper at Thirsk and Northallerton Golf Club is moving fairways and rough on a new 9 hole extension. Turf will be laid this autumn on greens and tees which will be open in spring 1997 for play.

The new course at High Throston, Hartlepool will open the first 9 holes in September, Farmer Owner, Fred Sturrock told me.

Wynyard is now open which is near Billingham on the A689 road.

Our Autumn Tournament to be held here. See newsletter from Gary Munro.

Nick Bissett at Askham Bryan has been promoted to Head of Horticulture. Stephen Prinn is the new head of Greenkeeper Training. Now is the time to enrol for college courses. Work based assessors are helping colleges. Verification is becoming more time consuming. Further work needs to be done here. Liaison committee is useful in taking feedback to the College from industry in order to meet the requirements.

Graham Scott has moved from Billingham Golf Club to a course north of Inverness. Colin Graham is now with D & E Stephenson, local Toro Dealers.

Bruce Burnell

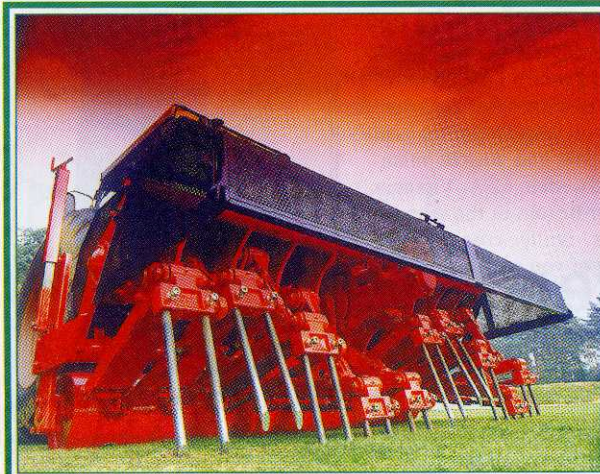
Sheffield

On July 3 the Northern Region Final of the Hayter Competition was held at Abergele and Pensarn Golf Club in North Wales. This was attended by seven of our section members.

It was a good day of very different weather conditions. It started with heavy rain and strong winds and finished the day with glorious sunshine.

Congratulations go to three of our members who qualified for the Final. They were Allen Allsop, 2nd in 10-18 division, Colin Hopper, 3rd in 10-18 division and Paul Neve 2nd in 19-28 division. Well done to you all and good luck for the Hayter Final at Fairhaven Golf Club in September.

The following week we held our annual competition at Abbeydale Golf Club on July 9. The course was in very good condition and our thanks go to John and his staff. We would also thank Abbeydale Golf Club for the courtesy of their course and to the Steward and his staff for an excellent meal and thanks to all the trade members who provided the prizes for the competition. Congratulations go to all the prize winners. Well done to Paul Neve who continued his good golf of the previous week and won the overall 27 hole competition. Paul also won the



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9 hole competition in the morning and well done to Steve Currie who won the scratch competition: 1. P. Neve, 2. S. Currie, 3. M. Coltas, 4. R. Needham, 5. R. Browning, 6. R. Ward. The nearest the pin competition was won by Allan Allsop. The prize presentation was a bit disappointing for Paul and Steve as the trophies were not there to be presented as last year's winners had not managed to return the trophies on time.

A date has been fixed for our Christmas competition. It will be held on November 27 at Wortley Golf Club.

It is with regret that I have to report that Cyril Chappell has died. Cyril spent nearly all his life in greenkeeping and was Head Greenkeeper at Phoenix Golf Club for 30 years. He retired from greenkeeping 10 years ago and enjoyed his retirement very much. May I, on behalf of the Sheffield Section, convey our sympathies to his family.

Finally, a message to our Chairman - keep practising your darts Neil!

John Lax

MIDLAND REGION East Midlands

This year's Hayter Challenge Tournament Regional Final was held on July 16 at Peterborough Milton Golf Club. Unfortunately, we could not make it a hat trick of wins, narrowly missing out to the Midland Section. Congratulations should go to Dave Leatherland, Kedleston Park, and Steven Heap, Rothley Park, on qualifying for the National Final to be held at Fairhaven Golf Club. Thanks should go to Peterborough Milton for courtesy of their course and once again a special thank you to everyone from Hayter.

I was sorry to hear of the recent illness of John Stonebridge of Glen Gorse. On behalf of all the section members I would like to wish John a speedy recovery.

Congratulations go again to Richard Barker on winning himself a trip to America in a prize draw.

Finally, good luck to all members

in this year's Autumn Tournament, held at Ramsdale Park Golf Club on September 12. Our next section event will be held at Hinckley Golf Club on November 6, this being the AGM.

Antony Bindley

Bucks, Berks and Oxon

I can't believe we are approaching the end of yet another season. When it gets to autumn I start to wish I was back working on a links course. No need for a leaf sweeper there.

Never mind we will have them all cleared up by January.

The last golf day was back in July, and what a day it was - an absolute scorcher. The venue was Henley, a delight to play any time of the year. The field was a small one but this did not prevent those taking part from having an enjoyable day. There were a couple of surprises in that two new members picked up the main prizes (how dare they. I've been trying for years). 1. Phil Cushnie, 37pts; 2. Tony Brown, 36pts, 3. Adrian Cooper, 34pts (on count-back from myself). Nearest the Pin, Home Boy Richard Fletcher with some help from his partner Bernie; Longest Drive, Dennis Edwards - there was talk of him having to submit a sample for a drugs test but saying he only scored seven points overall we thought better of it.

Many thanks to Henley GC for their hospitality on the day. The course was superb and food delicious. Thanks to Tim Webb, Tacit; Bernie Wall, Gem; and Johnny Beck, Miracle. Johnny provided refreshments at the halfway house which was very welcome. It's a shame he couldn't have followed me around (maybe next time).

Congratulations to our very own Ray Clark, Chairman, for flying the flag at the Hayter final. He came first in category two. Thanks to all who supported this event from our section.

The next event is the invitation at Studley Wood on October 7. If anyone is not receiving their entry

forms. Please phone me on 01491 578147.

Lindsay T. Anderson

SOUTH WEST AND SOUTH WALES

South Coast

Our autumn golf meeting will be held at Brockenhurst Manor Golf Club on Thursday, October 10. The competition will consist of 36 holes.

The cost for the day will be £15. 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, Hants, SO24 9LD. Tel: 01962 733061. The closing date for entries is Monday, 2 September 2.

Once again, please make sure that last year's winners return their trophies and make sure they are on the prize table at the end of the day.

By the time this report gets in the magazine you should have received all the details for the regional seminar at Cannington College. It would be nice to see a few more faces from our section there this time. Transport can be arranged. All you have to do is contact me on 01329 282362. By the way, on the Section Programme Fixture Card, it reads November 29. This should read Wednesday, November 27. More details next month.

As I said last month I would give you a list of the assessors we now have in our section, they are as follows: Alan Mitchell, Hampshire Golf Club; Jeff Drake, Hampshire Golf Club; Ed McCabe, Brockenhurst Manor Golf Club; Mark Webb, Alresford Golf Club; Adrian Archer, Broadstone Golf Club; Trevor Smith, Canford Magna Golf Club; Matt Maryon, Canford Magna Golf Club.

As you can see, the whole of the section is well covered. The only weak area being West Dorset. Anyone who wishes to be assessed for their NVQs may contact any of the above. I am sure they will be only too pleased to give you all the information you require.

Our annual match against the

South West Section this year will be held at Wells Golf Club on Wednesday, October 2. All those wishing to play, forward your names to Mark. At the present time the South Coast Section hold the trophy.

BTME will soon be with us again. The region will be running a coach the same as last year. The only difference is that a larger coach has been booked. This is due to ever increasing demand. A coach will also run from the Section to meet up with the main coach. I strongly advise you to book early so that you are not disappointed. Initial enquiries to our Secretary, Jeff Drake (Tel: 01722 330277).

Finally, if anyone would like any news item included in the magazine, give me a ring. It could be births, retirement, marriage, pastures new or any other interesting topic.

Ken Lodge

■ At Writtle College on Tuesday, September 24, two lectures will be given. Starting time 7.30pm in the main building, room L60. Contact Andy Sheehan (Tel: 01277 215765) for further information.

Martin Forrester

South West

As with last year's Summer Tournament at Long Ashton, the weather played a large part in this year's event held at Mendip Golf Club on July 25. Although perhaps not as humid as last year, the temperatures were certainly in the high 70's which led to some thirsty souls at the 19th and in most cases some high scoring as was with last year some 9s and 10s on the cards being common place. The course itself was playing very short due to the prolonged dry spell and fairway accuracy was demanded on a course with some tight holes. Head Greenkeeper, Richard Flower, however, had the course in excellent condition with the speed of the greens causing problems for a high percentage of the field.

Forty people played in what was a very successful day for two first prizes, these being for the best

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COURSES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Head Greenkeeper's score and the best Assistant's score. Michael Fawcett from Marlborough Golf Club won the event outright and the Best Assistant's trophy with a nett 71 on the back 9. Ivor Scoones, Long Ashton Golf Club, had the Best Head Greenkeeper's score with a nett 74; 2nd Steve Panting, Henbury, nett 71; 3rd Adam Turner, Woodbury Park, nett 74; 4th Simon Shipley, Henbury, nett 75 (back 9); 5th Duncan Smith, Cotswold Hills, nett 76. There was also a prize for the best guest, that being Club Captain, Tony Taylor, with a nett 73.

Thanks are given to Mendip Golf Club, and Secretary Jackie Howe, for their hospitality and granting of course courtesy and to Club Captain, Tony Taylor, for finding time in his busy year to participate in the day's events. Thanks once again to Richard Flower and staff for course presentation and to the Steward and Stewardess for feeding us so well.

Trade members donated several prizes for the prize table, these being Avoncrop, B S Mowers, T H Whites and Miracle Professional and thanks are given for your continued support of the Section.

This year's AGM takes place on Thursday, November 14 at Bristol and Clifton Golf Club and anything that you feel requires discussion at that meeting should be put in writing and returned to myself by the end of September for discussion by the Section Committee prior to the day. Another reminder that if you wish to take on the responsibility of the Secretary's position from myself at the AGM then please contact me immediately.

Finally, we wish competitors from the South West Section taking part in the Hayter Final at Fairhaven on September 18 the best of luck.
Kevin Green

Devon and Cornwall

Woodbury Park Golf & Country Club was the venue for our summer meeting on Wednesday, July 17 which saw 30 members attending. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to work commitments. Our Chairman, Bill Mitchell, reported that the evening went very well and thanks go to Course Manager, Jeff Mills, for guiding members around his impressive course. Our last meeting of the summer programme will be held at St Mellion Golf & Country Club on Wednesday, September 18. The agenda will be as usual with members meeting in the car park at 6.15pm prompt, course walk with host Course Manager, Robert Brewer, returning to the Club house at approximately 8pm for a bite to eat. If you would like to attend, please call Steve Evans on 01208 863647 by Wednesday, September 11.

With summer meetings drawing to a close, thoughts turn to autumn

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and winter programme which start at Dartmouth Golf & Country Club on Wednesday, October 9.

Dartmouth has kindly allowed the section 17 start times which will allow a maximum of 51 members the chance to play their tremendous course. Starting times will run from 7.30am-9.44am. With the early start, I intend to send out starting times the week prior to the meeting as I did last year for St Mellion. The early return of the entry form is suggested to avoid disappointment.

You should have all received your fixture card sponsored by Devon Garden Machinery with our forthcoming events on. If you haven't, please let me know and I will make sure you receive one.

To reduce postage, we have decided to send details of our meetings to one member per club (Course Manager/Head Greenkeeper) as in previous years. If you don't receive details and would like to, please let me know so I can put you on the mailing list.

Finally, a reminder that your local Regional Supervisory Management course will be held at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Exeter on October 23 & 24. For more details, ring Ken Richardson at BIGGA HQ.
Richard Whyman

South Wales

The section's summer competition was held at the Caerphilly Golf Club near Cardiff. The course has recently been extended to a full 18 hole layout but due to the lack of good growing conditions, the new layout has yet to be brought into continuous play. However, the original layout that we had the pleasure of playing proved enough of a challenge (indeed too much for some) and was in excellent condition thanks to the sterling efforts of Head Greenkeeper, Adrian Panks, and staff.

We were blessed with good weather, indeed glorious sunshine all day. This made the going tough, especially up on the top holes high above the clubhouse. The return to the lower holes and the 12th was welcomed by all and saw most people dash to the pro shop to take on board refreshments.

The winner on his home course was A Panks with a nett 71 winning the Birdie Cup and cut glass decanter. 2nd nett was Daryl Bray of Morrision Golf Club winning a carriage clock. Best gross and winner of the President's Shield was Andy Roach with a 78. Winner of the John Duncan Cup was Cradoc's Richard

Patterson.

The sponsor of the day was R S Bird Ltd, "Birds" of Cowbridge, and Managing Director Roger Bird made the presentations along with the Section's President, Colin Murphy. Our sincere thanks to Birds for their continued support, to the Captain of the Caerphilly Golf Club, Mr David Edwards, who joined us for our evening meal and presentations, to Ann Fletcher and her staff for an excellent four course meal and to the Committee of the Caerphilly Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of the course for this annual competition.

The annual match versus the Secretaries is fast approaching and will take place at the Southern Down Golf Club on Wednesday, August 14. Last year we had our best attendance ever and we are again hoping for a team of at least 20. Please make every effort to attend this competitive and enjoyable day.

It is with great sadness that I should inform you of the sudden death of Mollie, beloved wife of Henry Fry. Mollie who, for those who had the privilege of knowing her, was one of life's true characters will be sorely missed.

The winter evening lecture programme and seminar is nearing completion but any requests for subjects or speakers will be considered. Dates will be with you shortly!

Hopefully, by the time the seminar comes round in the spring, the new conference suite presently under construction at Pencoed College will be complete. This will be a tremendous addition to the facilities.
Peter Lacey

SOUTH EAST

Kent

Sorry members but Huw has gone on holiday so you have to put up with me, your secretary, writing the column this month.

The recent greenkeepers golf day held at the Wilderness club proved to be a great success. Many thanks to Huw Morgan and staff for the course thanks also to the club for their efforts for making it a memorable day. Thanks to Parker/Hart for sponsoring this event and to trade members for their support.

Congratulations to the eventual winners Lee Sayers taking first prize on a countback with Trevor Hindmarsh being runner-up. Well done Lee. Best gross H. Morgan, second best gross M. Arthur and winning the trade prize, G. Ogilvie.

Please note any member wishing to play at a golf event must send a cheque with their return form. Thankfully Huw will be back writing next month. Watch this space. Best wishes to all Section members.
Steve Johnstone

Surrey

A brief report this month. Just to say

a big thank you to Epsom GC for allowing us to play the annual England vs Scotland match. Fortunately for me, as England Captain, I was able to see my team return victors with a 4-1 result.

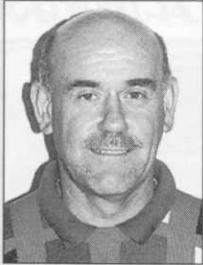
A big thank you also to Dougie Fernie and his team for presenting the golf course to the highest of standards I'm sure Epsom Downs has never looked so good. Its members can be very proud, also thanks to Patisson's, Brian Wilmott, for the refreshment on the way round.

Forthcoming events include the Parker Salver on September 12 at Addington Palace. Also the autumn tournament on October 3 at Effingham GC and the Turkey Trot and AGM on December 3 at Guildford GC. Please make an effort to attend these tournaments. Thank you.
David Gibbs

London

Our first inter club team challenge was held at Dyrham Park Golf & Country Club on July 31. The event was sponsored by Miracle Professional and the challenge trophy was donated by Mr Bernberg, Chairman of Dyrham Park. The course was in excellent condition and the Course Manager, Don Wilson, and his staff must be congratulated for preparing the course. I would also like to thank Don for all his efforts in organising the event. As usual, Dyrham Park must be thanked for their hospitality and I would like to thank the Catering Manager for a superb evening meal and lunch. I would also like to thank the bar staff for their service throughout the day. The winning team with 48 points was Finchley Golf Club and the runners up were Old Fold Manor with 47 points. The nearest the pin was won by David Montgomery from Finchley and the longest drive was won by Ian Semple from Old Fold Manor. I would like to thank the club Captain, Mr Blackstone, for presenting the prizes and Johnny Beck for all his help throughout the day. The event attracted twelve teams and was a great success and next year the event will be held at Hadley Wood Golf Club.
Tony Dunstan

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