

# Around the Green

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

## SCOTTISH REGION

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### North

Just the one new member to report this month, my newly-qualified Assistant Paul Rooney rejoins after one year's absence, welcome back.

We wish Stewart Hogg, of Fortrose, all the best as the Section nominee for the Toro Excellence in Greenkeeping Award. Anyone who has played Fortrose will know what a great job he does there and is a worthy representative for the Section. The Spring outing is there next year.

Good luck to the Scottish Team in this month's Hayter Challenge, we hope you bring back the trophy.

The Section was represented by four members in the Greenkeeping Support Team at Royal Troon for the Open this year, Sam Morrison, Royal Aberdeen; Paul Murphy, Downfield; Caroline Ross, Royal Dornoch, and myself. Everything ran smoothly due to the superb organisation of John Pemberton and all. I was on bus driving duty this year and apologise to anyone who hasn't recovered from one of my journeys. Thankfully I finally missed that kerb at the traffic lights in Troon on the Sunday.

I do not know how I did it but my ugly mug is in the *Golf Monthly* Open profile again this year, between Justin Leonard and Tom Kite. Signed copies may become available soon!

Finally I hope you all are remembering to book your tickets for the Section Dinner/Disco at the Cloverleaf Hotel, Bucksburn, Aberdeen on Saturday November 22 price just £12.50 per person with overnight accommodation just £38 for a twin room with breakfast. With the event on a Saturday this year you could do your Christmas shopping in Aberdeen at the same time.

Iain Macleod

### East

Welcome to this month's article. I hope this great weather is pleasing you all. Since last month we have had our summer tourna-



ment at Harburn GC. Our thanks to the Captain and Council for the courtesy of the course and the facilities. Our thanks to the clubhouse staff for the excellent meals and refreshments and to Scott Ramsey and his staff for the excellent condition of the course, as was the weather on the day. We greenkeepers can arrange most things given time! Also, a big thank you to everyone else who helped during the day.

A special thank you must go to Craig Pennycuik who did the cards regardless of his broken leg – any excuse to sit in the bar all day and drink vast amounts of alcohol and then be driven home! We hope the leg gets better soon Craig. The Tournament this year was a Texas Scramble with teams of three which everyone enjoyed so we will continue this next year. It was good to see some new faces as well as the old diehards. Well done to one of our senior members, George Stavert who was part of the winning team playing with a couple of the Section's big hitters. George doesn't hit it very far these days (sometimes I think he is hitting his putter first!) but it is always straight down the middle of the fairway. Well done again George, see you soon!

The results were:- 1. T. Murray, I Thompson, G. Stavert, 61.6; 2. S. Ramsay, I. Henderson, A. McCleish, 61.6; 3. S. Dixon, C. Irvine, T. Wilson (Captain of Harburn GC), 61.7.

Next on the East Section calendar in September is the Willie Wood's Trophy at Kingsknowe GC. We hope to see a good turnout this year, so speak to your club committee and invite them along to what is a great day out. Entry forms will be out soon so fill them in and return them as soon as possible. No entries will be accepted after the closing date. The Autumn outing is on September 25 at Swanston GC. We hope to see a good turnout for the final major of the season, as it is also the first Hayter Qualifier so see you up there! We are in the process of finalising some winter lectures so hopefully I can notify you of these in the very near future.

I have been asked to mention that some people have been contacted by a company who are selling trees ie pines. They have been told they are from a cancelled order. People have gone ahead and bought these trees and have had a lot of problems with them dying off etc. If you are approached by anyone selling trees in this way think before you buy as it is you who has to answer to your club if problems arise after paying out valuable budget money for these trees.

Sadly one of our older members from the days of SIGGA has passed away in mid-July. Charlie Newlands, a past Chairman of the Association (SIGGA) was also a founder member of the Association of which he was very proud. Charlie was a true character. He could tell more jokes than Frank Carson and it was always great to sit in his company at a golf outing. He was Head Greenkeeper at Newbattle GC for almost 27 years before retirement. He is survived by his wife Janet and two daughters and a son and grandchildren. He will be sadly missed. Our thoughts go out to them all.

Any member who has not received a fixture card – kindly donated by Souter of Stirling (Sportsturf) Limited – please contact Steve Dixon, Secretary, on 0131 443 0235 and he will send you one out.

If anyone has any suggestions on courses for outings next year or an offer of your course then please drop me a line with any information you can give us. It would be much appreciated.

The membership at the time of writing has dropped dramatically in the Section from 170+ to 140+. We would like to know why as we wish to Section to get bigger and not smaller. If you know the reason behind this fall please drop me a line or ring any of the committee members whose numbers are on the back of the fixture card. Even if you know of anyone that has not rejoined speak to them and try and get them to reconsider. Explain the benefits of joining BIGGA – remember, your Section needs you!

We have arranged an 11-a-side

football match against Provan Chemicals on Wednesday September 3 at Meadowmill Sports Centre so I will be calling people who wish to play in the match as we will need to win this one as they beat us last year in Bathgate. We want revenge this time!

Well that's it for this month and as I say every month if you want to drop me a line at 74 Muirfield Drive, Gullane, East Lothian EH31 2HJ or call me on 0131 445 7165 (work) or 01620 842037 (home) feel free as I would like to hear from you as I don't get much feedback from the membership of the Section. If you are reading this but a member of another Section I would be pleased to hear from you about anything that may interest the member of BIGGA.

So I would like to hear from you with any suggestions, useful information or offers of money etc. Winging is not accepted, take it out on the ball!

PS – it was good to see our old Secretary, Robert Hogarth, as part of the Open Championship Greenkeeping Support Team at Royal Troon taking a well earned rest on the grass outside the Portakabin. I take it it was raking all these bunkers and not the late nights/early mornings that forced him to have 40 winks in the shade. However the weather was very hot that week so the need to consume various amounts of liquids may have had something to do with it!

Chris Yeaman

### West

Firstly, thank you to all those members who have phoned to give information about special events or things which have happened over the season. Although summer isn't quite over it just feels as if it is – what summer there was that is! One consolation has been the good growth weather but the stuff just hasn't stopped jumping!

The Autumn outing is just around the corner so make sure to submit your entries. This, and the Spring outing, go towards qualifying for the Hayter Tournament next year. Hilton Park is bound to be a good venue, tight,



well groomed, windy and I'm sure in splendid condition. We will look forward to the experience.

An evening out will be arranged for September/October and notification to all members should have been received, please make the effort to attend. The Section needs as much support as possible and we look forward to seeing a few different faces.

The Loch Lomond Support Team was a big success with some 17 members from all over Scotland helping out and working well along with the staff. Ronnie Bunting is to be thanked for his help in the organisation and he has stated those interested for next year should contact him as soon as possible.

Ronnie and Robert Hogarth will be running a moderation meeting in the Autumn for those D32/D33 assessors to try and iron out any problems.

Once again, if you have any interesting facts or information then please contact me on 0141 942 5554. Last but not least the Cathkin Brass position has been filled by Douglas MacIntosh, Bothwell Castle. We wish him well in his new position.  
Stuart Taylor

#### Central

Unfortunately the proposed visit to Parkhead Stadium, originally planned for August 8, had to be postponed due to the lack of confirmation in writing from the Celtic Facilities Manager. At the moment the reasons are unclear but I have asked if they can accommodate us later in the season so I will keep you informed as to when the visit can take place.

The arrangements for the visit to Stewart's Turf Farm at Kinnesswood are that we will meet at the Lomond Country Inn, Kinnesswood between 12.30pm and 1pm for a light lunch and then proceed to the farm. In order to finalise catering arrangements would you please return your forms to me by Friday September 26.

I received a call the other week from former Section member, David Murdoch. David was employed at Dunfermline GC for a number of years before moving down south. He is now Course Manager at Liphook GC in Hampshire and from all accounts he is thoroughly enjoying himself

there. If you know any former Section members who have moved down south or abroad for that matter, ask them to get in touch and we will let their friends know how they are getting on.

We extend a warm welcome to the Section to Dudley Aitchison, from Scoonie GC, in Leven, and look forward to meeting him at some of our future events. We are now down to averaging one new member per month which will leave us well short of our target for '97 - we were hoping for a total Section membership of 250! So come on, let's try and achieve it - at the latest count we are still needing another 25.

So far I have not heard any stories concerning the fishing on Loch Leven so I don't know if those who took part are very modest or if they failed to catch anything! I hope a certain A. O'Hara was not taking part or we will never hear the end of it, even if he catches the smallest tiddler or on the other hand it would give me something to write about!

I am still searching for courses to host our various tournaments in 1998 so if you fancy holding one PLEASE get in touch with me.

Former Section Secretary and Chairman, Elliott Small, is retiring as Regional Administrator for Scotland next month and on behalf of the members I would like to thank him and Edna for all the hard work they have put into the running of the Region over the past seven years.

The next main event is the Section AGM which will be held at Kinross GC on Wednesday October 15, details of which should be with you all by now so if you have any grievances with the way the Section is being run now is the chance to have your say. Hopefully we will have more than the faithful dozen at this year's meeting.

John Crawford

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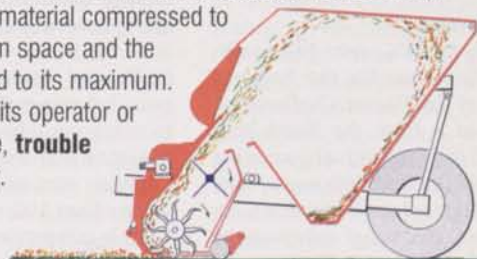
#### Cleveland

We wish David Boocock, STRI Senior Agronomist our best wishes for his impending retirement due in October. He has been of enormous help to many Head Greenkeepers and his advice has

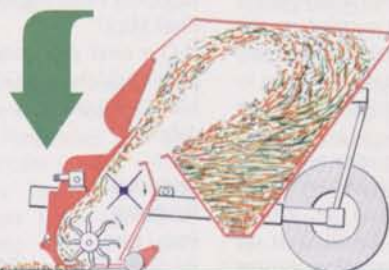
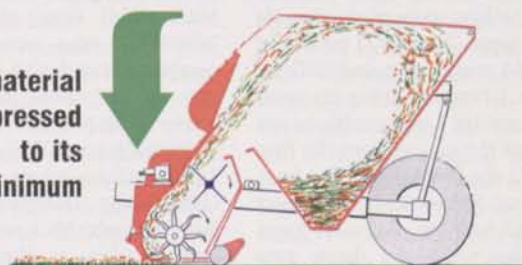


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seen courses improve over time. David thank you, and we all wish you well.

Now is the time for greenkeeper students to book in at college.

Bruce Burnell

## North West

Maften Hall GC, near Newcastle, was the venue for the Regional Final of the Hayter Challenge. A team of 9 from the North-West played their individual games but we only finished with one winner to go forward to the final at Ganton. Paul Pearse not only won the Scratch to 9 Section but came in with the best score of the day. He shot a gross 72, nett 71 on what I am told was a long and difficult course. Of course, doing my usual job as starter, I was unable to see more of the course than the first tee and the first fairway but I am told that Jimmy Richardson and his staff had the course in great condition. We did have two reserves, Sean Moon and Andrew Bennett both got pipped at the post for third place in their categories and will have to wait to see if anybody drops out before September.

I have not long returned from The Open at Troon and we had a good representation of greenkeepers from the North West on the Support Team. The course was in great condition and listening to some of the comments from the players it was tough going especially when the wind came up on the Wednesday. I am now packing ready to go to the National Tournament at Cooden Beach GC, Bexhill-on-Sea. Three members from the North-West will be playing – myself, John Berry and Neil Woolfrey so at least we will be able to take part in the team prize. While I am away the North West will be playing their annual tournament against the Golf Club Stewards at Saddleworth GC so I hope I can report in the next Section news that a win was recorded. Anybody with any news, views or queries please contact me on 0151 724 5412.

Bert Cross

## Sheffield

On July 7 we held our annual Tournament at Silkstone GC. Our thanks go to Silkstone for giving us the courtesy of the course. Silkstone was in excellent condi-

tion and our thanks go to Mick Crossland and staff for all the hard work they have done on the course. Thanks also to the steward and his staff for providing an excellent meal which was enjoyed by everyone. Our thanks also go to Brian Booth from Rigby Taylors for sponsoring the competition and to Steve Burroughs, Les Purdy and Peter Fell who also provided prizes. Congratulations to everyone who won prizes at Silkstone and well done to Mark Knowles who with an excellent score of net 102 won the overall 27 hole competition and also won the 9 hole competition, well done Mark. Well done also to Ian Whitehead who won the gross competition with 119. The results for the 27 hole competition were:- 1. M. Knowles, net 102; 2. D. Neve(!), net 109; 3. P. Hill, net 109. Congratulations go to Mick Coltas who qualified for the Hayter Finals. Mick won the Second Division at the Northern Regional Final – good luck in the final Mick!

Our next golf competition will be at Sickleholme GC on September 22 at 1.30 pm.

John Lax

## MIDLAND REGION

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### East of England

Last of the individual competitions took place at Boston GC. The course was in excellent condition and thanks go to Bruce Hicks and his staff for the day. The greens stood up really well considering the torrential rain we all had to play in. Some members called it a day after nine holes but Richard Owen, Boston West GC, came through the storm to take home the Lambs Cup with 35 points. Second was Graeme Macdonald, Newark GC, with 33 points and last year's winner Barry Anderson, Toft GC, was third with 27 points. The guest prize went to Peter Pearson with 36 points. Peter is Boston's Greens Chairman and gave our members a warm welcome at the dinner.

As usual our sponsors looked after us again and everybody who played received a prize. The sponsors were Lambs Mowers, Fieldcare, Colliers, Amenity Technology, Rigby Taylors, Purdys, Chandlers and Roy Harrison.

The conclusion to the Order of Merit came to a head and saw Graeme Macdonald, Newark GC, win the second Order of Merit BIGGA Blazer with an overall score of 22 points, followed by Richard Owen, Boston West, on 16 points.

New appointments this month – Kevin Hodges takes on the Head Greenkeeper's post at Ryston Park.

If anyone has any news or information to pass on then simply pick up the telephone (01733 260297 or 01636 626564) or drop me a line at Newark GC.

That's all this month!  
Graeme Macdonald

## B B & O

The second golfing event of the season proved to be successful – phew! The Course proved to be the winner again with only two people breaking par out of a field of 36. I am sure you will all agree this was partly due to the testing pin positions set by Dean. I can provide his phone number if you want to pass on any comments personally!

The day was a success thanks to our sponsor Rolawn providing some excellent prizes, I wonder what Steve has done with the telly? Andy Church, from Rolawn, deserves a big thank you for his contribution. Andy had a bit of a dilemma as he was leading in the clubhouse with only two groups out on the course. The whispers around the bar were that he was going to take the prizes home with him, thankfully Steve Putt saved his blushes by romping in with a splendid 40 pts! I am sure everybody that is reading this article will think that name seems familiar and so it should because Steve actually won the Spring Tournament as well. I have already had Colin Vernon, Handicap Secretary, on the phone to say that Steve's new handicap is +2 so as to give everybody a chance! The results were:- 1. Steve Putt, 40 pts; 2. Trevor Hookham, 35 pts; 3. Ray Clark, 35 pts; Longest Drive – Brett Moggridge; Nearest the Pin – Ross Edmonds; Wooden Smith – Richard Haynes.

Thanks to Jon Connel, the new Director of Badgemore, for giving us the courtesy of the course and also thanks to all the staff at the club for looking after us on the day, the food was excellent.

Thanks to my staff for all their hard work prior to the day, it was much appreciated.

The Rigby Taylor matches are underway so I will inform you of the results as and when they come through.

The next golfing day is at Lambourne in October – see you all there.

Lindsay Anderson

## Midland

On July 7 the Summer Tournament was held at the Worcester G and CC on a very hot and humid day. The winners were as follows:- 1. T. Cheese, nett 70 (gross 72!); 2. P. Holtham, 70; 3. M. Hughes, 70; 4. M. Bryan, 71; 5. M. Cutler, 71; 6. A. Roberts, 71; 7. E. Stant, 72; 8. J. Wood, 72; 9. R. Hunter, 72. The Trade Prize was won by Nigel Tyler of County Crops. The Longest Drive was won by Richard Minton and Nearest the Pin by Mark Cutler.

We would like to thank our main sponsors for the day who were ARC and Bathgates. I would also like to thank Worcester GC for hosting the Tournament and to all of you who took part under very demanding conditions.

The annual match against the Mid Anglian Section is to take place on August 12 at Harpendon GC, best of luck to those taking part.

I will ask again to any members who have any information or news that could go into this report to please contact me.

Finally, I would like to introduce our new members to the Section, they are as follows – Charles Paul Duffy, Mark Black and Jon Philip Jinks.

Jonathan Wood

## East Midlands

Firstly I would like to thank the following members Richard Barker, Dave Leatherland and Steven Heap for taking part in the BIGGA Support Team for this years Open at Royal Troon.

A reminder to all entrants of the singles knockout that your matches must be played by the closing date, September 30 for the Final.

This year's AGM will be held at Greatham Valley GC on November 5 at approximately 4.30pm. The Christmas Tournament on December 17.

At the BIGGA National Tournament the Section was represented



by Richard Barker, Ian Needham and Roger Willars. More information on results will appear in next month's article.

Finally if anybody has any information that they would like to see in this column then please give me a ring.

Antony Bindley

## **SOUTH EAST REGION**

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### **London**

Our summer tournament was held at Bush Hill Park GC in July. The course was in excellent condition and I would like to thank the Course Manager, Tony Taylor, and his staff for all their efforts.

I would also like to thank the Secretary, Peter Allan and the Club Captain, David Turner for their hospitality and for the use of the club facilities. I would also like to thank all the trade for your valuable support and in particular the following companies - Kings for providing the nearest the pin prizes, Parker Hart for paying for the postage and sundries and Johnny Beck from Miracle for providing the refreshments.

The results for the day were as follows:- 1. Neil Pereira, 40 pts; 2. Simon Ringrose, 37 pts; 3. Roger Mace, 36 pts; Guest - Richard Lewis, 38 pts; Longest Drive - Roger Mace.

Finally, I would like to remind all members that a jacket and tie must be worn for the presentation and meal. Jackets can only be removed during dinner with the approval of the Club Captain.  
Tony Dunstan

### **Surrey**

The McMillan Tankard was held on Thursday July 31 on the New Course at Sunningdale. 45 members turned up to play, which for me as Secretary is very gratifying. Thank you fellas, it does make life worthwhile!

Brian Turner and his team turned the course out in the usual superb Sunningdale condition and he even got the weather to behave so we owe a vote of thanks to the management for a great day. The Artisan Section allowed us to use their Clubhouse again where we were looked after by Bob Reynolds and his assistant and our thanks go out to them. The buffet was prepared by Mrs Kirkham ably assisted by our

Chairman and her husband Mike. The food was great and there was plenty of it!

Jack McMillan gave a short speech and Rita presented the prizes. I again forgot the raffle tickets so the prizes went down to 6th place and were as follows:- 1. Mark Todd, Nizzels, 38 pts; 2. Jimmy Russell, Lingfield, 38 pts; 3. Nigel Colley, a newcomer to the Section now at Roehampton, 35 pts; 4. John Davidson, Gatton Manor, 35 pts; 5. Dave Langhiem, Foxhills, 35 pts; 6. Kevin Boxall, Liphook, 34 pts. The Trade Prize was won by Ian Sellars, for Gem Professional. Our thanks to the trade for the prizes they donated.

One more item of note, Billy eagled the par 5 6th hole. Well done Billy! I can give you his telephone number if you would like him to talk you through it! By the time this goes to print we will have played the Parker Salva at Effingham, I say this just to let you know that it is important to get your entries off early. As most of you know I am now retired but you can still reach me most evenings, that is unless I am swanning around the countryside.

Unless the Editor corrects them I expect Northants staff to let me know how many spelling mistakes I have made.  
Ted Stiles

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### **Devon and Cornwall**

With the summer drawing to a close our thoughts turn to our Autumn and Winter meeting programme which start with the Rofeys meeting at Bowood GC on Wednesday October 8. The mornings golf start times for the D O Hunt Trophy will run between 8.30am and 10.22am with as usual the non-golfing course walk leaving the clubhouse at approximately 10.30am. Lunch will be from 1pm followed by the golf presentation and a short Company presentation by Rofeys, our sponsor for the day. Concluding the day, our educational talk will be presented by Cannington College on "Winter Golf".

When attending meetings and any BIGGA event please remember that you are representing

BIGGA and our profession. Please ensure you are smartly dressed with collar and tie for lunch and no jeans at all.

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

To reduce postage costs I will continue to send details of meetings to one member per club (Course Manager/Head Greenkeeper) plus those of you who have asked to be added to the mailing list last year. If you don't receive details and would like to please let me know.

Finally a reminder that your local Regional Supervisory Management course will be held at the Manor House Hotel, Moretonhampstead on November 3 and 4. For more details ring Ken Richardson today to avoid disappointment at BIGGA HQ on 01347 838581.

Richard Whyman

### **South Coast**

Our regional seminar will be held at Cannington College on Wednesday November 26. The main sponsors for the day will be Rigby Taylor Ltd. Some very good speakers have agreed to give us their time and they include Jack McMillan, who will be speaking on Golf Course Preparation; Cameron McMillan, who will be talking about Golf Course Construction; John Stirling will be giving us some pointers into how a golf course should be set up for important tournaments and Andrew Lawrence will be speaking about BIGGA insurance. We then have Rod Baker from Amazone whose subject will be The Importance of Working with the Environment and Nick Blasdale from Time/System UK Ltd will be telling us how to make the best use of our time. Finally we have our two students from the colleges. The cost of the days proceedings is £15 for members and £22 for non-members. With all those names this has got to be a bargain. All enquiries should be made initially to Jeff Drake on 01722 503938. You should all be receiving your seminar application forms very shortly. All that remains to be said is see you all on the day. Any problems with transport let me know. My telephone number is

01329 282362. Likewise anyone with empty seats let me know so that we can fill them up.

On July 8 I had the privilege of being invited by Sparsholt College to witness their annual award ceremony. This was held at Winchester Cathedral and the Bishop of Winchester presented the awards. There were quite a number, the one that was of most interest to me was John Groombridge who was the top student greenkeeper of the year. John was presented with the BIGGA Shield which is donated by the South West and South Wales Region. John is the Assistant Head Greenkeeper at Petersfield GC. Well done John and good luck with your career in greenkeeping. I would like to thank Sparsholt College for allowing me to witness such a moving event. Everything was so well organised and went off without a hitch. The cathedral was packed with Mums, Dads and guests - I would imagine the Bishop would like to see that amount of people every Sunday!

Alan Mitchell, our Section Chairman, has left his position as Course Manager of the Hampshire GC. Alan is now working for himself within the industry developing training initiatives. He will be working closely with Sparsholt College and the GTC. I am sure that we all wish Alan every success in his new venture.

Just another reminder about the trip to The London GC on November 6. Jeff has now booked the coach and all we required now is to fill it up. All those of you who wish to make the trip, contact Jeff Drake. He will be sending out more details when he sends the fixture lists out for 1997/98.

This is the last reminder for the Autumn Golf Meeting at Barton-on-Sea GC on Thursday October 9. All entries complete with current handicaps and cheques (£15 per person) should be forwarded to:- Tony Gadd, Cherry Trees, Lymington Road, Milford on Sea, Hants, SO41 0QL. All cheques should be made payable to BIGGA South Coast Section. All applications to be with Tony by first post on Tuesday September 30.

Ken Lodge

### **South West**

A warm and pleasant day greeted





## Around the Green



34 enthusiastic greenkeepers for our summer tournament at Cumberwell Park in late July.

Modesty forbids me from dwelling too much on the course and the winner on this occasion but I am sure everyone agreed it is a very good venue and I think we all enjoyed the day.

Thanks go to Sarah Bickland for providing her usual high standard of haute cuisine and to the Club Captain, Keith Townsend, for joining us for the day.

Students of greenkeeping may have noticed how we have perfected the art of cultivating an especially fibrous form of poa annua capable of producing several hundred seed heads per tuft but apart from that I think everything went pretty well and I would like to thank my staff Andy, Nigel and Paul for their usual hard work. Our sponsors for the day as our Vice Chairman, Chris Sealey, pointed out in his introductions were Scotts UK formerly Miracle Amenity formerly

Zeneca formerly ICI or one of the above depending on what day of the week it was.

Anyway our thanks to them for providing the prizes and for the much needed halfway refreshments.

The results were as follows:- Head Greenkeeper - 1. M. Haring, 73; 2. P. Worster, 76; 3. R. Hook, 76. Assistant Greenkeeper - 1. A. Knight, 68; 2. A. Turner, 71; 3. A. Parker, 77. Nearest the Pin - M. Pierce. The Nearest the Pin prize raised £34.00 for the Captain's charity, Dorothy House. The Head Greenkeepers Tournament comes with a particularly elegant piece of silverware but we are unable to ascertain the winners from 1987 onwards and so cannot update the engraving. We would therefore very much appreciate it if anyone could provide us with this information. So if you were a winner or know who has won from 1987 onwards then could you please contact any committee member and let

us know.

Although the 34 present at the summer tournament had a very enjoyable time they represent a very small percentage of the 273 members in our section.

Now we no longer receive funding from Headquarters it would be especially nice to see some new faces.

These events are not about playing good golf but are there for meeting up with ones friends and colleagues and having a chat, exchanging ideas and generally enjoying the social aspect as much as the golf. You are guaranteed an enjoyable round of golf and an excellent meal for just a few pounds so please make an effort and come along to support the Section.

While on the subject of funding, if anyone has got some good ideas or would be willing to organise an event other than golf to help the Section then please come forward, all help is greatly appreciated.

One such idea of cutting costs is to send an initial circular to all members at the beginning of the year asking if they would like to receive information on forthcoming events. If they would not then they would not receive particulars on future events and we would then cut the costs of stamps and stationary for the rest of the year.

This idea and any others could be discussed at the AGM in November.

On the education front we will be running the following short courses from October onwards:- Chainsaw, First Aid, PA1, PA6, PA2 and hopefully an abrasive wheel course. Some of you may already be on the lists to do a course but if you are not and you want to do one then give me a ring on 01380 828380 and I will put your name on the relevant list but hurry as places are limited and on a first come first serve basis.

Marc Haring

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