



**Scottish Region**  
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### Ayrshire

The section Spring outing was held at Ballochmyle Golf Club on Thursday 6 May where a good turn out of over 40 attended. The day saw a change from the recent spell of good dry weather with some overnight and early morning rain. It didn't dampen the spirits and the team of A. Clarke, D. Armstrong, both Louden; B. Inglis, Greentech, and J. Paterson, Port Bannantyne, came out victorious in the morning Texas Scramble. The weather brightened up for the afternoon and the following prize winners came out on top.

Scratch - Keith McCartney, Dumfries & Galloway, 71; 1st Class. 1. William McMeikan, Turnberry, 75-6-69; 2. Andrew Clarke, Louden, 78-8-70; 3. Duncan Gray, The Pines, 80-9-71; 2nd Class. 1. Steven Brown, The Pines, 88-20-68; 2. Marshall Sloss, Beith, 96-24-72, 3. Roland Blackburn, Southernness, 93-17-71. Trade. Brian Inglis, 73-2-71.



Qualifiers for the National Tournament at Carden Park are Keith McCartney and William McMeikan.

Chairman, Duncan Gray, conducted the presentation of prizes and thanked the Captain and the Committee of Ballochmyle Golf Club for the courtesy of their course and facilities. He commended Head Greenkeeper, Ross Wills, and his staff for the presentation of the golf course and thanked Mr and Mrs Wilcox for a splendid service of food and refreshments throughout the day. Duncan finished with a special thanks to our secretary, Derek Wilson, for all his efforts in organising the day and hoped to see everyone again at the Pines Golf Centre on the 30 September for our Autumn outing.

That's all the news for this month. Any snippets, give me a call on 01505 683278.

Iain Barr.

### North

The Section Spring outing was a great day with blue skies and a hot sun shining all day. As predicted Brian Fraser and his staff had the course in

excellent condition. In fact everyone at Inverness made us very welcome. The lucky prize winners were as follows: Scratch, Bowen Trophy, Mike Wilson, Forres, 71; 2. Bradley Wood, Westhill, 74. Class One and Frews Trophy winner Scott Williams, Inverurie, 72-6-66; 2. Robert Patterson, Royal Aberdeen, 74-5-69, 3. Richard Roy, Garmouth, 74-4-70. Class Two 1. Colin Mackay, Elmwood, 76-7-69; 2. Sean Jaffray, Ellon, 81-10-71; 3. Stewart Robertson, Craigie Hill, 82-10-72. Class Three 1. A. Leslie, Forres, 86-13-73; 2. George Aitken, Peterculter, 93-19-74; 3. Stuart Hogg, Fortrose, 96-20-76. Veterans 1. Roy Donald, Oldmeldrum, 76-7-69; 2. Allan Grant, retired, 85-11-74. Apprentice Spring Trophy winner Iain Cowper, Tain, 81-13-68; 2. R. Pendlebury, Peterculter, 81-10-71. Trade Shield Jim Darling, Aitkens, 77-4-73. Committee Iain Gunn, Strathpeffer, 77-6-71. Guest Neil Hampton 74-1-73. Longest drives, Class One, Kevin Thomson, Moray, Class Two John Morton, Alford, Class Three, Iain Cowper, Tain. Nearest the pin at 15th, Kevin Fowler, Fortrose.

The winner of the draw for a BIGGA blazer or merchandise from

the Association was R Martin Reay. The first four draws for the 200 Club were made and were: January £30 No.133 W. Ogilvie, Boat of Garten. February, £30 No.1 S Frost, Aberdeen. March £30 No.110 G. Moir, St Andrews and April £100 No. 164 G Moir, St Andrews (again!)

The two lucky winners of the expenses paid entry into the Charterhouse/Scotts National Tournament at Carden Park are Mike Wilson, Forres, and Scott Williams, Inverurie.

All in all a great day and a big thank you to all at Inverness.

A couple of new appointments in the Section. Scott Williams has moved from Peterculter to Inverurie and Stewart Robertson has been made up to Head Greenkeeper at Craigie Hill. Rejoining the Section is Jim MacCormack, Kirriemuir, and one new member to welcome is Scott Pettigrew, Tain.

This month we have The Open at Carnoustie and the BIGGA Support Team will have four members from our Section, that I know about, along with myself are Stuart Hogg, Fortrose, Gordon McKie, St Andrews, and Paul



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Murphy, Downfield. I will be driving a bus again, so keep clear of the Dundee to Carnoustie road that week, you have been warned!

I A Macleod

### East

I hope we find everyone fit and well and you are all getting some good growth on your courses as the weather is very good just now! Long may it continue.

Down to Section business. We had our Spring tournament on 27 April at Goswick Golf Club, Berwick Upon Tweed. We would like to thank the Captain, Council and the Club Secretary for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse facilities for what was an excellent day.

We would like to thank George Thompson, Head Greenkeeper, and his staff for the condition of the course which was in superb condition considering the week before the course had four inches of snow, which was followed by frost. Well done lads. Last but not least thank you to the Steward and Stewardess and the clubhouse staff for looking after us very well on the day. Once again, thanks to everyone at Goswick Golf Club. On the day we had 60+ mem-

bers, Guests and Trade members in attendance for our first major of the 1999 season. The weather was not too kind to us on the day with very thick fog, sea haar, mist or whatever you want to call it, making visibility very bad. It forced some people to retire after 9 holes and head for the clubhouse, myself included, but around half the field continued and some very good scores were returned in testing conditions. Some of the people who only played 9 holes and headed for the bar were people who travelled on the bus, so speaking personally, I think the bus was a great idea as the bar did a roaring trade that afternoon. Seriously though, everyone enjoyed a great day out so I hope it's not too long until we are back at Goswick. One more thank you to the trade for bringing along raffle prizes, it is very much appreciated.

Tournament Results: Best Scratch, K. Mail - 76; Best Nett, C. Pennycuik - 84-17-67. 1st Class 1. S. Greenwood - 81-8-73; 2.: D. Melville - 80-6-74; 3. A. Holmes - 80-5-75. 2nd Class 1. C. Pennycuik - 84-17-67; 2. K. Anderson - 86-12-74. 3. A. Russell - 92-16-76. 3rd Class 1. R. Mullen - 92-20-72; 2. J. Nisbet -

104-19-85; 3. S. Townsend - 124-28-96. Veteran's Prize J. Manuel - 80-7-73. Trade Prize I. Thompson (SGM) 106-28-78. Guest Prize. D. Wilkinson - 81-11-70. BIH (Secretary Goswick GC). New Member's Prize: D. Graham - 91-18-72. Highest Score of the Day. C. Moffat - 141.



Charterhouse/Scotts National Championship Qualifiers. Best Gross: K. Mail, Glencorse, SCR 76. Best Nett. C. Pennycuik, Winterfield, 84-17-67.

Next Tournament is the Summer tournament at Murrayfield Golf Club, Tuesday 8 June. Hope to see you all there.

People on the move are Richard Mullen, formerly Assistant Greenkeeper at Murrayfield GC, who has moved to my club Swanston GC as my Deputy Head Greenkeeper and we wish him success in his new position. The Section is running a fund raising prize draw this year which will be drawn at the Annual Dinner Dance in December. There is some very good prizes to be won, so we

would like everyone to take some books of tickets to sell. If you haven't got any yet, get in contact with Craig Pennycuik who is dealing with the tickets and he will send you some. So, come on, we need your help to make this a success. Craig can be contacted on his mobile 07979 452097, home 0131 654 2913.

That's it. See you next month.  
Chris Yeaman

### Central

It's a warm welcome to the Section to Grahame Taylor, from Leven Links, and Simon Crawford, from Gleneagles Hotel, who is rejoining us. As I have said before, hopefully we will see them at some of our events in the near future.

We also send best wishes for a successful future to Kenny Duncan, who has taken over at Dunfermline Golf Club, and to Ronnie Cunningham, who has moved on from Dunfermline to a new venture on the outskirts of the town.

Within the next few weeks you will be receiving your tickets for our new Section fund raiser, "CLUB 2000", the tickets will cost you £6 per year and there will be ten draws for £50 starting in January 2000, a bonus





draw in July for £100 and another in December for £150 which isn't bad for less than 2p per day. Even less in a leap year!

Hopefully every member will give this venture their support as it will go towards providing a wider variety of educational events and enable us to organise events which are of interest to every member and not just the golfers in the section.

A prominent member of the Section was put in a dilemma the night Manchester United were playing in the final of the Champions League as it fell on the same night as parent's night at school and the only alternative date was the same night as the Section committee meeting. I won't tell you which one he chose but let's just say that he put in an apology and it wasn't to Alex Ferguson and the committee was one man short! It's just a pity that a week later the team which he supports lost out in the final of the Tennents Scottish Cup.

This year's Inter Club Tournament is underway with a number of the first round ties already completed and can I remind all the team captains that the results must be returned to me as soon as possible after each match and with a bit of luck we will manage to get the final played by the allotted date.

Section Chairman, Archie Dunn, having recovered from a severe bout of 'flu which laid him low for three weeks, was in the States last month working at the US Open, so perhaps we will have a report of his experiences in some future section notes.

The Section football team was in action against the West Section last month. Too late for this report but I will let you know next month how they got on. If any of you fancy yourselves as the Section's answer to (does anyone know the names of any home grown talent?) just get in touch with Andy O'Hara on 01334 423 685 as he is always on the look out for new talent. Well, that's what SS told me, but I'm not quite sure if he meant for the football team.

John Crawford

played at Penrith GC on Wednesday 15 September and previous arrangements still apply. The competition will still be sponsored by Course Care and is by invitation only. Sean Moon, previously Head Greenkeeper of Mersey Valley GC, informs me that the Legal Helpline certainly works, as it did for him. Sean and his staff were all made redundant just before Christmas last year and they got in touch with the helpline right away. The outcome was that they took the club to a tribunal on the grounds of unfair dismissal and won their case, and the staff were each paid an undisclosed sum. It is also nice to know that they have all found employment again.

That's it for now, see you at The Open. Ring me if you have any information on 0151 724 5412.

Bert Cross

#### Northern

I haven't had any little birds whispering into my ear about any exciting events/promotions/job changes this month and therefore I'll keep it brief!

At the time of writing, the numbers listed for playing in the President's Day golfing event are sadly very low. I appreciate it's an exceptionally busy time of year for everyone, me included, and we may well look at changing the dates to a different time of year in the future. Please let me know your thoughts.

As previously communicated, the remaining golfing events for this year are as follows:

Invitation Day, Shipley GC, 4 August; Roses Match; Howley Hall GC, 18 August; Autumn Tournament, Bradford GC, 20 October; Winter Tournament Fulford GC, 8 December. If anyone wishes to be considered for the Roses Match, please contact me as soon as possible so that a 'top class' team can be selected!

Anyone who has any news from within the Section, please contact me at 1 Cockley Meadows, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield HD5 0LA or telephone 01484 317813 or 07788 442755. Don't forget to get your name and money to me in good time for any of the forthcoming golfing events.

Simon Heppenstall.

holding this prestigious event. Keep up the good work lads!

I had the pleasure of attending Wentworth again in June for the Volvo PGA Championship and was lucky enough to draw a game that didn't visit too many bunkers. It was nice to see some of the boys from last year and it's certainly a pleasure to watch the golf. A certain Mr

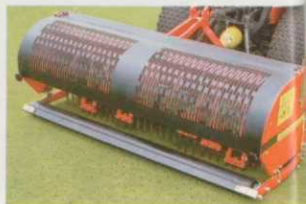
Montgomerie managed to win both of the above mentioned events, but it was also nice to see Chris Kennedy getting some much deserved recognition for his services to Wentworth and indeed the condition of the course.

That's about all for this month other than to say, we at Donnington Grove are looking forward to hosting

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#### North West

This month we have no golf to report on, which also means the Section news will be short because no members have telephoned with an snippets for me to include.

The Cumbria Cup that was to be played on 12 May had to be cancelled due to heavy flooding causing the course to be closed. The rain had been so heavy that I think Penrith itself had to be closed. The competition has been re-arranged to be

#### Berks, Bucks & Oxon

As the golfing season is now fully underway, I would imagine everyone is very busy at the moment. There is not much to report this month other than to say congratulations to David Gower and his team for their handling of the Benson & Hedges at The Oxfordshire. The course looked immaculate and certainly merited



the next Section event on 22 July. Remember the more the merrier. We hope to see you there.

Ross Wilson 01635 821333

#### East Midlands

This year's Spring Tournament was held on 13 May at the excellent venue of Longcliffe GC. The weather forecast was sunny intervals and

heavy showers, and true to form everyone required umbrellas and waterproof clothing at some point in their round. However, this did not deter anyone from enjoying a great day. The course was presented in great condition by Walt Cole and his staff who found some testing pin positions.

Unfortunately Richard Barker, due

to other commitments, was unable to join us on the day, this giving others a chance of taking the best Gross prize. One concerning factor was the poor turn out on the day, 29 members only. What do we need to do to encourage more members?

The scores for the day were as follows. Best Gross: Dave Leatherland, Kedleston Park; Winner of the



Scotts/Charterhouse Qualifier. Best Nett: Steve Tolley, Longcliffe 84-20-64. Winner of the Scotts/Charterhouse Qualifier.

Category 1. 1. Pete Billings, Cotgrave Place, 90-8-82; 2. Alex Hawkes, Cotgrave Place, 89-4-85.



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Category 2. 1. Antony Bindley, Kirby Muxloe, 9-17-74; 2. Danny Branson, Stanton, 98-15-83. Category 3. 1. Graham Arnold, Erewash Valley, 100-19-81; 2. Mike Billings, Chevin, 104-22-82. Trade & Associate Winner: Nick Webb, Tacit, 90-16-74. Nearest The Pin: Nick Webb, Longest Drive: Pete Billings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Longcliffe GC for courtesy of their fine course and to all those committee members for their valuable contribution in helping run the competition. Not forgetting Mr & Mrs Barker for setting up the prize table. A special thanks goes to ET Breakwells from all our members, for sponsoring and providing a grand prize table. Finally I would like to once again remind all members that if they wish to attend any Section event, their forms must be returned to the secretary before the closing date.

On August 18 we host the annual East Midlands v East of England golf match at Ramsdale Park. Tee-off time 3.45pm. Also on August 23 at Charnwood Forest GC is the date for this year's Better-Ball pairs Tournament. Tee off 4.00 pm. If anybody would like to participate in either or both of these competitions, please give me a ring and I will send you an entry form. To keep these two events running we shall require a lot more support than in previous years, so please try to support your section. Come along and have a great day.

Finally, on behalf of the Section I would like to congratulate Carl Chamberlain, of Scraftoft GC, on his recent wedding.

Antony Bindley.

### Mid Anglia

A course visit took place at the end of March to the new 18-hole course currently under construction at Brocket Hall. Course Manager, John Wells, gave the 30 people attending a guided tour of the new site and an insight into some of the problems encountered. It is planned to open

nine holes by September for limited play only. Our thanks go to John for taking the time to show us around the new course.

Our Spring tournament was held at Aldwickbury Golf Club at the end of April, over 36 holes. The course was in excellent condition, so thanks to Stephen Hesk and all his staff, as well as the club officials who allowed us courtesy of the course. We were also lucky enough to experience some fine spring weather, which obviously made the day more enjoyable.



The First Gross and First Handicap winners qualify for the new National Championship.

These were: 1st. Gross. Mark Whittle, Mentmore, 142. 1st Handicap. Simon Clark, Brockley Hill, 143. Third (on countback). Chris Brook, Chesfield Downs, 143.

Gavin Simkins won the am prize with a 70 and Gary Boulton the pm with a 71, which included a superb eagle 2 at the par 4 18th hole! The Trade prize was won by Tim Webb with a total of 145. The Kingpin competition was won by Dick Coogan, Longest Drive by T Houghton and nearest the pin by Neil Whittaker, who won a colour TV, kindly donated by David Hawkins.

Rigby Taylor sponsored our day once again, so thanks to Mark Stigwell for providing the prizes and to all other trade members for supporting the day.

It must be noted that it was a superb turn out, the best for a Spring event for a long time, so thanks to all who attended, in taking the time away from your courses at such a busy time of year.

The Lodgeway Four Ball is now up and running so please ensure that all your league matches are played by the end of July. The next golf event is the Summer Tournament, to be held at Verulam Golf Club on Tuesday 31 August.

Paul Lockett.



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### East Anglia

It was a sad day when I attended the service of celebration for the life of Stephen Noye, Head Greenkeeper of Purdis Heath Golf Club, on Thursday 13 May. The Section and trade were well represented by Colin Rushbrook, Larry Pearman, Robert Tomlinson and many others. Stephen was well liked by all the members at the club and all those who knew him as a friend. Our sympathies go out to his family and I know he will be missed by everyone.

Turning to a very much lighter note Colin Rushbrook invited some of us to his golf day at Haverhill on Wednesday 18 May. It was a joint competition run by Rushbrooks, SIS, Rhone-Poulenc and Scotts. As usual Course Manager, Alan Carter, and his team had done a splendid job of making the course look its best (well done lads) and the club house staff made us feel very welcome. Unfortunately my golf was not at its best but I was fortunate enough to be partnered with Lyndon Upham, from Gog Magog, and Tim Russell, from Lakenheath, and the laughter and joking made up for my bad play. I will take this opportunity to thank the Trade members of our Section for their support, I know that they put in a lot of work in attending our Section golf days and Colin in particular works hard to get us venues for our matches.

Our next meeting will take place at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club on the 10 August.

I must report that the golf match between East Anglia and Essex that was to be played at Thorpeness has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

See you all at Bury.  
Ian Willett.

### Essex

I was going to talk about the hot dry weather we endured through May but as we approach the first few days of June my rain gauge reads at present 20mm with more thunder storms on the horizon. Who can predict what the weather holds by the time you read my article?

On to the golf front. Our next meeting will be held at Colchester Golf Club on Wednesday 23 June, sponsored by P Tuckwell Limited of Ardleigh. A report will appear in next month's issue.

The Section's singles "Matchplay 1999" is now reaching the semi-final stages, with Dave Wells v William Wingfield in one match and Richard Pride waiting for the winner from the Roland Hughes/Matthew Allen quarter final. Semi-finals to be played by 15 August.

Unfortunately, I have to report the cancellation of our match against East Anglia in August at Lakenheath due to the crisis in Kosovo.

On to education with the list of excellent guest speakers growing, which includes Dr Alan Gange, from the University of London; Mark Hunt, Headland; Dr Tim Lodge, STRI; Graham Robins, Grass Science, and Bill Hawthorne makes this year's South East Conference held at Writtle College, Chelmsford, on 16 November 1999, one not to be missed. Make a note in your diary now.

For all Committee Members our next meeting is on Tuesday 27 July, 2pm at Thorndon Park GC. Please make every effort to attend or contact Martin on 01245 603131.

See you at Colchester.

PS. I see a few other London clubs have joined West Ham in Europe this coming season!

Dave Wells 01702 522202

### Surrey

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August Around the Green. While writing about Effingham Golf Club we can congratulate Peter Broadbent and his lovely wife Karen on the birth of their fourth child Alfie who weighed in at 9 lbs and in Karen's own words "at that size they make your eyes water!"

Another Golf day that I'm sure will produce a large attendance is the McMillan Tankard which will be played for on 6 August. If you have not got an entry form, please contact your Surrey Section Secretary Ian Sellers on 0181 393 8078 or mobile 0976 709145 ASAP.

We are hoping that the Turkey Trot this year will be held at West Hill Golf Club but this will be confirmed at a later date.

I have just noticed in June's edition a mistake that I wish to correct. Young master Evans is called Euan and not Evon.

Brian Willmott.

**Kent**

Our first golf event was held on 24 May at Chart Hills GC and this was the Section qualifier for the National Championship. Before I list the results I would like to say a big thank you to all of the trade companies who sponsor these events and make it all possible and secondly to thank Chart Hills GC for the courtesy of the course and the excellent meal which was provided. Also I'd like to personally thank Paul Hobden and his staff for the excellent condition of the course which I know they all worked very hard to achieve.

The results were as follows: Best Nett, N. Gillem. Best Gross, D. Kelso. 2. Nett, P. Copsey who also won the nearest to pin competition. 2. Gross, J. Fullager, 3. Nett, G. Debenham, 3. Gross, J. Nolloth, 4. Nett, K. Diamond and the trade guest was G. Ogleby. There was an excellent turn out of 58 entrants, which was very good to see

and it was a very enjoyable day, especially as the weather held out.

Now I'm afraid I've got some very sad news as Trevor Hindmarsh, our Chairman, has been taken seriously ill with some form of cancer of the blood. So from everyone who knows you, I'd like to send you our best regards and wish you a speedy recovery.

Lastly I'd like to know how many people would be interested in a golfing/social weekend away at the end of the summer. The destination is unknown yet but if anyone is interested or has any suggestions, then contact me and leave me your name, number and any preference of a venue.

Also if anybody has any news or comments for the magazine, then please don't hesitate to contact me on 01474 879200.

Kneale Diamond



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**Devon & Cornwall**

The Section would like to take this opportunity to thank PJ Flegg Ltd for their generous sponsorship of the fixture cards over the last two years. Many years ago the section committee decided that the sponsorship of our fixture cards should be on a two year basis to allow all companies the chance to sponsor. It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Rigby Taylor has kindly agreed to take on the sponsorship of these cards for the next two years.

The Section would like to congratulate Kerran Daly on his appointment as Course Manager at the Gog Magog Golf Club. Kerran has been a great ambassador to the greenkeeping profession within the South West Region. His input on the Regional and National Boards will be missed. I recall a wet February day in

1992 at Bigbury Golf Club when Kerran presented his afternoon educational talk on computers. Kerran had spent some time preparing his overhead transparencies for his talk only to have a leak in the roof land directly onto them causing the ink to run. Kerran completed his talk like a true professional.

Best wishes Kerran from all your friends and we look forward to seeing you at Harrogate next year.

I finish this month's report on a sad note after hearing that a fellow Head Greenkeeper within our Section has felt it necessary to resign from his position after extreme pressures put on him by his committee, including cutting the greens through the winter at an extremely low height of cut. We wish him well for the future.

Richard Whyman.

**South Wales**

Our thanks to Southerndown Golf Club and to Gary Johnstone and his staff for yet another enjoyable day for our spring tournament. Thanks to the sponsors: Softspikes, Scotts and Avoncrop. Thanks also to the caterers, Jan Williams and Vice Captain Geriant Davis.

Best Nett and winner of the Cardiff Cup - Steven Lloyd from Burghill Valley GC, Nett 70. Winner of the John O Gorman Cup - Henry Stead, Net 72. 2nd Best Nett - Alan Crichton. 3rd Best Nett - John Borga. 2nd Best Gross and the Browns Shield - Gary Johnstone.

The best Nett and Gross scores of the day - Steven Lloyd and Gary Johnstone both qualified for the Charterhouse/Scotts sponsored National Championships to be held at Carden Park from the 3rd - 5th October.

Unfortunately the match BIGGA versus Pencoed College was cancelled on 2 June but hopefully will be re-scheduled for another day.

On the 17 August BIGGA versus

the South Wales PGA will take place at St. Mellons GC Cardiff.

Richard Hatcher - 01656 742761

**South West**

Tall Pines Golf Club was the venue for the Greenkeeper Amateur event which was held on May 18. Despite conditions being rather wet underfoot, the course was still playable even though a number of local courses were forced to shut.

The erratic weather conditions also led to some erratic driving on the course, not so much in the golfing sense of the word but more the buggy driving. An unnamed source has informed me that Duncan from Chippenham GC was seen "bombing" down a hill at the wheel of a buggy in Formula 1 style.

Unfortunately he didn't notice a large hole looming ahead of him until the last split second. Somehow he performed an incredible swerving manoeuvre and just avoided disaster. However, his golfing partner and passenger Keith Milton was not so lucky. Keith was catapulted out of the side of the buggy and was seen tumbling out of control to the bottom of the hill. Les Johnson was first onto the scene but was unable to offer first aid because he was still wetting himself with laughter.

Anyway the result of the competition was as follows:- 1. J. Cooper & J. Hennes, 44 points; 2. C. Tozer & G. Fox, 40 points; 3. N. Kelson & C. Ashworth, 39 points. Thanks go to Marc Rossiter and the rest of the greenkeeping staff for all their hard work in getting the course into great condition. The next event is the Summer Tournament at Lilley Brook GC on July 22. This will also be the Section qualifier to see who will gain a place for the National Championship at Carden Park in October, so get your name down for that.

There is still no news on the disappearance of the Region's team T-shirts. However, brand new shirts have arrived which have been sponsored by Rolawn.



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Turning to education and training. The one day first aid courses being held at Cumberwell Park on August 17 is almost full. Those of you that have asked to do the course should have received a booking form, which should be returned to me. Other courses taking place include a PA1 on September 22 and a PA6 on October 13. I hope to run a number of other courses shortly including abrasive wheel and fire safety. If you want any more information, please contact me on 01249 783382.

Paul Cunningham.

### South Coast

Our Spring Tournament was held at Canford Magna Golf Club on 4 May. The results were as follows. Division One. 1. (Huxley Shield) Simon Ridland;

2. Mark Grogan; 3rd Darren Miller. Division Two. 1. (Avoncrop Trophy) James Krzyzanowski; 2. Ian Noble; 3. Phil Wentworth. Division Three. 1. (Roffey Cup) Alan Rideout; 2. Sid Cutler; 3. Don Friend.

The winner of the Best Nett under 25's for the Christopher Fry Trophy was David Lyons. The winner of the Best Nett over 55's for the Nita Stimpson Trophy was Sid Cutler.

The Lowest Gross Score was Mark Grogan and the Lowest Nett was



Simon Ridland. Both Mark and Simon go forward to the Charterhouse/Scotts National Tournament. Well done to all those who took part and congratulations to all

the winners.

We would like to thank the owners of Canford Magna for allowing us the courtesy of their superb golf courses. Also to Pete Lovel and his staff who presented the courses in such pristine condition. Thanks to the bar and catering staff who kept us well fed and watered. Last but not least, thank you to our sponsors for the day. They were Avoncrop, Roffeys and Huxleys. They provided us with the prizes and trophies. We are very grateful to you all. Lastly, thank you to all of you who participated in the Tournament.

Just a reminder for our Summer Tournament at Rowlands Castle on 22 July. All details were in the June magazine. For those of you who have not yet got your entries in, get them in to Fred as soon as possible.

We had a very happy event on the 14 May. Fred Deamen's wife, Susan, gave birth to a baby boy, Luke Bernd Oldale. I hope I have got those names right Fred. Mother and son are doing well. As far as I know, father isn't

doing too bad either. Congratulations to you both. What a nice way to end July's report.

Ken Lodge.



### North East

Sorry for nothing in last month's issue, but I had nothing to write about. So come on, anyone who has any news or has anything they think deserves a mention, give me a ring 01574 276001. It has been a very busy time for us here at the moment with the opening of our new Golf Course, which is called The Golf Club Stakis Park. We expect this to change any day now as we have been taken over by the Hilton Group.

We would like to wish Royal Portrush and their staff all the best for the staging of the up-coming of the seniors. Finally, Massereene GC has recently signed a deal and has taken delivery of £110,000 Toro machinery kit.

Eamonn Farrell.

### South East

The Section would like to pass on best wishes to Tommy Bradshaw on his retirement after many years service at Malone Golf Club. Welcoming new members to the South East Section, joining this month are: Ian Harrison, Head Greenkeeper at Bangor GC and Paul Lappin, Assistant Head, also at Bangor GC. Also joining as Associate Member is Joseph Paulin from Golden Eagle Agronomy.

Our Summer golf event will be held at Bangor GC on Thursday 8 July. Tee-off at 2.30 pm and we would welcome all members to attend.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Ken Henderson, Allen Park GC, and Alison Sloan, Ballymena GC, on being selected to the Greenkeeper support team for the Open Championship at Carnoustie GC. Well done.

Jonathan McCabe



See you all next month!

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