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**Central**

We are up and running again on the new member front and we extend a warm welcome this month to Christopher Noble from Ladybank Golf Club, and we look forward to meeting you at some of our events in the near future Christopher.

While I am on about events, a five a side football tournament is being organised for mid October (Sunday afternoon, Sky television have even rescheduled their football so as not to clash with this event!) at Forthbank Sports Stadium in Stirling, so if you fancy yourself as a budding football star or you feel you are not past it, return your entry forms and get in training as I believe there are a few teams who are taking this event seriously. Invitations will also be sent to the other sections in Scotland to enter teams, What the h\*\*\*, let's go nationwide and invite teams from any Section within BIGGA to enter! (Travel expenses will NOT be paid, unless this can be classed as an educational event, then we could apply to HQ for funding!) Any spare cash Clive? If any Section is interested in entering a team/teams please just get in touch and I will send you an entry form.

Forms for the autumn tournament at Murrayshall on September 27, the five a side football in October, the proposed Turkey Trot (Do they really run faster just before Christmas?) in December and the eagerly awaited "Club 2000" tickets have all been posted so everyone should have plenty of entries for their diaries. If you do intend to participate in any event, please return your forms promptly to avoid disappointment. And that includes PM! Winners of "Club 2000" for June were D.Sutherland with ticket No. 424 and A.O'Hara (Yes, he of football management fame!) with ticket No 017, both win £50 and the July winners were Mrs. Whitelaw with ticket No 010 (£30) and E. Small with ticket No 155 (£20). Well done folks, your cheques have been posted out. Remember, you can only win one of these fabulous cash prizes if you are in the draw and you can only be in the draw if you purchase a ticket so please support your committee in this fund raising venture.

John Crawford.

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**East**

Well here's another column and another month. As I sit and write this in glorious sunshine 86 degrees (south of France on holiday) I wonder where time goes. It's the middle of July into the seventh month of the year, people are starting to think about winter pro-

grammes, the autumn outing at Monktonhall Golf Club is just around the corner, the match against the North East of England in the annual stewards match and the BIGGA national championship at Royal Birkdale and Southport & Ainsdale Golf Clubs are both in October. (If you are going to the national Championship I will see you there). So, as I said at the beginning, where does time go? Less than half a year to go. It's true what they say about years going quicker the older you get!

Well, the section held its summer tournament at Duns Golf Club and everyone had a good day from what I heard. I haven't got the results yet but I shall have them in time for next month's column. One or two people to thank, firstly the Captain and Council of Duns Golf Club for the courtesy of their course and facilities; the steward and stewardess for keeping us well looked after in the food and refreshment department. Ian Aitchison, Head Greenkeeper, and his staff for presenting the course in fine condition. Well done lads, and also to the trade members for coming along and bringing raffle prizes. A big thanks to everyone who made the journey to Duns and well done to all the prize winners.

I was told there were only 16 members which included four or five members of the trade which was a very poor turn out. Why is this? Is it the wrong time of the season as most clubs are staging their club championships at this time? Is no one interested in a summer tournament? Now if you would like to let the committee know, phone, fax or e-mail me with some ideas as it takes a lot of time and work to organise these tournaments nad for such a small turnout maybe it's not worth continuing with the summer tournament. So come on, it's your section so let us know your views on this matter. I'm waiting to hear from you so come on do it now. Well done to section members who picked up prizes at the Scottish National Tournament at Drumoigg in June.

A bit of news now for students who are attending college. Mike Doover under his new name Thorntrees Amenity (formerly Thorntrees Landscape) has offered the Section an award for best student greenkeeper attending the college in the eyes of the Section committee. The nominees shall possibly have to sit an interview in front of a panel made up of committee members of our Section (such as was done for the nominees for the Bernhard's trip to Canada or something along these lines. The committee will be meeting soon to decide on the final format for this award so students keep looking for details coming soon. The eventual winner will win a trip with the Scottish party to BTME 2002 in Harrogate in January 2002. On his ir her return they shall have to give a presentation on their trip to BTME 2002 to section members as part of a winter lecture in early 2002. So come on it could be you! A big thanks to Mike for his generosity to the section and something any student should be proud to win.

Chris Yeaman (on location)

**North**

A few new members to welcome this month. Chris Smith the new Head Greenkeeper at Buckpool is first up, James Macintosh from Peterhead, Iain Flint and Martin Smith from Torvean, Roy Green from Royal Dornoch and finally Ritchie Morrison from Aberdeen Petroleum Club. On the move are Stuart Griffith leaving Letham Grange to work at Hankley Common and Iain Cowper, formerly of Tain, moving to Southport & Ainsdale. Apologies to George Mitchell of Newmacher who represented the Section at the Open last month and anyone else from the Section I didn't know about.

There was a great turnout of Section members at the Scottish National Championships in Drumoigg recently. Stephen Brown, from Newmacher, won the Friendship trophy for best net score and Andy Wilson won the STRI trophy for best score in Category three. Further good scores from Jim McCormack, Kirriemuir; Jocky Urquhart, Tain, and Gordon Moir, St Andrews, ensured we retained the St Mungo Cup for the Section. My place, as winning Section Chairman, in the photo shoot was taken by Ronnie Bunting who was desperate to be photographed with a trophy! All in all it was a great day, well organised by Peter and his helpers and nice to see BIGGA Chairman Clive Osgood in attendance.

Committee members John Geddes and Hugh McLatchie are putting together a mini conference in Ellon to be held this November early evening time. More details to follow with date, speakers etc. next month.

The Section AGM will be held at Garmouth & Kingston GC on October 25. More details nearer the time.

Iain Macleod

**Section Event?**

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**West**

Welcome to the monthly news letter. The first item I have been asked to mention is the Section AGM which we hope to hold on October 25. The poor attendance at past AGM's has made us think that maybe a change of venue was needed to encourage more of you to come along. To this end an educational outing to Hampden Park is to be arranged with the AGM being held in a room within the stadium directly afterwards.

Scottish Grass Machinery have kindly offered to demonstrate some of their machinery on the day which should make the visit very worthwhile. Please try and attend as you should have a say in how our Section is run. Is the committee doing such a good job that there is no room for improvement. Ha!

On a sadder note it is with regret that I have to report the sudden death of Stewart Jackson who was an assistant at Dumbarton GC. Stewart who was only 21 years of age was involved in a road accident. The Section would like to pass on its condolences to

Stewart's family and friends at this sad time.

I hope all you assistants wanting to win the trip to BTME donated by Thorntree Landscapes have had your thinking caps on and have your essays well on the way to completion.

Remember the subject is "Preparing Your Course For Competition". See last month's report for details.

Well, that is it for this month remember if you would like anything added to the column please do not hesitate to call on 01355 266862.

Brian Bolland

**Latest news?**

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**Gleneagles Chapter**

My name is Andrew de Wet and I am writing this as the Secretary of the Gleneagles BIGGA Student Chapter.

My main topic for this month is to give an outline of the different visits that we, the students, have undertaken throughout the year and to also thank our hosts.

During the winter we visited Loch Lomond Golf Club to see, first hand, the re-construction of the new greens that they were building. During the springtime we visited Turnberry for a look round one of the premier Open Championship venues in the country.

We also had a trip up to Aberdeenshire to Meldrum House Golf Club for a look round and a game of golf.

We would like to thank the following people, Ken Siems and Doreen Williams at Loch Lomond Golf Club; Martin Lothian at Turnberry; and Kenny Harper and John Caven at Meldrum House, for all of their valuable time that they gave up for us and for the wonderful hospitality shown to us by the golf clubs.

Also, during the year we visited various different conferences and lectures, including the "From Cutting Edge to Leading Edge" lectures at the Scottish Grass Machinery House in Inverkeithing. BTME in Harrogate, which was not only attended by the students of Gleneagles but also the full time greenkeepers. We also attended the Scottish Regional Conference in Dunfermline, which was a very enjoyable and interesting day.

Perhaps one of the highlights for us this year was the visit or Dr. Joseph Duich, Professor Emirate of Turfgrass Science at Penn State University, who gave us a lecture into the research and development of the seed variety Penncross and other Creeping Bent grasses to come from the university.

Recently, Gleneagles has played host to the Scottish Championship. This tournament was a great success, with many positive comments coming back from both the professionals and the PGA which is a good sign for the upcoming Scottish PGA championship on the PGA Centenary Course in mid August. It is widely thought that if the course carries on maturing as it is then it will build up a reputation to match the Kings and Queens' courses also at Gleneagles.

Andrew de Wet



**Northern Region**  
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### Northern

Our President, Dennis Cockburn was well chuffed with the numbers that turned out for his day. We again had a large turn out with 45 playing at Harrogate GC for President's Day sponsored by Acorn Equipment (UK). Many thanks to Head Greenkeeper Tony Baxby and his team for the excellent condition of the course. We were also delighted that Harrogate GC Captain Brian Matthews could join us for the day. The weather was outstanding and it was good too some more new faces along with some old ones.

Results are as follows:-

#### President's Trophy

Shane Wells, Headley GC, 78 BIH

#### Division 1

1. Dave Collins, Temple Newsome GC, 66
2. Alan Baxter, Bingley St. Ives GC, 67 BB9
3. Robin Smith, Leeds City Council, 67

#### Division 2

1. Jim Brown, Cookridge G&CC 70
2. Nigel Wild, Otley GC, 72
3. Tito Arana, Riddlesden GC, 75

#### Division 3

1. Paul Wood, Clayton GC, 78 BIH
2. Steve Heaton, Otley GC, 78
3. Alan Gamble, Retired, 79

#### Trade Prize

1. Andrew Cornes, Acorn, 69
2. Mel Guy, Green Pride, 70

#### Longest Drive

Richard Harris, Elland GC

#### Nearest Pin

Alan Dyson, Farmura

Once again thanks to Harrogate GC and all the staff for allowing us courtesy and help in making our day a success. Thanks also to Andrew Cornes and Acorn Equipment (UK) for sponsoring the day for us.

Representing the section in the Regional Final at Birchwood on the 15th are Richard Harris, Peter Thompson, Alan Baxter, Brian Hudson, Mike Gregson, John Wood. This event is again sponsored by Richard Campey Ltd. Good luck to the lads who qualified via the Spring Tournament.

Invitation Day is coming up on Tuesday, September 11, at Howley Hall GC with a tee off at 1.30 pm. This day is designed for you to invite a club official eg Captains, Chairman of Greens, Directors etc. Another date for your diary is the Cumbria Cup at Penrith GC on September 19. The cost is £10 including evening meal and prizes and is sponsored by Course Care. To book for this event Contact Andrew Vincent on 07971 292626. Those of you who have put your names down for the Roses match on August 22 I'll be in touch with the team to play shortly.

Well done to John Waite on the recovery front by getting back into the swing of things by returning part time to work, after nearly 12 months since the horrific accident.

The finishing touches are being put to the Section's own website which will be on line next month, and thanks to H.Q. for their help in getting the site up and running. We welcome three new members in James Kershaw and Joanne

Kershaw, both from Castlefields GC, and Christopher Courtman, from Kirkstall Valley GC.

There is no other news at the moment, so if anybody as any then let me know. My address is 67 Asquith Avenue, Morley, Leeds, LS27 9QS; Tel: 0113 2383188; mobile 07790 678572; E-mail: andy\_smith21@hotmail.com

Andy Smith

### Cleveland

Sad news to start this month's column - the death of Maurice Grange, sales rep for LLoysds, formerly of Claytons. Maurice died on June 14 aged 51. He was well known and well liked by every greenkeeper in the area and will be missed.

More sad news. Tony Burge is out of this year's Cleveland Shield, having had to concede his match after injuring his back after slipping and falling at work. A lesson for everyone that carpet slippers are not suitable footwear for golf course maintenance. Tony's injury meant that Jim Thompson found himself in the quarter final, further than he has been in the competition before by several rounds. He wasn't fazed by this and he went on to beat Chris Powley, the current holder of the Shield and will play either myself or Brian Benzing in the semi finals. Martin Woods or Neil Rogers will play Graeme Salabank in the other semi final.

Arrangements for the match against the Northern Section and Autumn Tournament are well under way. Watch this space, any news please contact me on 07719 193381

Steven Jaques

### Sheffield

This year's annual tournament was held at Gainsborough golf club with Mansfield Sands being the main sponsor of the day. Despite some poor weather conditions for the time of year the course was in excellent condition and the top five nett scores for the day were, 1. A. Sampson, 64; 2. A. Bunting 69; 3. K. Lock, 69; 4. I. Whitehead, 71; 5. J. Moorcroft, 71. The best visitor's score was P. Fell with nett 70.

Congratulations to the top five and to all other prize winners. The facilities of Gainshorough Golf Club from the course through to the clubhouse are absolutely first class and I would like to thank the Captain of the club Mr. D. Saxilby and everyone else concerned for their support and efforts on the day. Thank you also to all the trade members who supported the day and in particular to Russell Latham and Dave Smith of Mansfield Sands for all their efforts and a superb prize table.

Our next golf day is at Hillsborough GC on September 5 with a tee off time of 2.30 pm.

Finally the Section welcomes four new members. They are Simon Sayner, of Mid Yorkshire GC; Paul Nelson, of Renishaw Park GC; Andy Riley, of Hillsborough GC, and Daryll Curtis, of Lees Hall GC. We look forward to seeing you all in September at our next golf day.

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**North West**

May I apologise for the lack of Section news in the June issue of the magazine. The notes were submitted but were misplaced somewhere along the line. I had mentioned in the notes a report on the spring tournament at Mere Golf & Country Club, played on Monday, April 3. The night before the rain had hammered down and although the course was wet, Paul Hyde and his staff had done a great job preparing the course and keeping it open. We had 43 members playing and some excellent scores were returned. Best Nett. Alex Davies. Best Gross, Mike Davie. Over 55's. Arthur Moorey. Guests Prize. Andrew Cornes. The Longest drive and nearest the pin (both sponsored by Rufford) were won by Paul Pearse and Tom Lyons, and the prizes went down to 12th place thanks to our sponsors and other trade members. It was a little short of a miracle how Mike Davie even completed the course, because of a severe back injury, but he did and recorded the best gross score. Many thanks to Mere Golf & Country Club for allowing us courtesy of the course, Paul Hyde and his staff for a great course despite the weather and the caterers for a lovely meal.

The summer tournament was played at Mottram Hall on Tuesday, June 12 and what a fine course it is. The weather turned out fine and it was a shirt sleeve order all day. We had 45 members playing this testing course, especially the back nine and good scores were returned and we even tempted Barry Gregson out for a game. The winner of the Reg Vickers trophy was Steve Brownley with 39 points. The longest drive and nearest the pin (once again sponsored by Rufford) were won by Paul Harley & Steve Johnson, with Tony Howarth winning the guest prize. The prize table allowed us to go to 11th place thanks to our sponsors. Many thanks to Mottram Hall for allowing the courtesy of the course, and the efforts of Barry Gregson, Golf Operations Manager). Bob Moland and his staff for a great course, and the caterers for fine food.

There are still some places for the "Roses" match so contact me if you are available. The autumn tournament is at Ashton & Lea Golf Club on Monday, September 3, and all applications to be sent to Bill Merritt, 225 Utting Avenue, Clubmore, Liverpool, L4 9RB. Tel: 01512 844416, including a cheque for £15. Lunch at 12 noon. Tee off 1:30pm. Any news or complaints ring me on 07761 583387 or 01517 245412

Bert Cross



**Midland Region**  
Peter Larter  
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**Mid Anglia**

The Section's summer golf tournament is to be held at Hammonds End Golf Club, Harpenden, Herts, on Wednesday, August 22. Please note that the format for this event has

changed to 18 holes only, with the tee booked from 1.30 pm onwards. This will hopefully offer those who, due to work commitments, cannot attend an all day event, the opportunity to take part. We shall meet for lunch at around 12 noon - 12.30 pm and the golf will be followed by a meal and presentation in the evening. Entries by the usual form, please, to: Richard Saunders, Match Secretary, 55 Leys Road, St. Neots, Huntingdon, PE19 1EP (tel. 01480 473856). Costs are £15.00 for ages under 25 and £25.00 for 25's and over.

The Lodgeway Four Ball competition is well under way now. Would competitors please ensure that their matches are played within the time allocated and that the results are forwarded to Steve Mason.

Please note that the date for the Christmas Meeting on the fixture card is incorrect. It should read Thursday, December 6 and not the 7th, as listed.

On a sad note, Henry Herrington, formerly Head Greenkeeper at John O'Gaunt Golf Club (retired) and who was actively involved in setting up the Section in its early years, is unwell. On behalf of all members, I would like to wish him a speedy recovery.

Paul Lockett

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**Midland**

The Midland Section summer tournament was played at Moseley Golf Club on June 29. The winner on the day was Nick Bird, 2. Dave Fellows, Longest Drive - Eddie Stant, Nearest the Pin - Vince Lee.

The day was sponsored by Alpha Amenity represented by Nigel Tyler supplied by Amenity Technology and wine through the evening provided by John Meres of Mitchells. Thanks to all the sponsors for their continued support of the Midland Section.

Our thanks and gratitude also goes out to all the staff and members of Moseley Golf Club for providing us with such an excellent day, in particular to Mike Gash and all the green staff who presented the course to a very high standard. Congratulations and thanks to you all.

On a final note, there is interest from the North West Section to hold a "go kart" challenge in Warrington. It is anticipated a team of around 12 people would be required to make the event a success. Anyone interested in participating please contact me on : 07989-566307.

Don't forget your entries for the autumn tournament at Trentham Golf Club on September 17. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Phil Gates

**East Midlands**

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Section to thank Alpha Amenity for their generous support. It is thanks partly to companies like these that we remain so successful.

This year's autumn tournament will be held on Wednesday September 12

at Lingdale GC. If by now you have not received your entry form please let me know and I will gladly send you a copy. The AGM is to be held at Mapperley GC on Thursday November 8 followed by the Christmas Meeting at Wollaton Park on Tuesday December 4.

Sorry for such a brief report, if you have any further news for this article please let me know.

Antony Bindley



**South East**  
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**Essex**

This year's summer tournament held at Bentley Golf Club and sponsored by Tuckwells and Avoncrop Amenity was combined with the qualifier for the BIGGA National Championship which is itself being held at the Royal Birkdale and Southport & Ainsdale Golf Clubs on October 1 and 2. Despite a gloomy weather forecast the sun shone down on the 38 competitors made up of trade and green keepers alike.

An already difficult course, Bentley was made even more testing by the strong winds which gusted down and across the tree lined fairways making a low score almost impossible. The course was very well prepared and a credit to new Head Greenkeeper Mark Stopps and his staff, Deputy Head Andrew Darnell and assistants Nick Pomfrite, Steve Adams and Nick Thompson who have worked wonders getting the course back into shape after a catastrophic winter and the odd attack of the dreaded fuzz.

The author had the pleasure of Mark's company for the round, along with Richard Lewis, DFL, and Martin Guy, Trent Park GC. I believe these three guys have the art of enjoying yourself while being serious when you have to be down to a fine art. I have not enjoyed a round of golf as much in a long while. Thanks guys, it was a pleasure and an education.

The two golfers who have qualified for the finals are Tony Kirwin, of Colchester GC, (best gross) who also qualified last year and finished third overall and Steve Crosdale, of Great Hadham Golf and Country Club, (best nett). Steve also won the overall prize of the Summer Trophy, which was presented by Neil Peachey of Tuckwells.

The results from the three handicap categories were, Cat 1 (0-12). 1. Andy Sheehan, Ely GC; 2. John Robinson, Crowlands Heath; 3. Roland Hughes, Forrester Park. Cat 2 (13-22). 1. Malcolm Smith, Channels GC; 2. Douglas (Maggie) Smith, Mardyke Valley; 3. Martin Guy, Trent Park GC. Cat 3 (23-28). 1. John Barnard, Theydon Bois GC; 2. Stuart Wren, Great Hadham GC; 3. Ray Goodsall, Upminster GC.

If any of the winning names look familiar it's because half of the people picking up prizes also collected silverware at our last golf day detailed in June's magazine.

The longest drive and nearest the pin turned out to be an all Orsett affair with Dominic Rodgers and Carl Crocher winning these prizes.

The trade prize for the second event running went to Mick Fance, of Driving Force Leisure, with a great score of nett 75. Well done Mick, a very close second was Richard Lewis from the same fine establishment as Mick.

As usual, members of the trade from Rigby Taylor, Sherriffs, Driving Force Leisure, E.Doe, Gem and Tacit supported the section and donated to the raffle prizes. Thanks guys.

While in thanking mode the bar and catering staff at Bentley GC deserve a mention as does owner John Vivers who allowed us to have our day on his course. Thank you all very much.

See you all at the next golf day which at the time of writing is yet to be confirmed. You will be notified by the usual method as soon as details have been sorted.

**Latest news?**

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**Kent**

Yes another report from the Kent Section and there is a fair bit to report on this month.

Walmer and Kingsdown was the venue for our first golf day of the year with a very poor turn out once again. We still managed to have a great day with the weather being very fine and little to no wind. That is very rare down on the south coast. The course was very tidy and for those who have not played there very hilly.

The tone of the day was set on the first tee by our South East Regional Administrator Derek Farrington, whose first tee shot was a lovely air shot followed by a glorious snap hook into a very expensive house's garden. He did, however, make a very good ten. Next on the tee was Neil Pullen, from Sheriff Amenity Services, who hit another superb snap hook but this one hit the wall of the garden and bounced at least 100 yards back onto the tee two yards behind from where he had teed off. Of course it gave everyone watching a good laugh. Not satisfied with that, Neil proceeded to lose his ball up a tree a bit further up the fairway and finally made a great putt for a nine.

The day finished with Trevor Hindmarsh winning Best nett with Barry Jackson second and Simon Saunders third. Best gross went to Paul Larsen with Duncan Kelso runner-up and Chris Marsh third. Nearest the pin was won by Barry Jackson who hit a great thinned 8-iron to 30 foot. Trade prize was won by Rhys Buckley and I have never seen him before so I don't know his company.

So well done to those guys and best of luck to those who play in the National Tournament. The real winners were everyone who made the effort to turn up and have a great day meeting new people and swapping ideas.

Well done to Gary Sidders who fin-

ished his first Medal round with a score of 107. Great stuff!

It was nice to see some new faces and I hope we will see more of you at Chestfield on July 26. A big thank-you to everyone down at Walmer for a great day's golf and the much-needed food. I would just like to congratulate Dan McGrath on getting married at the beginning of June and I hope you and your wife have a happy life together, which I'm sure you will.

So if there is any news please let me know or I will have to talk about myself, and that could take hours. So phone me on 01732 875020 or e-mail jbatkhgolf@aol.com

Jason Bean

### East Anglia

A pleasant day greeted our happy band of wanderers as we descended on Richmond Park Golf Club near Wotton in Norfolk on the 13th June. Our thanks go to the main sponsors for the day who were John Deere, Tomlinson Ground Care, Ben Burgess, Steven Curtis and his staff had done us proud presenting us with an excellent venue for our summer meeting. The clubhouse staff made every effort to make the day a success and topped it off with an extremely good evening meal. Many thanks to the club Captain Brian Brand for helping me with the cards and for sorting out the winning scores. I had the good fortune to play with the winner of the day Brian Lemmon. He played a good round of golf and got a ribbing during the round from the rest of the group, sombreros and other banded attire were mentioned on several occasions, but the cheekiest thing that took place was when Brian realised how good his score was going to be, he tried to cook up the last two holes (bad luck Brian, 2 shots off the handicap). On to the winners;

### 0 - 12 handicap

1. A. Elliot 37 points
2. M. Virley 34 Points on count back
3. J. Wright 34 points

### 13 - 17 Handicap

1. B. Lemmon 40 points (overall winner)
2. S. Millard 36 points
3. N. Wonger 35 points

### 18 - 28 Handicap

1. D. Farrington 33 points
2. K. Titshall 32 points
3. J. Holiday 31 points

### Trade and Guest

1. K. Timms 37 points
2. J. Humphrey 36 points
3. M. Davis 35 points

**Longest drive** - J. Wright

**Nearest the Pin** - M. Virley

My thanks to the other sponsors SISIS, Rushbrooks, Lely UK, Batrums, Nicholsons, K. Leach, Tacit, Banks Amenity, Rigby - Taylor, Sherriffs, Atterton & Ellis, Consultant Clarkson.

On behalf of our Section I would like to thank Richmond Park Golf Club for their hospitality and for allowing us to use their excellent golf course. Our charity collected £40.00 and this year we should pass the £1000 mark. (well done everyone).

Our next meeting will be held at Eaton Golf Club on August 1. There was no difficulty in choosing the winner of the toilet seat, it could only go

to Brian for his very poor attempt to muck up his card on the last two holes. As ever Ian Willett kept the day running as smooth as possible. (Well done Ian)

See you all at the next meeting.  
Ian Willett

### London

My apologies for missing the last two months but news has been a little bit sparse recently. It must be the change in weather, everybody's slowed down after months and months of dashing around like headless chickens. If you're cool, calm and collected (like me, obviously!) and you have everything under control then please ignore the headless chicken gag.

As you are reading this we will have already played our Summer Meeting here at Sandy Lodge so if you didn't bring plenty of balata balls with you it's too late. Don't say I warned you!

Our Autumn Meeting, however, is provisionally booked for Thursday, August 23 at Gerrards Cross Golf Club. My thanks to Course Manager Lee Robinson for his help in getting this one off the ground. Thanks also to Gerrards Cross Golf Club for allowing us courtesy of the course for the day. Tee off times will be from 2pm onwards and details of cost will be announced when the entry forms go out.

News from round the section sees Mike Bridge retiring from the helm at Children Forest Golf Club after many years of loyal service. Steve Horwood, formerly Lee's deputy at Gerrards Cross takes over as Course Manager. Smart move Steve, getting away from that awful Robinson fellow! Best Wishes and good luck to both for the future. It was nice to meet Gavin Kyle, from Hendon Golf Club, recently. Gavin is due to have some new tee construction taking place in October, the work being undertaken by Kestrel Golf. Gavin came along to see the work done by Kestrel at Sandy Lodge last year and I hope left with a good impression. On the other hand he could well have been spying for our neighbours Northwood Golf Club where Gavin's brother has just taken over as Course Manager!

Moving back to Scotland from Bush Hill Park is the ever popular Tony Taylor and replacing Tony is Graham Careford.

Congratulations to newly wed David (Monty) Montgomerie, Course Manager at Finchley Golf Club. David and his bride Kay honeymooned in Cyprus and on behalf of the London Section would like to offer the new Mrs Montgomerie all the luck in the world.

The Open pre qualifying at Hadley Wood will have taken place by the time you read this but I hope it went well Craig. I'm sure it did.

The VW Golf a la Hopkinson is still available and it is sickening to see such an honest and hard working guy looking so desperate. Keep reading and keep sending me the info. Hopefully dates to be announced shortly for the Turkey Trot.

Robert Phillips

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**South West and South Wales**  
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Summer has arrived for the first time in years; hopefully you have all fixed those irrigation problems by now? The foot and mouth crisis prevented the section from holding its February Avoncrop meeting at Thurlestone GC and to correct this the section held a summer afternoon meeting at Trethorne Golf Club on Tuesday 19th June, which was kindly sponsored by Avoncrop. On arrival, members were welcomed with a bacon roll for lunch before competing for the Avoncrop Trophy, our non golfing members were treated to a guided tour of the course by Head man Maurice and owner Mike Davey. After an excellent meal John Palfrey on behalf of Avoncrop presented the golf prizes as follows: 1. Jeff Mills, Taunton; 2. Richard Shapland, China Fleet; 3. Graham Fitzpatrick, Dainton.

After the presentation, members who were able to stay on enjoyed a relaxing game of ten pin bowling which saw some great bowling from our Regional Administrator. The Section would like to thank Mike Davey for allowing us the use of his facilities and to Avoncrop and John Palfrey for sponsoring the day.

As in previous years the Section will be holding six meetings during the winter, which are listed below. October 3, Roffeys Meeting, China Fleet; November 7, DGM Meeting, Tavistock; December 12, PJ Flegg

Meeting, Okehampton; January 16, Barenbrug Meeting, Perranporth; February 21, Avoncrop Meeting, Thurlestone; March 20, Aventus & Supaturf Meeting, Taunton & Pickeridge.

Please note the following booking terms & information listed below for Section meetings;

- Golfing members to receive starting times before meeting with a draw for partners.
- For our foursome & greensome events you may enter with a partner with your opponents being drawn
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- A levy of £2 will be added to each entry received after the closing date.
- As some members have problems paying before meetings, they will be able to continue to pay on the day without being levied as long as the entry has been received before the closing date. Any member who does not attend after entering will be invoiced if no payment is received.

Richard Whyman

**South Coast**

I seem to be suffering from writer's block this month. It's taken two cigarettes and 43 minutes just to write this line.

So what's happened this month? Well not an awful lot actually.

The 'Match v Secretaries' competition was played at Upavon GC, and congratulations to the winners. I think we won, but I've lost the information Chris sent me regarding the day. I do apologise for this so all the details of the day will be in next month's column.

The results of the Summer Tournament and the Management

Trophy will also be in next months report. These are to be played at Broadstone GC and Salisbury and South Wilts GC (my stomping ground) respectively.

Saltex is coming around again shortly, September 4-6, so don't forget to get your passes to avoid all the messing about at the front gate.

I know October sounds a long way off, but the autumn tournament is on the 3rd of that month. I don't have any details of the price at the moment, but it is to be held at Petersfield GC. Do you still work there Nick?

Well that's all there is for this month. Next month's report should be packed. Bet you can't wait!

Mike Cartwright.



**Northern Ireland Section**

Our golf competition at Galgorm Castle GC went ahead as planned on June 8. The course, which is situated just outside Ballymena, has been open for about five years. It has been developed on an established estate with the rivers Braid & Maine providing interest on quite a few of the holes. I achieved my objective of keeping my ball away from the water, but unfortunately the double bogeys began appearing with frequent regularity. But never the less an enjoyable day was had by everyone attending. I enjoyed the company of my fellow Greenkeepers and the hospitality shown by the staff

at Galgorm Castle was very much appreciated. I would like to thank Christopher Brooke for allowing the section the opportunity to come and play the course, and give us courtesy golf. To Course Manager David Snoddy and his staff, a big thank you for the excellent presentation on the course.

The day would not have been a success without support from our sponsor, Scotts of Toombridge Ltd, the sand and gravel company. They are specialist suppliers of sportsturf sand for golf courses, bowling greens and playing fields. The company Sales Manager, Alan Hewitt, attended on the day. I had the pleasure of his company in my fourball and fortunately my partner and I recovered from a very gloomy front nine to level our match on the eighteenth my lucky pound is safe for another day.

Thanks to all the members who made the long journey to the venue. The result of the competition was as follows, 1. Nick Webber, Portstewart GC, 37 pts; 2. Alan Strachan, Royal Co. Down, 36 pts; 3. Andrew Wray, Castle Rock GC, 35 pts; 4. Michael Feeney, City of Derby GC, 35 pts. The visitors' prize was won by Peter Smyth, Royal Co Down, 39 pts. The winner received a colour television while second prize was a radio/cassette & CD Player. Once again many thanks to Scotts our sponsor for providing such excellent prizes.

The result of our July competition at Royal Belfast will be featured in next month's magazine.

If any member has any news which they would like to be included in the "Around the Green" notes, please contact me at Allen Park on 02894 429001.

Ken Henderson

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