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**North**

As I write this report the heavens are opening again, and this is turning out to be the wettest spell of weather since the winter. Although, talking to some greenkeepers from the east coast, it has been a very dry spell and in some cases it's making life awkward, I hope you get some rain soon.

Two new members to report this month, these are Ben Brookes, from Newmachar Golf Club, and Marc Gray, from Strathpeffer Golf Club. Ben has been a member for a while now, so my apologies for omitting you from past reports. Anyway, welcome to the Section, lads.

The outing at Elgin Golf Club went very well and, with a really good turnout of 80 plus playing, combined with pleasant weather and a superb golf course, it turned out to be a really successful day. Alistair Angus and his staff deserve high praise indeed for the condition of the course. It was first class. Thanks also go to the catering and bar staff of Elgin Golf Club who kept us all fed and watered, and also a big thanks to all the patrons who supplied the raffle prizes and supported the event.

The prize winners for the day were as follows:

Scratch 1. and Bowen trophy Mark Ross, Elgin GC, 65; 2. Neil Sadler, Inchmarlo GC. 70. Class 1 and Frews Cup 1. Richard Roy, Garmouth GC, 71-3-68; 2. Robert Paterson, Royal Aberdeen GC, 73-3-70 BIH; 3. Brian Cruickshank, Garmouth GC, 75-5-70. Class 2. Trophy 1. Maxi Grant, Garmouth GC, 76-6-70 BIH; 2. Iain Gunn, Royal Strathpeffer GC, 76-6-70; 3. P. Wood, Newmachar GC, 82-10-72. Maxi Grant is now suspended from the next outing, unless he apologises, for holing that lucky putt on the last green.

Class 3 Trophy 1. A. Leslie, Forres GC, 81-13-68; 2. Brian Hunter, McDonald GC, 89-20-69; 3. M. Wood, Moray GC, 87-17-70.

Veterans and Trophy 1. John Geddes, McDonald GC, 82-13-69; 2. R. Donald, Oldmeldrum GC. Apprentice Trophy 1. E. Cameron, Elgin GC; 2. N. Whyte, Elgin GC. Committee Trophy, John Geddes, McDonald GC. Trade. Pat Allan (just for once) 75-5-70. Guest M. Anderson, Elgin GC, 73-8-65. Longest Drive Class 1 Robert Paterson, Royal Aberdeen GC; Class 2 B. Macdonald, Forres GC;

Class 3 M. Reid, Peterculter GC. Nearest the Pin K. Thomson, Moray GC.

Sweep Winners 1. Mark Ross, Elgin GC; 2. Richard Roy, Garmouth GC; 3. A. Leslie, Forres GC; 4. John Geddes BIH, McDonald GC.

The first section of 200 Club Hundred Club draws also took place and the winners were as follows; Jan. A. Wood, Auchmill GC. £30; Feb. I. Macleod, Tain GC £30; C. Pearson, Craibstone GC. £30; April, J. Whyte

£100.

Congratulations to all the winners and I hope to see you all at the Autumn outing at McDonald GC Ellon in September.

Congratulations are also due to Fortrose Golf Club, who received the Committed to Green Award for there substantial efforts on the the environmental front. They received this award at Gleneagles Golf Club, among several other clubs, from other areas of the country. The green staff, led by Stuart Hogg, and the committee of the club deserve a lot of credit for this.

And also to be congratulated, as I was reminded by Hamish Stephen, Cruden Bay GC, are Michael Clark, Kingussie GC; James Hutchison, Boat-of-Garten GC, and Craig Dawson, Newtonmore GC, for their part in Kingussie winning the Cammanached Cup, shinty's showpiece trophy, for the 20th time. To have three greenkeepers from the North Section playing in the team is tremendous, and well done lads.

Finally, the suggested golf match between the Aberdeen area of our Section and the north area was discussed and several very chirpy Aberdonians were offering challenges, convinced they just have to turn up. The proposed date for this has still to be set, but around the second weekend in October is being touted. We have four or five interested from our area but we need more, so anyone interested by all means phone me on 01997 420155. The course suggested was Strathpeffer GC.

Iain Gunn

**Central**

I must begin this month's news by making an apology to Jeff Ryce and Mark Roberts, both from West Lothian Golf Club, for omitting to welcome them to the Section in last month's report Sony Lads, but somehow your application forms got mislaid in my filing system, at this time of the years it's that pile of papers lying in the corner waiting to be attended to. Another new member joining us this month is Grant Davidson from Stirling Golf Club. I can hear you all saying "Aye, he didna' forget that one", but seriously a warm welcome to you all from everyone in the Section.

In last month's news I gave you the date of this years Autumn Tournament, have you all got it in your diary? Well hears another date, this year's Grand Football Tournament will be held on Sunday October 13, again at Forthbank Stadium in Stirling. Hopefully the weather will be a bit drier than last year! You've all had plenty of warning so you had better get in training now as some of the teams take this event very seriously. Forms for both events will be with you in the near future so, as before, please return them in plenty of time.

Winners of Club 2000 in April were A. O'Hara with ticket number 183 and S. Connah with number 251, May winners were K. Brunton with ticket number 131 and K. Mitchell

with number 036. Guess what's going to be dropping through your letter-box shortly. Yes! you've guessed it, your allocation of club 2000 tickets for next years draw. It may seem a bit early but it's just to give you time to buy/sell/return or as most of you do "mislay" them.

The draw for this years Inter Club Tournament has been made and circulated, with ten teams competing two league of five have been formed, with the winners of each league meeting in the final, hopefully ALL ties will be played on time in order that the event doesn't over run again.

I've had a suggestion that there should be a Reunion Dinner of the founding committee of the Section, first meeting November 20th 1980 at Stirling Golf Club. The committee elected on that night were: J. Oliver, J. Lees, R. Fleming, J. McAtamny, M. Batchelor, C. Stewart, S. Brown, B. Finlayson. W. Steele, A. Robertson, K. Vertigan, J. Armstrong, E. Small and auditors J. Souter and F. McNeill. I know that Jimmy Lees and Jock Armstrong are now in the big golf course in the sky and that Sandy Brown and Craig Stewart are working abroad but if anyone is interested in attending this event (even if they are no longer members) please get in touch and we will get it organised.

John Crawford.



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**Northern**

Let me start this month's report by welcoming our new members to the Northern Section. They are Frank Stewart, from Leeds Golf Centre; Stuart Earnshaw, from Clayton Golf Club; Ben Grayson, from Huddersfield Golf Club; Daniel Grainger and Robin Cornforth, from Easingwold Golf Club.

Allan Lofthouse called me a few days ago to tell me he was taking early retirement from Fixby Golf Club. No doubt most of you saw the advertisement for his job in last month's magazine. Allan has supported the Section for many years and was also Secretary of the old BGGGA. So from all your friends in the Northern Section may we wish you a long and happy retirement.

A little bird tells me that Telford (Scarcroft Golf Club) and his better half are expecting their first child. Congratulations to you both.

I am also sorry to report that Simon Heppenstall has left greenkeeping and gone into the landscaping industry. As you will all know Simon was Secretary and served on the committee for a number of years. May we wish him every success in his new venture.

I am writing these notes a couple of weeks prior to President's Day so results and report will be in the next around the green.

A couple of dates for your diaries, Thursday, August 15, Stand Golf Club. This is a yearly match against

our friends who were unfortunately born on the wrong side of the Pennines. A team will be picked by the committee based not on golfing ability alone, but on regular attendance at Section golf days over the last year. Invitation day at Bingley St Ives takes place on Tuesday 10th September. Bring a club representative and let them enjoy Joe Baxter's beautiful course, and share in the camaraderie of a section event. This event will be the usual format and cost £15 per person by cheque payable to BIGGA NORTHERN SECTION. Any committee member will accept your cheque.

Any gossip or tittle-tattle you want me to share with the section can be forwarded to me by any of the mediums at the end of the notes.

Enjoy the rest of the summer,  
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**North West**

The beginning of June and no real signs of summer yet, but at least the finer grasses are beginning to take off. On Wednesday, May 15 we played our spring tournament at Hurlston Hall Golf Club, and we could not have picked a nicer course or better weather for the first of our golf tournaments. The course was in beautiful condition thanks to Tony Smith and his staff considering the fact that this course was only opened in October 1994. The greens and fairways looked as though they had been long established, and the vast amount of trees planted had taken off nicely, probably because they are planted on the finest arable land in the country. The caterers did us proud with ample amounts of sandwiches and soup prior to the afternoon golf and an excellent meal in the evening. I would like to thank Hurlston Hall for allowing us the courtesy of the course, and their warm welcome, the caterers for a lovely meal, and Tony Smith and his staff for presenting a great course. There was one sad note on the otherwise perfect day, and that was the poor attendance. We have in the N/W section almost 600 members including trade members, and although the spring meeting was almost in the middle of the section, we had only 24 greenkeepers, and five trade members present. The golf is arranged to commence at 1.30pm on each occasion, which gives you the chance to go into work early, and conic along in the afternoon and enjoy a good day. If there is a problem other than work please let me know either by phone or letter, and if necessary we will try to make other arrangements.

Now I have that off my chest I will announce the winners;

Best Gross. Steve Johnson; Best Nett. Paul Smith; Vets. Bert Cross Guests Prize Peter Jefford (President NIW Section) Longest Drive Andrew Sommerset  
Nearest the Pin. Andrew



Somerset.

The prices down to seventh nett were sponsored by Tacit, Bathgate, and the N/W Patrons.

The qualifiers for the Northern Region Final to be played at Whitefield GC, on Friday, August 9 are: 0-9. Steve Johnson and Mike Davie; 10-18. Paul Walker and Paul Smith; 19-28. Mike Hogg and Mark Hillarby.

On Thursday August 15 we have the "Roses Match" at Stand GC and I will require a team of 12 to try to win the Pattersons Cup back to where it belongs. If you are available give me a ring on 0151 724 5412 or Mobile 07761583387. Any news or views especially over golf tournaments give me a ring.

Bert Cross.

### North Wales

North Wales lost their match against North West, the final score was 3.5 - 2.5 but an enjoyable day was had by all. Thanks go to Simon, Head Greenkeeper at Pryor's Hayes GC for the preparation of the course and the catering staff for the food. Also thanks once again for their kind sponsorship of the day. Next year the match will be in the North West Section area and then back to North Wales in 2004. We would like to hold this somewhere on the west coast.

Apart from this team event the Section holds just three tournaments over the year, Spring, Autumn and Christmas, these has been talk about holding a further event in the summer which could take place either in June or July and we would like to hear from you if it would be something of interest and also if there is anyone willing to put their course forward for such an event. Please get in touch with any of the committee to register your "yes" or "no" and we will assess the numbers at our next committee meeting.

As Guy Cannings, of Heswall GC, and Richard Littler, of Bromborough GC, take a pat on the back for successfully hosting the 'English Seniors Championships' at their respective courses, it wasn't all plain sailing in the lead up to the event explains Richard.

The Bromborough GC famous for the Cheshire stroke and match play tournaments was, in recent years, becoming unable to deal with the even moderate levels of rainfall, in particular there were five holes that were almost out of play through the winter months and became soft in the summer. At a general meeting in September of 1998 the Greens committee backed by council persuaded the members that money needed to be spent on reconstructing these greens to USGA specification and a representative from the STRI spoke on the matter that this work was to be essential if they wished any winter play.

Work took place in the construction the USGA spec greens, (Phase 1) with the significant feature of putting back original turf. The five greens were completed by May 1999 and back in play.

They liked the results so much that

a decision was then made to do the other 13 greens and the putting green (Phase 2) This was done during September - December 2000 in the worst period of weather in history but these were back in play in May 2001 and in August hosted the Cheshire county matches, Richard and his team had to treat the new greens gently by hand mowing and also purchasing extra fertiliser and feed along with further investment in fairway and bunker drainage. Twelve months on and the course has seen a new lease of life for all year round play anyone wishing to hear and see the results first hand should give Richard a call.

On a lighter note Life begins next month for David Lewis of Conwy (Caernarfonshire GC) he doesn't want anyone to know but he's the big 'four - oh' I said that I wouldn't tell anyone.

The three Day PGA Pro-Am at Nefyn, Measdu & Bull Bay was again a classic event now in it's 20th year so I am told.

Congratulations go to Hugh Roberts, of Vale of Llangollen, and his wife, Janet, on the birth of their baby daughter, Emily Jane. Hugh is former assistant professional at Llan and is now into his 16th month in the realms of greenkeeping. Thanks to Tracy for the info.

Any news, views or information you have, please contact me on:

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### B,B & O

The summer tournament will be held at Temple Golf Club on Thursday, August 1. Please note there will not be invitations sent out for this event as all the information required will be covered in this article. You are required to bring along the Secretary, Manager or Greens Chairman as your partner for this Invitational event. The format will be Fourball Better ball played over 18 holes. The first tee is booked from 2.15pm so please arrive in good time to assist with the smooth running of the event. As normal pairings will be decided on the day as and when people arrive. The cost of the day is £50 per team this will include an evening meal.

If you wish to play please contact David Winterton on 07778 765021. The closing date for entries will be 26th July.

The Rigby Taylor Knockout is in full swing with several matches already completed to date. Peter & Gordon Critchley disposed of Dean Thatcher & Wayne Nott, home advantage proved decisive in this match. Ross Wilson and Colin Hutt beat Richard Rosser and Brian Payne. Jason Brooks and Lee Bishop ran out

winners against Charles Taylor and Matt Newton. The local derby between Lindsay Anderson and Simon Austin, Badgemore, and Mitch Stewart and Michael Johnston, Henley, proved to be a thriller with Birdies flying all over the place. Despite the fact that Michael played off 18 he still managed to hit our par-5 2nd in two (nett one). Eventually they ran out of steam and we polished them off on the 17th. The Quarterfinal draw looks lively with some big guns going head to head, a full report will be included next month.

I would like to welcome several new members to the Section; Ian Upton, Peter Carter, Robert Siggers & Michael Johnston. I hope to see all of you at the forthcoming events this season.

Finally happy retirement to Raymond Tapper who has completed his life sentence at Studley Wood and has been released for good behaviour. Happy golfing!

Lindsay T Anderson

### East of England

The second of our golf days out was held at Blankney Golf Club. It was nice to see Head Greenkeeper, Steve Peters, back at work and at the evening meal after his recent illness.

The course played really well and everybody enjoyed it. Thanks to Steve and the club management for allowing us courtesy of the course.

Graham Greenwood from Amenity technology, the main sponsor, brought along some great prizes as usual. The Amtec Salver was won by G. A. Macdonald, 35 pts; 2. T Jones, 33 pts; 3. (On countback) L. Hunt, 33 pts. The trade prize went to Dave Smith with 38 pts, from Mansfield Sand. Nearest the pin was won by L. Purdy and the Longest Drive for the Purdy's Cup went to Luke Hunt.

The order of merit for the BIGGA Blazer stands after two competitions 1. Ian Batty, 15 pts; 2. J Hewson, 11 pts; 3. G. A. Macdonald and A. Kitchinson, 10 pts; 5. T. Jones, 9 pts.

G A Macdonald



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### Essex

The Essex Golf & Country Club was this year's venue for our Spring Tournament. Martin Forrester and his team did a great job preparing a course in difficult conditions for the well-attended event, which was sponsored by Banks Amenity Products, a big thank you to Simon Banks for that.

The Essex as always proved to be a good test of golf, requiring straight drives to shoot a good score, or as Mark Stopps found, a dodgy handicap. Mark managed to shoot a great score of 42 stableford points, winning him the overall prize, which he picked up without the slightest hint of embarrassment. Well done Mark.

There were two categories, 0 - 15

and 16 - 28.

Category 1. 1. J. Selwood, Abridge GC, 35pts; 2. R. Hare, Crowlands Heath GC, 33pts; 3. A. Kirwin, Colchester GC, 33pts.

Category 2. 1. M. Dillaway, Three Rivers GC, 42pts; 2. M. Guy, Trent Park GC, 35pts; 3. M. Smith, Channels GC, 30pts.

Nearest the pin and Longest Drive were once a gain sponsored by Greenkeeping Supply Company, thanks for that. The winners were; C. Gurton and R. Hare respectively.

Winner of the guest prize was R. Whitlock with 40 pts and A. Turbin, of E. Doe fame, won the trade prize with 37pts.

Well done to all who took away prizes and also to everybody else for supporting our section so well especially, Sherrifs, Rigby Taylor, Tuckwells, Ernest Doe & Son, Tacit, Driving Force Leisure and Gem Professional who donated raffle prizes. We must also not forget Headland Amenity who sponsored the mail out for this event.

A huge thank you must go out to The Essex Golf & Country Club for allowing us to visit their fine establishment and for looking after us so well during our stay.

New members this month are both from Crowlands Heath Golf Club; they are James Winner and Patrick Laws, welcome to our section fellas hope to see you at all the golf days.

Our next event will be the National Qualifier; it is to be held at Frinton GC on June 5. The qualifier is usually very well attended so make sure you get your slips in quickly.

Steve Crosdale

### Sussex

So with the winter behind us, and a glorious summer to look forward to we should all start reap the benefits of our hard work carried out over the last few months, and get the dust of those golf clubs.

Saying that, they're certain members among us whom have the ability, keenness, or just need to get out of the house that they even play the game in the bleakest months.

Well for the rest of us fair weather golfers the Sussex Section golf days our upon us. Starting off with Seaford Head.

If you have never played Seaford Head, you are missing out because for a course which is placed on top of the Downs right on the cliffs it is presented in exceptional condition, due to the hard work of Dustin Houghton and his team, it also has to be said that there cannot be many courses around with views which Seaford Head can lay claim to!

The morning 11 holes which were Texas scramble was won by Mike Gould, Steve Vogels, and Brian Wilmot.

The afternoon round results in the 0-16 handicap were Ray Day in first and in 2nd Steve Blake. Both these winners qualified for the National Tournament.

The 17-28 handicaps were 1. Darren Mitchell and 2. Lee Amos.

We also had two nearest the pin and a longest drive, which were



snapped up by Rose Gould, Steve Blake, and the longest drive went to Lee Amos.

A special thanks to John Shaw Machinery for sponsoring the day.

As you can see another great day had by all.

So back to the regular bunch of us who always seem to be there at all events supporting the section. The committee put a lot of effort into organizing these days, which are for the benefit of every member of BIGGA in the Sussex section.

Believe it or not there are 220 members in Sussex, and yet at the AGM, which is held at Hayward's Heath, each year, which all the members are, informed about by post, we are still only seeing about 10% turning up.

I do appreciate that not everyone plays golf, and that not everyone is all that interested in BIGGA, other than a magazine (and then only for the job page), but if we continue with the lack of support we will not be able to function successfully, and it will be the members who will suffer.

As your Chairman I feel that it is every member's responsibility to put at least some in put into their Section whether it be attending a golf day or the AGM, or even a two day seminar, or may be dropping me a line on any interesting event which is happening to you or your club.

If you feel strongly about something concerned with Greenkeeping you can put pen to paper (or e-mail) the Editor or me and there is a fair chance it will be printed in the magazine.

I am sorry to have a moan but it is in all are interest to be more involved in the section it is only with your support that we can keep going.

So if you can make any of the golf days which only cost on average £25 a day, and more importantly are a lot of fun, or are interested in a workshop day please get in touch with me on 07876233253 or e-mail jonboy69@ukoline.co.uk.

Hope to hear from you soon and wishing you all a great season.

Jon Budd

### Kent

The wettest May for sometime and now everything is growing like mad. Added to the long bank holiday and every one of us are up against it. Well, that's how I like it anyway. Because of the long hours you are all putting in, I assume that you have been too busy to drop me a line with any news from your clubs or indeed anything that might help fill a few more lines. It is nice to hear that so many of you look forward to reading this column every month, straight after you scan the job pages that is.

News and results from the spring meeting at Kings Hill will be in next months issue.

At last I received my certificate for passing my D32/33 which I took back

in November. So now I can sign off my staffs work - if it is good enough that is. If anyone else has passed exams or has achieved anything of note give me a call and I will give you or your colleagues a mention.

Once again I am left with nothing much to say, which is quite unusual for me, so get e-mailing and calling with your news and views of anything you want to get off your chest to JRBATKHGOLF@AOL.COM or 01732 875020.

Jason Bean

### Surrey

Monday, June 27 was the date and Foxhills Golf Club the venue. Surrey Section's Spring meeting had arrived and 69 hopeful members were attempting to qualify for the National Tournament. The weather conditions were kind it was a dry, warm day with sunny spells and the course was presented in truly excellent condition by David Wybourn and David Langheim. The greens were very fast and very true and the consensus of opinion amongst the players was that the course was an absolute credit to all the greenkeeping team at Foxhills.

The result: - 1st (best net score) Adrian Locke, 70 - Qualifier National; 2. Mack McLaren, 71; 3. Gareth Roberts - Qualifier National Best gross score 72. Nearest Pin: Harry Wright. Longest Drive: Dave Murdoch.

The congratulation paragraph this month belongs to Simon and Yvett Osbourne who on May 8 this year became the proud parents of Luke Allen, a bouncing baby boy who weighed in at 10lbs, 7oz. Simon is the Course Manager at Wildwood Golf Club and is at this very moment still trying to convince his staff that, as he is awake at 3 am, maybe they should all make an early start together. The replies, I understand, are not encouraging.

Brian Willmott.



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### Devon & Cornwall

The Section's first match play competition sponsored by Vitax has reached the last sixteen, after over forty members entered the club qualifying round. The section would like to thank Adrian Masters and Vitax for their support. We are delighted to announce that Phoenix Irrigation will be sponsoring the fixture cards for the second year, hopefully the new fixture cards will be with you during late August. Dates and venues will be announced next month.

Richard Whyman

### South Coast

After a dry start to the year, the inevitable rain has come in the last month. Coupled with the warm weather many greenkeepers are struggling to keep on top of the growth spurt. We have certainly had some stormy weather, which seems to be the pattern at the moment; still it makes life as a greenkeeper interesting (I think).

On the Section front it has been a quiet month. The committee are busy preparing next year's section seminar. We will be using a different venue next year and if you wish to hear a particular speaker then please contact one of the committee members as we are now about to approach possible speakers. This month sees the retirement of one of our sections great supporters. Ted West is to retire from Broadstone Golf Club after 40 years of service. I will report on his retirement in full next month but as a Section we wish him a long and happy retirement. Our next section golf day is on Thursday, August 8, at Brockenhurst Manor Golf Club. The day, which is sponsored by Huxley's and Rigby Taylor, is an invitation meeting. Ideally your guest will be a member of your golf club. The cost for the day is £18 per person and please forward all monies to Tournament Organiser Chris Sturgess. Entries are limited so I would suggest you contact him quickly. I am sure Ed McCabe and his team will have the course in its usual superb condition and it will be a great day out for us. If anyone has news that they wish to have published in next month's section then please contact me

Until next month,  
Alex McCombie

### South West

Summer's really here now, after a very slow start everybody has lots and lots of grass! On May 15 we held our Greenkeeper amateur tournament at Yeovil GC. Our thanks go to the club and to Neil Turner, the Course Manager, and his staff. The course was universally praised for it's tremendous condition and presentation.

Thanks also to David Smart of BioSeed who provided such good prizes for the members & their guests. The winners were K Oleremohows & B Davenport with 42 pts, 2. J. Bachelor & M. Chapman 39pts; 3. J. Jarvis & M. Jarvis 39 points, lost on the back nine. 4. W. Dunster & L Townsend with 37 points, longest drive was won by C. Tozer, M Hawker won the scratch for nearest the pin, I understand Matt is saving the scotch for a special occasion! Our next event is at Bath on July 3 you may have just got your magazine in time, please come along. Finally you will all be interested to

know that Kevin Green, a past Section Secretary and long time member and supporter of BIGGA has become a landlord. Kevin is now the publican at the Carpenters Arms in Wick near Bristol. I think we all wish him, all the best in his career pulling pints.

R Greaves



### Northern Ireland

Our first golf event of the year took place at Downpatrick GC on May 3rd. Fortunately we were blessed with super weather throughout the afternoon it was very easy to be distracted with the views across the County Down countryside. Course manager Emmet Curran and his staff had the course in outstanding condition with the greens running fast and true.

Congratulations go to new member George Fitzpatrick from Grosscar GC who took first prize with 39 points.

The results were as follows -  
1. G. Fitzpatrick, Grosscar GC, 39 pts; 2. N. Crawford, Royal Co. Down GC, 36 pts; 3. M. King, Royal Co. Down GC, 34 pts; 4. P. Lappin, Kirkstown GC, 33 pts; 5. B. Boyle, Royal Co. Down GC, 31 points.

Our thanks to Downpatrick GC for allowing us courtesy of the course, I would like to remind members our next competition will be held at Carnalea GC on July 5 at 3pm. So why not come along and enjoy the craik.

The completed list of speakers has now been confirmed for the Section conference at Masserene GC on November 6. Our thanks go to Emmet Curran for all his hard work as Chairman of the organising committee.

List of Speakers: - Howard Swan, Topic, Being a golf course Architect, Renovation and Restoration, Case study in N.J. Dr Paul Miller - Topic, Sand, is Just Sand. Right? Martyn Jones - Topic, Striking a Balance for Healthy Turf. Dr Kate Entwistle - Topic, Current Disease & Pest Problems. David Ryan - Topic, Communication. Douglas Shearer - Topic, Health & Safety on the Golf Course. Gerald Byrne - Topic, The Construction of the South Course at the K Club.

Details regarding ticket prices and booking will be sent out to members and golf clubs in the coming weeks, well that's about all my news for this month, I hope to see our golfing members again at Carnalea on July 5.

Ken Henderson

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