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Education Convenor for Scotland, was next on stage to tell us how greenkeeper education began in Scotland and of its progression to the present time. He then revealed some of the content of educational courses today and of the help given by various bodies like the R & A and the Greenkeepers Training Committee.

The penultimate speaker, Paul Campbell, manager of Greens of Scotland and formerly of the Scottish Agricultural Colleges, may well have sent a few of those present scurrying back to their club committees to report of the implications of COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) and of the effects it will bring about now that legislation is being tightened.

To complete the line-up we had Peter Smith, who is a playing professional on the full European Tour, speaking of the preparation that goes on behind the scenes before a Tour event and of the conditions required by Tour officials. These he listed as being firm tees to allow a stable stance, closely cut fairways to aid backswing, and firm but fast greens that will reward a well struck shot. He then mentioned his least and most favourite courses from a playing view encountered on the 1990 Tour.

Our section is most grateful for the help received from Scottish Agricultural Colleges and Paul Campbell in the staging of this event and to the trade for giving us such tremendous support.

Although the turnout of 160 was superb - including an encouraging 40 non greenkeepers - it should be noted that 250 greenkeepers were informed, together with over 100 Golf Clubs. Thus with many such Clubs not represented, either by greenkeeper or official, one must look for reasons. Was the £10 cost too much? Do some people feel they already know it all or is it just a case of apathy? One would be forgiven for thinking otherwise, especially when considering the amount of complaints greenkeepers receive, yet only two golf players, a couple from Banchory Golf Club, took the individual initiative to attend.

The hope is that the event will be repeated in two years or so. Perhaps those who attended this event will spread the word in order to fill the 300 seat capacity hall, or should we be paying others to attend?

GORDON MOIR

EAST SCOTLAND

Such a lot has been happening lately that I have difficulty in knowing where to begin. As you know, the Association had a stand at the Ingleston IOG Exhibition and along with the Chairman I helped man the stand, which proved most successful. Much interest was shown regarding new

AROUND THE GREEN

membership and our hope now is that those who enquired decide to join us.

Our section Annual Dinner Dance was held on November 23rd at Turnhouse Golf Club. What a night it turned out, with a record breaking 116 in attendance enjoying a grand meal followed by our usual disco. Regional Administrator Elliott Small, together with his lovely wife Edna, were our guests and generously contributed to our capacity filled raffle table, as did Mrs Helen Dugan; Mrs Liz Blair; Mr J Neilson; Mr R Blair; Mr C Yeaman; Mr A Forrest; Mr W Banks; M and M Turf Products; S T S Jacobsen; Souters of Sterling and many more. How gratifying it was to see so many trade members at what is undoubtedly the social highlight of the year, though there were many more conspicuous by their absence. To bring together 116 people was a tremendous achievement and we now look toward breaking all records in 1991. A big thanks to all concerned - make a note now for the next one - November 30th 1991 - and make sure you get your tickets.

Our AGM was held on November 29th at Kingsknowe Golf Club, with 32 members in attendance. M and M Products provided three very good speakers for the morning lectures and also ensured a good buffet lunch followed the AGM. Many interesting subjects were put forward from the floor for discussion, with the increase in 1991 subscriptions, the desirability of a live band at our dance, the working of our handicapping system and why the trophies are not up to date with engraving being amongst many posed. Our Chairman answered questions with his usual ease and flair, demonstrating that the purpose of an AGM is for members to get things off their chests. I am pleased to report that the vote of confidence given to the committee, who were re-elected en bloc, suggests that members are really happy with the way the section is being run.

WILLIE BLAIR

EAST ANGLIA

Two things to report this month. First the AGM at Bury, where over 30 people turned up. Subjects under discus-

sion ranged from the transfer of funds from bank to building society (for more interest) to someone daring to suggest that golf should be seasonal. Sacre bleu! We could start a revolution at the drop of a hat. Trolleys seasonal? All those in favour say aye... louder.

A greenkeeping course is being considered at Otley College. Now here is a first, as BIGGA (bless 'em) have suggested that we are moving too fast. Well at least we are trying to move forward for the benefit of our young greenkeepers, and the sooner the better say I.

Winter lectures are underway both in the north and south of the region and your full support is requested. Our lads won £500 in the ISEKI Tournament and the winnings may well be used, wisely as ever, to subsidise official jumpers and ties.

A game of golf followed with results as follows:
17 - 28: 1st Steve Millard - Bury St Edmunds, 40 points;
2nd Steve Freestone - Eaton, 34 points
0 - 16: 1st Paul Burtensham - Royal Norwich, 38 points;
2nd Dave Wells - Quietwaters, 35 points.

The elected 1991 Committee is:
President: John Moyce; Vice President: Bob Chesham; Chairman: Sam Sylvester; Vice Chairman: Steve Freestone; Secretary/Treasurer: Mick Peters; Scribe: Mick Lathrope; Competition Liaison/Handicap Secretary: Steve Freestone.

Our thanks go to Mick Clarke for his contribution on Committee over the years and our good wishes to Steve Freestone, who has filled his place and will, I'm sure, do a good job.

I understand that our dear friend Sterlie Goddard popped in to say 'hello' and I was sorry to have missed him. Perhaps next year ...

DIARY DATES 1991:
Channels 16th April (ISEKI Qualifier) Cromer 19th June;
Stowmarket 15th August; Gog-magog 8th October.

I said there were two things, so on to our Turkey Trot, held at Aldeburgh on December 6th. A super day; dry, sunny but not too hot. The course was fantastic and our thanks to Peter and the boys for that. Pin placements were good too, though for me they might have been better in the rough - well, that's where I was!

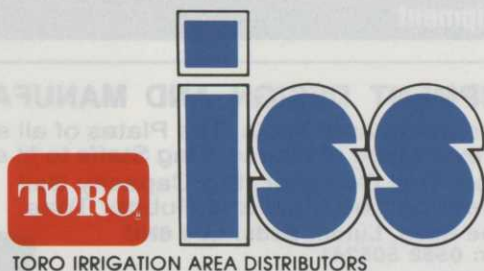
Prizes went to Pete Howard (35 points to win a turkey), 2nd A Carter (28 points on countback) and guest Mr Brown on 32 points. Prizes were presented by the Aldeburgh Captain Sir Dick Franks and donated by CMW, Sisis, Collier and Rushbrooks. Our thanks to you all, especially Aldeburgh, for a great day. Hope we can come again.

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