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35 → the lakes but failed to make the leader board on this occasion. Those who made it were (all nett) : 0-18: Mike Fance, 70. Ernie Hart, 74. Andy Shin, 75. 19-28: Mel Brown, 70. Martin Forester, 75. Martin Myson, 81.

Our thanks to Channels for an interesting day and to their captain, Bob Salmon, for presenting prizes donated by Colliers, Kings, Cowies, CMW, Rigby Taylor and Pattissons.

MICK LATHROPE

SCOTTISH REGION

Fraserburgh GC was the venue for the Scottish Region Iseki finals on May 28th. Travelling up the evening before it was a beautiful night and all looked set for a great day to follow. Came the dawn the sky was overcast and grey and the temperature was chilly to say the least. However it was dry and it warmed as the day wore on.

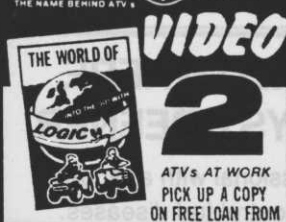
The course was in excellent order, thanks to Gordon Moir and his team, and the hospitality and catering was first class - thanks to Brian and Karen Thomson and their staff. We especially thank Alan Bolt, Captain of Fraserburgh, for joining us at the presentation to say a few kind words, and to his council for giving us the courtesy of the course. Our thanks also to Iseki - represented by Peter Powell and ably abetted by Hadyn Wheeler for their sponsorship and to Reekie Plant for their demonstration tractor.

RESULTS: 1st Class: 1 Kevin Peace 72-2=70. 2 Gordon Moir 75-4=71. → 42

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41 ➔ 3 Graham Robbins 79-8=71. 4 Stuart Taylor 73-1=72. 2nd Class: 1 David Montgomery 76-12=64. 2 Kenny Anderson 81-14=67. 3 Stuart Sime 85-15=70. 4 David Sinclair 86-15=71. 3rd Class: Wilson Morrison 93-24=69. 2 Alasdair Fraser 96-24=72. 3 Stuart Donald 94-22=72. 4 Steven Frost 94-20=74.

The team prize was won by the North Section with a total of 571, just pipping the West with 576.

Peter Powell gave a special prize to Ian McDougall of Crieff for determination. His car expired 60 miles from Fraserburgh at 9.30am, but after seeing it into the hands of a motoring organisation, he arrived by taxi at 1pm. Ian's 80-6=74 was not a bad score in the circumstances. All in all it was a good day and as I said last year, with the road system we now have, it is not nearly as far as it sounds.

ELLIOTT SMALL

NORTH EAST

Our annual Spring Competition was held at Bamburgh Castle on April 25th, the first time we had played there, though hopefully not the last. Set in idyllic surroundings with the famous castle behind us and miles of golden sands in the distance, this course is a 'must' for all who have not experienced its charms. Our thanks then to the greenkeeping staff for such excellent preparation and to the committee for granting us courtesy. The event,

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sponsored by Ryton Gravel Co; Turf Care Supplies; Bland Short; Stewarts; Thompsons Quarries and Maxwell Hart, was a great success and we acknowledge with thanks their generosity.

Results: Best Gross: M Simpkin, Parklands GC, 75. Best Nett; S Cram, Slayley GandCC, 89-24=65. Assistant's Cup: J Pattinson, Gosforth GC 89-20=69. Leading Nett scores: M Gunn 77-7=70. G Baxter 89-18=71. P Robison 77-6=71. C Patterson 76-5=71.

Our congratulations to Craig Kilgour, 19, assistant greenkeeper at Ponteland GC, on winning the Durham County 72 hole Stroke Championship.

Membership of the North East section continues to rise, now up to nearly 90, due in no small part to the efforts made in spreading the good word about the benefits of joining BIGGA. Keep them coming in!

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