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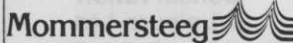
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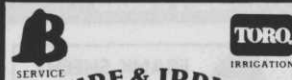


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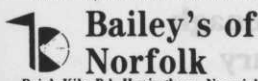
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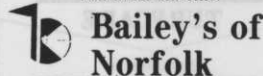
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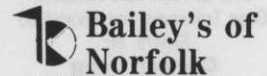
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I sincerely hope that by the time this report is published members everywhere will have something to celebrate, with grass actually growing. Although things looked promising for a while, strong winds and falling temperatures throughout April sent the grass positively diving for cover! With the season a month or so old I'm sure Club members fail to understand our problems and wonder why our courses - some of which are not too far from the Arctic Circle - are not quite in the same condition as Augusta National during Masters week.

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The inaugural annual tournament between the North West and North Wales Sections has just taken place at Llangollen GC, finishing as a halved match. Eight matches were scheduled but our 'three musketeers', Andy Peel; Howard Roberts and Ken Ramsbottom, attempted to get to Wales in a clapped-out old banger and broke down. Two of the Welsh team turned up at the wrong course and were late, the results being taken from just five matches. The day was sponsored by Alan Birch of A C and M Birch Golf Signs, who not only donated a trophy for annual play but also paid for all meals on the day. Thanks, Alan, your generosity is much appreciated.

The next tournament is our 'Reg Vickers Memorial' at Birchwood → 46

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BERT CROSS

NORTHERN

It must be Spring at last, for our golf is underway. Forty members turned up at Wetherby to play Ian Thompson's well turned-out course on what was a grand day for golf. One of the stalwarts of our section, Colin Garnett, had a magnificent day in winning the morning Stableford including a hole-in-one, making it a clean sweep in the afternoon by winning the Medal with a 62! The qualifiers for the ISEKI Regional Finals are: E.Walsh; M Hannan; G Wilson; R Johnson; D Spurden; M Bryant; M Lealman; R Smith; C Garnett; G Hope; D Anderson and L Kirkbright. Well done everyone. Regional Administer, Howard McCaddey, will be in contact with full details of the final.

Many thanks to everyone at Wetherby for making this such a splendid day and to Aitkins, Patissons and Maxwell Hart for filling our prize table. Members should note that the Yorkshire Mowers sponsored invitation day is fully subscribed but places are still available for the Autumn Tournament and the Roses Match. The Roses, incidently, is still free thanks to the generous support of Patissons.

BOB LUPTON

SHEFFIELD

The President's Prize held at Coxmoor GC on April 3rd was a great success, with 36 members and four traders present on a sunny though windy day. The winners were: 1st - Ian Whitehead (Hallamshire GC) 40 points. 2nd - P Unwin 38 pts. 3rd - E Marsh 36 pts. 4th - K B Heaney 36 pts. 5th - P Lyons 35 pts. 6th - J Kirkham 34 pts. This competition was also an ISEKI qualifying round, the qualifiers being: (0-9) K B Heaney; S Currie; J Ryan. (10-18) I Whitehead; E Marsh; P Lyons. Reserve J K Kirkham. (19-28) P Unwin; P Stain; B V Lax. Reserve T Wadkin. These players will compete at Keswick GC on June 19th in the Northern Regional Final.

We thank Coxmoor GC for courtesy of their course at short notice, the steward and staff for a lovely meal and Kevin Atherton and his staff for the super condition of the course. Additionally a special thank you to Brian Booth of Rigby Taylor for

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supplying beautiful glassware as prizes and to other trade members who donated so generously to our prize table. Finally thanks to Barry Heaney for his organisation of the event, without which it wouldn't have been possible. Last year's ISEKI champion, John Lax, has been knocked out early this year, no doubt due to playing with Derek, who brought John down to his level!

Following golf just one day later came our winter lecture, which was disappointingly attended by only 18 members, a reduction of 50% on the previous day's turn-out. The talk was given by Ian Misselbrook from Tillers Turf, to whom we offer thanks for a fine presentation and apologies for the lack of member support. The next date for your diary is our 27 hole Annual Tournament at Hillsborough GC on July 17th

IAN COLLETT

DEVON and CORNWALL

Our Guest Day meeting was held at Launceston GC on April 10th, with a bonus of witnessing so many Club secretaries and green committee officials as our members guests. The results of a combined Stableford score competition were: 1st - T Bennett and R Harris - 62 points. 2nd - E Barber and P Pearman - 61 points. 3rd - C Kitto and L Grindley - 60 points. Following an excellent meal the prizes were presented by our sponsors, Mr A Dommett of Devon Garden Machinery and Mr F Parkin of Mitchell, the Jacobsen dealers for Devon and Cornwall. An additional prize was given by Mr E Simcox of Jacobsens. Our thanks to them all and a special thanks to George Bailey and his staff, who prepared the course in their usual fine style, to the catering team for a superb meal and to Launceston GC for their generosity.

I would like to wish those who qualified for the ISEKI Regional Final the best of good fortune at Tredegar Park on June 27th - come back with winning smiles.

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