

# AROUND THE GREEN

sending the prizes and especially to Kevin Unsworth, head greenkeeper at the Club. Although not in the prize list, Kevin did qualify for the ISEKI regional tournament in June.

After the competition and before the section Christmas dinner the AGM was held. The main change was in the composition of the committee. Mr Ted West, founder member of the committee in 1973, did not seek re-election. Thanks to Ted for his long stint was expressed by our chairman, Ken Lodge, and endorsed by all those present. In addition to the existing committee, three additional members were elected. They are Kerran Daly, Ian Rickman and Alan Mitchell. A superb Christmas dinner followed, with wine being provided by Jim Fry, section president. The award of prizes concluded a very enjoyable day.

The final Winter Lecture will be held on March 5th at Alresford GC, commencing at 7pm. The speaker will be Ken Barber, head greenkeeper at the East Sussex National Golf Club, who will talk on course maintenance. Come early if you want a seat!

BOB DENNIS

## EAST ANGLIA

The biggest event of 1991 for section secretary Mike Peters was his hole in one, bagged in December. The following was submitted by Mike's father, Roger Peters.

'Twas a real cold frosty morning, on the eighth day of December,

And as the days event turned out, a good one to remember.

The usual Sunday game of golf, twixt Michael and his Dad,

Was starting at the usual time, although the day was bad.

The tee-off followed usual trends and both balls went astray,

Dad hooked his drive off to the left, Mike's went the other way.

Approach shots didn't go too well, as each ball took a dive,

And so the outcome of this hole: they both went down in five.

Mike drove from the second tee with all his heart and soul,

He then turned to his Dad and said "It's in the bloody hole!"

ROGER PETERS

## EAST MIDLANDS

A Stableford competition for the Rigby Taylor Salvors was held on December 18th at Birstall GC, the results being: DIVISION ONE - 1st Dave Leatherland, 2nd Ian Marshall, 3rd Richard Barker. DIVISION TWO - 1st Adey Porter, 2nd Brian Mott, 3rd Jamie Bedford. Congratulations to all.

Some indifferent golf was overshadowed by the Christmas dinner afterwards by Joe Barsby's ability with the knife and fork and Dave Leatherland's lung power. Seriously though, thanks to all at Birstall GC, and to Rigby Taylor.

This month the section is pleased to welcome the following new members: Jim Murray, Ian Dunmore and Stephen Tolley - all of Longcliffe GC - and Michael Bird of Leicester City Council. We hope to see you all soon. Finally, if anybody needs to contact me, my home telephone number is 0509 650140.

TONY HOWARTH

## NORTH SCOTLAND

First may I welcome an old friend, Mike Wilson, who returned to our area after several years of plying his trade in South Wales. He recently took over at Kingussie and we wish him all the best in his new job and look forward to welcoming him at our outings this year. The autumn event, of course, will be held at Kingussie.

Our fund-raising activity this year is the formation of a 200 Club, those members receiving tickets being urged to sell or buy them as quickly as possible, or return them for resale. We propose to make a draw at each of our three main outings,

each draw naming four winners. The committee feel that this scheme will be better than the lottery, where tickets were often not returned by several members and returned late by others. Starting the 200 Club this month should enable all tickets to be sold before the first draw is made at Montrose in May.

The latest (January 1st) information on our regional seminar in November at Dundee College of Further Education is that five speakers are confirmed, with two others being sought. Three co-sponsors have been found and the programme is coming together well.

Finally, may I thank all the staff at BIGGA headquarters for a very enjoyable and productive meeting of regional administrators and section secretaries, held at Aldwark Manor during mid December. I hope this will become an annual event, as it provides a great opportunity to meet other regional administrators and section secretaries, to put faces to names, and to share in lively debates on running a section.

IAIN MACLEOD

## SOUTH WEST

'Twas a crisp and sunny morning at Shirehampton Park GC for the annual Veals Christmas Tournament and Luncheon on December 11th. The sunshine was certainly bright, and with temperatures plunging to minus 8 overnight the course was certainly crisp (crisp enough for most people, anyway)! Steve Francom, the head greenkeeper at Tracy Park, found the elusive temporary greens to his liking, recording the days' best score of 39 points.

The coldness of the morning was more than compensated for by the warmth of welcome that we received from staff and officials alike at this busy Bristol Club. In fact, the hospitality was such that we felt entirely 'at home' throughout the whole day. Many thanks to Chris, Colin and all the outdoor staff for their efforts on the course, with special thanks to Club secretary, Piers Barington-Wells, for presenting the prizes, and to the catering staff, ably led by Anne Roberts, for the outstanding meal. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to our main sponsors - Veals Lawnmowers - and to Messrs Avoncrop, Sierra UK, Ransomes, Roffey Bros., Western Golf Development and TH Whites, for their generous contributions to the prize table.

The full results were: 1st-S Francom (Tracy Park) 39 points, 2nd-J York (Wells) 38, 3rd-P Connott (Lyme Regis) 35, 4th-C Sealey (Chippenham) 34, 5th-I Montacute (Bradford on Avon) 34, 6th-J Cooper (Saltford) 34. Congratulations to all!

The Winter Lecture programme is now in full swing, with members urged not to forget that MGC credits are allotted to all those who attend, thus providing them with a chance to get ahead of the game in this, our industry standard.

Two big events coming up in the near future are the National Education Conference, held this year at the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester on March 27th-29th, and WESTURF '92 at Long Ashton GC on April 29th. Both events will be well worth attending and we may be calling for volunteers at both to man the doors/gates etc., so be warned!

In the meantime, may I leave you with a gentle reminder: 'you've got to be in it to win it!' Loosely translated, this means that any greenkeeping staff not in our Association are likely to miss out in a big way. Of course, it goes without saying that the Association also needs YOU!

PAUL WORSTER

## CLEVELAND

The committee elected for the Cleveland section in 1992 is: Chairman - H Lees, Vice Chairman - G Munro, Secretary/Treasurer - R Shaw, Regional Representatives - I Holleran and G Malcolm, News - B Burnell, Social - K Heslop. Golf - G Pyle, G Munro and S Shotton.

The Spring Tournament scheduled for April will be held at Stressholme GC, Darlington. The exact date will be announced later.

Gary Munro, head greenkeeper at Bedale GC., is hard at work constructing a 35 acre extension, and quite apart from his busy work with 24 greens and numerous bunkers he is also the proud father of a new son, Thomas James Munro, who was born last June. Gary's father, Jim Munro, retired recently as professional at Eaglescliffe following 27 years of service. On the proud father front, we hear that Roger Shaw is next in line, with a new baby expected in March.

George Malcolm, head greenkeeper at Middlesbrough Brass Castle is yet another busy man, currently working on green construction work. We in Cleveland are justly proud of George as our worthy National Chairman, the more so as he is never too busy for his fellow man and is always willing to help other greenkeepers - you just have to ask!

The December inter-section quiz, Cleveland versus the North East, was held at Durham GC and proved a memorable event, thanks especially to our sponsor Terry Charlton.

BRUCE BURNELL

## SURREY

With March fast approaching it is time to dust off the golf clubs and commence preparation for another superb season of golf on offer to Surrey members. The first golf event precedes the annual Regional Gentlemen's Dinner at Walton Heath GC on Friday, March 13th and early rounds of the Huxley Bowl will also be due. Later in the month (March 27th-29th) the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester plays host to BIGGA's National Education Conference. As delegates at recent conferences will confirm, it will be well worth making the effort to attend this event.

Best wishes go to Iain Hamilton on his attaining a new dual position at the Cherry Lodge and Coulsdon Court Golf Clubs. Any other news from within the section will be most welcome, so please call either David Andrews (081 651 3251) or myself, Roger Tydeman (081 657 7256).

ROGER TYDEMAN

## BUCKS, BERKS & OXON

Sorry for the brevity of this report, but I have just become 'Uncle Ray' following the birth of my sister's first! Don't worry, I'll make up for it next month.

The results of our recent Turkey Trot revealed a 'dead-heat' of three - all on 34 - and final placings were decided on count-back: 1st H Tribe, 2nd L Anderson, 3rd D Porter. Harvey Tribe won the CMW donated turkey, with L Anderson taking the John Deere Trophy for the best gross score of 81. Richard Minton fired off the longest drive and nearest the pin was won by H Wilson. Our grateful thanks once again to Frilford Heath GC, especially secretary, Jacques Kleynhans, and course manager, Dave Heads, together with dedicated staff who turned out the course so superbly. Finally our gratitude to the catering staff for excellent 'inner-man' provisions and to our friends in the trade who once again served us proudly: John Deere, CMW, Golf and Turf, Risborough Turf Supplies, Rigby Taylor, ➔ 50

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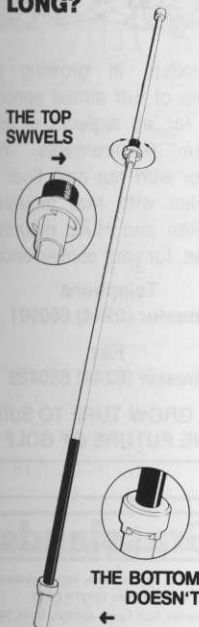
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RAY CLARK

## SCOTTISH REGION

The Scottish region will be holding a conference on March 10th at Langside College, Glasgow, commencing at 9m. Speakers include the irrepressible Danny Godfrey, Wentworth's Chris Kennedy and Turnberry's George Brown. An added bonus is presented by the attendance of Neil Thomas, who will address the conference on the progress of BIGGA in the 90s. Details from me, phone 0259 31445.

ELLIOTT SMALL

## AYRSHIRE

The section AGM took place in late November and was fairly well attended. Things appear to be going quite well, although we could do with a bit of a push on those greenkeepers in our area who seemingly don't appreciate the benefits now associated with membership in BIGGA. Come on lads, let 'them' know what they're missing!

Ian McNab, head man at Dumfries and County has been appointed liaison officer for the Dumfries and Galloway area and will be attempting to form a D&G sub-section – please give him your support.

We held a games night just before Christmas in the Ardeer Clubhouse, which went very well. Prizes were of the traditional festive nature and by the end of the evening the mood was in the same vein. Thanks to the Ardeer committee and staff for the use of their premises – and for smashing catering.

Not much movement this time on the job front, with the only known change being that of Brian Finlayson taking over the helm at Glasgow Gables, this after four years at the Troon Municipal courses. The section send good luck to him – although we know he won't need it!

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