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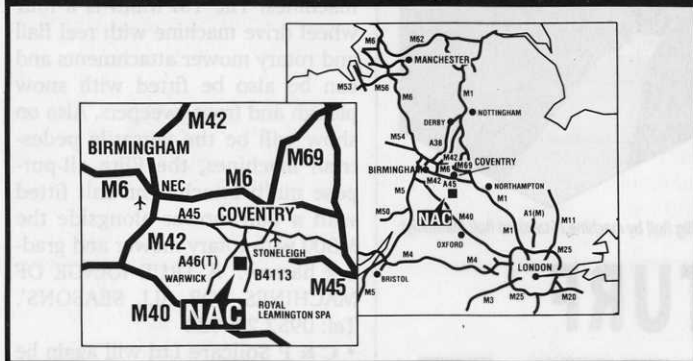
Adding to the educational and training focus of the event will be a number of organisations including:

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- City and Guilds
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- Joint Council for Landscape Industries
- Learning through Landscapes Trust
- National Association of Agricultural Contractors
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- More than 12 horticultural colleges

AWARDS

- Landscape Institute's "Landscape Management Award" will

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be presented for the second year.

- ILAM's "Open Space Management Award" will be presented for the first time at Landscape Industries '92.

- A best stand award, sponsored by Landscape Showcase, will be presented by the organisers to the best indoor and outdoor displays.

- The BALI Chalk Award will be presented to the best display from a landscaping college exhibiting at the 1992 show.

Landscape Industries '92 will be held at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park,

Warwickshire on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th June. The event is open from 9.00am-5.00pm on both days. Admission, car parking and catalogues are free.

Some of the exhibitors:

- Donath Seeds Ltd will be exhibiting their range of Finn hydroseeding machines, Conwed Fibers erosion control products and their new range of seed mixtures for the landscaping industry. Now part of the DLF TRIFOLIUM Group of Companies, they will be

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• **The British Association of Golf Course Constructors** will be exhibiting at Stoneleigh, on Stand No. EX H5.

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For further details telephone 0202 822372.

• For the first time, **Barenbrug UK** will be demonstrating a selection of its BAR range of amenity grass seed mixtures at the Landscape Industries '92.

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AROUND THE GREEN

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

CLEVELAND

A busy month of lectures and social activities in March to report, beginning with a talk given by Ian Webster from Houghall College, Durham, on "Water Management". Ian suggested that water management is all too easy: just programme the timing and greens are watered while we sleep. But do we know how much water is already in the soil? We need to, and by using a moisture meter (which probes the soil), we can obtain an instant read-out. We need to allow for evaporation on sunny days, transpiration loss in growing conditions, and irrigate only to make up for those losses. Soil moisture checks should be undertaken two or three times a week, greenkeepers then will learn quickly how their greens drain water away: if they draw slowly (on clay or peaty soil) then irrigation should be applied with caution. It is too easy to over-irrigate and the suggestion is water frugally and if in doubt - don't. Two key factors are to feed little and often and apply just enough water to keep the grass alive. In addition, wetting agents are deemed desirable. By September, greenkeepers should be watering sparingly, for we will soon experience poor drying days and rain will be expected. Too much irrigation + rain = waterlogging and aggravates thatch build-up through lack of oxygen. The result - soggy greens all winter. Do water carefully, for we are all wiser on looking back on the water applied six weeks ago: now look forward six weeks and think carefully.

Neville Newmarch addressed us on the implications of COSHH, suggesting that we need to assess the dangers of chemical substances and recognise the danger to the user (the greenkeeper) and the public (the golfer) and to stop and think - is there an alternative? We must use chemicals as a last resort. Chemical symbols tell us of the dangers and we must be aware of the requirement for protective clothing, the handling of substances (with

great care) and protecting ourselves - mouth, nose, skin contact etc. COSHH is for the protection of all, so play safe and take all necessary precautions.

Finally, also in March, our committee held a celebratory dinner to mark our national chairman's year of office. George Malcolm was presented with an inscribed decanter set by section chairman Harry Lees. The Middlesbrough GC are delighted that George has represented our national interests and their chairman, Jack Higgins, gratefully received a plaque from Viscount Whitelaw which is to be wall mounted in the clubhouse. Ian Holoran presented George with a framed photograph.

BRUCE BURNELL

NORTHERN

Another month goes by and when you read this our annual dinner dance and first golf competition will already be history.

Our lecture season has now finished and it was pleasing to see more people attending - keep it up! However, not many BIGGA members turned up for our last event, which was a quiz night with our colleagues from the IOG. It was a good night, we were made very welcome at Headingley and the event could possibly be repeated next year. By the way, BIGGA won the quiz - of course! Golf events are filling up quickly so don't delay in booking, £10 deposit to me at 23 Hinchliffe Avenue, Baildon, West Yorkshire. BD17 6QY.

Our friends in the trade are again being very generous with Henson & Chattell sponsoring our last mailshot, Yorkshire Mowers again sponsoring our Invitation Day, Patissons the famous Roses Match and Chaplins our Autumn Tournament. Many thanks to you all, it is greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead now to the 1992/93 lecture season, some interesting events are being lined up - a trip to see the John Deere plant in Nottingham, a Lloyds workshop (as we had to

cancel the trip to them, they have offered to come to us - so I hope it will be well supported), and also Eddie Seaward from the All England Lawn Tennis Club at Wimbledon. I have met Eddie and been shown the complex there. I can assure you all that his talk will be very interesting, both for greenkeepers and their wives.

BOB LUPTON

DEVON & CORNWALL

St Enodoc G.C. was the venue for our March meeting, the morning competition being for the Supaturf Head Greenkeepers & Trade Trophy and the May & Baker Assistants Trophy. Members were also competing for places in the 1992 Iseki regional final and just to make things more complicated, competitions were played over St Enodoc's two courses, this to comply with their handicap rule.

Our Zero to 18 handicap golfers played the ever testing Church course, with our 19 to 28 handicap section playing the shorter Hollywell course. As scores were being counted it came as no surprise that all the winning scores came from the Hollywell course, though I am sure all who played the demanding Church course were quite happy at just having the opportunity to play this unique layout. After an excellent lunch, John Palfrey of Avoncrop Amenities and Paul Clift of Rhone Poulenc presented the prizes to the lucky winners, as follows:- Supaturf Head Greenkeepers Trade Trophy: 1st D Parr 42 pts., 2nd J Manley 38 pts., 3rd S Redman 36 pts. The May & Baker Assistants Trophy: 1st T Clark 43 pts., 2nd T Blackburn 41 pts., 3rd N Macintyre 39 pts. Our thanks to John Palfrey and Paul Clifton for presenting the prizes.

The qualifiers for the Iseki regional final at Isle of Purbeck GC on Wednesday June 17th are (0-9) C Rawlings, N Gagg, P Newcombe, R Hall, and L Millar. (10-18) B Lewer, B Summers, T Pipe, T Farkins, and W Potter. ➔ 44

43 → (19-28) T Clark, R Parr, T Blackburn, N Macintyre and J Bullen. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU INFORM GORDON CHILD OF YOUR AVAILABILITY TO PLAY.

Our afternoon educational talk was presented by Malcolm Jones on aspects of Health and Safety. Malcolm cleared up some of the grey areas of recent legislation, informing members that three wheel ATV's have been banned from sale due to instability. A question was raised from the floor with regard to the three wheel Cushman, which many had thought of as an ATV.

Malcolm's answer was that he is of the opinion that a Cushman was not an ATV but he wasn't sure on this matter.* His interesting talk was cut short through lack of time, though members have asked him to return and continue at a later date, Perranporth being the possible date next February. The section extend thanks to St Enodoc GC for allowing us the use of their excellent facilities and to Stuart Dymond and his team, who prepared the links in superb condition.

RICHARD WHYMAN

* *Ransomes advised Greenkeeper International that the Cushman is not an ATV in the accepted sense of the terminology, i.e. it is not an ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE, having been designed specifically for use on fine turf.*— Editor.

SOUTH WEST

Stinchcombe Hill Golf Club was the venue for the final Winter Programme Meeting for 1991/2. This harder-than-average to find course nestles in the hills (somewhere) overlooking the River Severn, Oldbury Nuclear Power Station and the Severn Bridge.

At this point the reader may just get a hint of the difficulty the undersigned had in actually finding the place, and eternal thanks are due to the petrol pump attendant in North Nibley (I think), whose immortal response to the question "how do I get to the golf course?" was (in suitably broad accent) "bad place to start from, this." He wasn't kidding either! Anyway, we made it with seconds to spare.

We found the course in much improved condition over recent years and Matthew Ayres, a non-member on the staff at Stinchcombe (soon to join, we hope), showed us all how to play, recording the best score of 36 points. The actual result was as follows: 1st M. Pearce, Wells 34pts. 2nd P. Godwin, Tracy Park 33pts. 3rd Powell, Filton 32pts. 4th S. Frankcom, Tracy Park 32pts.

Our thanks to Stinchcombe GC and their staff for their hospitality, also to Avoncrop & Techsol for their generous prizes. After lunch it was over to Peter Jefford of Rufford Top Dress Supplies for a most informative lecture on the perils of choosing top dressing for your course. There's more, much more, in choosing top dressing than meets the eye and our congratulations and thanks to Peter for putting it over so well.

Congratulations to Kevin Green of Filton and his wife (who I'm told played some small part) on the birth of their daughter, Katy-Ann. I'm reliably informed that Kevin's quiet disposition has remained largely unaltered, apart from soft snoring at break times as he attempts to catch up on his sleep. Commiserations to 'Merv-the-Swerve' Gray from Clevedon, on his recent injury sustained on the course. We all hope he is soon back to full health and look forward to seeing him at the next section event.

AROUND THE GREEN



Please keep those applications for the pesticide training courses coming in. There is a popular misconception that all operators over the age of 27 are covered under the famous 'grandfather' clause, but this is not the case. The code states that some appropriate instruction must have been received: some of us may not be as secure as we think we are.

The section committee would like to meet all members, especially new members, at (at least) one meeting this year, so please make an effort to come along and see what we do. I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

Turning to even more recent matters, as a Cirencester man born and bred I felt a tremendous sense of pride in seeing so many celebrated greenkeepers at the National Education Conference, not to mention several illustrious, or in one or two cases notorious, experts from within the turfgrass industry. I hope that many will now recognise Cirencester as being much more than an insignificant dot on the map on the short cut between the M4 & M5, and took the chance to enjoy the town Roman villa & wall, the 11th century church, the diverse Elizabethan and Victorian architecture and not forgetting Tesco Homebase and the Burger-King!

The atmosphere from Friday morning to Sunday afternoon was charged and electric, learning interspersed liberally with good humour. It's virtually impossible (and probably quite unfair) to single out any particular high point, though the three Americans, Tom Cook, Bill Roberts and Patrick O'Brien were quite outstanding, as were (on our side) the three working greenkeepers, Derek Green, Laurie Pithie and Bernard Findlay. Tipping the scales 4-3 to us was the irrepressible Jon Allbutt, who makes a potentially deathly subject very palatable indeed.

There were hints-a-plenty on public speaking technique for any would-be future speakers, these ranged from cracking jokes early on, to near respiratory failure (in an effort to breathe slowly), and from plenty of eye contact, to assault with a ladies nine-iron. Thanks from the rank-and-file membership, to all at head office, and for Lindum Turf & their associates, whose hard work and sponsorship made this event not only happen, but also run as smoothly as this weekend obviously did.

PAUL WORSTER

SURREY

The regional Gentlemen's Dinner held at Walton Heath on March 17th saw Mick Haynes employ his local knowledge in difficult conditions to take the main prize. However, the very next day he injured his leg playing football and may struggle to play his Huxley Bowl match (Competitors note: round one due by May 18th).

Returning to its traditional venue at New Zealand GC is the Cresta Cup on June 8th, the

format as usual being afternoon golf and tea – please enter promptly.

The annual England v Scotland match will take place at Reigate Heath GC on July 30th. Players in recent years will testify that this is contested with the ferocity of the Calcutta Cup and it is also noted that an English victory is long overdue. Anyone wishing to play should contact Derek Walder (England) or Robert Brewer (Scotland) who will select the teams accordingly.

Despite recent appeals, I have received little feedback from members regarding sectional news. Remember that births, marriages, promotions and witty anecdotes may well be of interest to our members and I'm sure these must occur with some frequency. Please don't hesitate to forward any such items to either Dave Andrews or myself.

ROGER TYDEMAN

SHEFFIELD

The section would like to thank David Golding for presenting the talk on education at our March lecture, held at Rotherham Golf Club.

Also thanks to Yorkshire executive Mr Peter Wharton, who came along to the meeting to update our members on what is happening with the education syllabus at Askham Bryan College. Mr Wharton is a member of the College Advisory Committee.

I have just completed Phase III City & Guilds Management at Askham Bryan, a course tightly packed with vital training for today's course manager. The list given here will give you some idea of the syllabus: Surveying and planning; Golf course design; Conservation; Tree preservation; Fertilisers; Plant care; History of golf; Soils and drainage; Herbicides; Labour planning, organisation and costing; Machinery costings; Budgeting exercise (main project); Computing; Quotations; Filing systems; Stocktaking; Ordering goods; Machinery records; Partial budgets; negotiation; Employment legislation; Highways legislation; Industrial relations; Training; Man management; Safety legislation; Wages; VAT; Disciplinary procedures; Interviewing procedures and recruitment; How to draw up a C.V.; How to place an advert.; Report writing; Supervision of staff; Forward planning; Long term planning; Assignment visits; Work study; Presentation of written work; Verbal presentation; Communication and Personal presentation.

The student is given assignment work to take home – with a deadline. The wise entrant will be prepared to allocate adequate time to complete if he/she wants good marks.

Remember, knowledge is power, so take full advantage of the training the colleges are offering to enhance your status as a greenkeeper and your skills as a manager.

Nick Bisset, John Middleton, Ian Snape and Bruce Cox are all excellent management tutors, and we as greenkeepers are indebted to them for their encouragement, enthusiasm and patience in guiding us through the City & Guilds examinations.

So if you are debating enrolling for a college management-course, all I can say is 'the satisfaction far outweighs the inconvenience'. If you require any information on the matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

JANE RYAN

NORTH WALES

Here we are again looking forward to another successful season. I would like to take this

opportunity to wish all new members every success in their first year of membership. In addition, I would like to wish Mark Proctor and his family all the best, for Mark has taken on the new job of course manager at Carden Park GC.

Going on to something different, many thanks to all concerned for organising our recent welding lecture at Northop College. These events could possibly be better attended, so please lads, give us more support if you possibly can.

Dates for your diary include May 21st for our spring tournament, which will be held over the delightful setting of Chester (Curzon Park) GC. Please also note that this is an Iseki qualifier (tee times are from 10.00 am – 11.45 am) and also note that no entries will be accepted on the day. Please send off your entries (and the payment) before the event. Members requiring additional information regarding this event should call T. Adamson on 0978 852908.

Finally, don't forget – if you have any news, views or opinions, please contact 'yours truly' on 0248 712490.

DS PROCTOR

LONDON

Several members of the London section attended the National Conference at Cirencester in March, which gets better every year. I know our members were enthralled by the talks given by some of the speakers and equally enjoyed the after lecture discussions which took place. A big hello to Adrian and Ian from Hadden Hill GC, near Didcot in Oxfordshire-by the way, have you sorted out your education yet?

April 9th saw our Spring Tournament played at W. Middx. GC, the sun shining all day and everyone enjoying it immensely. My partner and myself only managed 10 holes in the morning, due to a few uneducated (in golf course etiquette) members of W. Middx., but the course was a fine test for all the players. Thanks to the Club for making us most welcome throughout the day. Two new trophies were being contested for this year: the Sta-Brite Shield for the a.m. medal round and the Turf Management Systems Salver for the p.m. Stableford. Results were: (morning) 1st-Robert Washbrook, Hadley Wood GC, nett 69 off 13 handicap. 2nd – Steve Cox, Abridge GC nett 70 off 17. 3rd- Darren Burdis, Hadley Wood GC nett 71 off 6. (afternoon) 1st -Steve Cox, Abridge GC 43 points off 17, 2nd – John Jackson, Wanstead GC 38 points off 4. 3rd – Robert Phillips, Porters Park GC, 37 points off 10. There was also a guest prize which was won by Peter Phillips with 28 points.

The morning medal round was also the qualifier for the Iseki championship and those players moving forward to the next round at Chelmsford are: Darren Burdis-Hadley Wood. John Jackson-Wanstead. Craig Handiside-Hadley Wood. Ian Robins-Porters Park. Robert Washbrook -Hadley Wood. Steve Cox-Abridge. Chris Carpenter-Brookmans Park. Norman Exley-Northwood. Richard Dunne-Mill Hill. Gary Speller-Abridge. Mark Skelton-West Middx., and Geoff Fowler-Sandy Lodge.

All our members were certainly dressed accordingly, both on and off the course, which was good to see and your committee hopes this will continue. Our thanks to all the companies which continue to support us, especially ICI, StaBrite, Parkers, Rigby Taylor, Turf

AROUND THE GREEN



Management Systems and CMW.

On a final note, Craig Handyside has taken over as temporary secretary of the section, as Brian Kelly is unwell. Get well soon, Brian. Craig's telephone number is 081 447 0214 and you should call him if you have any queries.

ANDREW PHILLIPS

MIDLANDS

Having just returned from Cirencester, where our National Education Conference was held, I must mention how successful this event was and praise the high quality of the speakers, who covered a wide range of subjects. These subjects prompted much discussion during the evenings and indeed well into the early hours of the morning. The venue was an excellent choice, set in such attractive surroundings and backed by splendid facilities. Thanks are surely due to the staff at headquarters for the fine way in which this event was organised.

On March 20th we held the last of our lectures during the winter period, with an excellent turn-out of 45 people in attendance. The first speaker, Martin Ford, gave a very interesting talk on trees, followed by John Franklin (with support given by Howard Storey) representing John Deere, his talk being followed by a working demonstration with the whole John Deere range being made available for use. Our thanks to John Deere for providing a buffet for those attending, and to Ivan Beetlestone and his Club – Telford G&CC- for both organising the event and allowing us the use of their facilities.

Two dates to remember are June 18th for our Summer Tournament at Handsworth GC., with the closing date for this event being May 13th.

DEAN CLEAVER

NORTH WEST

As I compiled these notes at the end of March, I realised we were only two weeks away from our annual tournament against North Wales – how time flies!

Looking at the team list for this first match I also became aware that some of the usual names were missing; and then it dawned on me – I had been doing this job for too long, for some of the 'regulars' are now retired and (I'm sure) getting enough golf in at their leisure. However, I am equally sure that we will finish with a full and capable team, hopefully attracting some of the lower handicap players to swell the ranks.

I have little else to write other than to ask you all to support the golf fixtures throughout the summer – and if you have any news please give me a call on 051 724 5412.

BERT CROSS

NORTH EAST

Warkworth GC was the venue for our Spring Tournament in April, a friendly Club that

made us all feel very welcome. The day was about the warmest we have had so far and resulted in the largest turn-out yet – with almost fifty players taking part. The results were: Best gross: Tony McLure, Whickham GC : 70. Best nett: Robert Bell, Slaley Hall G&CC: 95-28=67. Assistants Cup: David Jennings, Newbiggin GC: 71-3=68. Veterans Prize: Steve Pope, Tyneside GC: 77-9=68. Other leading scores: J.Richardson, Whickham GC: 74-8=68. S Cram, Slaley Hall G&CC: 84-15=69. M Gunn, Tyneside GC: 77-8=69. I Johnson, Stocksfield GC: 81-11=70. N Parkin, Hexham GC: 75-5=70.

The qualifiers for ISEKI are (0-9) D Jennings, J Richardson, S Pope, M Gunn with reserves A McLure and N Parkin. (10-18) S Cram, I Johnson, G Gainsford, B Weddell with reserves A Fiddes and P Hetherington. (19-28) R Bell, K Rutherford, R Creane, G Proudlock with reserves B Hughes and J Rippon.

Our thanks to Warkworth GC for entertaining us, to Alf Fiddes (head greenkeeper) for the excellent condition of the course and to the donating companies: Ryton Gravel Co., Turf Care Supplies, Shorts of Whitburn, Thompsons (Quarries), Rigby Taylor, Pattisons, Ruffords, Stewarts of Edinburgh and ICI. A special thanks to Abcon (top dressings) for financing all the competitors meals!

JIMMY RICHARDSON

SCOTTISH REGION

The Scottish Region Conference took place at Langside College, Glasgow on March 10th, a day in which we had everything from pouring rain and bright skies, followed by hail and snow. However, this did not deter people from travelling from as far afield as Southernness and Fortrose on the Black Isle. Six speakers entertained the audience of 140.

Colin Urquhart, Langside College, spoke on greenkeeping education and of the varied types and contents of courses covered at Woodburn House. Colin was followed by the ebullient Danny Godfrey of Inter-Seeds, who gave his audience a further insight into the breeding and selection of seeds, backed up with some interesting slides. Unfortunately Chris Kennedy from Wentworth had to withdraw at a late date but his capable assistant, Jim McKenzie, took over to tell us about the Good, the Bad and the Ugly sides of greenkeeping as he saw it. By using his collection of slides, Jim emphasised these points more vividly. This was followed by Neil Thomas, who addressed the audience on 'BIGGA – The Crossroads', where we have come from and where (hopefully) we are going. Following on from the progress made in the last 5 years, Neil stressed that there was a great need for our membership to give the Association their whole-hearted support and at the same time to impress upon non-members the benefits to be gained by being a member of the Association.

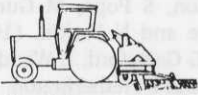
Just before lunch a presentation of a magnificent print from a painting of the Old Course, St. Andrews was made to Cecil George from the Scottish region, to thank him for all the hard work he had put into the Association over many years, with hopefully many more to come. The presentation was made by our chairman, John Crawford. After lunch Ben Simpson of Alginure astounded everyone with his slides on the many and varied uses of seaweed throughout all ranges of landscaping and horticulture. Finally George Brown of Turnberry told us in his own inimitable ➤ 54

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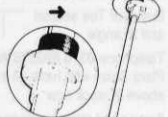
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