articles by Jon Allbutt informing us on the legislation covering COSHH and FEPA and warning us that our local Environmental Health Officer will be armed with all the information and ready to crack down on golf clubs. How many of you think that because your club hasn't been visited by an inspector over the last decade they have forgotten about you? Well I can inform you that a club in Cornwall has already been visited and has undergone a full inspection. Make sure you have made the necessary assessments and if



you haven't there can be no better time to do so than now. If you feel that the section should run a course covering assessments etc., please let me know and I will try to arrange something. RICHARD WHYMAN

#### NORTH SCOTLAND

Our Autumn Outing was held at Kingussie GC by kind permission of their management committee. The course was in fine condition, reflecting all the hard work put in by Mike Wilson and his staff in Mike's first year in charge. Thanks must also go to the bar and catering staff who don't usually cater for such large parties but did so admirably.

A total of 80 members and guests were present on the day with 75 golfing. The prize list was as follows. 1st Scratch – A Williamson, 74; 2nd – G Tough, 75. Class 1 (0-6) 1st-P Murphy 74-5=69. 2nd-A MacLaren 76-6=70. 3rd-I Carson, 79-6=73. Class 2 (7-12) 1st-D Sinclair 79-10=69. 2nd-T Harris, 79-9=70. 3rd-S McBain, 80-9=71. Class 3 (13-28) 1st-K Wood, 97-28=69. 2nd-M Clark 86-16=70. 3rd-W Morrison 89-18=71. Veteran 1st - A Walker 91-16=75. 2nd-G Hampton, 79-Scr=79. Apprentice-J Stewart 82-11=71. Trade-R Aitken, 91-18=73. Guest- N Donaldson, 76-4=72. The Maclean Trophy was won by A Williamson; who also won the M&M cup for Veteran aggregate score. Meldrum Memorial - P Murphy, Toro Trophy - A Walker, Committee Trophy - A MacLaren. Longest drive was won by G Robbins and nearest the pin at the 15th was I A MacLeod (even though he missed the two foot putt

The lucky winners of our 200 Club were as follows:- May (£30) no 115 - John Muir, 34 MacDonald Road, Dornoch. June (£30) no 188 - Arthur Williamson, 38 Kingswell Terrace, Perth. July (£40) no 53 - George Geddes, 14 Meadowbank Place, Turriff; and August (£100) no 164 - Gordon Moir, 9 Carron Place, St Andrews. The winner of the BIGGA blazer was Abbey Walker from Stonehaven.

We welcome new members to the section - Ian Gunn, "Fairways", Inverness. John Sturrock, Dundee District Council. Derek Chisholm, Kingussie and James Stewart from Strathpeffer.

We certainly breed our greenkeepers tough up here, as witness a story filtering through of one such stalwart in the Aberdeen area who suffered two heart attacks on a Sunday but was back at his work by Wednesday!

Finally, it was nice to see so many of our patrons at the Autumn Outing, most of them actually playing on the day. We welcome you, thank you for your support, and hope to see you all again next outing. North Scotland Seminar News:

This month sees the second One Day Conference staged by the North Scotland section. This year it has been put together in conjunction with Dundee College of Further Education, where it will be held on Friday 27 November. The conference committee, made up of three North section members and college tutor Mr G Carr, started work on the project back in September last year and put together a programme of first class speakers from the golf and greenkeeping world.

The morning begins with a talk by one of our sponsors, Mr S Gough from CSC Amenity, titled "Let us Spray". It is a guide to operator and environmentally safe golf course spraying. We then have Mr N Baldwin from STRI talking on "Turfgrass Pests and Diseases in Scotland". After a coffee break Mr J Souter of Souter's of Stirling will give us a talk on "Golf Course Construction in the North". We then have the secretary of the R&A, Mr M Bonallack with "The Role of the R&A in Greenkeeping Education". Rounding off the morning will be Mr D Golding, BIGGA Education Officer, with a talk on "Education and the Master Greenkeeper Certificate". There follows a question and answer session and lunch. First up after lunch is Mr P Lloyd from the Scottish PGA to give us a light hearted look into "Life on the Profes-



sional Side". Mr A Murray from the IoG is next up with a talk on "Golf Course Maintenance from a Local Authority Point of View". There follows a break for coffee and then last but certainly not least we have Mr E Shiel, the executive consultant of the Joint Golf Course Committee, who will discuss "The Way Forward, an Update", which should be very interesting. To round off the day we will have another question and answer session.

We feel this will be a very interesting day for anyone connected with the golfing/greenkeeping world. The cost for the day is £10 for BIGGA members and £12 for others. This does not include lunch which is available in the college for around £2 for three



courses. Space is limited to 170 delegates, so anyone interested in going who hasn't received a brochure should contact Mr A G MacLaren on 0479 3365 immediately to see if there are any spaces left.

IAIN MacLEOD

#### **NORTH WALES**

A note in your diaries for section members: a seminar will be held at the Welsh College of Horticulture Northop on Wednesday 18 November where guest speakers will be D. Jones of St. Pierre, D. Green of Royal Liverpool, D. Golding BIGGA Educational Officer, and N. Park of Lindrick. A fee of £1 will be charged for the seminar, so please come and support us. I'm sure it will be an excellent and informative afternoon,the start of which is approximately 12

Many congratulations to Mr. E. Owen of Dolgellau Golf Club, who has qualified to play in Lamanga Spain in the Rover Golf Challenge. (Must keep an eye on his handicap).

On the education front, congratulations to exgreenkeeper now trade member Phil Davies of Mommersteeg on passing the National Intermediate Diploma in Turfculture. He has also received two I.O.G. Awards, the Frank Goddard Memorial Award for the best examination performance and the W. Bill Bowles Memorial Award for the most promising student (rather mature type). It must be possible to teach an old dog new tricks!

Anybody interested in going to the BIGGA show at Harrogate next year please contact yours truly, on 0248 713490. We are hoping to get a coach trip together if the numbers will allow.

DAVID PROCTOR

#### **EAST MIDLANDS**

The Autumn Tournament this year was held on 7 September at Willesley Park where we were pleased to have the editor of Greenkeeper International, David White, as our guest for the day.

Of the 47 competitors, few managed to overcome the blustery conditions, as was reflected by the scoring and the bluster in the clubhouse afterwards. The overall winner was Matthew Buckley, whose 74-4=70 was the only round to trouble par. Section winners were Dave Leatherland (81-9=72). Jamie Bedford (88-16=72), and Ian Dunmore (99-24=75), with the Associate prize being won by the club secretary, Neil Jones. Dave Flavelle hit the longest drive and Graham Arnold was nearest to the pin - no mean feat on a day where 'nearest the green' might have been more appropriate.

Many thanks to all at Willesley, particularly Ken and Pam Turney for providing us with a most enjoyable meal. My thanks are also due to Joe Barsby, a man with food never far from his mind, for his kind gift to myself of six jars of mustard piccalli. I don't know what the stuff does to your insides, Joe, but it makes a wonderful poultice!

The section is pleased this time to welcome as new members André Woodings of Rothley Park; and

Neale Venters, currently training at Gedney Hill, Lincs. Our next meeting will be the AGM Tournament, to be held at Kirby Muxloe GC on Wednesday 18 November. Any member who can't make the golf or the meal is cordially invited to the AGM itself, which should commence around 6.30 pm.

Finally, as another year in the life of the section draws to a close, I would like to thank on your behalf



the members of this year's committee for their help in organising section activities, and particularly our retiring chairman, Richard Barker, for two years of excellent work representing and promoting BIGGA East Midlands. TONY HOWARTH

#### MID ANGLIA

The Mid Anglia AGM will be held on Wednesday 25 November at Arkley GC, Rowley Road, Barnet (situated two miles west of Barnet off the A411). For those wishing to play golf, the tee is booked from 2pm onwards, followed by the AGM at around 5pm.

Entry forms for the Texas Scramble, to be held at South Beds GC on Thursday 3 December, are now available from Gerald Bruce (secretary) Tel: 0442 876765, Chris Brook Tel: 0462 442488 or Paul Lockett Tel: 0525 402550.

PAUL LOCKETT

#### **NORTHERN**

By now you all should have received a copy of our winter lecture programme for 1992/93. If you do not have a copy, or require extra copies, please give me a

The first aid course scheduled for 13 January seems to be attracting a lot of interest, so if plan on attending, get your name down as soon as possible. This will help me get an idea of how many are actually attending and to plan arrangements accordingly.

The Autumn Tournament took place at Scarborough South Cliffe GC. Unlike our Invitation Day at Northcliffe GC, when the sun shone, it was the exact opposite with rain falling until the late afternoon just as the prizes were being presented the sun dared to show itself! Despite this soaking, everyone had a most enjoyable day, sponsored by our friends Chaplins. Many thanks to Michael Chaplin and Bob Mitchell for their continued support to the section. I must also thank our colleague Colin Robinson and his team for preparing a first class course for the tournament; and the committee of Scarborough GC for making us warmly welcome and giving us the courtesy of their course.

The results: Division 1 - Scratch Cup S Midgley, 1st G Potter, 2nd D Collins. Division 2 - Scratch Cup A Gamble, 1st A Smith, 2nd D Cockburn. Under 25 Shield - M Lealman. Over 50's Cup - L Nelson. Stick of Rock - N Towse.

Don't forget to get names and deposits in for the Christmas Golf at South Leeds GC on 9 December. PAT MURPHY

On Wednesday 9 September our Autumn Tournament was played at Harbourne GC. The course was presented in excellent condition, thanks to David Dorrell and his team. The course proved to be difficult on the day, with scores well grouped, that is apart from Mark Cutler who finally won by some 8.5 shots with a final score of 103.5 for 27 holes. Second was R Pullen with 112 and third was T Dorrell with 121. The Gross Prize was won by M Hughes with 121 and the Trade Prize was won by I Toon with 120. Many thanks are due for the excellent way in which we were looked after and to the many people who helped make the day so successful.

On 9 December we hold our Christmas Tournament at Beau Desert GC with the closing date being 15 November. The event will combine our AGM and this year we hope that many more members will attend. The AGM will take place late in the afternoon, following the golf, and members not playing are invited and indeed encouraged to attend.

On 25 November the region will hold the Annual Seminar, again to be staged at the Warwickshire Col-



lege at Moreton Morrell. Members should have received details, complete with application form, but those who may have been missed and would like to attend are urged to contact me on 0789 762912. DEAN CLEAVER

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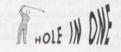


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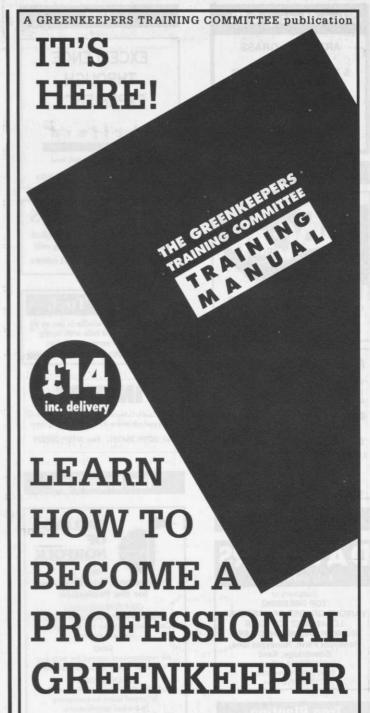
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winter lectures. As soon as I have completed the programme I will ensure that members receive a full fixture list covering the winter period. To start the ball rolling an interesting talk by Clive Heginbotham of ICI on 'Nutrition of Fine Turf will take place at Bury GC on 25 November commencing at 7.00pm, followed by our AGM. Please make every effort to attend and support your section.

One piece of news I am very happy to report is that Anthony Davies and his family are all making a good recovery following their motoring accident.

Any news, views or comment - please contact me on 051 724 5412. BERT CROSS

# **EAST OF ENGLAND**

To be given a jewel is always worth a wait, however long, and our return to Kings Lynn GC was certainly worth the two year wait.

On the last occasion we experienced a cloud-burst and play was abandoned for the day, so we were really looking forward to this fixture. The Rigby Taylor Trophy was played on this superb course set in birch and heather. The fairways proved a little narrow for some of us and the 'give' underfoot was something many of us had not experienced for a long time.

The prizes, which were greatly appreciated, were donated by our sponsors and trade friends. Steering a straight course paid off for Michael Wood of



Thorpe GC and he is now the trophy holder for 1992/93. Following him closely came the evergreen David Salisbury of Burghley Park, with further prizes being won by G MacDonald, G Patrick and D Wells. As Aussie Macklin wasn't with us to retain the raffle prize, his 'boss' David Salisbury was lucky - again!

The hospitality of Kevin and Liz Morgan in the clubhouse made our day complete - many thanks.

To club secretary Mr G J Higgins go our grateful thanks for the courtesy extended to us.

The Toft GC (Bourne) fixture on 4 November will have taken place when this report appears - a report will follow. COLIN SWINGLER

On 24 September the Surbiton GC hosted the Parker's Salver and despite several days of monsoonlike rainfall, Tony Witt and his crew managed to present the golf course in top class condition. The results were: 1st D Box 39 pts. 2nd W George 38 pts. 3rd R Christie 34 pts, with Brian Wilmott (32pts) completing a hat-trick of trade prize victories.

Thanks to Surbiton GC for allowing us courtesy of their course, to the catering staff for their hospitality and, obviously, to the green staff for a job well done. Special thanks are also due to Ron Jobson for his continued help at golf days with starting, score cards and the like.

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#### LONDON

The section's third and final summer competition was held at Hatfield & London CC on 11 August. A field of 32 players enjoyed the golf - but not the odd cloud-burst that threatened to ruin a good afternoon - however, the rain held off and most players completed a dry round. Thanks to Peter

and everyone connected with London & Hatfield for looking after us so well. The competition was well supported by our trade friends: CMW; Parkers; Sta-Brite and S&G Landscapes - our thanks to them.

Results: 1st Tony Dunstan (Mill Hill GC) 45 pts. 2nd Ted Dickinson (Hatfield & London ) 41 pts. 3rd John Jackson (Wanstead) 38 pts.

On to 17 September and our Autumn Competition, held at Upminster GC. A disappointing turn-out but not surprising considering how busy everyone is at this time of the year. Only 16 players enjoyed what was a good day and a clear winner emerged in the form of Jimmy Jay of Brent Valley GC, with 80 pts over 36 holes, a long way ahead of second place man Douglas Smith of Thorpe hall Gc on 69 pts. Steve Paterson of Abridge GC came third with 68 pts.

Our thanks to Pattissons; Sierra; Fisons; Vitex; Rhone Poulenc; Agrimaster and to Dennis Smith of T Parker and Sons for organising all the prizes and presenting the winning shield. Our thanks also to Pat and all at Upminster for allowing us to play.

Our London and SE representatives at the Iseki finals were John Jackson and Norman Exley and though neither brought home any silverware they were both proud to be part of the SE team - and of London, naturally.

Please contact me with any news on 081 4413216. Finally, a couple of movements around the section: Brian Moggeridge leaves Mill Hill GC to take his first head greenkeeper post at Royston GC; whilst Darren Burdis takes over as deputy head at Brookmans Park GC, moving from Hadley Wood. ANDREW PHILLIPS

#### **NORTH EAST**

Stocksfield GC was the venue for our Autumn Tournament held on 10 September. Richard Creane, our chairman, thanked the captain and committee of Stocksfield for giving us courtesy of the course and for the hospitality extended to us all, also to head greenkeeper, Tommy Harrison, and his staff for preparing the excellent conditioned course so well.

Our thanks go out again to the usual donating companies: Ryton Gravel Co; Shorts; Maxel Construction; Fisons; Stewarts; Rigby Taylor; Thompsons and Rickerby's, with a special thanks to Abcon (Top Dressing) for their very substantial donation. The following golf clubs also provided donations: Tyneside; Alnmouth; Newcastle United; Whitley Bay; Whitburn; Beamish; Arcot Hall; Parklands; Prudhoe; Warkworth and Northumberland.

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Richardson (Whickham) 80-5=75. I Cairns (Closehouse) 86-9=77.

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