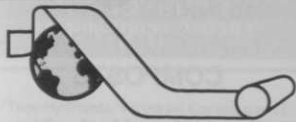


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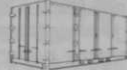
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On the social side everything appeared to go very well: the skittles and whisky tasting evening attracting a good number and the banquet on Tuesday evening was first class. All of these 'events within an event' have to be organised well in advance and the social committee from East Scotland worked hard over the year to make them happen. Day trips for the ladies were also organised, but for one reason or another these fell by the wayside – a pity, as we're sure the ladies would have enjoyed them. Grateful thanks then to the following, for making the social side the success it was: Alan Ronaldson the piper, Cecil George for his 'Address to the Haggis'; Kirsty Greenwood, the excellent dancer; plus Fiona & mum Agnes Greenwood for their assistance, and comedian Gary Dennis. The social committee consisted of 'yours truly', Stewart & Agnes Greenwood and Steve Dixon. To all who took part in the tournament we say 'haste ye back.'

With this event behind us we can now concentrate on section events: The Willie Woods Memorial event this month (19 October) sees us again returning to Dunbar, with the AGM taking place on 24 November, followed by the annual dance on 4 December (at Turnhouse). Returning to the Willie Woods event, we are delighted to have a new sponsor – Huxley's Grass Machinery – who have kindly offered to donate the prizes. I've met the local agent, George Brown, and the final details are almost to hand. Information regarding all events (including the winter programme), will soon be posted to section members.



WILLIE BLAIR

SUSSEX

The weather forecasters said 'warm with a few showers'. Fact – torrential rain and blowing a 'hooli' from tee-off until conclusion of the first round! Anyway, our mid-summer (?) 36 hole tournament saw us at the newly opened Singing Hills GC, near Brighton..... and how well course manager Richard Quelch and his team have done. The greens, sown with pure creeping bent, have been a struggle, but on the day they looked and putted superbly. The tees and fairways were well manicured and the general feeling of our forty-plus members was that Singing Hills, once matured, will be one of the best courses in the south. Certainly it is hoped the section will be invited back – not only to try our hand again on the existing 18, but to sample the new nine holes, opened in August.

The morning round was sponsored by Farmura, with Jim Coppin in attendance to present the prizes: Results – 1st Stefan Antolic, 2nd Les

Around the Green



Shrubb, 3rd Bruce Cruickshank. Trade & Guests: David Eastland.

The afternoon Stableford got off to a better start, for not only had the weather improved dramatically but everybody was well satisfied with the superb lunch provided by the club. We tee'd off from both first and tenth, due to the popularity of the course, the round kindly sponsored by Turf Iron of Australia. Jim Coppin again presented the prizes, telling us also that he was leaving Farmura to join the Australian company – in order to fully pursue their interests in the UK – we wish him every success. Results: 1st Martin Broomfield, 2nd Chris Allen, 3rd Roland Hughes. There was a special prize for Steve Voguls, who came in with just one point. As they say, 'it's the taking part that counts.'

The section is indebted to Singing Hills for their generous hospitality, with special thanks to Derek Howe and his staff (the caterers of three superb meals), and to Richard and his boys for all the effort put into the course -thank you.

Finally, we welcome Jon Budd, a new first assistant to George Barr at Ham Manor, and offer congratulations to Dave Ranger on his new appointment as head greenkeeper at Horscham Park GC.



MARK WILTON

NORTH WALES

On 18 August a group from the North Wales section visited the Gem Professional factory in Oswaldtwistle, witnessing the process and production of top dressings, fertilisers, and many other products made at the Gem factory. On behalf of those who made the journey, our thanks to Terry Adamson for organising the trip (especially the coach!), and to John Harris and Andy Hardy, for their hospitality and for providing an excellent and interesting tour. Also a big thanks to the coach driver for a most enjoyable journey.

In December (date still to be decided) we

will be holding our Christmas competition at Llangollen GC, so once again, when these forms come out, get them filled in and sent back as soon as possible – don't forget the entrance fee!

With winter nearly upon us we hope to organise seminars for the winter period. We would also like to present a first aid course at Northop College, but as you will appreciate, we need to



know how many people are interested before we set a price and date. Please, if you have an interest in first aid, give me a call on 0248 713490.

DAVID PROCTOR

MID ANGLIA

The Autumn Tournament will again be staged at Woburn G&CC, this year on 26 October. The format has been changed slightly to accommodate our AGM – with 18 holes in the morning, followed by lunch, the AGM itself being held in the afternoon. The meeting will start at 3.00 pm approx., though this time may be altered depending on starting times for the golf. Because of the slight delay in confirmation of this event, entries will be accepted until 15 October – by form only and with cheque – to Chris Brook.

By the time you read this column the Lodge-way Four-Ball final will have been played – over 27 holes at Brocket Hall GC. Results will be published in November. The semi-finals produced the following results: D Low & A Freeman (Northants County) beat I Oliver & D Croxton (Cold Ashby). P Lockett & R Coogan (South Beds) beat R McKeown (Arley) & K Bunting (Ashridge). David Low and Tony Freeman were eventual winners over the Cold Ashby pair, but it took an incredible 40 holes of golf to separate them! Thanks to Chas Ayres for again organising the event and to his company – Lodgeway Tractor Co – for its continued support.

One piece of news concerns David Murphy, who many of you will know as the rep for Sta-Brite. David has left to join a fairly new company – Driving Force Leisure – which started last year. Good luck David.



PAUL LOCKETT

EVENTS DIARY

- October 10-11: Toro/PGA European Tour Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award, Aldwark Manor.
- October 12-13: Kubota Challenge, The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire
- November 4-5: Irish Golf Greenkeepers Association Trade Exhibition, Ballsbridge, Dublin.
- December 6-7: ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year Award, Aldwark Manor.
- January 19-21, 1994: BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition (BTME), Trade Show and Educational Seminar Programme, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.
- February 4-7: GCSAA Conference and Show, Dallas, Texas
- March 5-8: Canadian Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show, Calgary, Alberta.

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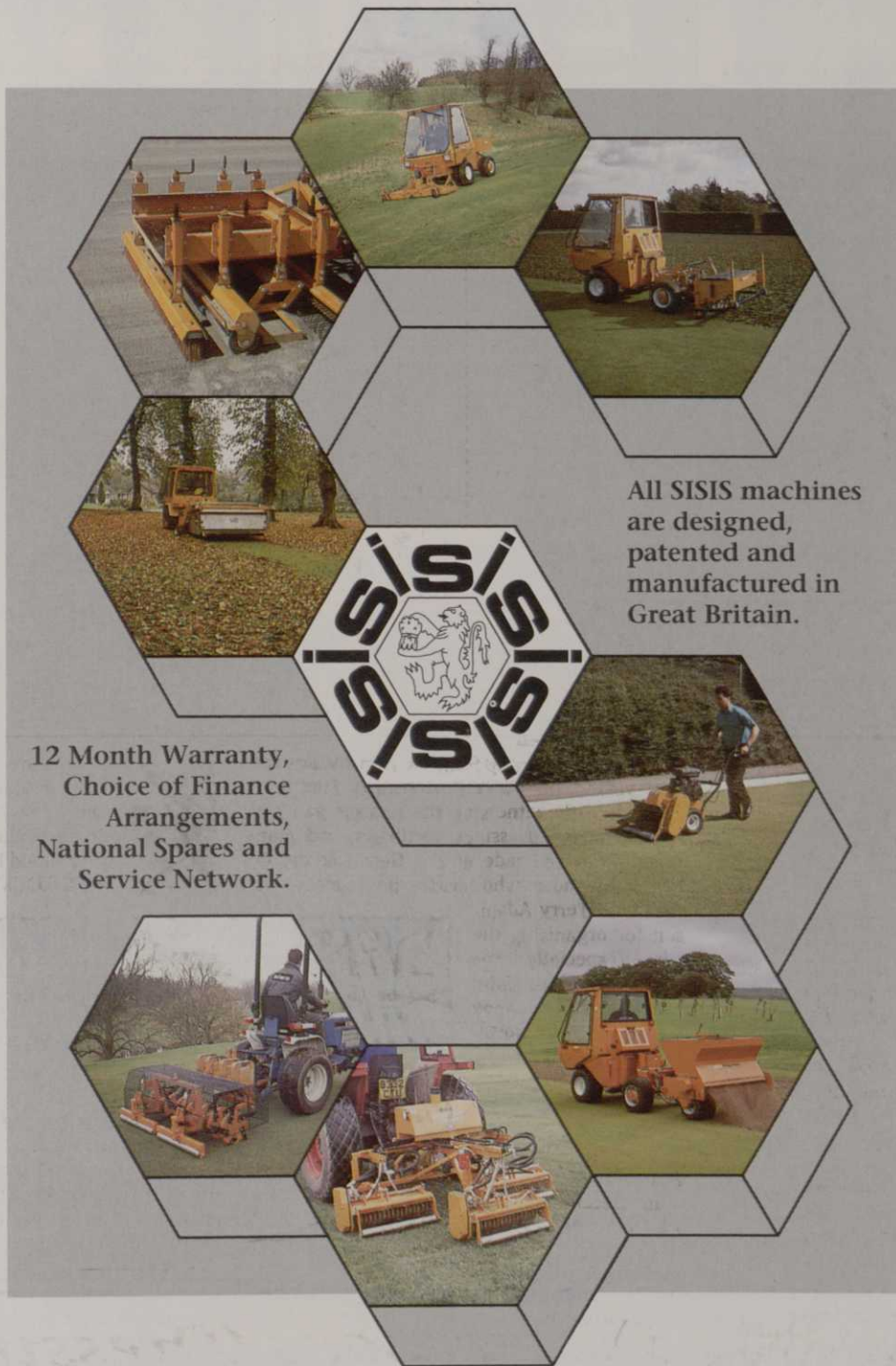
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