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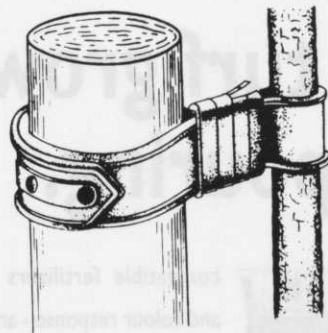
take place from November until March, depending on soil and weather conditions. "If one has a choice, get new trees into the ground before Christmas," commented Mr Dowle. "This will allow them to settle in well ahead of the growing season."

Soil preparation for planting should be carried out when the trees have arrived on the course to ensure that the hole is of the correct size for the roots and that the tree is planted in freshly-turned soil.

For smaller trees of up to 8cm girth at 1m above soil level, an auger is an ideal implement for producing a hole, creating an excellent soil mixing action without compaction at depth. Powered augers of up to 46cm (18in) diameter can be hired or purchased from specialist firms.

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In all cases, the soil replaced around the tree roots should be



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mixed with a suitable compost. This can be a proprietary tree or shrub planting medium or a mix of material such as composted bark and spent mushroom compost plus a slow-release fertiliser. If watering periods are likely to be irregular, then a handful of water-retaining crystals in the soil will be beneficial

Always firm down the soil around the stem. A slow-release

granular herbicide scattered close to the tree will reduce competition from weeds and grasses and make mowing easier and safer. Alternatively, a mulching mat made of wool, polythene, felt or polypropylene laid around the tree will limit weed growth and also reduce water loss and raise soil temperature.

Staking is recommended for all trees of 6cm girth or more to prevent stem movement disturbing the roots. Smaller specimens should not move unduly in the wind, but stakes can be beneficial, an action which will be appreciated also by golfers.

A single stake and tie are normally adequate for the smaller bare-root tree. Those planted with root balls will require two or three stakes positioned outside the root ball's span with a cross member and rubber collar support. An alternative method involves anchoring at ground level using a frame and steel rope guying system.

In every case, ties should be selected which hold the tree

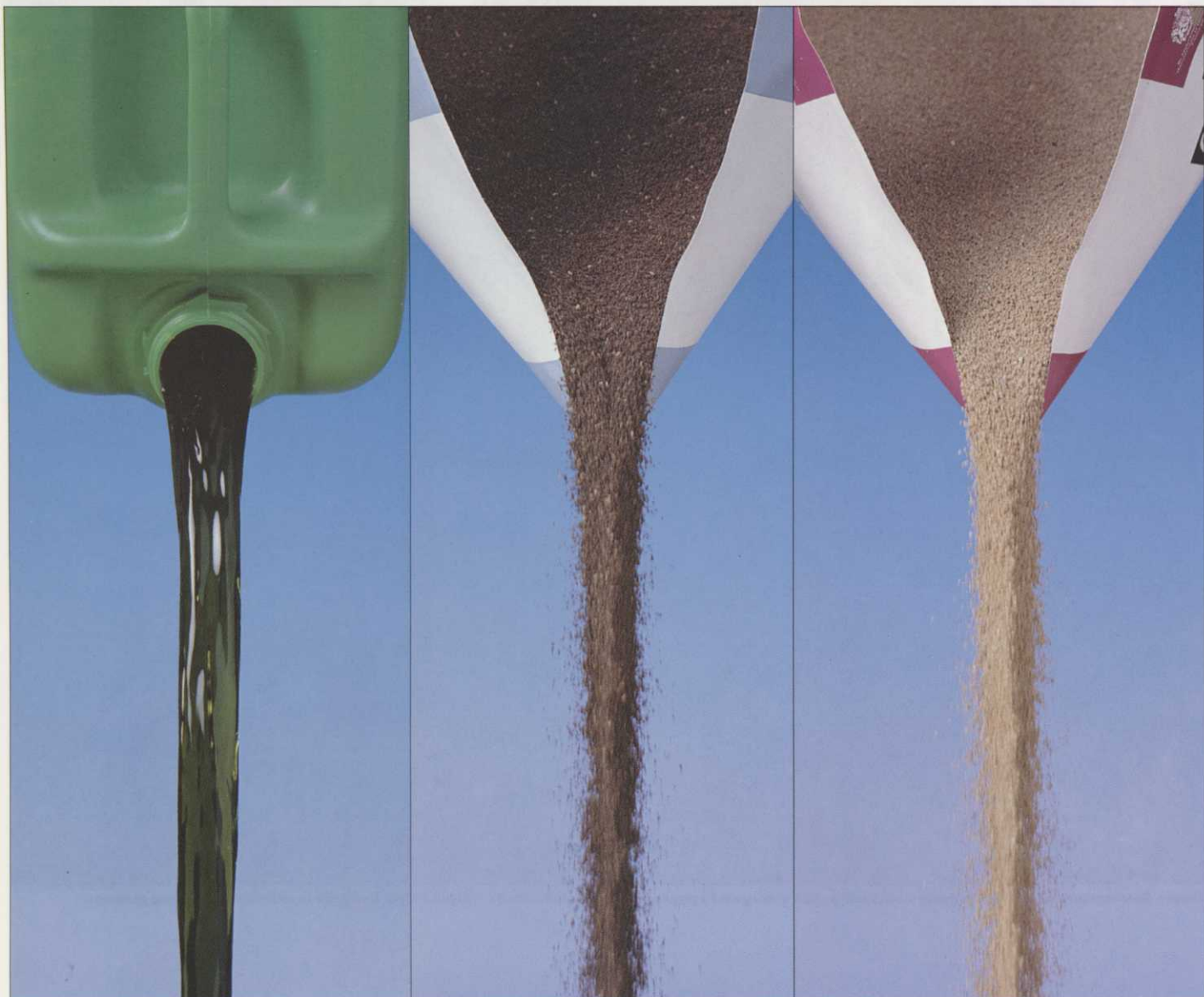
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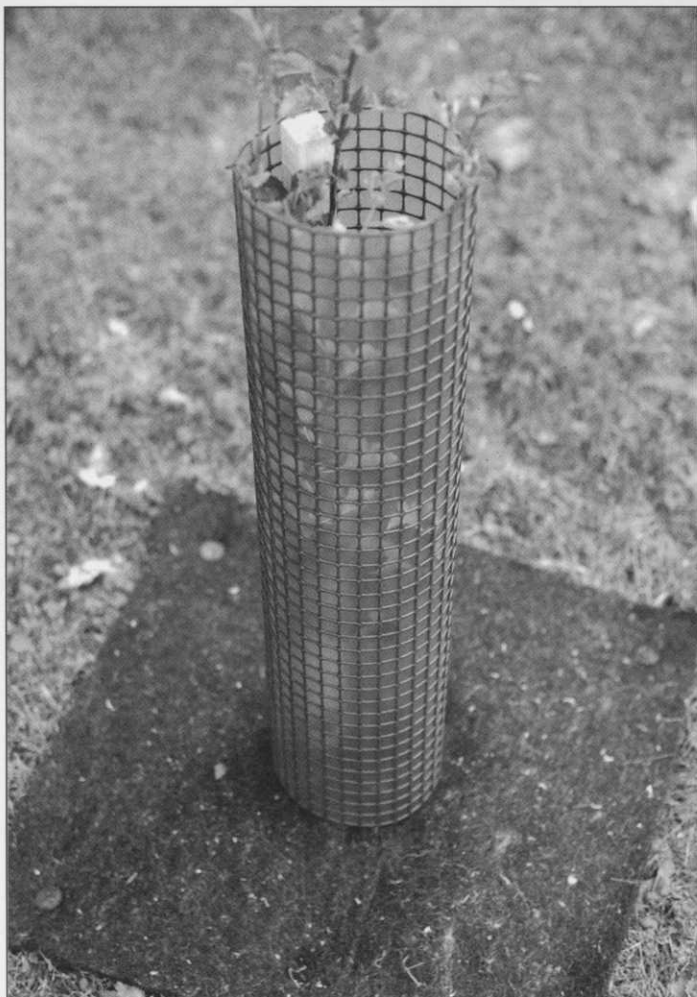


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"Selecting and establishing new trees is not a simple task," concludes Peter Dowle. "If in any doubt, always seek specialist help to ensure that every tree planted will be right for the job, right for

the location and has the best possible chance of survival."

● *A concise guide to trees suitable for strategic, protective, screening or cosmetic purposes on golf courses has been produced by the Julian Dowle Partnership. Included is a brief description of each tree together with details on colour, expected height after 20 years and tolerance to water (excessive and lack of). The guide can be obtained by writing to Peter Dowle, The Julian Dowle Partnership, The Old Malt House, Newent, Glos GL18 1AY.*

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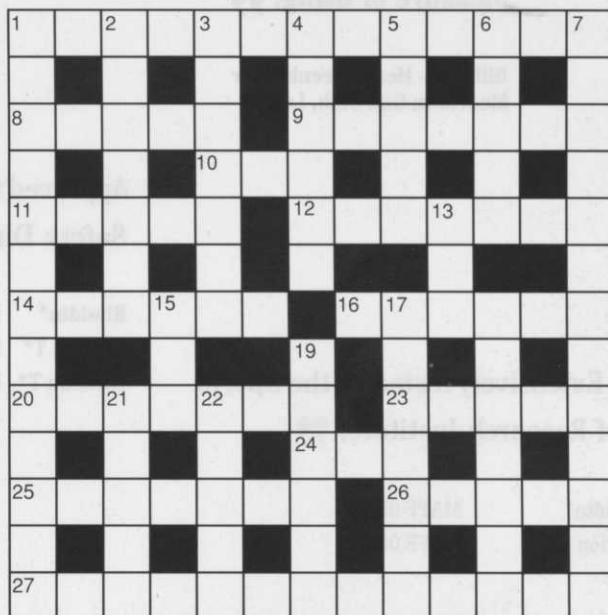
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- 8 Leaf vein or rib (5)
- 9 Heavy rough (slang) (7)
- 10 'p' 17th letter of the Greek alphabet, which represents liquid density in formulae (3)
- 11 Hole known as "Railway" on Carnoustie Championship Links (5)
- 12 Commonest of the British ferns (L. Pteris Aquilina), found on heathland courses (7)
- 14 A plant does it to thrive in unfamiliar surroundings (6)
- 16 Facility provided for player's families at the bigger tournaments (6)
- 20 Heavy duty mower, eg. a Wessex (7)
- 23 Scottish county containing Duff House Royal and Royal Tarlair Golf Courses (5)
- 24 Beyond the course boundary or white posts (abbrev) (1,1,1)
- 25 De Vincenzo of Argentina, Open Champion in 1967 (7)
- 26 Makers of "The Trooper" off-road vehicle (5)
- 27 Publications helping players to judge distance (7,6)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Irish Golfer who headed the PGA Order of Merit in 1989 (5,8)
- 2 The common lilac (L. Vulgaris) (7)
- 3 Apply too much power to a shot (4-3)
- 4 Surname of the former British Ryder Cup player known as "Dr Golf" (6)
- 5 Strong Creeping Red Fescue (L. Festuca Rubra) (5)
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- 7 Old fashioned method of expressing a round of 71 (3,5,5)
- 13 Charles R., US Amateur Champion in 1949 and 1958 (3)
- 15 Units in which tyre pressures may be expressed (abbrev) (1,1,1)
- 17 Refuse a poor shot! (7)
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Winner of last month's Namesearch competition was Christopher Powley, first assistant at Dinsdale Spa Golf Club. Correct answers were: Faulkner, Max, 1951 and Royal Portrush. If you were wondering who the champions in the Namesearch were, turn to Page 10.

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Loch Lomond Golf Club has received more accolades before it's opened than most courses receive in a lifetime. Professional golfers have hailed it as "the best modern-style course in the UK and the most enjoyable, picturesque layout". Magazine editors have called it "the finest inland course in Europe". Golf photographers say it's "a national treasure". And one of the designers, Tom Weiskopf, is on record as saying: "I consider Loch Lomond my lasting memorial to golf." But what does a greenkeeper think? Duncan Gray, course manager at Mitchell-Struthers GC, Ayrshire, went along to see what all the fuss is about.

Loch Lomond

A greenkeeper's verdict

What's already been said about the course

"I consider Loch Lomond my lasting memorial to golf" – designer Tom Weiskopf. "I truly believe it is one of the 10 most outstanding courses in the world."

"Loch Lomond may be the finest inland course not only in Great Britain but all of Europe" – George Peper, editor-in-chief, Golf Magazine.

"I think Loch Lomond is one of the best courses I've played. It's the best modern-style course in the UK and the most enjoyable, picturesque layout" – Ian Baker-Finch.

"If I had to play the same golf course every day of the year, I wouldn't have to look a lot further than Loch Lomond. Not only is the setting magnificent... but the quality of the design and maintenance of the course makes it a pleasure to play" – Sandy Lyle.

"A site most golf architects would sell their souls for" – Bill Robertson, Today's Golfer

"It is one of the most beautiful, peaceful places I have ever seen, and the golf course is superb" – Lyle Anderson

"A national treasure. The finest inland course in Europe" – photographer Brian Morgan.

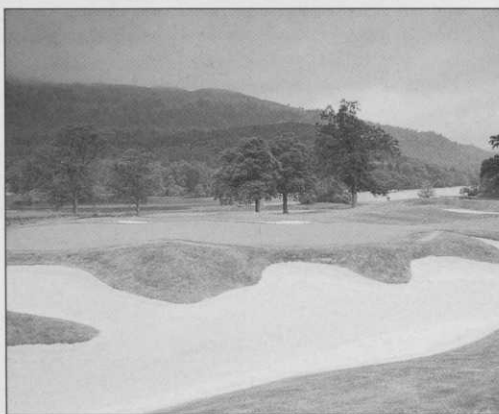
Loch Lomond conjures up images of vast expanses of water bordered by majestic backdrops of mountainsides and, to be honest, the reality is, if anything, even better. It is in this setting that the latest addition to Scotland's unparalleled array of fine golf courses has been created.

When Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish were asked to create a layout befitting such a setting I have to say my first reaction was to ask if it was possible for an American design team to create something that would not look completely out of place in a situation and climate so foreign to their way of thinking. It was with this thought in mind that I paid a visit to the Loch Lomond Golf Club earlier this year.

The site, Rossdhu-in-Luss, has been the family home of the Chiefs of the Clan Colquhoun since the 12th century and is steeped in the rich heritage of the area. Deeds of courage and treachery, stories of passion, love and revenge, saints, blackguards and even black magic abound. The family mansion, Rossdhu House, was built in the 18th century and is a magnificent building which is to become the main clubhouse. Among the many special features are the "Chinese Drawing Room" with hand painted silk wall coverings and "The Moor and the Loch" room which houses a huge collection of stuffed animals and birds collected during the 19th century by John Colquhoun, great grandfather of the present Chief. Only

specimens shot by himself, and latterly his sons, were admitted to the collection. Next to Rossdhu House is the ruin of the original castle home of the Colquhoun clan, no doubt haunted by the ghost of an earlier John Colquhoun who was a necromancer skilled in black magic, and was the last known person to openly practice witchcraft in Scotland.

This then was the background into which Stirling Investments asked Weiskopf and Morrish to mould a true test of golf.



The 9th green

The completion of the first of the planned two courses has been delayed for several years due to Stirling Investments going into receivership, but the Bank of Scotland decided to go ahead and finish the first course in order to secure the future of the project. This has only now come to fruition with the Lyle Anderson Corporation, owners of the Desert Highland and Desert Mountain Golf Communities in Arizona, together with another Phoenix company, DMB, forming a UK company to run the club as prin-

cipal shareholders.

The course has been carved through some very inhospitable areas with possibly the biggest problem being the stretch from the 13th to the 16th which was very wet peat bog. Luckily, at the time of building, the new Luss bypass was being constructed and huge quantities of blasted rock were available. This was used to infill all the fairway areas down to solid bedrock, or in deep areas, on top of a layer of terram. The displaced peat was then used, in conjunction with sand, to form a seed bed on top of the rock.

Over 200 acres of ground has been allocated for each course which together with the abundance of trees allows each hole to appear isolated giving a great feeling of peace and solitude and allowing the teeming wildlife to live in harmony with the golfers. On my walk round I noted hundreds of native and imported specimen trees, including maple, douglas fir, Scots pine, giant redwood, monkey puzzle, yew and limes. Also huge bands of rhododendron and azaleas. The wildlife I saw included golden eagles, buzzards, foxes, stoats, hares, jays, ospreys, roe and sitka deer, swans, pheasants and herons.

The design concept is certainly very American but in keeping with other Weiskopf designs I have seen, such as Troon in Scotsdale, Arizona. Both are proof that American designers can produce outstanding courses without going over the top. Huge bands of bunkers guard many of the



Above: the 17th green across Loch Lomond. On Page 25: the 9th green looking west.

Photographs by Gavin Newman

greens, some of which have fairly severe undulations and the golfer must face several very intimidating long carries over marshland which all add up to a pretty severe test of golf.

Construction methods were to USGA specifications, and although the green surfaces are fairly hard, the creeping bent grass was looking very healthy at the time of my visit. *Poa* is kept at bay by hand picking every few weeks and although the surrounds are fairly heavily infested I could see no sign of it on the greens. Fairway drainage is proving to be a major headache as the original construction was of the run-off and collection system. Over the past two years or so Dave Sammells of Edinburgh Landscapes, the company which has been growing in and maintaining the course for the bank, has installed over 20,000 metres of herringbone drainage, with the intention of installing another 10,000 metres shortly. In con-

What it will cost the golfer

When the course formally opens in 1995 it will be an international membership club with member costs closely related to actual use.

Initially, membership is by invitation only. After a while existing members will be able to sponsor new members.

The 'international' membership is designed for golfers who only visit Scotland occasionally. For them, during the launch phase, the initiation fee is £1,000, which includes the first six rounds of golf for member or member and spouse but no guest privileges. After that per round fees comparable to

other well-known courses will be charged. Annual dues – described as "modest" – will begin in 1996.

'Regular' membership is being offered initially for £3,350 including the first six rounds of golf by a member or member and spouse. Regular membership carries guest privileges. Additional rounds are available at a "reasonable price".

The club will also have a limited number of Scottish memberships.

Future plans include cottage-style accommodation near the 220-year-old manor house for members and guests.

junction with intensive aeration using the vertidrain and deep slitting, followed by regular sand dressings, it is hoped that the drainage problems will be over-

come fairly quickly.

The many streams running through the course have been crossed with hand built dry stone bridges and many of the tees are

supported by dry stone walls. An undisturbed dry stone dyke crosses the 2nd fairway in front of the green with the unusual feature of the ground behind the wall being on the same level as the top stones.

One feature which I was particularly pleased to see was the extensive practice ground adjacent to the 1st tee, set into a huge depression with target greens and tees at both ends.

Now that the future of the club has been secured, thoughts have turned to the creation of the intended sister course, to be designed by Jack Nicklaus, and having looked over the site I will certainly look forward to that with great anticipation.

As I drove down the exit road winding past the 17th and 18th holes near to the old castle, I could swear the old necromancer was chuckling at the thought of so many balls vanishing into a watery grave.

I'll be back!

Around the Green

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

EAST ANGLIA

Reymeston Golf Club, Norfolk was the venue for the happy wanderers and a good day it was too. Non-stop sunshine on a lovely course prepared by Paul Gould and his team.

Reymeston is a new course which has been done properly (a rarity these days). A lot of money must have been spent and the course was allowed time before the happy hackers were allowed out. The result being a course that will still be there in years to come. Well done to all concerned. Meanwhile back at the ranch the day's golf went as follows: in the 0-20 section Alan Carter was first with 38pts, and Roger Plummer second with 37pts. There were, however, some unkind comments about the 21-28 section as Richard Mitchell (Eaton) was first with 33 pts and yours truly (Eaton) was second with 28pts. They are now calling us Butch and Sundance and questioning our parentage. Guest prize was won by K Taylor (35pts). Prizes were presented by Steve Hand 'el capitano', and donated by Messrs Collier's, Sisis, Rushbrooks, Kings, Rigby Taylor and CMW. Thanks to all at Reymeston for a super day.

By the first tee (just digressing) I saw a really rare sight. So rare it could be compared with snow in the Sahara. It was a greenkeeper unwrapping a new ball! after severe interrogation Lyndon said he didn't actually buy it, he won it in a raffle. I think he was showing off in front of his lady captain

EVENTS DIARY

September 6-8: Saltex (previously loG) Trade Exhibition, Royal Windsor Racecourse, Berkshire.

September 22: Hayter Challenge Final, Pannal Golf Club, Harrogate

November 9-10: Scotsturf, Ingleston, Edinburgh

December 1: Scottish Region North Section one-day conference at Craibstone Estate, Bucksburn, Aberdeen

January 25-27, 1995: BTME '95, Harrogate International Centre

guest. Once a poser always a poser.

Talking of posers, did anyone see big Bobby Chessham? Not only is he trying to find a brimmed hat that will protrude further than his bread basket (something like a sombrero might make it) but he has also bought himself a set of Pings. He is quick to point out, however, that they are secondhand, rather like saying I've got a 'Roller' but it's an old one. Hydromain 25s must be going like hot cakes.



Enough banter, Uncle Sam is looking for venues for next year's golfing exploits. Is anyone kind enough to give a golf day to the few whose expertise (and hard work) gives enjoyment to so many?

MICK LATHROPE

CLEVELAND

The Cleveland Spring Tournament at Dinsdale Spa Golf Club produced the following winners and Hayter Challenge Trophy qualifiers: Cat one - A Partridge, T Mears, D Crocher; Cat two - A Reed, R Lawton, A Naisbitt; Cat three - C Fiddell, C Powley, B Walker.

Winner of the Hi Speed Trophy was C Fiddell with 47 points. The Assistants Trophy was won by C Powley (39 points), the longest drive by T Mears and nearest the pin was Bob Lawton.

Thanks to the trade for prizes and helping on the day, especially Norman Sheddon of Aitkens, Henry Blanchard of Vitax, Clive Higginbotham of ICI and Gerald Brady of Rhone-Poulenc. Visitors included BIGGA's new education officer Ken Richardson and membership officer Clare Douglas.

New section sponsors are Carburol Oil and Platt Harris.

New members include Raymond Mathers of Billingham Golf Club and Alex Russell of Bedale Golf Club.



Phillip Tones is now first assistant at Chester-le-Street. Harry Lees has left Billingham Golf Club after 21 years service.

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NORTH-WEST

Not a lot of news this month as we have not had



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any tournaments since the last section news, and nobody contacted me with any information, but I still need a team for the Stewards Match in September, at Fishwick Golf Club, so if you fancy a good day out give me a ring on 051 724 5412.

I would like to welcome Chris Whittle back to the North-West, and congratulate Chris on his appointment as head greenkeeper at Royal Birkdale. Any news, views, births, marriages, or just plain gossip, give me a ring.
BERT CROSS



NORTHERN

Our Presidents Day at Wetherby Golf Club on Wednesday was a great day according to our president, Bill Mountain. There was good weather, good food, a course in very good condition and the new clubhouse is excellent. The club's president and captain gave our members a very warm welcome, informing us that we were one of the first to use the new clubhouse. I could not attend as I was on holiday, but I have been informed that the members that did attend had an excellent day out. I must thank Ian Thompson, course manager, and his team at Wetherby for preparing such an excellent course for our members. I must also thank Wetherby Golf Club for allowing us the use of their beautiful course and clubhouse and to the captain for presenting the prizes to the winners. Before I give you the winners I would like to say thank you to our president for making this day possible and for putting on a fantastic prize table. The winners: 1st division - 1, D Collins; 2, M Cordingley; 3, R Smith; 2nd division - 1, L Kirkbright; 2, A J Baxby; 3, D Cockburn; Jubilee Cup - C Garnett; Highest score - M Bryant; Repts and guests - A Dyson 67-3=64.

Ray Jackson from Bradford Moor Golf Club is off to work in Germany. On behalf of the Northern Section may I wish you all the best.

I welcome to the section the following new members: Richard Trafford (Normanton G C), Phillip Mansfield (Cottingham G C) and John Beavan (Spofforth G C). Any information you require please ring 0274 568128. As you are all aware the Northern Section in conjunction with B&W Lawnmowers held a demonstration day at Northcliffe Golf Club on June 29. Thank you to the members that did turn up, I hope you were all suitably impressed with the machinery. When I arrived I thought Nigel Mansell was driving some of the machines with the speed they were going. Anyway, everyone that did attend were well fed and watered by our hosts, B&W. Thank you to David Betram and Ken Watson for organising the day. Last but not least thanks to Ken Christie, head greenkeeper at Northcliffe for his help arranging the day.

For your information all golfing venues are fully booked except there are a few places left for our Autumn Tournament at Alwoodley Golf Club on Wednesday October 12 - not a lot - if you have forgot, book now.
PAT MURPHY



SURREY

The Cresta Cup held at Laleham Golf Club was well attended on what turned out to be a blistering hot day. Congratulations to John Ross and staff for a finely turned out golf course and thanks also to Laleham Golf Club for allowing us to use the course and club facilities. Result: 1 - T Edwards; 2 - S Kirkham; 3 - G Holland.

The recent Southturf exhibition proved to be a huge success. Congratulations to the South East regional committee on their flawless organisation. I'm sure this will now become an annual event. By 3pm 5-600 visitors and members had passed the gates. A higher number than expected.

Tickets for the dinner dance on November 11 have now started to move, so interested parties should contact the committee. Tickets are £18.00.

Congratulations to Roger Glazier, previously of Cuddington Golf Club upon his appointment as greenkeeper mechanic at Foxhills Golf Club.

Also education wise, Dr S Shaw reports that

Around the Green



Nescot are now able to offer NVQ Level 3 as approved by GTC.

Forthcoming events include The Parker Salver at Purley Downs Golf Club, Turkey Trot at Kingswood Golf Club in December. Also, the first winter lecture by Bill Oliver of Hardi Sprayers is to be held at Kingswood Golf Club on November 9.

DAVID GIBBS

LONDON

The winner of our summer tournament at Old Ford Manor G C was Paul Brown with 41 points. Runner-up was Fred Read with 39 points, one point ahead of Don Wilson. Longest drive was Craig Handyside, nearest the pin Gary Speller. Darren Burdis won the putting competition.

I would like to thank Old Fold Manor for the hospitality shown to us and especially Ian Semple and his staff for the excellent condition of the course. I would also like to mention the catering manager for the excellent meal and the captain of Old Fold Manor for his presence throughout the day. The turnout of 51 players was our best yet and it is encouraging to see so many new faces.

The Southturf exhibition was well supported by our section and the coach provided was a great success. The prize draw was won by Jeff Robinson from Sudbury G C and he collected his BIGGA waterproofs from John Millen.

I would like to congratulate Stuart Green for his recent award and work placement at Gleneagles. Stuart was chosen along with five other students for the Gleneagles excellence in golf award. He represents Reaseheath College and will be working in the Monarch's, King's and Queen's courses for the year. Well done Stuart and best wishes for the future.
TONY DUNSTAN



NORTH SCOTLAND

Kennay Golf Club's Richard Sweeney and Green of Scotland's Maurice Gray are the latest new members to welcome to the section. Maurice is an agronomist with Greens, co-sponsors for this December's one day conference in Aberdeen. Section members are reminded that application forms will go out this month along with the autumn outing forms. This gives you first chance to book a place before the forms go out in general later, you have been warned! The outing is to Murrayshall on September 7. This lovely golf course, set in Perthshire countryside is looked after by Jim Low and his staff. Numbers are limited, so get your entry in quickly to ensure participation.

Mixed fortunes for North members at the Hayter Scottish finals and the Scottish golf tournament. The great news from Duddingston, venue for the Hayter qualifier, was that four North lads won through to represent Scotland in the Hayter final next month. Kevin Peace (Inverurie), Kevin Fowler (Fortrose), Robbie Allan (Hazlehead) and Leslie Rae (Montrose) will fly th flag for the section and hopefully bring the trophy back to Scotland. There was a good turnout from the North at the "Scottish" in a field of more than 100 golfers but no major prizes came North. Fortrose's George Paterson equalled the winning scratch score of 74 but missed out on the prizes altogether on the better inward half rule as there were a few 74s.

This year's AGM goes back to the south of the section with the venue being Letham Grange Golf Club. The date will probably be December 8 or 15. More details to follow.

I only received one inquiry about first aid courses, so I assume every course has a first aider

with up to date training, if not then get in touch on 0862 894402 and I will try to set something up.
IAIN MACLEOD

KENT

The regional final of the Hayter Tournament once again proved to be the "end of the road" for many of our Kent qualifiers. The only member definitely going on to the final in September is Haydon Hayes in the 19-28 handicap category, although Jim Wakelin does still stand a slim chance of a trip to the final, qualifying as reserve in the 0-9 category. Perhaps this once again proves that our handicaps in Kent are more realistic than our regional counterparts, or that we are so hard working that we have little or no time to practice or play as much golf. Well, hopefully you will be able to make time for our Autumn Tournament. October 24 sees us visit the Chart Hills Golf Club for 27 holes plus the usual culinary accompaniments. The price for the day will be in the region of £25. Many thanks go to Chart Hills for extending the invitation to us and I am sure that it will prove to be very well attended and interesting day, for many of us it is the first chance to see this much publicised Nick Faldo course. Details will no doubt be sent to you nearer the date.

On the Kent committee front, we anticipate the addition of Denegate Ridge's Rob Lucas to our smaller band. Rob perhaps brings a unique dimension to the committee - as its only volunteer!

February '95 will see us stage a seminar/workshop at Hadlow College. With the structure of the NVQ courses in greenkeeping, your attendance at all seminars and work-related courses can be invaluable and a record of attendance can count as evidence of learning in particular topics. Although there is a part to be played in our local college towards greenkeeping qualifications, much of the course requirements are largely based on previously gained skill that can easily be assessed or proven by previous written evidence.

As you may be aware, Kent leads the country in beginning the latest training programme and to this end now has greenkeepers that are recognised as being competent to "assess" those in the NVQ levels 1-3. At present myself, David Wood, Chris Mardon and shortly Tony Bennett and Mike Smith. The structure of the courses is ideal for those wishing to be recognised by a certificate and get qualified. A brief glance through the GTC's Training Manual will easily demonstrate to most greenstaff that they already have the majority of the skills required, simply by past experience. So for those of you, young or old, thinking about becoming qualified, adding to the list of achievements in the CV why not contact Dave Geoff at Hadlow College, myself, or even David Golding at the GTC for further details and see how easy and straight forward it could be.



PAUL COPSEY

DEVON & CORNWALL

Our new summer meeting, sponsored by MST and Jacobsen, was held at Yelverton GC. Numbers for the day were slightly disappointing with the workshop having to be cancelled at the last minute due to poor support. I wish to apologise to those of you who arrived for the workshop only to find it had been cancelled. The golfing members played a stableford competition for the Jacobsen Trophy over the excellently presented moorland course which is a credit to Steve Redman and his staff. Winner of the Jacobsen Trophy was Teignmouth's A Woolnough, second was J Mitchell (Perranporth) and third C Rawlings (Padbrook).

All three prize winners returned scores of 33pts, with the result being decided on the back nine holes. After an excellent evening meal our raffle with the first prize of a place on the 1995 regional trip to BTME concluded the day. First ticket drawn out of the hat by David Withers, business manager for Jacobsen, was Roy Battishill, course manager at St Mellion. The section would like to thank Jacobsen and local dealers MST for sponsoring the day and to Yelverton GC and all their staff for making our afternoon so enjoyable.