

Ransomes' position as a world leader in the production of grass cutting and turf maintenance machinery will be illustrated at the exhibition where the company will be showing a range of machines for the golf course market including aerators, greens and fairway mowers.

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Triple Classic which offers high standards of finish with precise hand operated hydraulic controls and a choice of cutting units.

Also on show will be a three wheel diesel Cushman Turf Truckster. The multi-purpose system vehicle available with a range of attachments for all aspects of turf care will be shown with the new Wide Top Dresser. The Super Certes fitted with verti groom will also be on display, this pedestrian mower always provides a consistent finish to a green.

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Following the launch of Mascot Rimidin in January 1993 and the outstanding response it has received from customers, Rigby Taylor are continuing to lead the way with further new products on display this week. The demands now made by sportsmen and women on greenkeepers are very exacting so it is important that products used for the preparation of fine turf playing surfaces are specifically formulated for that purpose. Rigby Taylor have a policy of continuing research and development to bring a supply of new generation products to the market place.

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Rolawn (Turf Growers) Limited will be exhibiting for the first time at the BTME exhibition its new Turfmaster big roll

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This highly innovative and practical piece of turf laying equipment has been well received by all in the turf industry since its launch in late 1993 with the company receiving enquiries from as far afield as Japan and Spain.

The company will also be exhibiting its Advantage turf which has been used during 1993 at the Belfry (which hosted The Ryder Cup), St Andrews and on several new courses such as the Leeds Golf Centre.

Also on show will be Rolwan's Medallion turf, which is being increasingly specified for use on tees because of its rapid establishment habit and its extremely hard wearing properties.

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Saxon Industries, Stand B37, are exhibiting the Saxon Triple 180 four wheel drive for stability, 74 inch width of cut. Model 185 three wheel model complete with grass-boxes for tees and surrounds.

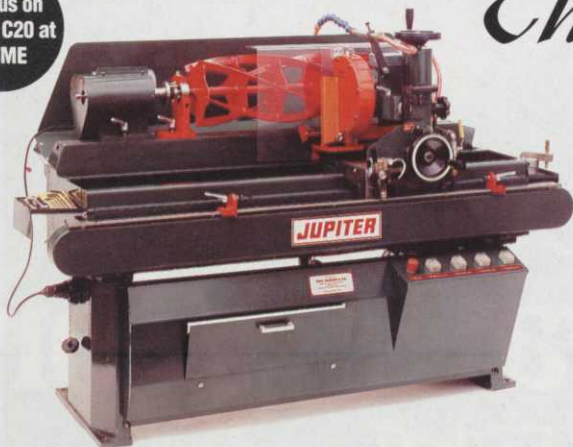
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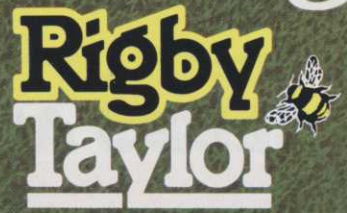
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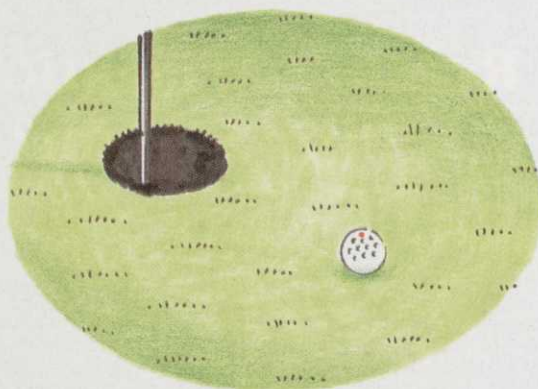
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Over the past year Symbio 'Green Circle' has been cutting fertiliser and fungicide use on many more golf clubs in Britain and Ireland.

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T & G TURF IRRIGATION SERVICES OF RIPON

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T & G Turf Irrigation will once again be sharing a stand with Watermatation. T & G have had another successful year installing many large scale automatic irrigation systems using the famous GR sprinklers and TW2 control. Among these installations are Antrobus Golf Club at Warrington in Lancs, Cleethorpes Golf Club in South Humberside and Holme Hall Golf Club in Scunthorpe. T & G are an old established company who believe in quality equipment and pride themselves on giving their customers careful and personal attention. The two partners, Tony Teggin and Noel Glover have over 20 years experience in irrigation installation.

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Boughton Loam Limited and Turf Management Systems will be demonstrating an integrated three dimensional display of pre-germinated seed and Liquid Sod in various root-zones, together with our traditional materials, turf dressings, fertilisers, root growth enhancers etc. All will be welcome to see the display.

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WATERMATION LTD

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Contact: Mrs Eileen Hawthorn

Watermation, the British irrigation manufacturer, will once again be sharing a stand with their distributor and installer in the north of England, T & G Turf Irrigation of Ripon, Yorkshire, who are listed separately.

Watermation have not stood still over the past 12 months and have developed their new valve in head range of golf

sprinklers, which will be available on the market in time for next Spring. The series, known as GRV20/30/50, incorporates the well proven mechanism of the Watermation GR2, GR3 and GN5 sprinkler for all aspects of golf course irrigation from greens to tees, approaches and fairways. They are designed to give total programming flexibility, coupled with maximum water saving.

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Contact: R C Hanrott

West Design Products, established in 1888, is a specialist manufacturer of high quality signs for the golfing industry. The company can supply all types of signs including tee and distance markers, name plates, entrance and door signs and competition trophies. A unique chemical etching process allows the company to reproduce in metal intricate designs such as logos and armorial devices in a quality not available to golf clubs until now. West Design can also supply engraved plastic signs where clubs are working to a tight budget. Northern Office (Nicholl Graphics) 051 264 7221, Southern Office 081 646 8585.

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Scottish conference

A veritable galaxy of star speakers are lined up for the Scottish Region's annual conference, on Tuesday 8 March at Elmwood College, Cupar.

Ian MacMillan, course manager at Balbirnie Park, will speak of his tri-

als and tribulations at the club and Steve Isaac from the STRI will examine the pros and cons of grooming, verti-cutting, combing and aeration. Keith McPhee from Fisons will take a different look at fertilisers and liquid feeds and Kevin Stables, Montrose Links' professional, will give his view of Scottish courses. Pesticides and health and safety consultant Douglas Shearer will also be speaking and Eddie Sheret will talk on course rating.

Applications forms will be sent out at the end of this month.

Grundon colour

Gremlins were at work in last month's Greenkeeper International, making the path gravel in the Grundon advertisement a delicate sea green colour. Whilst Grundon tell us they supply a wide range of sands and gravels, they have yet to introduce a line in this particular complexion. The bag pictured should have shown red gravel – the colour of our embarrassment. Grundon are able to deliver bulk orders of this and many other products throughout the country. Apologies for any confusion caused.

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Around the Green

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

SCOTTISH CENTRAL

A message from your new Chairman: "In the 22 years I have been in greenkeeping, 1993 must rank as the best. Having my course at Stirling in good, consistent condition throughout the season, thanks mainly to an excellent staff, was the mainstay of my year. Playing host to the Scottish Region Final of the Hayter Challenge Golf Tournament in May added to my pleasure. In August I made many new and hopefully long lasting friends at the National Tournament at Dunbar - I think it is the first time I have ever played golf for three days in a row. During the year I attended Elmwood College, every Wednesday, studying for the HNC in Golf Course Management, receiving the Carnoustie Golf Links Award, as class winner. Another Central section success was David McCowat from Charlton House Golf Hotel in Fife, who gained the National Certificate in Greenkeeping.

The highlight for me was taking over as Chairman of the Central section. Being a relative newcomer to the section means it is a great honour to be elected to this position and I hope I can help to keep the section going from strength to strength. I was Chairman of the East section in 1988-89 and so I hope my experience will be beneficial. By the way, has anyone else been Chairman of two sections? I look forward to working with John Crawford in keeping up the standard of what is regarded as a well run section. Many thanks to the past Chairman for inviting me to be his Vice-Chairman - even if it was only 20 minutes prior to the AGM in 1991! Duncan has travelled the length and breadth of the country ensuring that the Central section was repre-

sented at various functions and I will endeavour to continue his example.

If anyone has any ideas for any type of social evening which you wish to see taking place either give myself or John Crawford a call. Remember we are trying to provide events in the section for you, the member.

Best wishes for '94 and I hope to meet you all during my term of office."

Jim Easton, Chairman

Central section news:

Best wishes and a 'Guid New Year' to everyone in '94. It's time to start off another year and hopefully one in which the section can continue to progress. We finished '93 having the highest membership of all the Scottish sections. This is quite an achievement considering the effort being put in by the other sections to increase their membership. Long may it continue.

At the AGM on 30 November 1993 the new section committee was elected as follows: Past Chairman - Duncan Peddie, Chairman - Jim Easton, Vice-Chairman - Joe Wallace, Secretary/Treasurer - John Crawford, Head Greenkeepers - Mike Clark, Graeme Downie, Norman Woods. Assistants - Fraser McNeil, Colin Wade. Apprentice - Stuart Riggs. Trade - John Yeats, Kevin Brunton.

Our sincere thanks go to John Souter of GTI for the excellent talk and demonstration which he presented prior to the AGM and also for the most enjoyable lunch which he provided.

Thanks are due to everyone who supported the section in '93 and we look forward to meeting friends old

and new in '94. Here are some dates for your diary: Tuesday 8 February: Visit to Scottish Grass Machinery in Edinburgh. Tuesday 15 March: Revisit the Monarch's Course at Gleneagles. Tuesday 26 April: Spring Tournament and Hayter Challenge Golf Tournament Qualifier at Monifeith Golf Club. Tuesday 4 October: Autumn Tournament at Braehead Golf Club. This list will be added to as events are arranged.



If you have any news, views or reviews you wish included in the section news, just post it to me and I'll make sure you see your efforts in print!

JOHN CRAWFORD

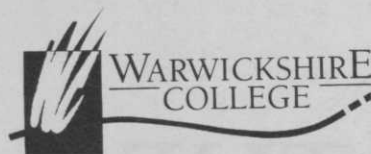
EAST OF ENGLAND

A happy New Year to all section members and I hope you have recovered from the excesses of the festive holidays.

Although January is usually a quiet month, I am taking this opportunity to remind section members that it is still not too late to book for the Hardi Sprayers trip. Full details about the trip will be sent to all section members who have returned the appropriate slip, but here is the agenda:

Sherrifs Amenity Services/Hardi Sprayers trip - Tuesday 8 February 1994.

9.45 am - 10.00 am: Arrival and Coffee. 10.15 am: Introduction to Sherrifs. 10.40 am - 12.00 noon: Introduction to Hardi UK, including: legislation, operator's obligations, machinery and equipment, retrofit systems, new developments. 12.00 noon - 1.30 pm: Lunch. 1.30



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As you can see from the agenda, this promises to be a very enjoyable and interesting trip and it is hoped that as many section members will attend as possible.

In February, all section members should be receiving a fixture card with venues and dates for all 1994 events. Hopefully we will see a few new faces joining us for these enjoyable golfing days. Don't forget if you have any news, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

MIKE FINNEY

MIDLANDS

On Wednesday, 9 February we are holding the first of two lectures to be held this winter. The first will be held at Walsall Golf Club and starts at 4pm. Dr Mike Drinkall representing DowElanco will be speaking on the work and research that goes into launching new products. Also lined up is a representative of the NRA, who will be talking about abstracting using bore hole, together with costs and legislation involved. DowElanco have kindly offered to make refreshments available for this event.

The second lecture will be held on Friday, 25 March at Telford Golf and Country Club and will start at 2pm. Hardi Sprayers will be one of our topics when they will be talking on general application and dealing with fault finding. Bob Pilsbury from Alexanders has also offered his services and will be speaking on diesel engines and some of the pitfalls to avoid.

Finally, I have to tell everyone that little Amy Nonn, who has been in our thoughts since playing golf at Kidderminster last year, has sadly lost her battle with life and died on Sunday, 21 November. We send our condolences to all family and friends.

DEAN CLEAVER

SCOTTISH REGION

The Scottish region had their annual lunch with their patrons at Cawder in December and this year saw the first presentations of what is hoped to be annual Patron's Awards. These are presented to the member

from each section deemed to have been most supportive of his Association during the year. These first awards were made as follows:

Ayrshire: Ian McNab (Dumfries and County); Central: Colin Wade (Haggs Castle); East: Willie Blair (Kingsknowe); North: Paul Murphy (Caird Park); West: David Gall (Cardross).
ELLIOTT SMALL

SURREY

Our first winter lecture of the season attracted over 30 members to Walton Heath Artisans Club where David White gave an excellent presentation, including a slide show, reflecting his visits to Augusta for the Masters. It was particularly interesting to see the course maintenance facilities and also pictures of the Par 3 golf course. Thanks went to David, to Walton Heath Artisans for having us and to Ted Bond for pouring the beer!

There is a winter lecture planned for February so please contact a committee member if you are unsure of arrangements. Forthcoming fixtures also include the regional Gentlemen's Dinner at Walton Heath Golf Club on 11 March.

One of our members sadly died on 27 November (writes Terry Huntley). Hughie MacGillivray was course manager at Fulwell GC. He leaves a wife, Angela, and two children.

Hughie had an illustrious career in his earlier days, having held the posts of course foreman on the Old Course at St Andrews and course manager at Sunningdale, before moving on to Worthing and latterley Fulwell.

Hughie was very active in various greenkeeping associations over the years and his efforts are remembered by all of us in the Surrey section, of which Hughie was a founder member. He was without doubt a true gentleman and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

ROGER TYDEMAN

MID ANGLIA

Things are fairly quiet at the moment through the section, although we have one or two events of interest

coming up. The 11th of this month sees a talk from Symbio, a company developing a new, exciting product aimed at reducing thatch and using the organic matter available for uptake of the grass. This will be held at the Family Golf Centre Gravely, near Stevenage at 2pm.

Next month sees a first aid course being held at the same venue on the eighth. Places may still be available, so please contact Gerald Bruce if you wish to attend (all day course, lunch included).



I look forward to seeing section members at the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition at Harrogate later this month, I'm sure it will be another successful programme of events.

PAUL LOCKETT

CLEVELAND

Result of Cleveland vs North East Section: North East won at Seaton Carew, the course being in superb condition for early November. Alec Russell of Middlesbrough Golf Club drove off the first tee straight through the windscreen of a Par 4 Irrigation service van. Have you paid the bill yet, Alec?

Gary Munro, apart from being elected as our new Secretary, is promoted to Course Manager at Bedale Golf Club and his contact telephone numbers are, home: 0642 785195, work: 0677 425357. Keith Lough, our new Treasurer, is Head Greenkeeper at Beamish Golf Club. Roger Shaw stands down from Secretary/Treasurer after years of sterling work. Regional representative continues to be Ian Holoran, a dedicated BIGGA man who is proving his worth at Middlesbrough Municipal Golf club. A big welcome goes to two new committee members, Philip Walshaw of Saltburn Golf Club and Bob Lawton of South Shields Golf Club.

Our speaker following the AGM was Neil Baldwin, ex-STRI now Service Chemicals, whose talk was helpful to our future greens management and with new products to follow it should be an exciting period.

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distributor, Brian Skeen of Billingham and Toro's new distributor, Dick Lawson of Darlington. Graham Pyle has moved from Chester Le Street to Burton on Trent. Barry Lee is new Head Greenkeeper at Chester Le Street. Kevin Heslop is the new Head Greenkeeper at Brancepeth Castle Golf Club.

Three golf clubs within the section celebrate their centenaries in 1994 - Bedale, Saltburn and Bishop Auckland.

Congratulations go to Tony Smith at Teeside Golf Club, who vertidraind fairways and slit his greens, with no disease visible on greens.

Our spring tournament is to be at Dinsdale Spa Golf Club on 12 May.

BRUCE BURNELL



SHEFFIELD

The first item report in this my first month of writing Sheffield's section news, is that our section Secretary Jane Ryan will be stepping down as she feels she can no longer commit herself to this position due to changing jobs. I would like, on behalf of the section, to thank Jane for all the hard work she has put into the Secretary's job. All the best to Jane and husband Paul in their new jobs and for the future. Also stepping down will be our Chairman, Ron Graham. Thanks to Ron for all the time and hard work he has put in to being an excellent Chairman. A new Chairman and Secretary will be voted in at the AGM.

There will be a trip to the John Deere factory on Wednesday 16 February, free of charge but limited to 25 people on a first come first served basis. If you're interested, get in touch with D Milbourne. Another trip is being planned to the Ransomes factory at Ipswich on 22/23 March, which includes an overnight stay. Maximum number of places will be 20 and those interested should contact Barry Heaney. This trip is also first come first served basis and the cost will be approximately £30 payable in advance.

On behalf of the Section and somewhat belatedly, I'd like to congratulate Martin Scothern of Woolerton Park Golf Club on his outstanding performance in the Hayter Final at Sandmoor Golf Club where he won the Best Gross Prize. Well done! Congratulations also to Mark Vodden of Brough Golf Club and John Lax of Worksop Golf Club - although a little late again - first to Mark with his wife Sharon who on 1 October gave birth to a 6lb 10oz Charlotte Rebecca. We wish them all the best. Well done to John who on 2 October got married to Carol. Best wishes for a happy future together.

Finally, Derek Neve would like to thank all section members who sponsored his son James on a cycle ride from Blackpool to Bridlington. With seven others they travelled 133 miles in 8 hours 22 minutes and managed to raise over £1000 for the British Deaf Association.

If anyone has any news, contact me on: 0430 441204.

IAN COLLETT



NORTH EAST

Due to heavy rain our autumn competition at South Moor had to be cancelled - the first time in our history we have had to do so.

The match against the East Lothian section this year at Goswick was won by the North East section. This again was postponed at the first date and had to be rearranged to late October. Well done the NE! It is hoped this annual match will be played once again at different courses in the near future.

Congratulations to Russ Black of Westerhope Golf Club on becoming a dad again.

Thanks go to SISIS and Parkside for the buffet after the SISIS demonstration at Gateshead Stadium, particularly as the weather was extremely cold. There was a good turnout by greenkeepers.

Thanks also go out to Rickerbys of Hexham on an excellent show and also for the buffet and free bar. This again was well attended by the local greenkeepers.

At last count we had 103 greenkeepers in the section. I'm sure this could be easily beaten in 1994 as several Head Greenkeepers are the sole member from their club. Come on lads get your assistants as members - the benefits are well worthwhile.

The Chairman and myself would like to welcome the new Head Greenkeeper, Ian Duncan at Arcot Hall Golf

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Club to the section and hope he has a long and happy stay.

Good luck to Clive Paterson on his move from Arcot Hall and his return to the Isle of Man. Congratulations to our Chairman, Richard Creane, on his new appointment as Course Manager at Burger Farm and to his understudy Eddie Crozier taking over at Parklands Golfing Complex.

Congratulations also to Alistair Holmes on his new appointment at Seahouses.

There is certainly a lot of movement in the North East at the moment!

JIMMY RICHARDSON

NORTHERN

To begin with, may I wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year - and please don't forget to pay your subs as they are now due.

The visit to Supaturf and Hardi on 23 November had to be cancelled due to the fact that only four people actually phoned me and asked to go. I did make enquiries as to why the members did not wish to go on this venture. The general feeling was that firstly that it was too far and secondly that they were still too busy on the golf course, with maintenance operations and the cleaning-up of leaves.

Still on the subject of the winter programme, 10 members have put their names down for the visit to Gem Fertiliser factory on 25 January. For the visit to Martin Brothers on Tuesday 22 February, 12 members have put their names down.

If you are thinking of going to any of these events don't think any longer, please let me have your name as soon as possible. Full details are in your winter programme which was sent to you by Martin Brothers. Thanks to Andy Law who represents Martin Brothers who arranged the sponsorship.

The golf venues for this year are: Bingley, St. Ives GC, Wetherby GC, Harrogate GC, Aldwoodley GC. The Roses Match venue is the pleasure of the North West section this time. Let's hope we can still retain the trophy away from home. Full details shall be sent out soon.

Any member requiring further information, or if you have any contributions to this column, please contact me on 0274 568128

PAT MURPHY



DEVON AND CORNWALL

Happy New Year!

Torquay Golf Club was the venue for our AGM, which was held on 17 November. The morning's golf was a foursome competition for the Toro Trophy and was played over their excellently presented course which is a credit to Jack Manley and his fine team. Jack was on hand to guide our non golfing members on the customary morning course walk. After lunch the prize presentation for the Toro trophy took place with Alan Dommert of Devon Garden Machinery & Joe Turner of Lely UK presenting the prizes to;

1st J Breyley (Churston) and C Pine (Churston) 32pts on back 9; 2nd T Gooch (Torrington) and J. Manester (Teignmouth) 32pts; 3rd G.Child (Churston) and R. Minton (ICI) 31pts.

Our thanks to Alan and Joe for donating and presenting the day's prizes, and to Mr B Long, Secretary of Torquay GC and his management committee for allowing the section use of their facilities.

The section's AGM followed the golf presentation and was opened by section Chairman Bill Pile. The Secretary informed members on the breakdown of the balance sheet which shows a profit of £423.30 on last year's balance.

The Secretary thanked Chairman B Pile, Vice Chairman B Summers and President D Hunt for all their help

in continuing the success of the section and presented all three with a small gift to mark their retirement from office.

The Chairman opened his report by congratulating Laughlan Millar, head greenkeeper at the Warren GC, on reaching this year's national final of the ICI Premier Greenkeeper competition. The chairman congratulated Gordon and Marion Child and the regional board for their continued success of Westurf.

Westurf's success has enabled the region to provide members with the cheapest regional seminar in the country and the opportunity for members to visit BTME at Harrogate for under £100. To continue the success of Westurf we need members' support most of all in turning up on the day. The Chairman also reported on the success of our team in this year's Hayter Regional final and congratulated Laughlan Millar, Brian Ridgeway and Neil Macintyre who all qualified for the final.

The Chairman also informed members of the new summer tournament and workshop which will replace the guest day event.

He explained that the section's committee feels that new blood is required throughout our Association on all committees and boards and this could only start when section committees change from time to time. With this in mind your committee has drawn up a programme for replacement of current committee members. On closing, the Chairman thanked R Whyman for all his hard work in looking after the section's interests, and thanked trade members for their continued support.

The following officers were elected: Devon committee member: L Millar. Cornish committee member: S Evans. Trade member: I Brown. Chairman: J Mills. President: J Palfrey. Regional Board member: J Mills.

Venues for meetings in 1994-95: October: Dainton, November: Landhydrock AGM, December: Okehampton, January: Fishy Glen, February: Tavistock, March:



Mullion, July: Launceston.

R Mitchell reminded all Head Greenkeepers of section meeting venues that they are expected to guide non golfers around their course during the morning.

RICHARD WHYMAN

NORTH WEST

There is plenty happening on the education side in the north-west section. First, Reaseheath College are proposing on each Wednesday in February to run a series of one day courses tailored to the needs of golf courses, with health and safety in mind. These courses will include: first aid, chainsaw awareness, COSHH assessment, and safe lifting and handling. The college will require a minimum of 10 people for each course, each of which will be inexpensive. For further details contact, Dennis Mortram at Reaseheath College, or Paul Pearce on 0625 859258. These courses will be run for your benefit, so please support them fully. At Myerscough College greenkeepers are most welcome to attend seminars every Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm. All aspects of greenkeeping and groundsmanship will be covered by noted lecturers. On 8 March the north-west section will have a seminar at Mere Golf and County Club. The seminar will feature: course design, course construction, course maintenance, course presentation, and conservation on golf courses. Further details of the seminar will be in the February edition of the magazine. At the AGM, in November, 18 members attended on what must have been the worst night possible weather-wise. Freezing fog made travelling a danger and I would like to thank those who attended, and for the members who could not make it, I can assure you that the North-West section is still in good condition. All the committee volunteered to stay on for a further year, except Stephen Hartshorn who had to resign due to pressure of work. The vacant position was taken by Steve Outtram from Wilmslow GC. The North-West committee for 1994 are: Chairman - Paul Pearce, Vice Chairman - Nigel Potter, Secretary - Bert Cross, Treasurer - Brian Moss, members - Howard McAddey, Bill Merritt, Chris Sheehan and Steve Outtram. I still require some venues for the 1994 tournaments, so if you can accommodate us, please contact me on 051 724 5412.

BERT CROSS

