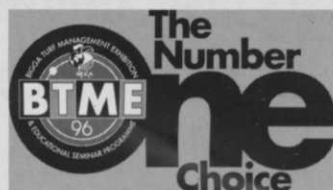


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SOCIAL PROGRAMME

As ever there is something for everyone in the social calendar for everyone with the Majestic Hotel playing host to the formally organised events.

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The Karaoke Night on the Wednesday is the occasion when you are the entertainment always bearing in mind that Matthew Kelly might be hiding in the shadows waiting to frog march you on to "Stars in Your Eyes" if you show any potential.

The Exhibition Banquet on the Thursday night is the grand finale of the social programme and this year features comedian Stan Boardman, pictured, a recent victim of Michael Aspel's big red book on "This is Your Life" and Lyn Paul, the former lead singer of the New Seekers. They are joined by the City Lights Show Band to complete the entertainment for the evening.



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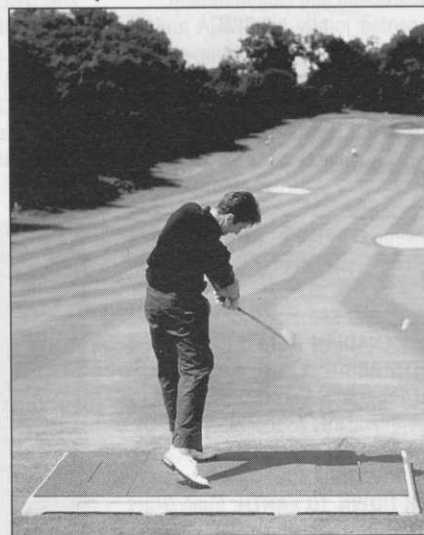
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Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

North of Scotland

The Section Autumn outing and AGM took place at Peterhead at the end of October. There was a turnout of 62 with 56 golfing and the results were as follows: Scratch - 1. B Wood, Westhill, 73; 2. AG Maclaren, Abernethy, 80; Class 1 - 1. G Mitchell, Newmacher, 74-3=71 (also winner of Nett aggregate Meldrum Trophy); 2. K Peace, Inverurie 77-4=73; 3. C Mackay, Cruden Bay, 81-6=75; Class 2 - 1. B Cameron, Inverurie 81-9=72; 2. G Leslie, Duff House Royal, 82-7=75(bih); 3. G Moir, St Andrews, 82-7=75; Class 3 - 1. B Cocker jnr, Drumoig, 90-14=76; 2. H Maclatchie, Peterhead, 99-21=78 (also committee trophy winner); 3. K Wood, Hazlehead, 101-22=79; Veterans - 1. A Grant, retired, 81-8=73 (also winner of veteran aggregate M&M trophy), 2. A Williamson, retired, 83-7=76; Apprentice - 1. B Edmunds, Nigg Bay, 77-3=74; Trade - 1. J Robertson, Aitkens, 95-20=75; Guest - J Forbes, Aboyne, 80-4=76; longest drive and nearest the pin - J Milne, Elgin; Booby - B Strachan, Auchmill. 200 Club winners Sept. £30-42- A Fowler, Grantown, Oct. £30-22-J Craik, SISIS; Nov. £40-128 - H Maclatchie, Peterhead; Dec. £100-79- J Low, Murrayshall. N Sadler, Grantown, was the lucky winner of the BIGGA blazer.

Thanks to all at Peterhead for a great day, the course was in superb condition and we were well looked after in the clubhouse.

The AGM followed the outing. Alasdair Maclaren and Neil Macdonald retired from the Committee and were replaced by Wilson Morrison, Alford, and Kevin Peace, Inverurie. Chairman Andy Wilson welcomed the new Committee men and paid tribute to the two men retiring and thanked them for all their work over the years. Yours truly resigned as Secretary and was replaced by Douglu Duguid, Westhill. After the AGM, the new Committee met and it was agreed that the Secretaries duties be split up. The new Committee and their main duties are as follows: Chairman Andy Wilson, Letham Grange, Vice-Chairman and outings organiser Hugh Maclatchie, Peterhead, Treasurer Gordon Moir, St Andrews, Secretary Dougal Duguid, Westhill, 200 Club and magazine report Gordon Mckie and Iain Macleod, both Tain, Raffles/prizes Wilson Morrison, Alford, Education Kevin Peace, Inverurie and Stewart McBain, Nigg Bay, Sam Morrison, Royal Aberdeen, completes the Committee line up and will understudy the Treasurers role, he will also become Scottish Chairman next year.

Congratulations to Strathlene's Alan Dempster on his new job as Head man at the Island Golf Club near Dublin. It is also good to report Royal Dornoch's 13th place and Cruden Bay's 99th in an American magazines top 100 golf courses in the world.

Finally I would just like to thank everyone who has helped me during my term as Secretary and I wish all friends and fellow BIGGA members a Happy Christmas and all you wish for in 1996.

Iain Macleod

Buck, Berks & Oxon

The Autumn Golf event was held at Hadden Hill Golf Club on October 9. Although the number of entries were down on previous years it proved to be a suc-

cessful tournament. Those who participated enjoyed the day immensely. My thanks to the Golf Club for hosting the event and congratulation to Mike Woods and staff for presenting the course in first class condition. Also thanks to the catering staff for laying on superb food at lunchtime and in the evening.

The day would not be a success without the help of certain trade members who very kindly donate the prizes for the tournament so many thanks to Rodger Bowles, Rigby Taylor, Denys Foringdon, Parker Hart, and Bernie Wall, Stabrite.

Results as follows: Best Overall - Shane Cooke and Steve Lamb (they are now banned for winning two years in a row!), Best A.M. - Carlos Apprecio and Dave Wilding, Best P.M. - Adrian Cooper and Alaisiter Pollock, Nearest the Pin - Jim Socket, Longest Drive - Geoff Wheeler.

If anybody is interested in taking on NVQ training then contact Martin Gunn, Temple GC. Martin has been appointed NVQ Adviser for our region. He can be contacted by phone on Thursdays between 9.30-4pm on 01628 828541.

Lindsay Anderson

West of Scotland

In the last issue mention was made of a five a side tournament, the event has now been successfully concluded with an excellent response. The day was set for October 19 at the Firhill Complex and 12 teams contested the prizes. A good dry day had been hoped for and we were in luck. Most teams turned out in their colours, full of high spirits (some from the night before). Four clubs qualified for the semi finals East Kilbride with Pollock, Glasgow, Balmore and Souters. Hard lines to Campsie who lost to Souters on goal difference. A hard fought battle was experienced between Souters and Balmore in their semi, with Balmore emerging eventual winners. The other semi saw East Kilbride overcome a tired Glasgow squad, but all credit to them East Kilbride had to produce their best to go through. The final saw East Kilbride beat Balmore in a well contested, clean, skillful exhibition of football. Overall the degree of skill was better than expected but in most cases the fitness was lacking.

Thanks are due to all who competed and especially Cawder for filling in at the last gasp. The Referees are to be thanked for withstanding the taunts and abuse hurled at them - its amazing how people change on a football pitch. I thank everybody for what appeared to be a successful day and to that and would be grateful for any suggestions to improve on for next year.

Other information to mention is the football (again!) to be played against the East Section. A trial will run first in December, so interested parties please make your intentions known by contacting Gordon Kerr at Gleddoch House or myself at 0141 942 5554.

Other business includes the AGM and games night arranged for December 7, if time allows then please come along and support your section, mini buses are arranged so if you want a lift contact either John Scott JNR or Steven Hogg to discover the pick up points.

Any interesting information for the magazine

should be given to myself at the afore mentioned number, as yet nobody seems to want to pass on any details. Things to include are retirements, births, new positions or deaths. I would appreciate the information.

J Stuart Taylor

East Midlands

Our annual match versus the Midland Section was this year played at the Warwickshire with the Midland section winning back the Rigby Taylor Shield 10.5 points to 4.5 points. Well done to the Midland Section and we will try to put up more of a fight next year. Our section was represented by the following players: Richard Barker, Paul Tatlow, Pete Forshaw, Dave Leatherland, Steve Goode, Pete Billings, Anthony Foulds, Graham Arnold, Mark Bindley and Gavin Robson. Our thanks go to the Warwickshire Golf Club for their courtesy and hospitality on the day, and also to our sponsors for the day, Rigby Taylor.

This year's singles K/O winners was again Paul Tatlow, Kedleston Park, who retains the Supaturf Cup by beating Dave Leatherland, Kedleston Park, in this year's final.

Two dates for next year's diary Spring Tournament Rothley Park April 25 and Autumn Tournament Ramsdale Park September 12. Finally I would like to wish all members a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year, and I hope to see you all at Harrogate for the BTME next month.

Antony Bindley

London

I would like to congratulate Don Wilson, Dyrham Park Golf and Country Club, in qualifying for the last stage of the Miracle Professional Greenkeeper of the Year Award. He goes through to the final stages after beating Derek Mason, Highgate Golf Club. Unfortunately only one person can qualify for the last stage and I would like to wish Don all the best on behalf of the London Section.

The annual challenge match against the Mid-Anglia Section was held in October at Hadley Wood GC. The weather was superb and the course was in excellent condition. I would like to thank Craig Handyside and his staff for preparing the course. The match resulted in an overall win for the Mid-Anglia Section (2.5 to 1.5). I would like to thank the Mid-Anglia Section for an enjoyable day and we look forward to the return match next year. Finally I would like to thank Hadley Wood GC for their hospitality and the Grass Roots Trading Company for sponsoring the event.

Tony Dunstan

East of Scotland

Welcome to this month's report, just a few things to let you know about this month. Everyone's winter programme will be well on the way so we hope the weather stays decent so we can get on, not like past Winters. By the time you read this we will have had a Christmas shopping trip to the Metro Centre in Newcastle for wives, girlfriends, kids, family and friends so we hope you did not forget anything. Also the annual Dinner Dance which was a sell out and also a great success more details next month. If anyone is

thinking about going to the BTME at Harrogate get your name down now (details from Elliott Small Scottish Regional Administrator or they were also in October's magazine).

Speaking from experience it is a great week and worth making the trip, so see you there. We are just finalising some winter lectures details soon. The AGM was in November so I will give you a report in January's magazine, if they keep me on the Committee (hopefully). So if you have nothing to do on these long dark nights put pen to paper and drop me a letter about anything you fancy and if it is relevant I will put it in one of my reports.

We had a skittles night in October and as usual it was very poorly attended 21 people which is a disgrace from 150+ members as nearly half of the people were friends or guests, yours truly missed out as I was away on holiday that week so I have got a good excuse, what about the rest of you out there, where were you? If there is no improvement for the next one then it will be another activity to disappear from the East section's calendar, so come on, support us as it is your Section. By the way the people that were there had a great night. Well that's all for this month all I would like to say is from myself and the Committee we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, see you all in 1996.
Chris Yeaman.

Devon and Cornwall

On the week Roy retired as Head Greenkeeper at St Mellion Golf & Country Club it was fitting that the section held its first meeting of the winter programme at his complex on Wednesday October 25.

With such large numbers of members requesting to play golf for the D O Hunt Trophy over St Mellion's internationally renown Nicklaus course meant that starting times has to be brought forward by an hour to 7.40am. Non golfing members were treated to a guided tour of the course by retiring Head Greenkeeper Roy Battishill which was most informative and included the viewing of Roy's pond! After lunch Don Hunt of Roffeys presented the prizes he had kindly donated for the morning's D O Hunt Stableford competition to: 1st - Steve Worrall, Stover 33pts; 2nd - Chris Bland, Dainton 32pts; 3rd - Steve Milne, Exeter, 31pts. Our congratulations and thanks are extended to Robert Brewer and his crew for presenting the course in excellent condition after the recent down pour of rain.

Our afternoon educational talk was presented by Roy Battishill on the maintenance of the St Mellion Complex from the growing in period through to staging the Benson & Hedges PGA Tour event. After Roy's talk our Chairman Bill Mitchell and President Alan Dommatt presented Roy with a tankard from the section and cut glass crystal from the trade, they wished Roy a happy and enjoyable retirement from

Around the Green



all the sections members and trade.

The section would like to thank Peter Andrewartha, D Hunt, Roffeys; Alan Dommatt, DGM; Patrick Flegg, P J Flegg, Clive Ralph, Willcocks; Dave Harrison, SISIS; Allan Stow, Vitax; and organiser John Palfrey, Avoncrop, for donating towards the trade's gift. The raffle rounded off a most successful day, with thanks to all the trade who donated prizes to the raffle table. Our thanks to Don Hunt and Roffeys for donating the morning's golf prizes, with thanks also to St Mellion for allowing the section use of their complex for the day and to all of St Mellion's staff.

There are still a few places left on the region's 1996 trip to Harrogate and BTME but you need to hurry as places are going fast. To recap the Westurf-sponsored trip includes return coach travel from your nearest pick up point, three nights B&B and entry to all seminar sessions for only £99 per member, wives are welcome at only £75 which does not include seminar sessions. For more details please contact Gordon Child on 01803 844056.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and I will hopefully see you all at Fingle Glen on Wednesday 17th January for our STRI seminar day.

Richard Whyman

Cleveland

Norman Sheddon from Aitkens Sportsturf was presented with an inscribed whisky decanter and glasses from Cleveland Section for his kindness and help over the years. He always acts as scorecard marker, and acts more like a friend to all greenkeepers, young and old. His advice and cheerfulness is sound and pleasant. We wish you Norman a happy retirement and our best wishes to both yourself and your caring wife Joan.

In October our first meeting was Norman, talking about fertilisers. He introduced Peter Cotton from Farmura who spoke on the advantages of organics and mechanical aeration and seaweeds. The question asked, can we manage our courses without pesticides as in Germany now. We are encouraged to build up bacterial soil activity. Norman's advice is avoid ammonium nitrate = lush growth, get a balance of

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It was nice to see younger members present, and how smart they all looked with collar and tie and jacket on. Well done chaps.

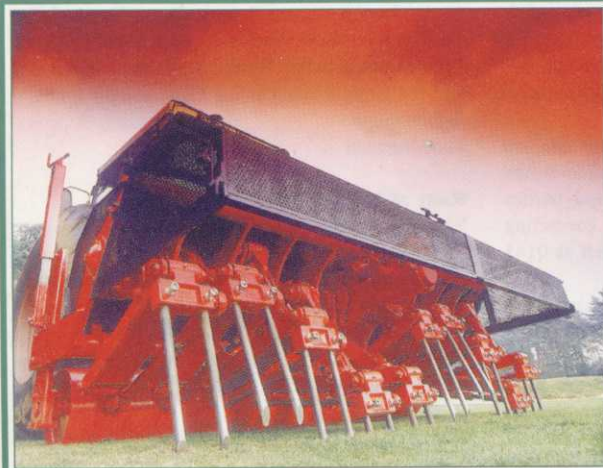
Dinsdale has a young trainee called James Applegarth. Ian Pemberton who passed Phase 4 recently is moving house from Middlesbro to Bedale. This will save him travelling 60 miles a day. Tony Mears, our Internal Verifier, held our first meeting of Assessors. James Braithwaite from Hallgarth Hotel Golf Club, Darlington, is the Toro/PGA European Tour Student of the Year. Congratulations.

Bruce Burnell.

East Anglian

The "Wells-Go-Far" mailing system finally made it to Norfolk with our invitations and what a great day it was at Royal Cromer GC, some might say "Bootiful". It didn't rain, the course was in great shape thanks to Roger and the lads, and it was one of the best, if not the best turn outs for yonks. Essex men turn up in the charabang which was thoughtfully arranged by Dennis Smith and there wasn't a can of lager or Rotweiler in sight. It was good to see some new faces Dave Ireson, Eaton; Brian Lemmon, Barnham Broom; as well as the old scaithulls especially George Newsome whose cheerful personality is really welcome these days.

Enough of the niceties, now the results. There are three sections plus guests so here we go: 0-9 or Category 1: Have we gone metric! 1. A Toomey, 2. R Whiting, 3. R Plummer, 4. A Carter, %. P Howard. 0-19 Category 2: 1. S Pigott, 2. A Goodman, 3. I Willitt, 4. J Russell, 5. P Gould. 19+ Category 3: 1. S Curtis, 2. M Dumbrell, 3. E Hart, 4. S Millard, 5. J Sheldon. Guests: 1. S Plummer, 2. E Collaw, 3. B Howsil. Nearest the pin on 9th Alan Carter, Nearest the pin on 17th M Dumbrell, Longest drive Richard (Mother's) Pride. Trade prize won by Dave (Jack) Hawkins. If you think that was a long list wait till you see this lot. They are of course our long suffering trade gang who are as follows: Anglia Mowers, Jacobsen, Toro, Rhone-Poulenc, Turf Actant, Collier Turf Care, Kubota, Parker Hart, Kings, CMW, Cromer Pro (Robin Page), Does, Cooks (Norwich), Pattison, Alan Carter, Levingtons, Nicholsons, and our good friends Butch and Sundance alias Rushbrooks and Sisis. If I have missed anyone out you will find them in Yellow Pages. Our thanks once again to Royal Cromer GC for a really great day. The Captain Mr Gotts received us warmly and I'm sure most of us will remember the President 'cos he's Paul's dad, Mr



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David Segio who said to me "I really enjoy the Greenkeepers' days out" Amen to that Mr Segio, Amen. Paul, incidentally, is in Scotland and working hard as usual. Hock-ey-the-noo as they say. I must just mention Steve Millard who did a good job in my absence it's good to know we've got some reserves. Well done.

Did you hear about the lad who did 25 years at the same club got £100 handshake, that's a penny a day (wow)! Been reading too many nursery rhymes. If this gets in before Christmas have a nice one. If it doesn't well, hope you had a nice one!
Mick Lathrope.

Sheffield

Firstly, on behalf of the Committee I would like to thank Ron Ullathorne for all the hard work he has done in keeping the Section running smoothly in the past year.

Our thanks go to Mr John Hacker of PSD Agronomy, whose lecture and slide show on golf course construction was enjoyed by 57 of our members at Rotherham Golf Club. If there is anyone interested in taking a spraying course, they should contact our section's education officer Steve Hurd on 01724 841827 who will give you more information.

Congratulations go to the following people who have taken up new posts recently, Ron Ullathorne, Head Greenkeeper at Hirst Park GC, Jeremy Duffield, Head Greenkeeper at Howley Hall GC and Steve Hird Assistant Greenkeeper at Forest Pines GC. Good luck to you all. New members this month include James Dean, Rotherham GC; Stuart Taylor and Leonard Firth, Buxton High Peak GC and Craig Potter, Hirst Priory GC. Finally I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

John Lax

Northern

The Autumn Tournament was held on Wednesday 25th October at Easingwold GC. The course was in excellent condition and everybody had a very enjoyable day in unpleasant autumnal weather. The winners were: Division 1 - 1st G Potter, 2nd G Hewitt, 3rd R Harris. Division 2 - 1st P Thompson, 2nd A Baxter, 3rd D Collins. Division 3 1st D Cockburn, 2nd L Kirkbright, 3rd K Alderson. Nearest the Pin - L Kirkbright. The Veteran's Trophy was won by R Smith. 1st Division Aggregate - G Potter, 2nd Division Aggregate - D Collins, 3rd Division Aggregate - D Cockburn. The Associate members' prize went to A Dyson. After an excellent meal thanks were expressed to the Committee and staff by Secretary Marcus Cordingley, as the Chairman was not present.

I would again like to take this opportunity to wish all Northern Section Members a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

A Gamble

Around the Green



South West & South Wales Region

Well it looks like another year has gone by and nobody knew where it went, but in spite of some real dry weather in this region, it isn't so bad.

Before the reminders, I didn't get round to writing about the Hayter Challenge Tournament. I'm afraid Marion forced me to take her on holiday. I will mention it now. Although we won nothing, taking part was the key to our enjoyment at the West Lancs GC in September. The University was excellent as was the golf course, and it was nice to see Scotland, who have never won before, in such fine fettle. Our congratulations to them. As for our own lads, they were immediately handicapped with a late withdrawal, and had to put up with yours truly playing in the team. I was proud of our lads' refreshing attitude to the game led by Sean Richards who lives life with a smile on his face, and plays his golf the same way. This seemed to spread throughout the team, The only member who suffered jovular jestism was Trevor, but he is more than able too. Roll on next years.

By the time you read this the yearly Regional Seminar will have gone. More details about that later.

Just a reminder about the trip to BTME, Harrogate - a very few places left. £99 for members, £75 for wives and £125 for non members. Give us a ring on 01803 844056. It just remains to wish all our members, traders, sponsors, helpers and friends a very Happy Christmas and good fortune in the New Year.
Gordon Child

Surrey

The Autumn Tournament was played on October 12th at Home Park GC. Thanks must go to Bill Machin for his efforts on the golf course, thanks also to Home Park for allowing us to use the golf course in their centenary year. Unfortunately the entries were a little sparse but those who entered enjoyed the day. Results are as follows: 1st A Locke Blackmoor GC, - 56pts, 2nd R Glazier, Foxhills GC - 54pts on countback, 3rd D Walder, Reigate Heath GC, - 54pts. The event was played over 27 holes.

The Huxley Bown this year became an all Foxhill affair. With the final being played over 36 holes the

eventual victors were Course Managers and Assistant - Nevil Shade and Terry Ingram beat Head Greenkeepers Dave Wyborn and David Langheim.

The Dinner/Dance had to be cancelled due to lack of support. Again I would like to mention that a trip to Ransome Ipswich has been proposed for the new year, a coach has been kindly supplied should we get a good response. If you are interested in the visit please contact any of your Committee members so a suitable date can be arranged.

Congratulations go to Robert Brewer upon his appointment of Course Manager at St Mellion and to Euan Grant upon his appointment as First Assistant at Royal Jersey Golf Club.

Position upon the Committee have become vacant anybody within our section intrested and have a little time to spare a month please contact Derek Walder on 01737 246088.

The second of our Winter lectures have now been organised for February 12th at Walton Heath Artisans, the lecture is to be given by British Seed Houses 7.30pm. Venues for 1996 are still required for the Autumn Tournament, Parker Salver an Turkey Trot, if interested please contact myself on 01737 832015 after 6pm.

Now the festive season is fast approaching may I take this opportunity to wish all our members on behalf of the Committee a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

P.S. Please support us in 1996.
David Gibbs.

Midland

What an interesting 12 months I have had as Midland Section Secretary. Not all of it enjoyable, but on the whole a good experience. I have learnt a lot about the Association and its members, as well as how to type!

I still feel there is a lot of new ways our section can go forward in the future, and try to get more participation from the members organised by the Section and Region.

On October 9, Nick Bennett (Grass Roots Trading), organised a Go-Karting evening. Only 16 Greenkeepers out of the 48, who said they would like to participate, attended. With eight people making up the numbers outside of greenkeeping. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

The event went very well with four heats of six laps each to start with, then three semi-finals of 10 laps with the karts finishing 1st and 2nd in the final. The final was 15 laps with the results as follows: 1st - P Holtman, 2nd - N Dowty, 3rd - K Blake.

I must say that I had a stroke of luck when Nick Bennett slowed down on the last lap, or was it? Many thanks to Nick for organising the evening, and for the buffet and coffee provided, from all who attended. Hopefully, our next evening will be as suc-

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cessful and have a few more participants to support our section.

The match between our Section and East Midland Section was won by East Midland Section. Congratulations to them. The Section would like to thank Rigby Taylor for its support.

New members to welcome to the Section are as follows: Richard Thwaites, Julian Chesson, Phillip Robbins and John Allen.

Finally can I wish all the members a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Kim Blake

South West Section

Grey skies but a warm welcome awaited us at Saltford GC, venue for this year's Autumn Tournament and Section AGM.

A good attendance of 47 members played in the morning round of golf on a course with some panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. The new course layout certainly had a few people confused as to which hole to play next but most people came in with a completed score card so I assume they negotiated each hole correctly.

Thanks are given to Ian MacFarlane and his staff for their efforts in preparing the course for the day and to Club Captain John Champion for taking time to join us.

Prizegiving followed an enjoyable lunch with Rigby Taylor being the sponsors for the event for the first time this year.

Thanks go to Martin Samuel and Dave Carvey of Rigby Taylor for presenting a superb piece of glassware as the winning trophy, and pieces of Edinburgh Crystal for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. The results were as follows: 1st - Craig Fudge, Tracey Park 36 pts (back 9), 2nd - Paul Garland, Knowle, 36 pts, 3rd Chris Sealey, Chippenham, 35 pts (back 9), 4th - Paul Worcester, Minchinhampton 35 pts, 5th - Peter Baynton, Long Ashton 32 pts. Before the AGM started we were given an informative short talk by Pipewise regarding the products available from themselves. These ranged from PVC fittings to irrigation boxes to land drainage coil. Thanks are given to Bob White and Gary Sergeant of Pipewise for their time and preparation.

And so on to the last item of the day that of the Section AGM.

This year it passed off relatively smoothly but some items of concern were centred around college education within the Section and inter Section team matches.

Officers for 1996 are as follows: Chairman - Ivor Scoones, Vice Chairman - Chris Sealey, Secretary - Kevin Green, Assistant Secretary (Fixtures) - Nick Wilson, Regional Board Officers - Robin Greaves and Peter Cox, Team Captain - Terry Humphrey and Vice Team Captain - Peter Baynton.

Around the Green



Thanks to Saltford GC, and in particular the Secretary Mrs Valerie Radnedge, for their hospitality.

Another reminder that the Regional Management Course to be held at Thornbury Golf Centre, Bristol, takes place on February 12 and 13 1996 with our final Section event being the Christmas Tournament at Puckrup Hall Hotel and Golf Club on December 14. For those not intending on going I wish you a Happy Christmas and thank you for your support.

Kevin Green

South Coast

Our first Winter meeting was held on Wednesday November 1 and took the form of a quiz night. It was a very disappointing evening as only ten people turned up and the quiz had to be cancelled. We hope to hold it at a later date. A lot of effort goes into the organisation of these events, so if members don't support them they will not survive. So will you all please note that we have a visit to Huxleys Grass Machinery on Thursday January 11 at 2pm and we hope that as many members as possible will attend.

Congratulations go to the Alan Mitchell and Ed McCabe on gaining their D32 and D33 assessor certificates.

Also to Ed McCabe for reaching the finals of the Miracle Professional Greenkeeper of the Year Award. We wish him luck.

On Tuesday October 24 an afternoon lecture was held by the GTC at Sparsholt College and was well attended. The subject was NVQs and the need for industry assessors.

Anyone wishing to become an assessor should contact David Golding at the GTC. Also I would like to hear from any members going to BTME by coach from Bristol. If there is enough interest we may hire a mini-bus to get us to Bristol, please contact me on 01722 330277.

Jeff Drake

Mid Anglia

Our Autumn Tournament was held on October 26 at Brocket Hall GC. An 18 hole Stableford was held in the morning followed by lunch and the AGM in

the afternoon. By all accounts the course was in excellent condition so thanks to John Wells and his team for preparing the course so well, and to all the catering staff who served up a superb meal and looked after us so well.

Thanks as well to David Murphy and his company Driving Force Leisure for kindly sponsoring the prize table. Other representatives also attended and donated prizes for the raffle, so thanks to them. It's much appreciated.

The results of the golf competition were as follows: 1. Lee Murdoch, Woburn, 43 pts; 2. Richard Saunders, St Neots, 38 pts; 3. Rupert Lawrence, Berkhamsted, 38 pts. Longest Drive, Jim Burton, St Neots; Nearest the Pin, Mike Franklin, Trade. Congratulations to all winners.

It was disappointing to note that three members who entered failed to turn up on the day or to tell anyone that they could not make it.

I would also like to remind all members that no telephone entries will be permitted for golf tournaments.

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Some other presentations were made at Brocket Hall - to Robert Pearce, Mark Ellis and Mark Whittle for winning the Jubilee Cup at the National Tournament and to the finalists of the Lodgeway Tournament, John Wells, Jon Moorhouse, Rupert Lawrence and Eddie Thompson.

The AGM followed the prize giving where the secretary, treasurer and Match Secretary all gave their various reports.

It was noted that the Mid Anglia Section now has 270 members in total which again is an increase in numbers. Richard gave a brief report on all the competitions held throughout the year and it was pleasing to note that both matches arranged against other sections were won.

John Wells submitted a balance sheet, which showed our main purchase - a computer which has helped a lot in the smooth running of the section.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Chris Brook; Vice Chairman, Stewart Boyce; Treasurer, John Wells; Secretary, Gerald Bruce; Fixtures Secretary, Richard Saunders; Handicap Secretary, Ronan McKeown; Regional Representative, Paul Lockett.

Mark Ellis was also voted onto the committee as an additional member.

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Finally I would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you in Harrogate next year.

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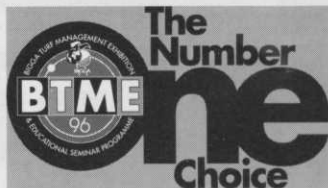
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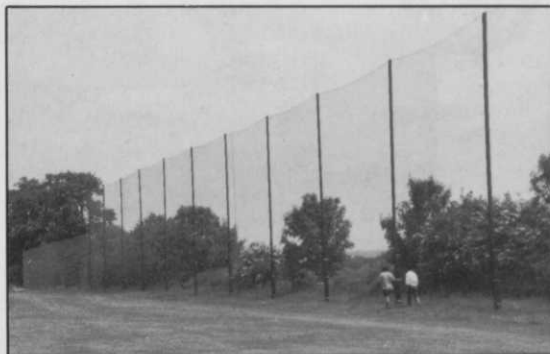
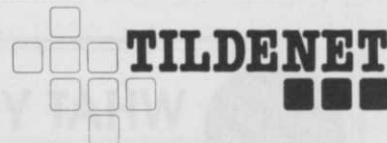
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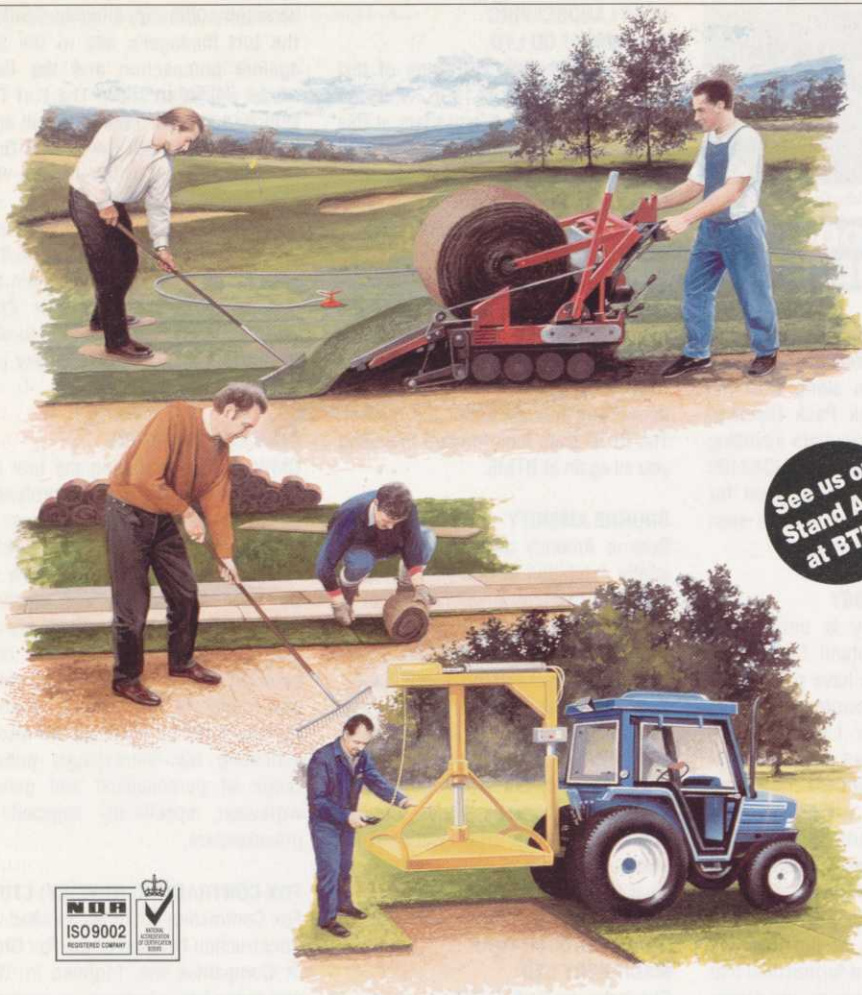
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