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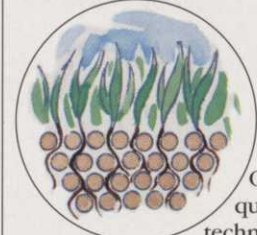
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How do I tackle Pearlwort?

Although I am not a member of the Greenkeeping profession. I have been a subscriber of your excellent publication for the last three years. My interest in greenkeeping stems mainly from the fact that I have converted both my domestic lawns into putting greens.

Each of the greens are managed similarly to that of a 'real' golf green ie. mowing with a professional Certes mower, aeration, fertilising etc. and to date the swards comprise mainly of the desirable Bents and Fescues. The Ph of the soil currently stands at 5.6.

However, over the last couple of years I have witnessed an alarming increase in the weed identified as Pearlwort. Despite various applications of lawn sand and

weedkiller, the Pearlwort continues to return, often as small patches that spread vigorously to become much larger.

I have contacted a number of organisations including the Sports Turf Research Institute, but as yet, I am unable to find a logical explanation for the appearance of this tiresome weed. I would be most grateful if you could print this letter in part or in full through your letters page, in the hope that one of your knowledgeable readers may be able to offer me advice on the cultural control of Pearlwort.

Thank you for your assistance.

Cristian L. Jeffrey

The Gables, 90 Burntwood Rd, Hammerwich, Burntwood, Staffs, WS7 0JW

Forest Pines invests in John Deere kit

Forest Pines Golf Club, a new 27-hole championship golf course, in north Lincolnshire, has invested in a range of 16 John Deere

machines worth nearly £165,000.

The equipment was chosen, after tenders, by Forest Pines Course Manager David Norton and his team of 10 greenkeepers plus mechanic.

David was Toro/PGA European Tour Student Greenkeeper of the Year in 1990/91, when he was at Beverley & East Riding Golf Club, and progressed via the Mid-Yorkshire Golf Club at Pontefract to The Belfry, where he was Head Greenkeeper for the 1992 English Open and 1993 Ryder Cup, before moving to Forest Pines.

He first used John Deere equipment at the Mid-Yorkshire, and has liked the machines' quality of cut and performance ever since.

Dr Wolfgang Kumpf, lawn & grounds care equipment director for Britain and Europe, flew across from Deere & Company's European Office in Germany formally to hand over the new machines to David.

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Turfgrass Council to close down

At the AGM of the National Turfgrass Council delegates voted unanimously that "the NTC must cease to function at the earliest practicable opportunity". This brings to an end a period of 15 very successful years of operation.

Over that period the main activities focused on training and education to representation on various official bodies. The need for such events has largely been taken over by other more specific organisations, often members of NTC anyway, and the objects for which Council was first established do not now meet the requirements of industry.

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Here's how you can get that greenkeeping job

This month's article looks at the problems of finding a job and the process of job application.



Education Update

BY KEN RICHARDSON

Finding a job

There are three main ways of finding a job, whether it is your first job in the industry, whether you are looking for promotion or just a change of scene. These are:

- **Networking.** Networking involves 'putting yourself about' ie talking to as many people in the industry as you can and letting them know that you are looking for work.
- **Advertisements.** Greenkeeper International has a recruitment section which not only contains job advertisements but also allows greenkeepers to 'sell themselves'. Local newspapers are also a useful source of job advertisements.
- **Speculative (Spec) letters.** This involves writing to all golf clubs that you are interested in joining and asking if they have or may have a job available.

Applying for a job

Unless you are very lucky, you will, without doubt, have to write letters of application and produce a curriculum vitae (CV).

Curriculum Vitae

Your CV should be a brief but concise history of your working life and it should also give your personal details. There are many ways of producing CVs and I have given examples below. However, there are some simple rules that should be followed no matter what type of CV is required. These are:

- **Spelling.** Always make sure that your CV is spelt correctly, it is worth taking time to check it.
- **Style.** Always type your CV or get someone to type it for you.
- **Print Style (Font).** Do not use fancy fonts and print in, at least, 12 point. Print in black ink on white paper.
- **Accuracy.** Do not tell lies on a CV. Anything may be omitted but do not be tempted to include particulars that are untrue eg education qualifications that you don't have.
- **Brevity.** Keep your CVs short as possible, two pages should be the

maximum.

Before starting on your CV, you should spend some time analysing yourself, noting down your experience, qualifications, training and education.

Points to note are:

- Career summary gives prospective employer a 'potted' history of applicant. Should be related to job advertisement.
- Career to date should start with most recent position and work backwards. Make sure that only relevant experience is included.
- Education and training qualifications should start with most recent and work backwards. Again, only relevant qualifications need to be included.

Remember, that this is only one example of a CV, there are several other styles and layouts that can be used. However, try to avoid the 'tombstone' CV which starts with your date of birth and ends with what you are achieving currently. Several books are available on how to write CVs and letters of application. A copy of 'The Perfect CV' by Max Eggert, is available from the BIGGA library or it can be bought from most bookshops for £5.99. For further help and advice, please contact me at BIGGA HQ.

RIGHT: A typical greenkeeper's CV

Education and Training
Continuous professional development including:
Developing as D32 assessor in 1994, through GTC.
Finalist in Greenkeeper of the Year award of NVQ level 3.
Qualified to Stage 2 in BIGGA Master Greenkeeper Scheme.
Attending NVQ level 3 Supervisory and Management Course in 1996.
Attending BIGGA conferences and seminars in 1996, 1995, 1994, 1993.
Attending GCSAA conference and exhibition 1994.
On the job training at Toro Irrigation, Riverside, California in 1990.
Attended Gorseheath college from 1981-1985 gaining City and Guilds Phase 2,3,4 in Golf Greenkeeping.

Interests
Section secretary for BIGGA North West Downs section
Play golf to handicap of 8.
Bricklaying
Photography
Environmental issues.

Personal
Married with two sons 11 and 14
Date of birth 6 June 1955
Full clean driving licence.

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CAREER SUMMARY

A Senior greenkeeping professional with significant experience of golf course design, construction and maintenance of 9 and 18 hole golf courses in Spain, Scotland and England. An effective manager with experience of recruitment, project management, budget control and management of large and small teams. Qualified in pesticide control and application. Extensive knowledge and experience of irrigation systems, machine maintenance and golf course construction.

CAREER AND ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

Course Manager Sittingham Park Golf Club

Responsible for management of greenkeeping team of six, maintaining 18 hole golf course including redesign and reconstruction of 3 greens. Preparation of course for major championship. Coordination of drainage installation, management of budget, maintaining computerised records.

Head Greenkeeper Thistledown Golf Club Edinburgh

Head Greenkeeper managing team of four greenkeepers maintaining 18 hole golf course and project management for construction of 9 hole pay and play golf course.

Deputy Head Greenkeeper Whistlestop Golf Club

Deputy Headgreenkeeper in team of four greenkeepers maintaining 18 hole course. Individual responsibility for full, computer controlled irrigation system.

First Assistant Greenkeeper Cabo Cometa Golf Club Spain

Member of eight man team maintaining 27 hole championship golf course on Costa Blanca.

Trainee Greenkeeper Royal St James Golf Club Lancashire

Member of seven man team maintaining championship links golf course. Trained on the job by Mr John Boots and attended Gorseheath College, on block release, studying for City and Guilds Phase 2.



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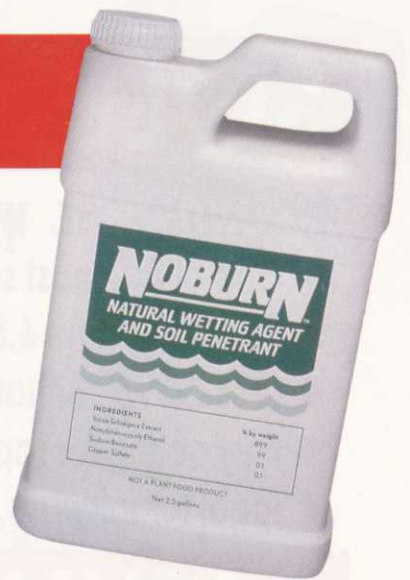
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Around the Green

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

SCOTLAND

As I am now the Scottish Magazine Liaison Officer I would like to hear from anyone about any matters that we could put into the magazine. Whatever it may be, club centenaries, people on the move, new courses, etc etc. Just anything you can think of that may be of interest to the membership of BIGGA. You can write with details/photographs to Chris Yeaman, 12 Craigiellaw Cottages, Aberlady, East Lothian EH32 0PY Tel: 01875 870 485 Mobile 0802 623 065. Chris Yeaman

North

A bit of catching up on the new members to do this month, so here goes. From Murcar we have Head man Chris Pearson and Assistant Bill Paterson rejoining, and bringing with them Chris Murdoch and Alex Cowie. Gary Nicholl from Panmure also rejoins, while from Monifeith we welcome Scott Rennie, Alex Buik and Alan Paterson, from Insh comes Andrew Tait, from Cullen we have Martin Dodds and last but not least from Tain comes Ross MacLeod. We certainly seem to be going from strength to strength so keep them coming.

Despite the area final being in our section at Royal Aberdeen, we only have Newmacher Assistant George Mitchell going forward from the Section to play in the Scottish team at the Hayter finals in September.

A good turnout of North members at Elie for the Scottish Greenkeepers tournament meant we retained some of the trophies collected at Royal Dornoch last year. Sean Jaffrey, Strathmore, won the overall nett trophy, Kevin Peace, Inverurie, won Class One and Gordon Mckie, St Andrews, won Class Two. We also retained the St Mungo Trophy for the Section. This year saw the introduction of a new trophy donated by Rhone Poulenc in memory of Norrie Whytock. The format was three members from each Section selected in advance with their scores added together. The North trio of Kevin Peace and Barry Cameron from Inverurie and Sean Jaffrey from Strathmore won the trophy by eight shots! It was a great day on a great golf course and would have been better if David Seaman had kept his legs shut at Wembley in the evening!

Stevie Macintosh followed up his recent North District triumph by winning the Ross-shire County Champi-

onship and rounded off the month by landing the First Assistants vacancy at Blairgowrie, Well done Stevie.

A date for your diaries members, the second Section dinner/disco will be held at the New Inn Hotel Ellon on Friday November 29. Tickets cost £12.50 per person with a double room at the hotel, for those staying over, available at £33. Anyone wishing to book tickets can do so by sending a cheque to Hughie Mclatchie at 24 Whitehill F Peterhead AB4 6FU tel: 01779 470173. Let's have another great night so start booking your tickets now.

Finally good luck to any North member playing in the National Tournament this month at Seacroft, Lincolnshire. Iain Macleod

West of Scotland

This month there are only a few things to mention, hence the reason for missing out last month.

I hope everybody has returned their questionnaire with as many new ideas for events a possible.

Congratulations to the West Section at the recent Hayter Challenge for winning the team prize, especially on the North's home ground (that's one for Sam and the Boys). The West section succeeded in the two areas. Brian Hillan won the second class section and Tom Hindmarch won the second prize in that same section. Then Graeme Shearer won the third class section. Well done to them and every success when playing at Fairhaven.

The Scottish outing held at Elie proved to be a fine choice of venue – good weather, excellent course and likewise for the food. Thank you to Elie Golf and Clubhouse for allowing use of the course and facilities. The West challenge came from seven people, which really is a poor turn out, but of those two winners emerged. S. Taylor won the Head Greenkeeper's prize and C. Scott won second in third class.

Five a side Tournament – all entry forms for those wishing to participate should have been received by now. The venue and date will be confirmed shortly. Over 50 golf courses have been lettered. Even if only half play then some 150 will take part (assuming six in each team). So let's hope everything goes well.

Congratulations to Robert Hogarth on his appointment as Head Greenkeeper at Cathcart Castle. Best

wishes and we look forward to seeing you when you start in September.

Nothing else to mention except that I wish everybody well and hope that the summer has been good to them.

J.S.Taylor

East

Welcome to this month's report. Quite a lot to get through so let's get started. I hope everyone is getting through this dry spell that we are having. Hopefully we will get some rain soon, but what a year so far – very cold spring, a few weeks of ideal conditions then drought conditions and not long to winter. What a thought.

In June we had our half day tournament – doubles, greensomes – for the Richard Aitken Trophy at Innerleithen GC and what a great day was had by all who were there. It must have been one of the hottest days of the summer – too hot to play golf. Many thanks to the Captain and council of Innerleithen GC to the courtesy of the course, the caterers for the great meals, Richard Aitken and company for providing the prizes and last but not least Robert Hogarth and staff for providing us with an immaculate course to play on – especially when you consider there is just himself and an apprentice. Well done lads. Results:

1. R. Hogarth, Innerleithen GC, T. Murray, Ratho Park GC; 2. K. Anderson, Longniddry GC, T. Brannan, Souters; 3. S. Ramsay, Harburn GC, N. Lawson, Ocmis.

Congratulations to them. So the half day tournament is back in its new format and it is here to stay. Roll on 1997.

On a sad note we are losing our Secretary Robert Hogarth, who is leaving Innerleithen GC to take up the post of Course Manager at Cathcart Castle GC in Glasgow. We will be very sorry to lose him as he took on the job of secretary at a very difficult time and did a great job of turning it around and we now have some money in the bank. The committee and the members of the East Section would like to take this opportunity to wish Robert and his wife Haley all the best for the future in the west of Scotland. As Robert will be in the West he will be joining the West Section so we will have to arrange this football match against them as Robert will be playing for the opposition – Robert, shinpads will be

needed! So don't forget all your friends in the East, Tickets for Ibrox would be appreciated anytime (CY).

On the subject of secretaries Steve Dixon is taking over from Robert and we wish him all the best in this, a new venture for him – as from July 22. If you need to contact him his number is 0131 660 3965.

There is also some slight changes to the committee. Social Convener, A. Forrest (0131 339 1315) Social Committee, S. Dixon, P. Ormston, C. Yeaman. I am standing down as Social Convener as I am now the Magazine Liaison Officer for Scotland. I thought it fair to hand the social on to someone else.

The annual dance at Kilsplindie House Hotel, Aberlady on Saturday December 7 – Tickets are now on sale at a cost of £18.

There is also rooms available at a cost of £20 per person B&B so get booking your tickets now as there are only 96 and this will be strictly adhered to and all money will have to be paid four weeks before the dance.

Get you applications for tickets in now or call S. Dixon 0131 660 3965, C. Yeaman 01875 870 485, A. Forrest 0131 339 1315. So get your's soon as they will go quickly as they have done in the past.

Next golf on the calendar is the Willie Woods at Seahouses GC on August 22. Entry forms should be with you now so get your Captain, Secretary or Committee along to play in this great tournament – so we will see you there?

Next on the agenda is the autumn tournament at Murrayfield GC on September 10. Entry forms will be out soon so get them in quick as this will be a big turnout as it is their centenary this year and also the first Hayter Qualifier.

It was good to see the BIGGA team at The Open at Royal Lytham around the green at the last at the presentation ceremony. Some very good comments were made by the TV commentators so well done lads, C.J. Yeaman

NORTHERN Northern Region

The Hayter Northern Regional Final was held recently at Abergele & Pensarn GC in North Wales. The qualifiers for the National Final are: Division 1 – Paul Pearse (N. West), Alex Russell (Cleveland), Mark Hodgson (Cleveland); Division 2 – Robin

Smith (Northern), A. Allsop (Sheffield), Colin Hopper (Sheffield): Division 3 - Tony Cheeseborough (Cleveland) J Paul Neve (Sheffield), John Jones (N. Wales). Well done, lads!

On behalf of all who took part I would like to thank Brian Anderson and his team at Abergele for producing an excellent course for this event, Bert Cross and Ian Holoran for starting and marking the cards; our generous sponsors, Hayter and the staff and committee at Abergele for their hospitality and co operation.

We are now looking forward to the Final and I would like to ask Elliott Small to make sure the trophy is well polished when he hands it back to us in September!

Congratulations to Andy Law of Martin Brothers and his wife Sharon, who are now the proud parents of an 8lb baby daughter, Emily. She had a rather unpleasant first few minutes of life though, as her delighted father rang round family and friends to spread the good news on his mobile phone he set off all the fire alarms in the hospital. Best of luck with Dad, Emily!

Sara Lupton

North West

June has been a quiet month in the N/W due to no tournaments being played, and little or no information being passed around. One problem in the N/W, as in many other sections, is that although many new courses appear to be springing up all around us, we still have trained greenkeepers out of work.

I receive telephone calls regularly, from greenkeepers asking if there are any jobs available in the N/W, but unfortunately, I have not been in a position to help them. Can I ask you therefore, if people are on the move, and vacancies become available, please ring me so that I can pass on the information to the unfortunate ones who are out of work.

By the time you read these notes we will have had The Open over and done with at Lytham, and Jim McDonald and his staff will face the job of returning the course to nor-

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mality, which I should imagine must take a couple of years, judging by the amount of vehicles, cables, scaffolding, and pairs of feet, that help to compact the ground. I visited Jim recently and the course looked great. This will be Jim's fifth Open, and I am sure that from his cool calm attitude, there will be no problems that he cannot deal with.

Regarding section golf tournaments, the committee has made the decision that the cost of all tournaments will be £15. If the costs for the day prove to be higher, section funds will cover the excess. If costs are less, the money over will be used to purchase extra prizes. The Autumn tournament is at Wilpshire GC, on Wednesday September 11 and all applications must be in by Friday September 7 with your cheque for £15 made payable to BIGGA N/W, and sent to: Bill Merritt 225 Utting Ave, Walton, Liverpool L4 9RB.

Any news, views, complaints or otherwise, please contact me on 0151 724 5412.

Bert Cross

North Wales

The Northern Region Hayter qualifier has been held at the Abergele and Pensarn Golf Club. After a cold, wet, windy start to the day the weather improved and by the time the first of the 48 golfers started their round they were able to enjoy a good clear day, ideal for golf. John Lloyd Jones of Abergele qualified and we wish him the very best of luck as he goes forward to represent the North Wales section in the UK final of the Hayter Competition which is to be held at Fairhaven Golf Club. Our Autumn competition will be held at the Chester Golf Club, Curzon Park, Chester, on October 16 and entry forms should be with you in early

August. As stated in last month's notes this competition will have pre-arranged Teeing times. It is hoped that wherever the competitions are held the "local" greenkeepers will request early starting times. This will enable those that have a fair distance to travel may take advantage of a later starting time, thus allowing them to complete their essential morning rounds at their own club before setting off for the competitions. Please ring me on 0151-336-6675 if you have anything that may be of interest to your fellow greenkeepers.

Trevor Johnston

Cleveland

Nick Dawson, assistant greenkeeper at Eaglescliffe, has trapped a nerve in his left leg calf, with pins and needles under the foot and going up to the spine. The most effective treatment has been physiotherapy and rest. Now almost better.

Bill Rank, Head Greenkeeper at Thirsk and Northallerton, states that his club is busy extending their course from a nine to eighteen holes.

Future event - December 11 at Mount Oswald Golf Club, Durham, Quiz v N/E Zone of I.O.G. at 7.30pm. Sponsors are Turf Care of Leadgate, Co. Durham.

We send our best wishes to Barry Clennell who is improving from his broken ankle.

We are enjoying warmer and good growing conditions in Cleveland. All for now.

Bruce Burnell

Northern

President's Day was held at Howley Hall GC on June 12. Many thanks to Jeremy and his staff for the way in which the course was presented. Thanks are also extended to Mr Mel Guy, acting President, for putting so much effort into making the day run smoothly, together with all the other attending committee members.

Results for the day were as follows:

Cat One: 1. S.Midgley (Bill Mountain Trophy), 2. D.Collins, 3. M.Hannan.

Cat Two: 1. Robin Smith (Jubilee

Cup), 2. A.Court, 3. J.Waite.

Cat Three: 1. L.Kirkbright, 2. Richard Smith, 3. D.Cockburn.

I would like to thank Mr Andrew Mountain, son of the late Bill Mountain, for attending and presenting the prizes. Hopefully Andrew will continue to attend in the coming years.

Congratulations to Dave Mullholland, who has taken the position of Head Greenkeeper at Lofthouse Hill GC. Hope everything goes well Dave.

At the last committee meeting it was reiterated that on invitation day, members are to invite their greens chairman or secretary. If this is not possible, a club official may be invited - not the club champion or pro!

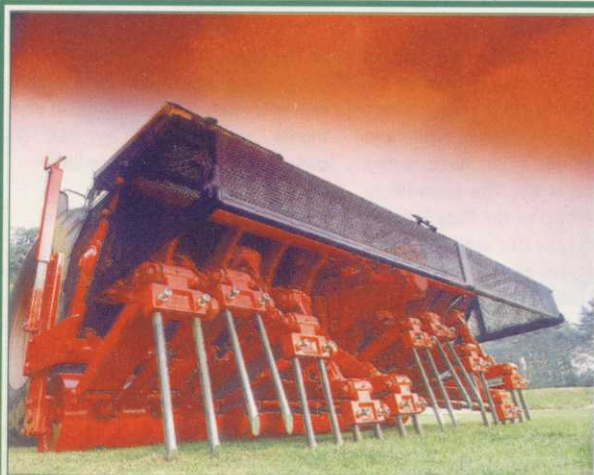
Finally, I would like to congratulate Tim and Ann Balcombe on the arrival of their baby girl, Kate. A few more sleepless hours! Simon Heppenstall

MIDLAND

East of England

The Purdys Cup was played at Newark Golf Club on a testing and well manicured course prepared to a high standard by Charlie Macdonald and his staff. Many thanks to Newark for courtesy of the course and the catering staff for a fine meal. The eventual winner with 36 points was Michael Wood, Thorpe Wood. Second place was a tie on 33 points between five players, Phil Belton, Fred Cobb, Josh White, Peter Down and Graeme Macdonald. The day would not be the same without the trade members who support the section and donate prizes. The main sponsor was Les Purdy who brought along some excellent prizes. Many thanks Les. Gerald Brady of Rhone Poulenc sponsored the nearest the pin at the long 2nd. Thanks also to Jim Carr, Chandlers, and Pete Fell, Aitkens for donating prizes. The order of merit for the BIGGA blazer is down to the last singles event at Luffenham Heath and could be won by a handful of players.

Finally I wish Charlie Macdonald a speedy recovery to his back problem and see him back playing golf soon.



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That's all for this month.

I can be contacted on 01733 260297.

G A Macdonald

East Midlands

A new golf fixture was played on June 25 with the Greenkeepers taking on a side made up of Trade and Associate members. On a fine summer evening at Morley Hayes GC. Five teams of a Four-Ball better ball format competed. After some very good golf from all players the match resulted in a very hard fought draw, with both sides winning 2 games each and 1 being squared.

A special thanks should go to Dave Leatherland for his stalwart support in helping to organise the day. Also I would like to thank all the Trade and Greenkeeper members for supporting the event, not forgetting Morley Hayes GC, for hosting the event.

The Section's next event, is the annual section match versus the East of England Section. This will take place at Greatham Valley GC. on August 14 where we shall hope for revenge after last year's very narrow defeat. Forms for this year's Autumn Tournament to be held at Ramsdale Park on September 12 will be sent out by the middle of the month Any member who has not received their form by then, can give me a call and I shall only be too pleased to send them a copy. Please remember to return your form and cheque to me before the closing date.

Antony Bindley

Midland

Following last month's notes, the Second Tournament of the year was played at Shifnal GC on July 1. Unfortunately I could not be there due to being on my annual holiday with my family. The results were as follows; 1st Gröss M.Hughes 76 Nett - 1st J.Wood 69; 2nd J.Guest 70; 3rd D.Fellows 71; 4th C.Lee 71; 5th J.Palmer 73; 6th M.Jones 73; 7th. M.Hughes; 8. PHoltman 74 9th M.Bryan 74; 10th A.Cutler 74.

R. Jones did nett 70, but it was only his second tournament. Good luck next time. Longest drive was J.

Browne and nearest the pin, V Gilroy. The Trade prize was won by N. Tyler. Congratulations Nigel, it was a long time coming.

Many thanks to Ritefeed for sponsoring the main prizes, Acorn for the wine and all the Trade members for their support and prizes for the raffle. I am told there were some new faces playing, who enjoyed the day. The Midland Section Committee would like to thank the Clubhouse and the Greenstaff at Shifnal GC for their hospitality and helpfulness on the day. Everybody had an enjoyable day.

New members to welcome this month are M. Jennings, P. Williams and D. Kelly.

Finally may I wish R. Surdo and A. Lane all the best in their new employment.

If anyone has any news or tidbits for me to put into the notes please do not hesitate to give me or Sue a ring Tel: 01527 524217.

REMINDER The next Tournament is on October 2, 1996. The closing date is September 3.

Kim Blake

Mid Anglia

It is the Midland Section's turn to host our annual match against 'them' and this year it is being played at Copt Heath GC on August 12. If you would like to represent the Section, then please contact Ronan McKeown, who is organising the match. Ronan can be reached on the following numbers: 0181 440 2264 or 0402 524491.

The match against the London Section is also being organised by Ronan. This takes place at Panshangar GC on Monday, September 2 at 2pm, so, should you wish to play, then again, give him a ring.

This month also sees our Summer Tournament taking place at Berkhamsted GC on the 21st, so please make sure all entries are in by the time you read this.

We have two confirmed bookings for 1997 golf events. These are the Spring Tournament, which will be held at Wellingborough Golf Club on April 17, 1997 and the Christmas Texas Scramble to be held at Family

Golf Centre on December 4, 1997.

We are also in the process of trying to book Andy Cole of the STRI to do a talk for us during the winter. It was suggested that the Section hold a social event in early 1997, without any golf, to perhaps involve members of the Section who do not play. If any Section members have any ideas as to what format such an event should take, please contact a committee member with your idea and we will endeavour to arrange something.

Finally, congrats to Ronan McKeown who won his Club Championship recently at Arkley Golf Club. Gerald Bruce

Bucks, Berks and Oxon

The summer golf day was held at Henley G.C. - results to follow in next month's article. The next golfing event is the National Tournament at Skegness 5-7 August. Good luck to any competitors from this section. One of these years I will make it to this event. It's supposed to be an exciting three days with greenkeepers from all over the country battling it out for the prestigious trophies.

At present we are in the process of putting together an Education Seminar. This is planned for this coming winter. If any members have ideas on the sort of subjects they would like eg. COSHH Assessments, construction etc, please contact me with your views. I know winter is a long way off, but to enable us to get lecturers booked we need to act quickly.

Before I finish this report I would like to thank Roger Willars for all the hard work he has put into his role as Regional Administrator and also for the help he has given me in my role as Secretary.

Lindsay T. Anderson 01491 578147

SOUTH WEST AND SOUTH WALES

South West and South Wales Region Recently a newsletter was sent to the members in our Region. Unfortunately an error was made about the date of our annual seminar at Cannington in November. It is Wednesday 27th and not the 29th as stated. Marion Child

South Coast

The Hayter Regional Qualifying Tournament was held at Salisbury & South Wilts.GC on June 12. I have been told that it was a great day, the weather was good, the food was good and everyone was made so welcome.

The course was in excellent condition, our thanks must go to Kerran Daly and his staff for all the hard work they put in. We also had some Qualifiers: Gordon Paine - Cat One, Phil Wentworth - Cat Two and Adrian Archer - Cat Three.

Gordon, Phil and Adrian will be representing the Region at Fairhaven GC, near Blackpool, on September 18. We wish them all the best of luck.

The Section prize was won by the South West Section. I know the Section would like me to thank Gordon and Marion for all their hard work, the helpers on the day and everyone who took part in the Tournament. Last but not least, we must thank Hayters and in particular, Kim Macfie for their continued sponsorship of the event.

Good news on the Education front, we have three more Assessors in the making. Mark Webb from Alesford GC, Andy Hill from Salisbury and South Wilts. GC and Jeff Drake from the Hampshire GC all attended a day at Cannington College with David Golding. They are now all working towards their D32's. Good luck to them all.

In next month's report I will publish a list of all Assessors in our Section, anyone wishing to obtain their NVQ's will then know who they can contact.

We are still looking for more Assessors. Anyone interested should contact Kerran Daly on 01722 742898 for further details. It is hoped that in the not too distant future all Course Managers/Head Greenkeepers will be Assessors and will be able to carry out Assessments for Greenkeepers obtaining their NVQs.

Ken Lodge

Devon and Cornwall

I am pleased to be able to report this month that John Mitchell, who was

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COURSES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

suddenly rushed to hospital on Monday 10 June, was allowed back to work the following week after tests. Arrangements for the Hayter regional final were well in hand with Guest house accommodation arranged for 13 members who were travelling up the day before, eight of whom travelled up in the mini bus provided by the section and kindly driven by our President John Palfrey of Avoncrop, all was set for the event but with just days to go our whole arrangements were but in turmoil as four members of our party had to pull out for various reasons, after a number of phone calls John Breyley kindly agreed to fill one of the places with yours truly taking another, which left the section one short on the day.

The section's thanks are extended to Margaret James of the Cricket field guest house for handling our change in arrangements so effectively and for providing excellent accommodation.

I highly recommend the guest house to anyone wishing to stay in the Salisbury area. Before I forget we had one more hiccup with Eric missing the mini bus and having to catch the train to Salisbury, after meeting up with the rest of the party at a local pub Eric returned to the Guest house later on and woke everyone up trying to find his room. As usual the Hayter final went without a hitch due to Gordon and Marion's superb organisation, this excellent event is not only just a golfing occasion but social as well with the chance to meet old friends, our thanks to Hayters for their continued support of the event also to Kerren Daly and his staff who presented the course in superb condition as I am sure they do every day of the year. Congratulations to all who qualified for the final especially to Carry Rawlings & Wyncham Potter, also congratulations to the South West team who won the team trophy.

Our next summer meeting will be held at the new development of Roserrow GC Wadebridge on Wednesday August 21, If you would like to attend please call Steve Evans on 01208 863647 by Wednesday August 14.
Richard Whyman

South West

Salisbury & South Wilts proved to be a successful venue for many of the South West team which took part recently in the Hayter Regional Final held on June 12.

A full strength team performance produced a qualifier for the final in each of the three categories. Congratulations go to Nigel Pring of Oake Manor GC with a nett 69 in Category 1, and who was also overall winner on the day. Anthony Knight from Kingsdown GC qualified in Category 2 with a nett 73 and John Barr from Bristol & Clifton qualified in Category 3 also with a

Around the Green



nett 73. These qualifiers will play in the national final to be held at Fairhaven GC on September 18. The 12 best round scores for the South West team totalled 924 which meant that for the second time in three years the South West Section received the winning team shield for the event. Salisbury & South Wilts Course Manager Kerran Daly produced an excellent course for the day and thanks are given to him for his presentation, to Hayter for their continued support of the event and also to Gordon and Marion Child for the lengthy preparation involved in organising the day.

Regarding future events, bookings for BTME at Harrogate in January 1997 will soon be available. £125 will secure your place on the coach to cover three nights bed and breakfast, accommodation and entry to all seminars and the exhibition. Judging by the interest this year you will need to book early and so look out for the booking forms over the next few months.

Slightly prior to BTME on November 29, Cannington College will once again host the Regional Seminar which promises to be as interesting as in previous years.

Among the speakers will be George Brown, Course Manager at the Turnberry Hotel GC. The cost of the day including lunch will be £12.50 for members with application forms being available shortly.

The next Section event for everybody will be the Autumn Tournament and Annual General Meeting, this year to be held at Bristol & Clifton GC on November 14 1996 and not November 7 as on the fixture card.

I will also be standing down as Secretary for the Section at this year's AGM and would encourage anybody interested in undertaking the position to contact me as soon as possible – don't all rush at once!
Kevin Green

SOUTH EAST Surrey

Looking back to June 10 the Cresta Cup was held at Croham Hurst GC and as usual the course was superb. Thanks must go firstly to Croham Hurst for allowing us to use the course, again in such large numbers. Also to Head Greenkeeper Roger Tydeman for the condition of the course and his unique use of the Cushman which was parked by the 11th tee loaded with refreshments, which I might add, were all paid for by Roger himself. Thanks, it was

much appreciated on such a warm day.

Thanks from our section also go to the following trade. Firstly, Driving Force Leisure for supplying the main prizes of which the first prize was an all expenses golf trip to France.

Other members of the trade that contributed so generously to what was a most successful day include John Hobbs, Sta-Brite, Avoncrop, Parkers, (Richard Gooding as Starter), Bournes, Golf & Turf, Pattisons, Grass Roots – Thank you to you all.

Results are as follows: 1. I. Sutcliffe; 2. A. Freeman; 3. A. Donlevy

A new South East Administrator has been appointed, his name is Derek Farrington. May we take this opportunity to welcome him into our Association. Derek can be contacted on 01903 260956.

Two weddings to report. Firstly, Adam Carter of Dukes Dene GC to Julie and Gerry Hind of West Surrey on his marriage to Lisa. Congratulations to you all.

An item of interest is that next year's National Tournament is to be held at Cooden Beach in Sussex. Support from our section would be appreciated so make a note in your diaries.

If any member of our section would like to lecture for us this winter, please telephone Derek Walder on 01737 246088.

Forthcoming events include:

The Parker Salver Invitational Event at Addington Palace GC on September 12; the Autumn Tournament at Effingham GC on October 3; The South East Region Seminar T.B.A; The Turkey Trot and AGM at Guildford Golf Course on December 3.

David Gibbs

London

The Summer Tournament was held on June 25 at Mill Hill GC. I would like to thank my golf club for allowing us to use the facilities and especially the Captain, Mr. Alec Edge. The Captain mingled all afternoon with our members and he provided the liquid refreshments throughout the evening meal and on behalf of our section. I would like to thank him.

The evening meal was excellent and I would like to thank Jack Keen for preparing the food. I would also like to thank our Regional Administrator, Derek Farrington for attending the event.

The results for the day were as follows. The winner with 40 points was Douglas Roberts from Mill Hill and the runner up was Ian Semple with 33 points. In third place with 31 points was Peter Creeber. The nearest the pin was won by Edward Dickenson and the longest drive was won by Tim Webb.

I would like to thank Johnny Beck form Miracle Professional for provid-

ing the half way refreshments. Finally I would like to thank all the trade for their support and help throughout the day.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Barry Moggridge for his service on the committee as he leaves our section to take up a new post as Course Manager. Ian Semple takes on the role as our Section Secretary.
Tony Dunstan

East Anglia

It's been so long I don't know where to start. Doesn't time fly? Well, maybe not.

This time I have two gatherings to write about. The first was at Brett Vale, a bash organised by some of the trade ie. Rushbrooks, Sisis, Rhone Poulenc and Levingtons to say thank you to their customers ie. greenkeepers, groundsmen, local authorities etc. As usual it was a first rate do even if we had to wear Sisis hats. It was worth being there if only to see the three desperados Bob, Brian and Colin enjoying themselves. If only all reps were like them.

Richard Hickman won first prize with 42 points. Robert Crist and Malcolm Partridge came second and third. The longest driver was Cyril Stammers. Nearest the pin on the 3rd was Richard Hickman. Nearest the pin on the 11th was Steve Piggott. £41 was raised for 'Save the Children' and the course was in very good nick, thanks to Tim and Clive. Our thanks to Rushbrooks, Rhone Poulenc, Sisis and Levingtons for organising a super day and to Brett Vale for putting up with us.

The second gathering was at Caldecott Hall. It was an excellent turn out even if England were playing Holland that night! Davis Wells was also 50 but we won't go into that except to say his speech at the end was something else. I don't know what it was either. I didn't even know he had a 'lishp'.

He did however manage to present the prizes with the help of Mr. P. Riches, Caldecott Captain to: Richard Pride, Alan Carter and Peter Howard in the 0-9 section: Michael Peters, Brian Lemon and Ian Willett in the 9-18 section; Steve Millard, Richard Mitchell and Stevie Davidson in the 19-28 section. P. Riches won the guest prize and R. Greer won the trade prize. Stevie Millard won the Summer Shield.

Prizes were donated by Colliers, Parker Hart, Turf Actant, Avon Crop, Links Horticultural and Tuckwells. Mr. Riches made a very good speech at the end in which he praised Steve Davidson, Head Greenkeeper, and his men for presenting the course so well under extreme conditions. Hear, hear to that, Mr. Riches.

Our thanks to Caldecott Hall for a most enjoyable day, even if we did miss the football.
Andrew Sheehan

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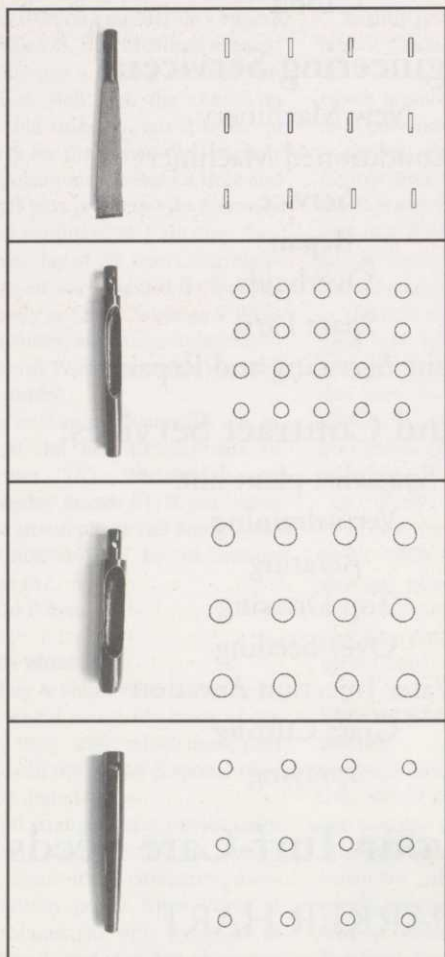
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