

# AROUND THE GREEN

## SOUTH COAST SECTION

I am indebted to Joe Burdett, our tournament organiser, for the following report of our spring tournament.

"Hayling Golf Club, by kind permission of the captain and committee, were the hosts for the annual spring championship tournament. The prize table was amply filled by our sponsors, Roffey Brothers Limited and Huxleys Garden Machinery Limited, for which all greenkeepers in the area are most appreciative.

John Flavell (Parkstone) could not quite hold on to the Nita Stimson Award for the 'over 50', and had to accept second place to a wonderful morning round from Charles Burke (Queens Park).

The morning round gross scores showed quite clearly that there was a potential winner by a massive margin of 5 shots, this was from Bob Walker (Queens Park), who scored a 71 to Phil Nason's (Southampton) 76. In the nett section, Mark Diment (Knighton Heath) returned a 67, a very creditable performance from his 18 handicap.

The afternoon showed that stamina was the real "master", and Nason was not going to let that 5 shot lead deter him – so he returned a 79 against Walkers' 87. With net 69s all over the place in the afternoon, Diment was really worrying about his 72, but there was no need – he clinched the Roffey Cup with two shots to spare.

The prizes were presented by representatives from Huxleys Garden Machinery Limited and from Roffey Brothers Limited. There were additional donations to the table from Mark Wilton (Rigby Taylor), David Rogers (Stabrite) and from Peter Hampton

(Golf & Sports Club Sundries).

Detailed results: Nita Stimson Award (over 50s); Charles Burke, Queens Park 85-13-72, John Flavell, Parkstone, 87-12-75, Gordon Payne, Maidenhead, 83-7-76.

Tregunna Trophy (36 Holes Gross); Phil Nason, Southampton, 76-79-155.

Rowes Rose Bowl: Mark Webb, Alresford, 80-88-157, Brian Forder, Southampton, 81-77-158, Bob Walker, Queens Park, 71-87-158.

The Roffey Cup (36 Holes Nett); Mark Diment, Knighton Heath, 67-72-139.

The Denyer Cup; Bob Walker, Queens Park, 63-79-142, Adrian Panks, Axe Cliff, 78-68-146, Joe Newman, Downshire, 77-70-147.

Surviving Score Awards; Lowest Gross AM, Lindsay Anderson (Romsey) 79, Lowest Nett AM, Terry Patchin (Hockley) 72, Lowest Gross PM, Joe Newman (Downshire) 76, Lowest Nett PM, Adrian Panks (Axe Cliff) 68.

Qualifiers for the Iseki Regional Tournament were: Handicap 1-9: Joe Newman, Phil Nason, Robert Walker, Mark Webb, Ed McCabe. Handicap 10-18: Terry Patchin, Chris Sturgess, Tim Neighbour, Mark Diment, Adrian Panks. Handicap 19 and above: Ken Lodge, Adie Archer, Stephen White, Shane Hodgkins, Jeff Drake. Travelling Reserves: Paul Fitzjohn, Ian Noble.

Finally, my thanks to David Hinks, head greenkeeper at Hayling for all his efforts in preparing the course. A course aptly described by the club secretary, Mr R.C.W. Stokes, as the only links course in the South between Rye and Westward Ho! in North Devon.

**BOB DENNIS**

members shall play off their official handicaps at all section events and a separate handicap section will be added for those members who do not have official club handicaps.

The prizes in this section will be approximately half those in other sections to encourage members to gain handicap certificates. It does mean those attending outings should bring certificates along with them.

On a similar note, some members missed out on the invites to the spring outing this year as they were late in paying their subscriptions. In future members will have to quote their membership number on the return slips as a couple of

## SCOTTISH REGION CENTRAL SECTION

THE section spring tournament was held on April 19, courtesy of Elie Golf Club, when over 50 members and guests enjoyed the summer weather and with the course in excellent condition a very successful day resulted.

The prizewinners were as follows: Best scratch, D. Leith, St Andrews. Best nett, C. McKay, Crail. 1st Class: 1st Handicap, I McDougall, Crieff, 2nd Handicap, A. Dunn, Gleneagles. 2nd Class, 1st Handicap, S. Sime, Scoonie, 2nd Handicap, S. Mackie, Canmore. Trade: J. Robertson, Aitkens. Guests: T. Frazer, West Lothian. Two Ball 4s: C. McKay/B. Cruikshank, Crail.

Our sincere thanks go to the Council and members of Elie Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of their facilities, to the clubhouse staff for the first class service and catering and especially to Brian Lawrie and his staff for presenting the course in such excellent condition.

Members on the move include past chairman, Ian Ritchie has moved from Ladybank to Ireland, Walter Garland from Falkland to Taymouth Castle and Duncan Peddie from West Lothian to Alloa, the best wishes of everyone in the section go to these members and their families for a very successful future.

A sour note to end on. Due to the lack of support the section Inter Club Tournament will not be run during the summer this year. It's up to you lads, either support events or they will simply not be organised for you.

**JOHN CRAWFORD**

people slipped through the net.

The sweepstake draw will be made on the evening of July 18 at Hazelhead Golf Club by Aberdeen Football Club co-manager Jocky Scott. Anyone interested in attending will be made welcome. It is hoped the same person will present the prizes at a later date.

We now have a full complement of excellent speakers for our conference in December, more details later. Finally congratulations to A. Dobbie who has moved from Deeside G.C. to Boat of Garten G.C. as first assistant.

**GORDON MOIR**

## BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON SECTION

THE Berks, Bucks and Oxon spring tournament was held on May 22 at the West Berks Golf Club.

The event was a 36 hole competition with the top players qualifying for Iseki Tournament.

The weather was at its best and the well presented course made play very enjoyable with some very good scores returned.

The results are as follows: Winner best gross whole day: 1st Mr D. Murtaugh 164, 2nd Mr D. Goodchild 169. Winner best nett whole day: 1st Mr M. Long 139, 2nd Mr D. Head 146. 1st Round am gross, 1st L. O'Brien 87, pm gross, 1st N. Fenwick 81. 1st Round pm nett, 1st N. Breden 70. 1st S. Wood 68.

The members of the BB & O Section would like to thank the trade members for their kind support as usual and the staff of West Berks Golf Club who were: The Head Greenkeeper, Mr W. Patrick Wheelan. The steward Phil Murphy and Rosalie. Mrs Clayton and Les Witham the owners of the club.

**HARVEY TRIBE**

## NORTHERN SECTION

I write this not knowing any details of Invitation or Presidents Day.

I hope everybody who played had a good day and details of the two events will follow next month.

There are still places for the Autumn tournament at Malton and Norton Golf Club.

A further golf date for your diaries has now been arranged this year it's our turn to go "over there" to beat them, the match is to be held at Bury Golf Club on Thursday August 23.

The team for this match is picked by our golf committee. If you wish to be considered please ring me.

I'm in the process of working out our winter lecture series. Details to follow later, latest staff moves are South Leeds, new head man is Brian Carr who returned after getting homesick at Filey Golf Club.

If any members have any snippets of news or anything to mention please write or ring me, it's difficult to find something to write about each month.

**BOB LUPTON**

*Editor's note: Bob's plea for information is echoed by me, come on chaps put pen to paper or pick-up the 'phone.*

## SCOTTISH REGION NORTH SECTION

AT our last committee meeting, held at Arbroath prior to our spring outing, Alasdair MacLaren of Nethy Bridge G.C. was elected as the north representative on the Scottish Education, Liaison Committee.

Everyone is confident that Alasdair will do a good job in this important post. On a sadder note those present were disappointed to hear that Dundee College of Further Education did not gain the approval status they requested from the G.T.C.

A decision was taken at the meeting that in future,

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## MID ANGLIA SECTION

**T**HE spring meeting was held on Wednesday May 2 at Leighton Buzzard G.C., and although I was not present, Ken Bunting informs me it was a most enjoyable day.

We would like to thank Leighton Buzzard G.C. for making us so welcome and allowing us the courtesy of the course, our thanks also goes to the catering staff for the fare provided, and finally Dave Piggot and his staff for the presentation of the course.

Once again we were supported by our friends in the trade who provided some of the prizes, and we thank, Kingston House Mowers, Rogers Engineering, Pattersons and Rigby Taylor.

The prizes were presented by the captain of the club Mr Brian Avery, who we thank for doing so.

Results for the day. Nett scores over 27 holes, 1st I. Graham 101, Woburn G.C. 2nd I. Jones, 101, Leighton Buzzard G.C. 3rd N. Whittaker 102, Woburn G.C.

Finally, I am sure you would like me to thank Ken.

The next two section events will be: Summer tournament July 4 at Cold Ashby G.C. over 36 holes, the cost is £15. Closing date for entries June 13. Autumn tournament October 30 at Woburn G.C. over 27 holes, the cost is £15. All competition entries to Ken Bunting, No. 1 Cottage, Old Park Lodge, Little Gaddesden, Herts, HP4 1LU. Tel. 044 284 3359.

Any late entries for the summer tournament should be made to me, tel. 0727 35984, as Ken is on holiday. All the winter lectures, that is 90/91, will be held at Beadlow Manor Golf and Country Club, further details will follow very soon.

GEOFF SMITH

## SOUTH WALES SECTION

**O**N Wednesday, May 11 we held our competition for the Jacobsen Cup and Brown's Shield at Cardiff Golf Club.

We would like to thank the committee of the golf club for giving us permission to hold our competition at their club. We would like to thank Graham Cox and his staff for preparing the course for us. Also the caterer for giving us our food in the evening.

There was a total of 29 at the meeting with 6 of these being members of the trade. We would like to thank our sponsor's for the day: Keith Morgan of Usk, local Jacobsen representative, and Brown's of Bristol.

The day's best score was a gross 79 score by P. Swain and H. Morgan. P. Swain won the Jacobsen Cup with a nett score of 66 and also a holdall and a bottle of Whisky donated by D. Padfield Avoncrop of Bristol.

H. Morgan won the Brown's Shield for a gross score of 79 also a pair of trousers and a bottle of Whisky that was donated by R. Borrows Brown's of Bristol. T. Thompson won the Waycott Cup with a score of 70 and also a set of novelty headcovers.

T. King was third nett with a score of 71 and also won a set of novelty headcovers. Golf balls were given for birdies: T. King 3, P. Swain 2, H. Morgan 2, A. Clissitt 1, G. Cox 1.

A raffle was held with prizes donated by Brown's, ICI and Maxwell Hart. The radio donated by ICI was won by T. Garland, pullover donated by Brown's was won by P. Swain, and the shirt donated by Maxwell Hart was won by M. Davies.

Our congratulations to Peter Lacey and his wife on the birth of a son.

If anybody has anything that can be used in the magazine

please send it to me to be inserted in the section news.

PHILLIP SWAIN

## SURREY SECTION

**T**HE main news this month is of the National Education Conference held at Egham.

The conference was very good with a wide range of speakers from all over the world who all gave very interesting presentations which for me illustrated the facts that no two golf courses are the same and that people world wide are moving back towards a more natural style of course management at last!

I felt that these were two features of the conference that were rather disappointing. The first and main one was the fact that the attendances were low if taken as a percentage of the national membership, with a lot of the faces that you see at every event, but very few of the younger greenkeepers.

And as far as I know only one greens chairman. Are you totally apathetic?

The second point was that there was no indication outside the college that there was a national conference in progress. A simple banner hung from the footbridge outside would have told a large number of the public that the greenkeepers of this country are interested and professional enough to organise and attend such a conference.

This could have been valuable PR for the association. Whilst I am on the subject of professionalism I recently attended, along with approximately 40 others, a Watermation Irrigation Systems maintenance day at Sandford Springs near Basingstoke. The day was excellent an invaluable for those of us who have to work on these systems occasionally. Unfortunately of

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## WEST SECTION

**T**HE West Section (Scottish) held its spring outing over Lenzie golf course on April 26th which was very well attended.

I would like to thank the members for an excellent turnout and Lenzie Golf Club for granting the courtesy of their course for the event.

I must congratulate Cecil N. George for the condition of the course and the way it was presented. I would also like to thank the club officials, catering staff and bar staff for their help and co-operation on the day.

After some good scoring the following players were successful: Scratch, Sandy Bulloch, Mount Ellen G.C. First, 1st Class Stephen Hogg, Drumpellier G.C. First, 2nd Class Jack Stenard, Douglas Park G.C. First, 3rd Class

Stuart Cameron, Drumpellier G.C. Trade Prize. Robert T. Bruce, Stewart and Company.

The autumn meeting will be held at Douglas Park G.C. on September 20 and again I would like to welcome a large turnout of members and trade.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate three former West Section officials who have taken the road down South.

Chris Kennedy and Jim McKenzie who have both moved to Wentworth and ex-section secretary Robert Brewer on his move to Sunningdale.

I will always be interested to hear of their progress, and all three will be missed in the West Section for the excellent work each put into their duties during the past few years.

GORDON KERR

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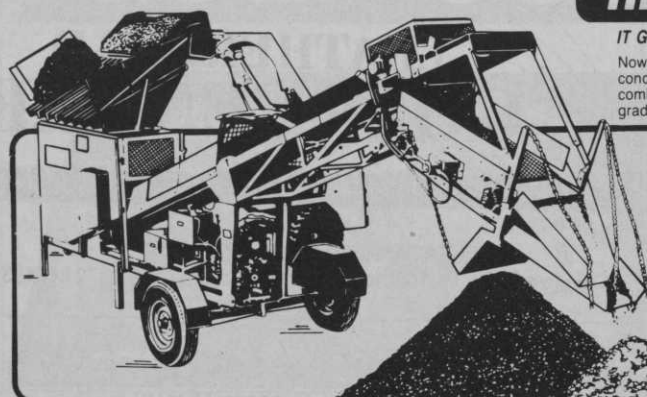
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the 40 present only a handful were either in collar and tie or smart casual wear.

The rest were in what I would term workwear. The club had dress rules as do most clubs regarding denim and trainers, fortunately these were not enforced.

However I don't think it is too much to ask that if you are representing your club and/or BIGGA at whatever level, that you turn up looking semi-respectable.

This again would help to give people a less blinkered view of greenkeeping as a profession. If you wish to be treated as a professional you must first present yourself as one.

It's a shame to fill Surrey's notes with this sort of comment, but since I have no other news I thought I would get it off my chest.

Finally, I am sad to report that we are losing Mik Wells as our Section Secretary. He is moving on to pastures new, working for GPI in golf course construction.

He has done a lot of hard work for the section over the past year and has always been a great ambassador to greenkeeping. So thanks Mik, all the best for the future.

If anyone out there is interested in helping to run the Surrey Section please contact me as we are short handed at the moment.

It does not take an awful lot of time and you may even enjoy it. My number again is; for news, views, offers of help, etc. is 025 125 4287.

**PHIL BALDOCK**

## EAST OF ENGLAND

**O**N a lovely hot sunny day in May we visited Stoke Rochford Golf Course for our spring tournament competing for the Purdy of Retford Trophy. Being our local ISEKI agent, this was our section qualifier.

The competition was hotly contested with good scores being made on a green manicured golf course which had a lot of us saddled with dried up fairways drooling.

The winner was Richard Owen of Sleaford Golf Club. Runner-up was that evergreen performer Graeme Patrick, also qualifying for the regional final were: C. MacDonald, J. Simpson, D. Hornsley, F. Cobb, G. Ogden, N. Marshall and J. Scotney.

We must thank Peter Bloodworth for arranging the courtesy of the course. Also Mr Tony Snaith of ISEKI for pro-

viding the machinery display. It let us know what we were there for. The sight of the day was the look on the Stoke Rochford treasurer's face as it all rolled in the car park!

Prizes were presented by Len Passmore of Purdys. Our thanks also go to the other companies who donated so generously.

Two of our clubs are in their centenary years - Belton Park Golf Club have just had a week of AMs and Invitation Events for all sections of membership, and Burghley Park, Stamford, are holding similar celebrations in July.

**COLIN SWINGLER**

## SCOTTISH REGION

**T**HE Scottish Region Finals of the Iseki tournament were held at Cawder Golf Course on May 30. Perfect weather complemented a course in great condition and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our thanks go to Cawder Golf Club especially the captain and secretary for their kindness and hospitality and to the catering staff for excellent meals and Alistair Connell and Jim McCormick and greenkeeping staff for the condition of the course.

Our thanks also to Iseki in the shape of Peter Powell with his usual Welsh good-humour and supporting him with the Iseki caravan, Steve Broad.

I would also like to thank Scottish Region President Harry Diamond and team Cecil George, Wullie Steele and John Crawford for their support. Finally to the winners congratulations, the scoring was actually very good on a very tough course and I hope you can all make it to the finals.

There were two other prizewinners. Nearest the hole at the 18th went to Sandy Bulloch from Mount Ellen and longest Drive at the 14th was by Brian Finlayson of Troon, this was a massive drive which one competitor compared to being launched by a bazooka.

Results: 1st Class. 1. Steven MacDonald, Fortrose & Rosemarkie, 77-7-70; 2. George Brown, Turnberry Hotel G.C., 75-4-71; 3. James Ellis, Glenberrie G.C., 76-5-71; reserve James McCormack, Kirriemuir G.C., 80-7-73.

2nd Class. 1. John Flint, Hazelhead G.C., 87-17-70; 2. Paul Bowden, Newbattle G.C., 82-10-72; 3. William Whitfield, Stirling G.C., 86-12-74; reserve Brian Anderson, Hazelhead G.C., 91-16-75.

3rd Class. 1. Stewart Mackie, Canmore G.C., 91-19-72; 2. Hugh McLatchie,

Peterhead G.C., 96-21-75; 3. Stewart Harvey, Cawder G.C., 96-19-77; reserve Steven Dixon, Newbattle G.C., 98-19-79.

**Davie Millar**

June 15 marked the end of Davie Millar's career in greenkeeping when he officially retired from his position as Head Greenkeeper at Glenberrie Golf Club.

Davie started in greenkeeping in 1938 as a young lad at the Royal Burgess in Edinburgh, from there he moved to Kingsknowe also in Edinburgh and then to Canmore in Dunfermline.

His next move was to Paisley Golf Club or "The Bushes" as it is more commonly known in the West and in 1959 he moved to Glenberrie to begin 31 years service to that club as Head Greenkeeper.

In his time there Davie has seen a lot of young lads come and go most of them moving

on to be Head Greenkeepers in their own right. Under Davie's supervision, Glenberrie has always been known as a top class course and has been one of the Open Championship pre-qualifying courses for many years.

It has also hosted the British Boys Championship and Boys Internationals and the Scottish Professional Championship on more than one occasion. A low handicap golfer in his day, Davie was a long-time member of the Greenkeepers Association and attended many East of Scotland and Scottish National Tournaments.

Glenberrie Golf Club have arranged various events in Davie's honour culminating in a dinner and presentation on June 18.

We in the Scottish Region wish you Davie a very happy

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## RECRUITMENT

### HEAD GREENKEEPER

Applications are now invited for this 9-hole public golf course at Leatherhead, Surrey.

The course has just been constructed by McMillan Golf and is expected to open in summer 1991.

The successful applicant will be expected to take up the appointment in late summer 1990 and will initially be responsible for tending the course and carrying out any required work prior to opening and thereafter for the maintenance and management of the course.

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retirement and take it easy after all these hard working years.  
**ELLIOTT SMALL**

## NORTH-WEST SECTION

**T**HE spring tournament at Withington G.C. on May 30 turned out to be an excellent day.

Firstly the weather was very kind to us. After a few early showers the sun shone and gave us a perfect day for golf. Secondly it was probably the best attended golf day for many years, with 50 greenkeepers, plus guests attending and enjoying the superb condition of Withington G.C.

Stuart Bridge the head greenkeeper and his staff had produced a course that could not be faulted. These boys obviously know their trade, and it must have been very reassuring for them to hear the kind comments of both their fellow greenkeepers and the members of Withington G.C.

I would like to thank Withington G.C. for allowing us the courtesy of their course, our friends of the trade for their contribution towards the prize table, the catering staff for the great meal, and to the greenkeepers themselves for helping to make the day a success.

Apart from prizes to be won the competition was also a qualifier for the ISEKI regional final to be played at Brancepeth Castle golf club on June 20, so there was plenty of interest on the day.

The first prize and place was also a first in another way. The SISIS cup which had been played for on many occasions at Cavendish G.C., and was presented to the N/W section 2 years ago, was presented to the winner of the spring tournament by Ian Kemp of SISIS. The cup was also accom-

panied by a very nice carriage clock.

The winners on the day were: 1st Peter Simpson, 44pts, SISIS Cup. 2nd Bill Merritt, 42pts, Hargreaves Cup. 3rd Trevor Manning, 40pts. 4th Derek Smith, 37pts. 5th Paul Pearse, 37pts. 6th Brian Turner, 36pts. 7th Tom Lyons, 35pts.

The Veterans Cup was won by Bert Scott.

By now everybody will have received a newsletter with the golf dates etc, but to refresh your memory here is a list of them again. Roses Match, Bury G.C., Thursday August 23 (team of 16 required), Stewards Match, Turton G.C., Monday September 10 (team of 16 required), autumn tournament, Birchwood G.C., Tuesday October 2.

We are trying to arrange a trip to Ransomes in the autumn with Burrows of Preston and if anybody is interested please give me a ring on 051 724 5412.

## BERT CROSS

## MIDLANDS SECTION

**I**START my section notes this month by wishing our very good friend Bob Pilsbury a speedy recovery from his recent accident, and look forward to enjoying his company again at our golf tournaments.

The Rigby Taylor Knockout is now well under way and providing players with some interesting and tough matches. Please ensure for the smooth running of this tournament to get matches played by the given dates.

On July 11 we hold our summer tournament at Broadway Golf Club which is situated in The Cotswolds, we look forward to seeing a good turn out and please remember to adhere to the club dress rules, while attending these tournaments or indeed any club function.

While it is our policy to

welcome members from other sections to play in our golf tournaments, we must stress that the visiting member will not be eligible to compete for the tournament trophy.

## DEAN CLEAVER

## SUSSEX SECTION

**H**IGHWOOD Golf Club was the venue for our spring tournament on May 3.

It was a very hot day and the course was in excellent condition. Our thanks go to the secretary and head greenkeeper and all those who helped to make it a successful event, including Rigby-Taylor, John Shaw, Parkers and Farmura who very kindly donated the raffle prizes. There was a very poor turnout of Greenkeepers, however. Must do better next time!

Results: Greenkeepers Stableford: 1st R. Short, 41pts, 2nd B. Moore 39pts, 3rd D. Coomber 30pts. Guests: 1st D. Shrubbs 36pts, 2nd R. Hancox 35pts, 3rd J. Coppen 33pts. Greenkeepers Medal: 1st R. Day, 2nd A. Cale, 3rd L. Shrubbs. Results for the first round of Iseki Tournament: R. Moore, L. Shrubbs, A. Cale, A. Butrymowicz, R. Jones, R. Short, D. Coomber, R. Day, M. Beadle.

## DICK BULL

## DEVON AND CORNWALL SECTION

**A**S I am writing this newsletter the rain has started to fall for the first time in ages which is a relief to me and must be to all of us after the dry cool spring and the hot start to the summer.

Since our last meeting many events have taken place in our region which, first of all, saw the top pro's visiting our area to play in the Benson and Hedges tournament held at the superbly presented St Mellion course. It was a credit to Roy

and his boys who had put in unlimited hours of work weeks before the cameras arrived.

Also I hear on the grapevine that during the tournament one night Roy decided to have a candlelight dinner in his irrigation pump house?

Also during the last few weeks our region held its second annual Westurf Trade Exhibition at the very popular venue of Long Ashton Golf Club.

This being my first visit to Westurf I found everything I needed at the show and was very impressed with the demonstration areas which included a putting green which must be unique.

Also I would like to congratulate Gordon Child and his wife who had organised the show superbly and are now probably hard at work on next year's show, which I hope everyone in our section will be attending.

## RICHARD WHYMAN

## LONDON SECTION

**T**WO points of interest. Congratulations to Jackie and Alan Greu, who have had their first child a baby boy named Andrew at 7lb 4oz.

Brian Kelly our section secretary celebrates 25 years service to Hainault Forest Golf Club this year and will be honoured with a presentation of a stereo record deck. Congratulations Brian!

Our first summer tournament was played at North Middlesex Golf Club on May 8. The afternoon was badly attended yet again (where are you all) but those who did play enjoyed themselves. The results were: 18 Hole Stableford Competition. 1st Chris Carpenter, Porters Park 40 points. 2nd Andrew Phillips, Hadley Wood, 36 points (back nine). 3rd Gareth Roberts, North Middlesex, 36 points.

## ANDREW PHILLIPS

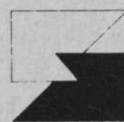
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