Boost for Building Fund

E&S Sportsground Contractors/Kestral Golf Ltd held a football tournament at Motspur Park recently for greenkeepers, groundsman and trade.

The London English team ended up victorious which was particularly disappointing to the London Scottish team who had to sit and watch Scotland’s unlucky defeat to Brazil in the World Cup later in the day. Richard Veitch, Managing Director of Kestral Golf Ltd, presented George Barr, of BIGGA’s Board of Management, with a cheque for £500 towards the Association’s Building Fund. E&S will also present a cheque for £250 to the JG’s Education Funds.

Contributing Golf Clubs

Ashton-in-Makerfield GC
Beaconfield GC
Bedford GC
Bingley St Ives GC
Birchwood GC
Blackmoor GC
Brancopeth Castle GC
Bristol & Clifton GC
Bromborough GC
Bungay & Waveney Valley GC
Cardigan GC
Chelveston GC
Childwell GC
Chipping Norton GC
Chorlton-Cum-Hardy GC
Christleton GC
Conwy GC
Coedon Beach GC
Coombes Hill GC

Copt Heath GC
Coventry Heath GC
Cowbridge GC
Crompton GC
Dorset & Dorley GC
Dunfermline GC
Edenmore GC
Enfield GC
Flamborough Head GC
Glentressie GC
Goodwood GC
Harrowbury GC
Heaggas Castle GC
Halifax GC
Halbister GC
Ham Manor GC
Hampstead GC
Hawiskauch GC
Hayles Common GC
Heywards Heath GC
Hindley GC
Hindhead GC
Ipswich GC
Kirklinton (Barassie) GC
Kirby Muir GC
Knowle GC
Lincoln GC
Little Aston GC
Loch Lomond GC
Longwood GC
Manchester GC
Masham GC
Mercer Wood GC
Moors Hall GC
Moorfield GC
Moorhouse GC
Moorlands GC
Moorpark GC
Moorway GC
Nairn GC
Normandy Hall GC
North Harps GC
North Oxford GC
North Wilts GC
Northend GC
Pakefield GC
Potters Bar GC
Purley Downs GC
Pyle and Kenfig GC
Ramsbury Castle GC
Revelstoke GC
Ravenwold GC
Roydenham Golf Society
Royal Birkdale GC
Royal Bournemouth Golf Society
Royal Cinque Ports GC
Royal Guernsey GC
Royal Liverpool GC
Royal Portrush GC
Royal St Georges GC
Royal West Norfolk GC
Royal Windsor GC
Sandy Lodge GC
Scarborough GC
Sedbergh GC
Sherwood Forest GC
Sotwell Park GC
Sonning GC
St Andrews
St Annes
St Bees GC
St Andrews
Stannmore GC
Sundridge Park GC

Sunningdale GC
Sutton Coldfield GC
Swinley Forest GC
Tain GC
Tandridge GC
Temple GC
Tenby Golf GC
Tenterden GC
The Wisley GC
Thorpeness GC
Tidworth Garrison GC
Tulliallan GC
Tynemouth GC
Tyrells Wood GC
Uttowxeter GC
Wesfield GC
Wathley GC
Wilton Heath GC
West Byfleet GC
Whitley Bay GC
Whittington Heath GC
Woburn Golf Club
Wrexham Golf Club
Worcestershire GC
Workop GC
York GC

Opening of Nicklaus-designed course

Master Greenkeeper Andy Campbell had his hands full on the Monday of Open week with the opening of the new Jack and Steve Nicklaus designed course at Carden Park Hotel, Golf Resort and Spa, near Chester.

Course Manager Andy had to cope with a 3000 strong gallery who had come to watch the inaugural match between the great man Jack Nicklaus himself and former Masters Champion and European number one, Ian Woosnam.

Nicklaus has previously withdrawn from The Open Championship - the first time he had missed it for since 1961 but was desperate to fulfil his commitment to Carden Park.

He flew into the UK on the morning of the opening and, despite obvious discomfort, thrilled the galleries with a commentary and description of the match and the magnificent new course.

Caddying for the big two where Woosnam’s Welsh World Cup of Golf winning partner, David Llewelyn, who carried Nicklaus’ bag and Ian Botham who totted the Woosnam bag.

Carden Park now boasts 192 room hotel, 45 holes, a Jack Nicklaus Golf School and a health spa with swimming pool, gymnasium, aerobic studio, tennis course, and mountain bike trails.

Carden Park, built by Kestral Golf Ltd, has also recently taken delivery of £300,000 worth of John Deere equipment.

From the Chairman’s desk...

It is with great regret that due to a lack of support the National Tournament for 1998 has had to be cancelled.

This is certainly no reflection on Scotts, who in partnership with BIGGA staff, were preparing a wonderful event at a superb venue, but is purely down to the lack of support from BIGGA members.

However from this major disappointment comes the opportunity for us to bring this event into the 21st century and this we intend to do for 1999.

Details will be announced in the near future.

May I say again how grateful we were for the support so willingly provided by both Scotts and the Latham Grange Resort who were so understanding of the circumstances which prevailed.

I would like to stress that any BIGGA event can only be successful with the support of its members and in this regard, members’ views are always welcome.

Gordon Child.

Stateside link for Merrist Wood College

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