North
Rejoining the Section this month is Gustav Griffiths, of Letham Grange. Gustav shared his greenskeeping at Tain and has been at Letham Grange for several years now. Let your say had my weekend at the Majestic Hotel in Harrogate, my prize from the raffle at BTME in January.

It was funny being there and none forward for committees, please get in touch with Sandy Bulloch. Those interested should contact Sandy on Tel:-01506 612423.

Next month is Stuart Griffiths, of Cathcart Castle GC. The winning team received the Shield and each player received a medal. I would like to thank Longridge GC for the opportunity to qualify again, should have reached you soon. Fifty seats have been restricted to 30, it is therefore strictly a first come first serve basis. Application forms are available from Sandy Bulloch. Numbers for this outing are restricted to 30, it is therefore 50, so please get in touch with Secretary Dougal Duguid on 01224 740329 for details.

The Northern Region provided six players, who had qualified (and made sure they didn’t get disqualified) to play in the Northern, Sheffield and Cleveland Sections arriving with five players, and the North East having only four players, who have turned the course into a Links course looking so green and lush in August. The winning team received the Northern notes? but I would like to thank Longridge GC for the opportunity to qualify again.

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allowing us the courtesy of the
course, the caters for a lovely
meal, and a host of Pattisons for
sponsoring this very popu-
lar tournament.

The next golf in the Section is
the Presidents Cup and AGM at
Wilsamlow Golf Club on
Thursday November 30. We
have the tee from 10am and
once the golf is completed we
will have the AGM before the
evening meal, and prize pre-
tation.

All entries to be received
by Friday, November 24, including
a cheque for £15 made out to
BIGGA North West. Send
entries to Bill Merritt, 225
Utting Avenue, Liverpool L4
9RB. Telephone 0151 2844416.

If you do not play golf you can
still attend the AGM and have
a meal. That seems to be for
now but any news or views
please contact me on 0151
7245412.

Bert Cross

North Wales

Well it has been a long time
hast it, enjoyed your summer
days and lasses I think not.

myself been in touch except Andy
Peel so I’ve now to write about
Anyhow autumn meet at
Vicars Cross you’ll all recieve your
forms winter lectures are
being arranged I will let you
know in due course see you soon.

Dave Goodridge

East Midlands

This year’s East Midlands V
East of England golf match was
played at the excellent venue of
Burghley Park G.C. on August
15. The format for the day
being a ten-a-side Fourball
Better-Ball Matchplay. On a
fine warm afternoon and
evening in near perfect condi-
tions some excellent golf was
played by both teams, with the
East Midlands.<

A little too strong for their oppo-
nents, winning by a four games
to one margin.

The Section also won the
nearest the pin 7th. Ian
Guest & Trade

South East Regional Seminar

You should have all received
by now, if you haven’t you will
in the next day or so, details and
a reservation form for a place at
the Regional Seminar. This year
it has been organised by the
East Anglia Section and is to be
held at Thorpeness Golf and
Country Hotel on Tuesday,
November 14. The Seminar is
titled ‘Future Developments in
the Greenkeeping Industry’ and
promises an interesting day,
hopefully giving Greenkeepers
an insight into the future!

I appreciate that Thorpeness
would be a long journey for
some members of the South
East Region, but the East Anglia
Committee have done a great
job in putting this Seminar

together and deserve your sup-
port. The cost for members is
a very reasonable £10, £15 for
non-members, to include a bus
trip and golf course before returning home.
Please don’t hesitate to con-
tact me should you not receive
your application form in the
next few days or with any oth-

Derek Farrington

East Anglia

A bright sunny day greeted us
when our happy band of wan-
derers descended on Royal
Cromer Golf Club for our third
Section meeting of the season.
As usual the course was in
excellent condition, as was
the Club House. I would like, on
behalf of the Section, to thank
the rest of the year as

the Ben Petitjean

graders descended on Royal
Cromer Golf Club and the visitors
took home the Shield with a vic-
tory of 4-1. The only winners on
the day for the E.O.E.
Section were Daniel Wells and
Graeme BarenDonald. Other
results were Simon Lidgard
and Les lost, George Venable
and Bill Watkin lost, Andy
Thomas and Kevin Hodges lost,
Roger Plummer and Adi Kitchener
also lost.

Many thanks to Les and
Simon from Cleethorpes for
making the long journey to
Stamford.

As usual the course was in
excellent condition and we
did not go win one in ten
years!

Anyhow the results are as fol-
loows: 1. L. Anderson 40pts: 2. G.
Wheeler 38pts; 3. C. Small
38pts; 4. D. Goodchild 38pts;
5. C. Evans 38pts. Longest dri-
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G. Wheeler 38pts; 3. C. Small
40pts; 40pts; 3. Mark Keysell,
Michael Virley, Halesworth GC,
39 points; 2. Richard
Plummer, Sheringham GC, 38
points; 2. Paul Gould, Thetford
Plummer, Sheringham GC, 41
points; 3. Paul Gould, Thetford

happy in the Section
newly elected Section
Secretary, Lars Merrell, who

the South

the Staff in the

then be two members

wished to

and to

day at such short notice, and
hopes more members will be
interested in playing in next
year’s event. Course status
should also be extended to
all members of the East of
England Section for making this
an enjoyable fixture.

Finally, I would like to thank
all the Greenkeeping Staff at
Burghley Park for setting up
such a neat and tidy golf course,
the Steward for a fantastic meal
at Burghley House and the
players for a grand prize table.

1. Ben Petitjean winning by
a four games to one margin.

Antony Bindley

Bucks and Oxon

The summer tournament was
held at Richings Park GC.
This was our second visit to the
course and Paul Russell and his
staff once again produced a
course to be proud of. Apart
from some dodgy monsoon-like
rain a great day was had by all,
and it was Section Secretary,
Linda Anderson, who turned
on the style to win with 40pts.
Not bad going win ten in
years!

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Longest Drive 18th, Andrew Gibbins.

Thank you to our main sponsors of the day Aventis and Ben Burgess and thank you to all our other sponsors, Tomlinson Groundcare, Atterton and Ellis, Consultant Clarkson, Lely UK, SISIS, Sheriffs, Stalham Engineering, for their continual support.

The loo seat went to Graham Paul, from Sheriffs, for hitting his drive from the 1st tee on to the roof of the Pro Shop. A feat that had never been done in the history of the club as the ball had travelled at an angle of 90 degrees from the tee. We had two new members join in the fun at this meeting. Andrew Gibbins, from Aldeburgh GC, and Roger Nicholson, from Stalham Engineering.

Our next meeting will be held at Walderingfield Heath Golf Club on October 10. I hope to see you all there. This year the Section is responsible for running the South Eastern Regional Seminar. It will be held at Thorpeness Country Club on November 14. Derek Farrington, the Regional Administrator will be posting the information in the magazine. Dates for all next year's events have been finalised so put these in your diary:

- Felixstowe Ferry GC, 24 April
- Richmond Park GC, 13 June
- Eaton GC, 1 August
- Purdis Heath, 10 October
- Eton GC, 1 August
- Purdis Heath, 10 October

See you all at the next meeting and remember the Regional Seminar.

Ian Willett.

Sussex

There are two golf days to report about this month.

Firstly, there was golf followed by a Tapas Bar at Copthorne Golf Club on July 11. I would like to thank Mike Gould and his staff for all their hard work and presenting the course in excellent condition.

The main sponsors for the day were Grass Roots in conjunction with Symbio. Other sponsors for the raffle etc. were, Avoncrop Amenity Products, Driving Force Leisure, CMW, E & S Sportsground and Tacit.

The format for the day was Four Ball Better Ball. On to the winners:


Nearest the pin winners were Alastair Cale, Rose Gould, Shaun Sturrock, Alan Bartup. Longest drive winner was Peter Gibbs.

Well done to all the winners and I am sure everybody enjoyed the Tapas Bar that followed.

On to the next event, which was played at Coorden Beach Golf Club on 16 August. Once again the course was in excellent condition and I am sure everybody who played will join me in thanking Stefan and his staff for all their hard work.

The format for this event was a Three Man Team Stableford Competition with all three scores counting.

The sponsor for the day was CMW. The prizes were presented by Mark Day, thanks for the fiver Mark! The winners of the team challenge shield are as follows:


Nearest the pin at the 14th, Brian Morrison. Nearest the pin at the 16th, Giles Johnson. Best Individual with 37 points was Mike Gould on count back from myself. The golf was followed by a superb barbeque. Thanks to everybody who turned up to the last two events.

The numbers were slightly down, so let's hope by the time this appears that the next event at Worthing Golf Club on 27 September has enjoyed a good turnout.

Gary Ogilvie.

Surrey

Our annual pilgrimage to Sunningdale Golf Club for the McMillan Tankard was on August 23 and from the comments I overheard and the congratulations bestowed on Brian Turner and his staff it was once again a venue that should never be missed. The weather was excellent and with the sun shining down on the new course. Surrey Section members did battle playing from the...
white tees. The result was that Nigel Colley won the Coveted Tankard but only by the skin of his teeth and on countback with 39 points. James Partridge was second and Ian Morrisson was third also with 39 points. Darren Lee was fourth with 37 points.

The August tournament took place just over a week later at Addington Palace Golf Club and although these events were so close together the turnout proved to be very high with 50 members booked to tee off from midday. Many thanks to Ron Christie the course manager and his team for presenting Addington Palace in such superb condition. Many who played the course for the first time stated their intention of returning ASAP to try again now that they have more knowledge of the complexities and subtle layout of the course especially the front nine holes. The winner was Dave Goddard with 40 points, runner up was Merrick Field 39 points and third place was filled by Mick Mclearn, 38 points.

To both Sunningdale and Addington Palace we thank them for the courtesy of their courses. We thank the artisans at Sunningdale for a fine buffet and the catering staff at Addington for a delicious three course meal.

Finally, Cameron McMillan has confirmed that the rumour floating around Surrey Section is true, he is joining his brother Ian at Queenwood and therefore we all wish them both every success for the future. Brian Willmott

Essex

One bridge definitely not too far is Abridge Golf & Country Club, nestled in the hills of Stapleford Tawney in Essex. This club is worth paying a visit to wherever you are located. Since taking over the reigns Head Greenkeeper, Jon Selwood, and Deputy Head, Steve Cox, have transformed what used to be a good course with potential to one with greens which most greenkeepers would give their eye teeth to have. Jon admits to being pleased with the course at the moment and puts a lot of his success down to the greenstaff at the club, they are: Steve Cox (Deputy), Chris Ward, Paul Aylett, Geoff Smith, Paul Bannock and Mark Singleton. Well done lads keep it up.

The Essex Section of BIGGA were at Abridge for the Driving Force Leisure and Advanta Seeds sponsored Autumn Trophy way back in August, we must try and get golf days closer to the publication of the magazine. Overall winner for the day was Chris Ward, Abridge, 36 points, with yes you guessed it, Andy Sheehan, Bentley, a close second on 35 points. Nearest the pin and Longest drive was sponsored by Greenkeeper Supply Company, both prizes went to guests, P. Swan nearest the pin and P. Brackley longest drive. The handicap categories were divided into two divisions, 0 - 16 and 17 - 28. First place in the 0 - 16 went to Ray Clark, Channels, followed by Jon Selwood, Abridge, Tony ICirwin, Colchester, and Steve Crosdale, Gt. Hadham. Geoff Smith, Abridge, won the 17 - 28 group with Martin Guy, Paul Aylett, Abridge, and Sonny Willis completing the 1-2-3-4. The scores have been left out to save embarrassment to one of the eight named above.

Trade winners were I. Richard Fortmuller, 35pts. 2. Matt Gresty, 34pts with the guest prizes going to Paul Bambley 34pts and Gerry Goldstein 31pts. Congrats to all those who came away with a prize.

Other companies deserving a mention are:- Tuckwells who sponsored the halfway house, (what a great idea!), Sherriffs, for the flyers, and Grass Roots, Banks Gem and Bishops Brothers for the raffle prizes.

Above all on behalf of the Essex Section I would like to extend my thanks to Abridge Golf and Country Club and all its staff, catering and greens.

New Members: Grant Warner, from Harwich and Dovercourt and Sonny Willis, of Stapleford Abbots, join us this month, Sonny has already picked up a prize coming fourth at Abridge.

Tit-bits; The Go-Karting scheduled for the end of November has had to be cancelled.

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Ian Willett (01728) 452759 is looking for D32/D33 assessors to help him out on the Essex/Suffolk Border.

Support is required for the South East Regional Seminar held at Thorpness GC on Tuesday November 14.

Finally our next golf day is to be held at Bishops Stortford, playing for the winter trophy, forms should be with you by now as the event is held on Thursday October 19. See you there.

Steve Crosdale

South West

My apologies for not publishing a report in last month's magazine. Unfortunately I was just too late getting my article in.

The summer Tournament was kindly sponsored by Ocmis and hosted by Erlestoke Sands Golf Club. As I was unable to attend, reports that have come back to me say that the course was superbly set up for the event, so congratulations to Don Southey and his greensstaff. The overall results of the competition were: Best score by a Head Greenkeeper, A. Akerman. Best score by an Assistant, K. May.

The golf was followed by an interesting talk from Cannington College. Thanks once again to Ocmis for providing some excellent prizes and Erlestoke for allowing us courtesy of the course and providing the food afterwards.

The next event is only just around the corner. This will be the Autumn Tournament and AGM taking place on Thursday, November 2 at Weston Golf Club. For anyone interested in taking one of those highly sought after places on the BIGGA South West, here's your chance.

A few days later on November 22, Cannington College will be hosting the Regional Seminar. Included in this year's event is a line up of speakers that are bound to get tongues wagging. Jim Arthur will kick off the seminar followed by the highly entertaining Frank Newbery.

Finally, Amenity Technology will round off the day. I am still enquiring about an educational day out to one of the top courses in the country. Hopefully the day would comprise of a question and answer session, tour of the club's facilities and a round of golf.

The only remaining course I have planned for this year is a beginners' computer course in December at Lilley Brook Golf Club in mid December. The course will be taken by Ken Richardson from BIGGA HQ. Half the places are already filled, so for more information, telephone me on 01249 783382.

Paul Cunningham

Devon and Cornwall

The Devon Garden Machinery Section meeting and AGM will be held at Launceston Golf Club on Wednesday 15 November. The morning's golf will be of foursome format for the Toro Trophy with the prizes being kindly donated by Devon Garden Machinery and Lely. As usual the non-golfer's course walk will leave the club house at approximately 10.30am.

Lunch will be from 1pm onwards followed by the golf presentation and a short company presentation by Devon Garden Machinery, our sponsor for the day. The section's AGM will conclude the day.

It's now time to book your place on the region's Amenity Technology sponsored package to the BTME show and seminars which will be held in Harrogate next January. The trip departs on January 23 and returns on January 26, 2001, with the cost of £110 members, £150 non members.

The Regional Conference and Workshop will take place on Wednesday, November 22, at Cannington College. Details of this event have been sent to you through Greenkeeper International.

The cost of the day will be £15 members, £22.50 non-members. The morning seminar speakers will be Frank Newbury, Stuart Ashworth and Jim Arthur with the afternoon workshop being presented by Frank Newbury.

For more information regarding the Conference and BTME
contact Paula Humphries on 01288 353438.

During last year the Section held three very successful pesticide training days with a 100% pass rate.

Congratulations to all. This winter the Section will organise training days to suit your needs, e.g. pesticide, first aid, computer courses with dates and venues being arranged when sufficient numbers have been reached. The Section will keep the cost of training as low as possible and don’t forget if you pay for the training yourself, you may be able to claim a grant from BIGGA.

For more information please contact me on 01288 353438.

Richard Whyman

South Coast

Very little to report this month. The annual match against the South West was held at Marlborough Golf Club on September 5. The result was a 3/2 win for the South West. The annual match against the Surrey Section could be arranged. I will keep you posted.

The Turkey Trot and AGM will be at Hockley Golf Club for the second year. Entries to Chris Sturgess please. Costs will be in next month’s issue.

Anyone interested in the committee please contact either myself or Fred Deamen.

Tony Gadd

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**BIGGA Regional Network**

For any information regarding BIGGA activities, please contact your local Regional Administrator and/or Section Secretary, who will be pleased to offer help and advice on any of the areas in which the Association operates. A complete list is printed, here, on the right.