Greenkeeper International’s puzzle page has a festive theme this month to keep you entertained during the cold snap.

CROSSWORD - Compiled by Anax

ACROSS
1 No 1 hit for The Supremes in 1964 (4,4)
5 Having a pH of less than 7 (6)
10 Australian folksong whose title refers to the swaying motion of a backpack (8,7)
11 Viscera, entrails (7)
12 In German folklore, the siren who lured boatmen to destruction (7)
13 Bartholomew —, Portuguese explorer who navigated the Cape of Good Hope in 1488 (4)
14 Cricketer who became Pakistan captain in 1982 (5,4)
17 Type of merry-go-round which turns on a tapered steel point (9)
19 Egyptian goddess of fertility (4)
22 In isolation, not referring to related evidence (2,5)
23 Israel's largest city (3,4)
24 Scottish waterway linking the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean (10,5)
25 Snow vehicle mounted on runners, usually pulled by horses (6)
26 Con trick used to cheat people of money (4,4)

DOWN
1 Building feature also called an oriel (3,6)
2 American singer, — Carlisle (7)
3 Reptile similar to but smaller than a crocodile (6)
4 Place on horizon where parallel lines meet (9,5)
6 Provision of food (6)
7 Samson's betrayer, name applied to any femme fatale (7)
8 Omnivorous mammal native to Central and Southern America (5)
9 Expression of smug self-satisfaction (2,3,5,4)
15 Tennessee's state capital (9)
16 Political column of the Mail on Sunday (5,3)
18 Necessitate, require (7)
20 Tropical or subtropical flat grassland (7)
21 Small glass bottle, usually for perfume (6)
22 Bone of the ear also called the anvil (5)

ANAGRAM
As it's Christmas, can you work out these two festive songs?

ENGLISH TINT    CLAMS THIS STAR

QUICK ‘NINE HOLE’ QUIZ
1. Which golfer, a LPGA or PGA tour member, became the first to win the same tournament five times in a row?
2. What proportion of Britons spend Christmas abroad?
3. Which national football team, who have qualified for the 2006 World Cup, are known as 'the Hawks'?
4. Which celebrity chef is setting up a cannabis treatment course for workers at his restaurant?
5. Shirley Webb has been selected for Scotland's Commonwealth Games team in which event?
6. Which national newspaper editor found herself making the news after a “silly row” with her Eastend husband led to her arrest?
7. Which Guinness Premiership team does Mark Van Gisbergen play for?
8. Which pop star has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Gloucester?
9. Who did Chicago White Sox beat in the World Series?

SUDOKU
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE
Look closely at the pictures below and try and spot the difference between them. You should be able to spot six!

ANSWERS TO ALL THE PUZZLES ARE SHOWN ON PAGE 59
attending. My thanks go to Roger Davey, of Irritech Limited, for their Sponsorship, assisted by PSD Agronomy’s Jay Dodson and Andy Cole.

The facilities at Padbrook Park were such that we were able to hold four different lectures in the same room all at the same time. Unfortunately the weather was very wet which prevented us all from going on the course which was the original intention for one of the workshops mainly for Roger to demonstrate the GPS System. I suppose we can’t expect weather to suit our demands in November.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Party in December at Okehampton Golf Club

Donovan O Hunt.

Events Co-ordinator

South Wales

Our AGM took place at Raglan Park GC, a respectable 35 attending. A big thank you to the club for allowing us to host our Autumn Tournament and AGM there, if you ever get a chance to.

We are indebted to him and it was a pleasure working with him.

Russell Anderson has taken over the Chairman’s role from me. I would like to wish him all the best for the next two years. It was a tremendous honour and a privilege to represent the South Wales Section as Chairman. I met some wonderful people and made some life long friends. To be honest I was not looking forward to taking up the roll, when then Chairman, Julian Bartlett Jones, asked me to be his Vice, almost four years ago. But I accepted it and I loved every minute of it and will cherish the memories. To be truthful, I was quite reluctant to hand over, but I am handing over to a worthy Chairman. Our Section is in good hands.

We were honoured to have our Chief Executive, John Pemberton, to our Autumn Competition and AGM. I know he is a busy man, especially at this time of year as I am sure most AGMs around the country are taking place. He gave us all an interesting insight to the goings on at HQ. It was also lovely to see our Regional Representative, Jane Jones. I had the pleasure of playing golf with her that day.

Rigby Taylor Final was played over a rather windy Tenby Golf Club. Around 36 played golf, congratulations to the winners, high scoring, where’s Andy Roach (match captain) when you need him?

Rigby Taylor Final was played over a rather windy Tenby GC. The Chairman reported back saying the course was in excellent condition. Thanks to Course Manager, Chris Jenkins, for his preparation work and to Tenby GC for allowing us to host our Blue Ribbon event there.

Congratulations to both finalists, although there has to be a winner and Daryl Jones and Leyton Seymour beat Adrian Panks and Gary Humphries. Big thanks to Rigby Taylor for there continued sponsorship and in particularly Dave Carvey and Roy Barker for their help organising and for looking after the finalists.

The 53rd Annual Dinner of the Wales branch of the IOG was held on Friday October 7 at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff. Almost 30 Greenkeepers and partners attended. A great night was had by all and we are hoping to make this an annual get together.

The Winter Evening Lecture Series 2006 has been finalised and is as follows. January 11 - Alex Edwards, Inturf, ‘From start to finish the production of custom grown turf from soil preparation through to delivery’. February 8, Martin Ward, Symbo, ‘Composted Tea - a novel approach to brewing your own’. March 8, Chris Briggs, Avoncrop, ‘An update on amenity pesticides and relevant legislation’. April 12, Celtic Manor Resort, Maintenance Facility visit - 'A tour of this state of the art maintenance complex by Course Manager Jim McKenzie. April 27, Annual Spring Seminar, Royal Porthcawl Golf Club, sponsored by Headland Amenity Products. All these evenings are free.

Angus Macleod

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