CROSSWORD
ACROSS
1. Of an insurance claim, paid without assigning blame to any party (2,5)
5. Title bestowed upon kings of ancient Egypt (7)
9. French city famed for its rayon and silk manufacture (5)
10. Factory which uses cheap, non-union labour (5-4)
11. Theoretical particle, opposed to one measured in “flavours” (9)
13. Specific item of work (4)
14. An unexpected victory (5)
21. Deductions from mutual fund payments to cover sales (4)
22. Russian gymnast who won her first Olympic gold in 1976 (6,3)
23. Title bestowed upon kings of ancient Egypt (7)
24. Leader of a group - name taken from a children’s game (4,2,3,6)
25. The upper jawbone (7)

DOWN
1. Type of fruit; word used informally to mean “exactly” (4)
2. A dangerous toxic condition experienced during or immediately after pregnancy (9)
3. French city famed for its rayon and silk manufacture (5)
4. Term for any creature having two feet (5)
5. An unexpected victory (5)
6. Any remarkable occurrence (10)
7. Theoretical particle, opposed to one measured in “flavours” (9)
8. Shortened name of animal whose name means “river horse” (5)
9. Leader of a group - name taken from a children’s game (4,2,3,6)
10. Snooker player awarded the OBE in 2001 (5,5)
11. Slider, sacrifice fly and R.B.I are all terms used in which sport? (2,3,4)
12. They are the only Olympic sport that has a finish line that no competitor will ever cross (9)
13. Which Olympic sport needs a planting box? (5)
14. What is the name of the 1980 comedy film about golf which spawned a sequel in 1988? (7)
15. How many penalty strokes are added for a lost ball in golf? (5,5)
16. The volume of a golf ball is approximately equal to how many cubic centimetres? R, 22 or 40? (7)
17. What was the name of the 1988 comedy film about golf which spawned a sequel in 1988? (7)
18. The upper jawbone (7)
19. In which sport do players take long and short corners? (6)
20. Which sport is played over four periods of 15 minutes where only two of the seven players can score? (6)
21. What is the name of the 1980 comedy film about golf which spawned a sequel in 1988? (7)
22. Russian gymnast who won her first Olympic gold in 1976 (6,3)
23. Cricket ground located in St. John’s Wood in London (5)
24. What is the name of the 1980 comedy film about golf which spawned a sequel in 1988? (7)
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QUICK ‘NINE HOLE’ QUIZ
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2. In which sport do players take long and short corners? (2,3,4)
3. Which Olympic sport needs a planting box? (5)
4. Which non-mechanical sport achieves the highest speeds? (5)
5. Which sport is played over four periods of 15 minutes where only two of the seven players can score? (6)
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MONSTER SUDOKU
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9 and the letters A,B and C.

SQUIGGLY SUDOKU
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 12 box shape contains the numbers 1 to 9.
I start my column this month with some desperately sad news. Our great friend and colleague Don Hunt passed away suddenly on Monday, May 14. Don supported greenkeepers up and down the country all his life and he was also the events organiser for the Devon and Cornwall Section of BIGGA. Don will leave a massive void in the world of greenkeeping and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

During a recent committee meeting of the Devon and Cornwall Section, Abi Crosswood, of Newquay GC, was appointed Secretary of the Section. Abi will be supported by all the “old boys” and Billy Mitchell was given the honour of becoming Abi’s Assistant. Graham Gallimore, the Head Greenkeeper at Launceston GC, is the Education Chairman and John Patfey is the new Fixtures Secretary with Tim Wakeham taking on the role of Treasurer.

Ashbury Golf Club in Okehampton have won The Large Employer of the Year Award at the South West Skills Awards. The Course Manager, Steve Harris, along with his Deputy, Pete Gross, have carried out all training “in-house” with the help of Bill Pyle and Ron Skinner from the Duchy College, no fewer than 12 greenkeepers from Ashbury achieved their NVQ Level 2. More training is planned for this year for Level 2/3 NVQs and A1 Assessor awards. The partnership between the college and the workplace has been expertly managed and congratulations go to everyone involved.

The Section, along with the Duchy College, sponsored four students to attend the BTME show in January. One of the students sponsored, Mike Wannell, Assistant Greenkeeper at Bovey Castle GC, went on to win The Institute of Groundsmanship Student of the Year Award. This is a fantastic achievement for Mike, Bovey Castle and Duchy College Well Done All!

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Steve Evans

The Tower Sport Europe Spring Shield was recently played for at the Coody-Moister GC near Bridgend.

The weather was glorious, hot, no wind - ideal for golf and low scoring. The course was a picture, presented superbly by Head Greenkeeper Andrew Hatcher and his team. The greens were true, slick and firm and it was evident to all that participated that a lot of work and effort had been put in (and not only for our benefit) for our tournament, the first of the year.

The hospitality afforded us by all at the golf club was excellent, warm and friendly, they went out of their way to make us feel welcome and it was appreciated.

Tower Sports took on the sponsorship of this event and it was their inaugural competition. Managing Director, David Goldstone got us off to a flying start and then proceeded to take care of everyone throughout the entire day. Again the hospitality afforded us by tower, David and our local representative Gareth Knight was superb. A sincere thank you to you for their support, the excellent prize table, their hospitality and to David for his attendance and kind words in summing up after presenting the prizes.

Following the golf we were treated to an excellent three course dinner in the marquee, prior to the football (which we won) and then to Gareth Summerton especially for allowing us our visit.

Peter Lacey - Section Secretary

PS: Our best wishes to our normal (if we can call him that) around the green scribe, Henry Stead, whose unfortunate trip has resulted in him needing surgery.

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