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**Around the Green**

**South Wales**

**Hello Everyone! Sue Mac!**

Firstly, let me say that it gave me no pleasure at all contacting you right about England's performance during the World Cup. What it's hard trying to type with my fingers crossed!!

At least it meant that not many people outside of this side of the Severn bridge noticed that Wales were defeated on their way to the semi-finals, All Blacks and were quite pleased to have only lost by 19 points in the second last game. Now both the English football and the Welsh rugby teams can look forward to seeing you all very soon.

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**Devon and Cornwall**

**Stuart Ashworth BSc, Indigrow’s Technical Director, agronomist and South West Golf Manager**

Our Annual General Meeting was held at Hay on Wye and for their honeymoon very welcome to the little wildlife-close up you didn’t go to Merrick Telford town on a Saturday night and we spent two weeks in Kenya. Good luck to both for the future.

A belated congratulations go out to Richard Patterson of Crook Golf Club, who made an honest woman out of this partner, and who will have earned his waiting for the sun won’t last forever! Expectations in life bear heav-

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**John Pemberton Chief Executive**

Another Open comes and goes and congratulations are due to Gordon Moir, Gordon Mckie and the remainder of the greencare staff at St Andrews for their superb presentation of the course. The television did not do it justice especially when seen in the early morning or late evening. We all had it. The longer shadows accentuated the contours of the fairways and added something special to the approaches and greens, at such times I defy any golfer not to wish that this could be their home course to play as often as they like.

Thank you to the many volunteers drawn from the membership that formed the BGGA Open Support Group and who represented the Association in such an excellent manner and I want to thank all of you not only for your hard work but also for catching up with members that I had met on some previous occasions. The Team had an unexpected extra duty to perform when called out at short notice to diot fairways at 4.30am on Saturday morning as a consequence of the delay in play the day before. Undertaken by the prospect of such an early start they took it in their stride, reinforcing to the R&A the value of the Team to the Event.

Friday was memorable not just for the chaos that it caused in the pace of play but also for the presentation to Rob Holland of the 2010 LGT Award for his expenditure in helping out at East Anglia. This took place, quite fittingly, in the BGGA marque and was witnessed by many of his lifelong peers and supporters. Everyone was to be presented with a copy of the book as you will read elsewhere in this magazine and when I started with BGGA in 1993, subsequently taking over the directorship of the company known as in those days, Cecil and Jimmy Neilson were in charge of BGGA’s presence on the 1st tee, a role they were about to pass on.

By the time you read this column I will have had a further meeting this weekend with representatives of the trade who are seeking to develop a one show strategy for the industry. As I write it has been my wish to meet just exactly which company is leading up this group referred to as ‘the trade’ but I am sure I will be enlightened in due course. BGGA and the ICG are in discussions with the leading organisations on certain projects but I can assure our members and our supporters that this does not currently include abandoning Harragaye’s West and Salts in favour of a unified show. BGGA is working hard to make it work at Harragaye meet the expectations of our visitors. The team of directors, the Board and Staff are determined to shake off and counter the criticisms of ‘same old show, same old visitors’. We’re up for it and you all will have to wait to see what Watch this space as they say.