Ayrshire

Hi all. Hope you all well and things are going as planned for the winter ahead. Here's hoping it's not as bad as last year.

Some of you may have heard through grape vine that I have moved on from my post as Head Greenkeeper at The Hurlford Club in Ayrshire. Well that news is correct.

An opportunity arose for me to move back to Ayrshire and they were full on the cards. They were about to turn down, I will be working in a company called Prestwick Pro Lawn. Out with the greenkeeping world but working in the domestic market. I would like to take this chance to thank all those that cared and for the opportunity that was given to me, I really enjoyed my time there and wish everyone all the best at the course.

A little bundle of joy was born into the Grant family back on July 9th this year. Baby girl Tully Amelain. Euan Grant and his wife have their hands full now with this on their hands. Congratulations to all the 110 greenkeepers who were working on the course. I 100% assume what your course would look like if you had 110 greenkeepers working on it. It's a struggle for all the guys working there showed great determination to get the even on Sunday. It was lucky for me to work on that day at Celtic Manor, because if I was there I would have struggled even more.

For the next month or so we will hear from our北方 region representative. The weather this month isn't that severe than your courses are struggling to open. The Ryder Cup has been gone and unfortunately the weather wreaked havoc with the course due to the competition. The Europeans won in the end and in Monty's closing speech he said, well done to the 110 greenkeepers who were working on the course.

The top scoring team was 1st. the North West, 93 pts; 2. N. Booth; 3. R. Smith. Div 3. 1. A. Baxter; 2. T. Gerrard; 3. N. Coultish. Div 2. 1. A. Holroyde; 2. T. Gerrard; 3. N. Coultish. Div 1. A. Holroyde; 2. T. Gerrard; 3. N. Coultish. We've been busy because we heard that the Ryder cup is going to be on the move. Josh Lester who manages the Scottish 200 Club was also drawn.

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Change of management at Mold GC on September 22 with all six Sections entering a team and a new one entry. The Northern tournament was successfully run in great shape for the Ryder Cup veteran. It was a good day for the boys from Westhill.

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Neilson Trophy" is Stableford,

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we have nearly 90 playing members
turn up for the contest, a record for Longniddry July

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torrential
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golf course flooded. By the time
you read this, it will have hopefully
been played as it was re scheduled on

October 13 if it's not snowing

will be followed by the Section AGM.

All the winners and details of the meeting should be
oursite by now www.bigga cen-
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Congratulations to Innes
Knight, Sandy Reid and Gordon
McLaren for a successful Alfred
Dunhill Links Championship and also to Jim McKeene and
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Hells everyone hope you are
all well. Having spent a week
in sunny Majorca, it was
time to reconnect to the monsoon
season. On September 29 we
held our Autumn Tournament at
the Vale of Llangollen golf
Club on September 29 with all
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Heritage Trophy 1. Paul Sharp, from Peterculter

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We had a great start to the autumn competition then more rain. Thought there couldn’t be any more up there to spoil our day, but it was wrong.

I woke up on October 1st feeling “Hey no really start to the day. But alas that was only for a day we are going to have.

Well that was confirmed when I got a phone call from Tommy, Harrison saying that the course was flooded could get in touch with everything telling them not to bother as we’d be on temporary greens on most of the course. So I said to Tommy I said, I couldn’t do that because we never know who will be playing on the day.

So off we went down to Gosforth GC hoping that the weather would change and it certainly did, we played on about 11 winter greens and seven normal ones but unfortunately all the usual number turners being a paltry eight people, but credit must go to the Head Greenkeeper, Tony Harrison. Unfortunately the course was still long cut due to the weather. Thanks lads, because I honestly didn’t think we could play another day. That’s never happened in the three times we have been there.

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Every two years an event occurs which is of such mind blowing magnitude that it is hard to believe it is happening, afterwards by all who were privileged enough to witness it. While I appreciate this may be a recent endeavour I am, of course, talking about the Celtic Manor Ryder Cup. I can only see the situation getting better before and as we move into winter I wish all of you the best and hope that we are able to work with our slightly over-exuberant, partially crooked toast the highs off what should be the greatest
testimony to the work we have done and the rest is history as they say.

So on that note I will leave you and we will catch up again in December

South East

Greenkeeper, D. Thackery, on being presented with a momento for 25 years’ service. Our best wishes to the family on the birth of their baby, which was due on the 29th of our golf day. We should all be grateful to be held at Hatfield GC, Ogden on December 8. First tee 10am. Please try to be there on time. Getting to be held at Hatfield GC, Ogden on December 8. First tee 10am. Please try to be there on time. Getting to be held at Hatfield GC, Ogden on December 8. First tee 10am. Please try to be there on time. Getting to be held at Hatfield GC, Ogden on December 8. First tee 10am. Please try to be there on time.

Kent

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I know I may have disappointed some of you with the results and how they were sought.

Midland

Well there we are again trying to pursue the question notes with nothing more than the thanks to our sponsors and promotion of golfing events.

Nothing new there then. Of course the kind sponsor of the calendar page are our new friends Turfmech, based in Sheffield. They can be contacted on: 0114 271 2903, for all your machinery requirements.

By the time you read this it will have been turned over to Paul Frith, of Bentley GC, with rounds of 72 and 71, our Cat 1 representative. He takes over the crown from Graham Tregunno, our Cat 2 representative, who we need to make it three in a row for the East Midlands Section!

Don’t be shy, I’m going to present him with a special trophy, let’s just say that I had a 75 in round one and the thought of being in contention led to an England cricket style mid order collapse, (mainly through holes 6, 7, 8 and 9) where approximately 32 shoots were up run.

The Headland Pairs is into its final stages. This year’s final is to be contested by Paul Frith and Andrew Nigel Colley, against Tom Hunt and Paul Kendall, results hopefully in the next update. A new section laptop and printer. It was decided that we needed a more up to date laptop which we have ordered. In the mean time things forward. The old laptop has been handed on to the Competition Secretary.

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I woke up on October 6 feeling rather down. ‘Hey no, it’s October already; the start of a day we are going to have. Well that was confirmed when I got a phone call from Allan Morton, asking who this guy was and if he had been given details on our annual outing to Whitley Bay in a couple of weeks’ time. I was only fooling around, but I had a smile on my face when I hung up.

So off we went down to Gosforth GC hoping that the weather would change and it certainly did, we played on 11 winter greens and seven normal ones but unfortunately only the usual number turned up, being a paltry eight people, but credit must go to the Head Greenkeeper, Tony Murray and the rest of the team, for putting up another great day.

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Gosforth GC, 72 nett; J.S. Richardson, Hexham GC, 72 nett; T. Moultrie, Hexham GC, 75 nett and G. Batson, Alnwick GC had a NR. Thank you also to Allan Morton, and Rigtig Taylor, G. Busch for their prizes which would have been presented, but the Spring one as well and, of course, the scores club giving us the nature and not forgetting the caterers, because that was some food.

Midland

Hello all,

Well what do I write about now? I know, wormy! Yes we all get them don’t they and make a mess of things? Did you realise that the average worm will........about wormy! Firstly thank you if you haven’t already found out, congratulations to Paul Frith, of Bentall GC, with rounds of 72 and 71, our Cat 1 representative. He takes over the crown from Richard Godden, after he relinquished it, and we need to make it there in a row for the East Midlands Section

Don’t be silly, I’m not going to present a report on any one of the kind sponsor of the calendar page are our new friends Turftraxx, based in Shropshire. They can be contacted on: 01892 271 503, for all your machinery requirements.

Our match on September 28 was a terrific match at two quality courses. My team partnership with Mike gave us more scope for moving around the greenkeepers’ lot? A promotion

6. What one thing - other than holding greenkeeping positions - do you think you’d be? Teaching professional golf

Five and a half years.

Daniel: 60

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Assistant Professors

Our monthly look into the life of an assistant greenkeeper

How long have you been greenkeeping?

Fire and a half years.

2. What was it about the career that you originally involved in golf and working outside

3. If you weren’t a greenkeeper what do you think you’d be doing now?

5. What was your first greenkeeping job?

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Devon and Cornwall

Hello all,

On Wednesday, October 6 the Section held its AGM at Stover GC. The day began with the obligatory bacon butties, followed by a Golf or a Course Walk. Lunch and then the meeting. The day was attended by 36 members and guests, which considering the time of year, was a strong attendance.

Jason Hampton, Course Manager, lead the course walk on this highly regarded, 18 hole championship golf course and 18 walk and park staff enjoyed the experience.

The Essex Section AGM and Training day is planned for Saturday, December 2 at the Essex Golf & Country Club, Danbury, Essex. The day will start at 10am and end at 4pm. The day will be held in a day where we can all enjoy the experience.

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Hi all,

As I write this the sun is shining again! To those of you who have experienced and it didn’t rain! Devon County Club, Devon, has recently struck an exciting deal with Toro and have obtained a Toro T540 cup. A free event with many thanks to Jason and his team for presenting a wonderful course and to all the staff at Stover GC for their hospitality.

Now you can have your own ‘how to’ guide on greenkeeping.

South Coast

Well that’s it for now, the golf season is coming to an end. We will have to look forward to next year with a little more optimism. However, I hope you all enjoyed the year and the series of events that we have organised this year. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at Ashbury Hotel and Golf Club, Ashurst, Hampshire. It will be held in a very busy month we’ve had with the IOG Saltex Show, the Autumn Trophy, the National Championship, and the Section AGM. Not the best of conditions for a round of golf, but what fun we’ve had. And to finish the year, I would like to wish all the greenkeepers a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Section.

Essex

What a busy month we’ve had with the IOG Saltex Show, the Autumn Trophy meeting at Bentall Golf Club, the Section AGM and Training day at Bentall Golf Club and the Essex Autumn meeting at Ashbury Hotel and Golf Club, Ashurst, Hampshire. The day will be held in a day where we can all enjoy the experience.
keepers from various Bury golf clubs have taken advantage of a seminar arranged by this Section at Bury St. Edmunds. Many thanks to Gavin Kyle, who in conjunction with Nigel Church and William Chapman, have arranged the seminar to include machinery pre-checks and the latest in turf maintenance cutting techniques. The attendance of greenkeepers will receive CPD points for participating.

Paul (Graindard) Weston hosted Ian Morrison, Assistant Course Manager at Omeda GC and partner, Lisa, took delivery of their new son, Jadon, 6lbs. 6oz. on September 27th at Guildford GC. The family have moved to William Kelly, ex-assistant greenkeeper to her father, Rob Smith, at GC of Scotland, and are now Course Manager at West Hill GC. Ben, who takes over from Morrison, was welcomed by his father, ex-Assistant Course Manager, at Sandmar- ron GC.

Please remember that our AGM takes place after the Surrey Golf Club AGM on December 7.

Brian Willott

Southwest and South Wales

Hi all,

On Wednesday, October 6 the Section held its AGM at Stover GC. The day began with the obligatory bacon butties, followed by Golf or a Course Walk, lunch and then the meet- ing. The day was attended by 36 members and guests, which is a good turn out for such a strong attendance.

Jason Hamilton, Course Manager, lead the course walk on this highly regarded, 18 hole course. Both golfers and pedestrian walkers enjoyed bright sunshine on what was a glorious day. The golf day for the day was individual Stableford playing for the "Hunton Trophy". Don worked on the machinery for many years and was a strong supporter of BIGGA. He even took on the mantle of Section Administrator when it proved difficult to find a man to fill the role. It was a fitting day to remember Don. Prizes for the day were sponsored by Boram, Andy Cracknell, Steve Crosdale and a number of other local businesses.

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South Coast

Hi all,

As I write this the sun is shining again on the south coast of England - rain that hindered the Ryder Cup has moved away along with the spectacles of the last couple of years. Sunset Golf Tournament 2010 into a must watch. My heart goes out to all those in the south coast Autumn maintenance have dominated the work load over the last few weeks, so it is well earned.

This is another very successful event with many thanks to everyone who supported the AGM.

South West

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Spoke to you all soon, remember your stories would always welcome... Adam Matthews adam1.matthews@hotmail.co.uk

South Wales

Hi everyone! Blod Mawr?

Wales, it is said, has over 600 castles, a legacy of when the Nor- mans who, having beaten the English in one day in 1066, took a further 200 years to subdue the Welsh. These castles are now tourist attractions. Many lie in ruins, just like the intentions of those who did not want Wales to host the 2010 Ryder Cup.

Given the history of our proud nation, did they really think that we would not succeed? The Celtic Manor literally moved mountains to host the event, and when the predicted bad weather turned up on the Friday and Sunday and was even worse than expected, the Green staff at The Celtic Manor, aided by over 70 volunteers from our Section, the South West, Devon and Cornwall and further afield, worked tirelessly to ensure that the competition was the complete success that it turned out to be.

Starting work at 5am and working 15 hour shifts, the Green staff worked extremely hard to remove surface water from the greens, draining, re-distributing sand and re-making wet bunkers and spreading wood chipp on spectator pathways. Even this monumental effort though, could not stop the competition from moving into an unprecedented fourth day. But what a day!

Wonderful sunshine that set off the spectacular views of the Usk Valley and then a tremendous, nail biting finale, which Team Europe finally emerged victorious.

It is now the day after the event. I bought both the Daily Mirror and The Western Mail to see what the press had on the event. There was no mention of the rain, only delight in the victory and praise for the Green staff and the course, both from the Europeans and the Americans. In particular it was reported that Director Of Golf, Jim McIntyre hardly slept that weekend. I think it was for longer than that event!

Three things caught my eye in the Western Mail: Hero of the week: Course Director Jim McIntyre and his army of 110 Greenkeepers for saving the entire event

Villain of the week: The US Tour for staging the FedEx Cup the previous weekend, forcing this to be the latest ever Ryder Cup (Wales was bathed in sunshine on the weekend) And finally Photo of the Week: Tiger Woods apparently eyeing up Katherine Jenkins at a stage at the opening ceremony. You'll have to fight me for her, Tiger! Anyway, a big “Well Done” to you Jim and your staff on behalf of the Section for producing a spectacular golf course under such difficult conditions and also could you thank Sir Terry Matthews on behalf of the Section for coming back to his birth place and making it all possible!

Also thank you to Steve Chappell, Section Secretary, for organising the small fleet of caravans that were used as temporary accommodation for the volunteers all over the weekend. A tremendous effort!!

Oh! I nearly forgot! Well done to Colin Montgomery and his team for a stunning victory! I know that I started this column with some patriotic comments, but that’s the way I feel today.

Proud to be Welsh, proud of my friends in the Section for all their hard work and proud to have been a greenkeeper myself!

I tried to contact some of the guys today but many were in bed, unable to move! I am sure that when they recover they will look back with pride on an experience that they will never forget.

If you were a volunteer at the 2010 Ryder Cup and wish to relay your (printable) experiences via this column then feel free to contact me on the number and e mail address below and I will add it to next month’s Around The Green.

Regards

Cardiff

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NOVEMBER

Date
Event
Venue
Contact

November 2nd
East Scotland Section AGM
Kingfield Golf Centre
Stuart Ferguson at studreg@internet.com or mobile 07961 603503

November 3rd
IGT Scortsturf
Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh
http://www.scortsturf.com/

November 3rd
BB&O Autumn Section Event
Darlington Golf Park
Adam King at a@ajcalcadley.org or 01213 543119 or mobile 07778 569158

November 3rd
South East Regional Conference
Plumpton College
Cllr Dougol at clrveaugh@yahoo.co.uk or 07737 815833

November 4th
Devon & Cornwall Section Top Cup
Porthean Golf Club
George Petts at gpetts.yelverton@googlemail.com or 07929 754401

November 10th
IGT West Yorkshire/Leeds Branch Event
Clickendon Sports Centre
Rod Heylo at rodneyel@talktalk.net or mobile 07748 053539

November 15th
Tournament Turf Workshops
Fire – Elmwood Golf Club Training Facility
Presented by Bernhard & Syngenta. Contact Catherine McIwan (Bernhard & Co) 01788 811600 or email Catherine.mcIwan@bernhard.co.uk

November 16th
Tournament Turf Workshops
Manchester – Marriot Worsley Park Golf Club
Presented by Bernhard & Syngenta. Contact Catherine McIwan (Bernhard & Co) 01788 811600 or email Catherine.mcIwan@bernhard.co.uk

November 17th
Tournament Turf Workshops
Bedfordshire – Luton Hoo Golf and Hotel
Presented by Bernhard & Syngenta. Contact Catherine McIwan (Bernhard & Co) 01788 811600 or email Catherine.mcIwan@bernhard.co.uk

November 19th
Tournament Turf Workshops
West Midlands – Robin Hood Golf Club
Presented by Bernhard & Syngenta. Contact Catherine McIwan (Bernhard & Co) 01788 811600 or email Catherine.mcIwan@bernhard.co.uk

November 19th
Tournament Turf Workshops
Kent – Widenerness Golf Club
Presented by Bernhard & Syngenta. Contact Catherine McIwan (Bernhard & Co) 01788 811600 or email Catherine.mcIwan@bernhard.co.uk

November 19th
South West and South Wales Regional Conference
Carrington Centre for Landcare Studies
Jane Jones at janejoness1@btconnect.com or mobile 07817 984510

November 29th
Sheffield Section Event
Landcare Golf Club
James Stevens at jmeaney_jama20@bt.com or 07738 719614

December 1st
North Wales Section Event and AGM
Mile End Golf Club
Jeremy Hughes at jHughes69@aol.com or 07876 774810

December 2nd
North West Section AGM & Bert Cross Trophy
Wivilford Golf Club
Phil Devonant on mobile 07768 190604

December 7th
Surrey Section AGM
Guildford Golf Club
Ron Christie at ronchristie@stopenworld.com or 07779 170977

December 9th
East Midlands Section Christmas Tournament
Coggrave Place Golf and Country Club
Andrew de Wet at biggesteastmidlands@hotmail.com or 07730 718935

December 15th
East Anglia Section Event
Thorpeness Golf Club
Ian Willet at info@thorpeness.co.uk or 07929 203960

December 16th
Mid Anglia Section Event
Ashridge Golf Club
Gerald Bruce at Gerald@berkhamstededge.co.uk or 07774 921600

December 16th
East of England Section Event
Steadford Golf Club
Bruce Hicks at brucehicksl@gmail.com or 07931 569058