keepers from various Bury golf clubs have taken advantage of a seminar arranged by this Section at the Tameside GC, Ashton-Under-Lyne. Many thanks to Gavin Kyle, who in conjunction with Nigel Church and William Young, have arranged the seminar to include machinery pre-start checks and diagnostic setting up and cutting units. The attending greenkeepers will receive CPD points for participating.

Paul (Grandad) Weston, chairman of North West Essex, assisted by his son, Michael Commissioner at Ottersea GC and partner, Lisa, took delivery of their new son, Jaden, 6lbs. 7ozs. on 29th August at Addington Park, Surbiton. The happy couple were watched over by Kelly, ex assistant greenkeeper to her father, Robin Smith, at ex-University GC, and her husband, Rupert, on the birth of their first son, Flynn Seth 8 lbs. on August 6.

Welcome to Surrey to Mark Haydon, Head Greenkeeper at Ditton Park GC, who has taken over from Roger Tydeman as Coursie Manager at Croham Hurst GC. We would like to wish Mark and Elyse, new Coursie Manager at West Hill GC, Ben, who takes over from Tyrone Morris, who has recently retired as Course Manager, at Sandmarsh GC.

Please remember that our AGM takes place after the Turkey Trophy at Guildford GC on December 7. Brian Willmot

South West and South Wales

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 Golf or a Course Walk, lunch and then the meet- ing. The day was attended by 36 members and guests, which considering the weather and course conditions was a strong attendance.

Jason Hampton, Course Manager, lead the course walk on this high regarded, 18 hole course. The golfers were joined by the觞6th was won also by Steve Crosdale and the winner of the Pin on the 6th was lady, Siobhan Cook, from Colchester GC.

It was a great day, and every- one took advantage of the very reasonable prices with many thanks for Benton Hall for allowing us to use their facility. Also a massive thanks to Adi Mountain and his greenkeeper team for a well prepared and presented golf course. And, last but not by means least, a massive thank you to our bar and kitchen staff for looking after us.

The evening was held at National Coursie & Coaches at The Berkshire, sponsored by the following: Stuart Rogers, Barry Mann, Andy Cracknell, Tom Bowney, Antony Kirkwood, Steve Cousins, Dougie Fernie, and Ben Scriver. I understand that Antony Kirkwood was in the prizes on the first day winning his category and also a trophy, and Stuart Bowney won the Top Dog on the second day. Well done to all the golfers that enjoyed the evening.

The Essex Section AGM and Trophy Presentation meeting is on Thursday, December 2 at The Essex Golf & Country Club, Brentwood. All members, and non-members, no late entries will be accepted. Two BIGGA Section members in a team of four please, individual entries will be teamed up. Cost per person £25 or £20 for Essex & Thames Valleytex members. The following positions on the committee are due for renewal.

Chairman: the Section Secretary (Chris Watson)

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The Section committee met at Southend GC. The next golfing week will be at Broadstone. The next golfing fixture will be our President’s Day, here at Barton on December 13 where golf, raffle, wind, rain and financial turmoils will all be on offer.

South Coast

Hi all,

As I write this the sun is shining again and after the rain that hindered the Ryder Cup has moved away along with the spectacular golf of the 2010 Course into a must bath. My heart goes out to all the volunteers at the Ryder Cup after the stormy weather this week. As we say here in our weather reports ‘it’s going to rain!’

The South Coast Section played the annual match against the South West Sec- tion, at the Royal County of Berkshire GC. The result was another resounding win for the South West, four points to two for the South Coast. The winners were Joe Cooper, playing with James Stewart, so well done to them. For the South Coast, we would like to thank the following people for their support whilst on committee.

Tony Gadd.

South West

Well it’s that time of year, the Autumn Trophy is just around the corner. You will have to look forward to now. Big thanks to everyone that played really. Halloween is just around the corner (thus I reckon some people will still dress up from last year)! But more importantly the Autumn Trophy will be playing on the Monday at the moment, and from the looks of it the guys at Celtic Manor have really set this course up well. The course looks amazing. After around nine months in the making it all comes down this week’s play. Everything is in order, the course is in top condition and the weather looks to be sunny.

All this to be ruined by the most awful weather this year. My God.