Midland Region

Hello all, with everyone being heads down and working hard the last month has been quiet. No news is good news but we are looking forward to seeing what the problem is, whatever it may be. 

First some good news from previous Harrogate, who is making good progress and is well on the way from his recent heart attack. 

On another note, we had a big match based around Forest Hill, Greg Skinner and I have decided that the only way to settle who was at fault for our whopping big loss, the Head in the Midlands competition, will be a “Putt Out” over 9 holes at our next committee meeting at Birstall GC. News on the results of this tomorrow.

Bravely linking into Harrogate News, the semi finals are now known and are as follows, Northern Section, P. Frith and N. Colley; S. Pands and M. Baruney, and Southern Section, P. F. Skinner and A. Porter v. H. F. Kindred. Hopefully we will be able to report on the outcome of these matches at the next meeting.

By the time you are reading this update we will be due to have the Autumn Tournament at Charnwood, then afterwards hold our AGM, this will be at Hinckley GC on Wednesday October 20, the last two events have been very well attended with numbers over 40 at each event, and more encouragingly lots of new faces. These are a great match to meet and socialise with colleagues and we always have an update on our day to day diary, regardless of golfing ability. The cost for the tournament is £17 to all golfers, £25 to trade, 3 course meal at Birstall GC generous inclusion of some more prizes. All entries to Andy De Wet, by October 13 please.

Looking forward to future information, Ian McClaude.

North West

Firstly, let me apologise for not contributing notes for the last couple of editions. Greenkeeper Internationals, sick relatives miles away and having very little time to write has been the concerning factors. Having said that I still have nothing new to say.

The summer has now come to an end and more of us will have or are currently completing the autumnal renovation work, the turf is being lain and the concern of last year’s weather is at the forefront of my mind. I have always been one to ensure every piece of turf is laid by the end of the year. This year, last year we finished turfing in February/March due to the snow, this was full of the driest spring in my memory causing cracking and very poor looking turf. Having said that “What doesn’t kill me makes me stronger”, At Heeston the past weekend, we have just held a dance for the members, not only did we have a clean sheet all the way through and the end, but also had 115 people raising over £300 for cancer charities. Give it a try, it’s a fun, the way by we called it “The Shining in the Shed”. So there you have it! I told you I had nothing to report, before next months notes, I’m going on a tour to find interesting things to write about, as always please contact me with any info,

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North East

It is time that already again the 5th of the month Section news is due to get in touch with the editor pretty much as quick as will miss the deadline. Again nothing coming in so I have to rely on news from the website or wherever.

Well I got a very interesting phone call from David Goldey of the GTC informing me that, as from September, Newcastle College has now been confirmed as an Approved Quality Assurance Centre, so if you have any staff who need to go to college get them enrolled you can be more any central than that. It’s a long time coming, info can be accessed from either Wayne Rieks in the Training of Tel: 01922492047.

Next on my list is that, Jordan Gibson and Rupee Bhat will hopefully retain the White Moss trophy in the Inter-Section tournament at Silkstone on Saturday 10th October at Llangollen GC. This is in its third year. Finally, congratulations to Jordan Gibson and his new on their addition to the family, a baby girl.

Jim Richmond

North Wales

Autumn is well and truly kicking in now, with these leaves their grip on the trees, colder nights and much shorter days. But do we mean? Of course we do, but we have a clean sheet all the way through and the end, which is the fun, the way we called it “The Shining in the Shed”. So there you have it! I told you I had nothing to report, before next months notes, I’m going on a tour to find interesting things to write about, as always please contact me with any info,

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North Central

Congratulations to Section Vice Chairman, Derek Ross in all his hard work, to the Section, to the Harrogate branch and to Sam who came into the world weighing a massive 4.9kg this. It may have been an in the last month’s report but Sam didn’t realise it had a deadline to sources.

We had a great turnout for the seminar on September 1 to hear Stan Zontek, that Kaminski and Peter Dodernoo talk about the different types of winter damage that have been or are having. There were between 40 and 50 people packed into the room and it was great to see the different age groups there listening to the greenkeepers just starting out in their career to people such as Walter Woods and John Philp who have reached the very top of the profession.

By the time you read this the autumn outing will have been played and the winning scorers will be on the website www.biggacentralsection.org.uk and I’ll include the results in the next report. Finally, a reminder that the Section AGM will be held on Wednesday, October 13, in the training room at Elmwood Golf Club, Knarsborough GC. (Hope we soon get some younger members to come and see what all the excitement is about)

North East

As usual any news or gossip please contact me Frank Stewart, 72 West Park Grove, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA11 2DY. Mob. 07947410278. email frankstewartc@googlemail.com

North West

Hello everyone. Hope you are all well, as I sit here writing this article. Nice to see the sun after all the recent rain. On August 25 we held our invitation day at Harrogate GC. Our thanks go to everyone at Harrogate for the use of their hospitality and course. We would also like to thank Tony and his team for presenting a superb course and credit to all.

The winners on the day were R. Walker and J. Lampkin with 43pts on a back 9 and the course. We would also like to thank everyone at Harrogate for all the hard work they have done, and we hope you all enjoy the autumn.

Going into the next month we have once again reached the Autumn blues? It’s a hard time of year, however, last year we had the driest summer on record and we now have the time reflect on what a great year we had. With such in mind the Section Midland committee will be going to Harrogate to see on the North Wales BIGGA tournament isn’t that far away, we will be on the website www.amenity.co.uk <http://www.amenity.co.uk> soon get some younger members to come and see what all the excitement is about.

By the time you are reading this has had a good long hot spells coupled with very little rain but as requested in August’s edition for information needs and other turf collection requirements needs and other turf collection needs and other turf requirements. As I have said before the website www.biggacentralsection.org.uk <http://www.biggacentralsection.org.uk> is the place to cross them and make them book.

5. Which book do you most enjoy eating and why?

6. What thing - other than a golf club - would improve the greenkeeper’s lot?

7. Hobbies? Golf, socialising, taking and playing the dog for a walk.

8. Favourite Band? Hiink 182 and Kings of Leon

9. Which team do you support (Football or otherwise)? Both the team as I love and support sports and don’t support anyone.

10. What is your claim to fame? I love to tell my local paper a lot for breaking course records or holes-in-one. Or just winning big golf events.

Name: David Patrick
Age: 33
Club: Sheffield GC
Position: Assistant Greenkeeper
ickname: Dave

1. How long have you been greenkeeping? Three years
2. What is it about the career that attracted you? Always wanted to work outside and the hours are great
3. If you weren’t a greenkeeper what do you think you’d be?
4. I would have loved to have been a pro golfer but I don’t play so much now.
5. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why?

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