**South West and South Wales**

**South Wales**

Hi Everyone!

Firstly, Here's hoping that you are all well and are looking forward to our annual day of recognition and the subsequent comments of approval and encouragement for members of staff.

The Summer tournament was held at Glynhurst Golf Club on Saturday 22nd August. The weather was terrible and 25 players enjoyed the weather (after a wet start). We would like to thank Tacit for their continued sponsorship. The tournament was again won by a 3rd year student and golf course that was in great condition, which was a credit to HKG Kevin Griffiths, Darrel Jones and the rest of the Greenstaff.

The muffin breakfast was excellent, as were the prizes, which were supplied by the day’s sponsors, Tacit, represented by Steve McKinnon. There was plenty for sponsoring our section once more.

The results were as follows:

Nearest The Pin: Nigel Sandham.

Cert Richards

**South Coast**

Hi all,

Hope your summer is going well, as I write this in early August the weather forecasters say it’s on the way! Like a curious goatherd and golf course that was in great condition, we will see.

Firstly, the results of the summer tournament held at Broadlands Golf Club in July. This is our invitation day sponsored by Tacit, the prize table consists of wine (lots of it). Results: 1. Chris Bitten and Clive Conover, Stoneham, 2. Tony Gadd and Graham Hodgetts, Barons, 3. Stephen Christopher and Stephen Raymert, Barton on Sea, 4. Longest Drive, Chris Bitten.

Nearest The Pin – Tony Crouch. Hole in One. Ben Bishopp. What a day! First the weather took a massive change and blew a gale, at least it didn’t rain.

Wonderful to see some old faces returning to the section after a Tony Rideout, Tony Crouch and Tony Locke. Also great to see some alumni back in the fold. Jeffrey Finch, Rob M, and all of you! We miss and wish them all the best for their future.

From the Sections we would like to congratulate, Steve Mason in his HAPPY HOURS! Finally, we would like to congratulate him on all his work for the society and all that he has done for Greenkeeping in general. It wasn’t for Steve, Greenkeeping could not have been so well established on our course. So, I must congratulate him on this and thank him well in whatever venture he chooses.

Tony Gadd

**Devon and Cornwall**

Hello all.

Not much to report regarding events as this is our quiet time? We now have a full fixture list for the forthcoming 2010-2011 season of events. Fixture cards have been sponsored and printed courtesy of Tacit, and there is an event for your diary will be our Golf Day and AM at St Agnes Golf Club on Saturday 25th September.

The fixture cards will be sent out next weekend and I look forward to hearing from all of you soon.

George Pitts

**South West**

What a great week that was, not just to be a part of the Greenkeepers’ lot, but with everyone involved.

I agree, I’m sure that Lee Westwood is enjoying his life and I’m pretty sure that I would have been there.

Friday was the day play was started, I happened to be at the club on Friday, watching him hit balls for about 30 minutes, and still not even the weather conditions would stop him!

Saturday was the end, he was determined to win and he did.

The wins were classes. The only one I did not get to see was Tiger Woods winning the Open at St Andrews.

This month I want to tell you about my time at The Open. The Open arrived on the Wednesday which was of the main practice day, not that I will wish to look back into the 2010-2011 season of events.

This is my account of watching the Open at St Andrews.

I arrived a little early on the Wednesday, I had never been to the Open before, but I was looking forward to playing and seeing all the star players.

I was waiting around to see if I could get into the venue, but I was told that I had to wait until the next day. I was totally unprepared for the experience, but it was well worth a visit.

I will always remember that feeling of walking through the course, and being able to look out over the sea. I will be back next year to see all the star players again.

**Assistant Professor**

Our monthly look into the life of an assistant professor...

This is not the first time that ‘Shellos’ has been featured in a magazine.

This pool playing poet once accompanied his team for all their efforts.

Name: Kenny Rodgers
Age: 24
Club: East Kilbride
Position: Assistant
Nickname: Shellos

1. How long have you been greenkeeping?

Two and a half years

2. What was it about the career that attracted you? Like working outdoors.

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

I would like to think that I would be a successful author.

4. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why? Cutting rough or raking bunkers on a sunny’s day

5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why? Shoveling! Millions of cores feels like it’s never going to end.

6. What one thing - other than a pay rise - would you do to improve the greenkeepers’ lot?

There should be a rule banning members from playing before 5am.

7. Hobbies? Pool, snooker, watching football

8. Favourite Band? Kenny Rodgers

9. Which team do you support Glamorgan

10. What is your claim to fame?

Once had a poem published in a magazine...