of 2010, down in Southampton we had more snow than I can remember sledging and snow ball fights better than ever.

Section news is a bit slow this time of year as it is either under snow or later than usual, so more news next month.

Hope everyone had a great time at Harrogate, met up with old friends and made new ones. Try this year to keep in contact with all of them as you promised late at night in Wetherpoons.

Make this the year that you play all the Section golf days, do extra education, get fit, read that book you have always wanted to read, start to play a musical instrument and visit that place in the world that you have always liked the look of.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Section events this year as we have some great venues, so practice well get your handicap down and join in, meet new people get ideas and solutions, new ideas. Don’t forget to ask other greenkeepers, so please support your Sections.

Chris Bitten

that is the Silver Salver prize for best scores throughout the season - the winner is Ian Kinley of Cranleigh Golf Club.

A great day was had by all 33 golfers, or should I say hardy souls, braved the arctic winds and alet showers to play 18 holes over the wonderfully pre- sided course. Huge thanks to Ian Kinley and his team for their hard work in such testing conditions. Ian told me that they basically couldn’t prepare the greens in any way, save changing the holes on the morning of the competition and yet the feedback was that the greens were excellent! 38 sat down for the traditional Christmas dinner which didn’t disappoint so our thanks go to Jo and her team for looking after us. Thanks also to Wyn Davies and Chris Hopkins, from Ted Holmes & John Pike, from Toro, for sponsoring the day. Finally thanks to Royal Birkdale and Sean Park for agreeing to host the event.

We also wish Tony Horne a speedy recovery after Tony suffered a heart attack before Christmas. We wish him and his family all the best.

The evening lecture for February will take place at Pensford college on Wednesday, Feb 23 at 7pm. Speaker to be confirmed. Thanks again to our friends from Countrywide for sponsoring the night.

On the education front, the annual Avoncrop Amenity Products Education Seminar will be again be held at Ashburnham Golf Club on Wednesday, February 9. The day will include a bacon roll and coffee on arrival and also a buffet lunch. Give me a call if you would like to reserve a place.

That’s it for now. See you all soon I hope.

Ceri Richards 07831 301664 cericjrichardson@hotmail.com

Devon and Cornwall

Hello all,

Apologies for no notes last month, but there wasn’t much to report as I managed to get the summary of the Perthshire meeting in before the deadline and in the December edition. Our Annual Christmas meeting was held at Saunton Golf Club on Wednesday, December 15 with 80+ attendees enjoying a fresh but gorgeous sunny day. The event was kindly sponsored by MIST and britech. The day consisted of G or a Course walk led by Ray Day, Course Manager at Saunton Golf Club. Starting with Make this Golf (Apologies if I have left anyone out, as unfortunately I mislaid my notes).

The format was Greensomes playing on the traditional Christmas dinner which didn’t disappoint so our thanks go to Jo and her team for looking after us. Thanks also to Wyn Davies and Chris Hopkins, from Ted Holmes & John Pike, from Toro, for sponsoring the day. Finally thanks to Royal Birkdale and Sean Park for agreeing to host the event.

Hi everyone

Hope you are all well.

As I write, the heavy snow of the Christmas period has finally gone and many of you returned to work to find your greens in a better condition than they usually are after the Christmas and New Year golf fixtures, mainly because there weren’t any ! The snow didn’t help much clubs’ finances, but it did mean that we would only return to work to find your greens in a better condition than they usually are after the Christmas and New Year golf fixtures, mainly because there weren’t any bad new stories that I can give you the results of the Christmas competition.

The results from the Christmas Competition at Royal Portrush are as follows: Winner - Andy Roach, 34pts; 2nd Leigh Davies, 30pts; 3rd Garette Knight, 29pts.

Nearest the Pin - Alan Abel, Longest drive - Davy Jones (about 3 miles) Best Trade - Alan Abel, 31pts, Christmas Special - Lucy Sellick, 12pts. Guess the table boil - Lucy Sellick 12pts. Sorry Lucy! Steve Chappell put

a sucker golfers to try out their new clubs, electric trolleys and loud sweaters! And on that subject I can give you the results of the Christmas competition.

The results from the Christmas Competition at Royal Portrush are as follows: Winner - Andy Roach, 34pts; 2nd Leigh Davies, 30pts; 3rd Garette Knight, 29pts.

Nearest the Pin - Alan Abel, Longest drive - Davy Jones (about 3 miles) Best Trade - Alan Abel, 31pts, Christmas Special - Lucy Sellick, 12pts. Guess the table boil - Lucy Sellick 12pts. Sorry Lucy! Steve Chappell put

A great day was had by all 33 golfers, or should I say hardy souls, braved the arctic winds and alet showers to play 18 holes over the wonderfully pre- sided course. Huge thanks to Ian Kinley and his team for their hard work in such testing conditions. Ian told me that they basically couldn’t prepare the greens in any way, save changing the holes on the morning of the competition and yet the feedback was that the greens were excellent! 38 sat down for the traditional Christmas dinner which didn’t disappoint so our thanks go to Jo and her team for looking after us. Thanks also to Wyn Davies and Chris Hopkins, from Ted Holmes & John Pike, from Toro, for sponsoring the day. Finally thanks to Royal Birkdale and Sean Park for agreeing to host the event.

We also wish Tony Horne a speedy recovery after Tony suffered a heart attack before Christmas. We wish him and his family all the best.

The evening lecture for February will take place at Pensford college on Wednesday, Feb 23 at 7pm. Speaker to be confirmed. Thanks again to our friends from Countrywide for sponsoring the night.

On the education front, the annual Avoncrop Amenity Products Education Seminar will be again be held at Ashburnham Golf Club on Wednesday, February 9. The day will include a bacon roll and coffee on arrival and also a buffet lunch. Give me a call if you would like to reserve a place.

That’s it for now. See you all soon I hope.

Ceri Richards 07831 301664 cericjrichardson@hotmail.com

Devon and Cornwall

Hello all,

Apologies for no notes last month, but there wasn’t much to report as I managed to get the summary of the Perthshire meeting in before the deadline and in the December edition. Our Annual Christmas meeting was held at Saunton Golf Club on Wednesday, December 15 with 80+ attendees enjoying a fresh but gorgeous sunny day. The event was kindly sponsored by MIST and britech. The day consisted of G or a Course walk led by Ray Day, Course Manager at Saunton Golf Club. Starting with Make this Golf (Apologies if I have left anyone out, as unfortunately I mislaid my notes).

The format was Greensomes playing on the traditional Christmas dinner which didn’t disappoint so our thanks go to Jo and her team for looking after us. Thanks also to Wyn Davies and Chris Hopkins, from Ted Holmes & John Pike, from Toro, for sponsoring the day. Finally thanks to Royal Birkdale and Sean Park for agreeing to host the event.

Hi everyone

Hope you are all well.

As I write, the heavy snow of the Christmas period has finally gone and many of you returned to work to find your greens in a better condition than they usually are after the Christmas and New Year golf fixtures, mainly because there weren’t any ! The snow didn’t help much clubs’ finances, but it did mean that we would only return to work to find your greens in a better condition than they usually are after the Christmas and New Year golf fixtures, mainly because there weren’t any bad new stories that I can give you the results of the Christmas competition.

The results from the Christmas Competition at Royal Portrush are as follows: Winner - Andy Roach, 34pts; 2nd Leigh Davies, 30pts; 3rd Garette Knight, 29pts.

Nearest the Pin - Alan Abel, Longest drive - Davy Jones (about 3 miles) Best Trade - Alan Abel, 31pts, Christmas Special - Lucy Sellick, 12pts. Guess the table boil - Lucy Sellick 12pts. Sorry Lucy! Steve Chappell put

A great day was had by all 33 golfers, or should I say hardy souls, braved the arctic winds and alet showers to play 18 holes over the wonderfully pre- sided course. Huge thanks to Ian Kinley and his team for their hard work in such testing conditions. Ian told me that they basically couldn’t prepare the greens in any way, save changi...