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Scottish Region

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The Exhibition and Conference I found to be excellent with a wide variety of machines, irri- gation companies, construction, contractors, waste management and advisory services available for all to see. The seminars I attended were of an extremely high standard and gave me a few things to consider for the future. Personally I’m sure I didn’t get to see everybody, but it just amazes me how many people you bump into and then once you start talking time just evaporates. I do apologise to Gerry for not taking photos but I didn’t want to have any litigation proceedings raised against me for some of the uncomplimentary situations I witnessed. Only joking, fellow docs.

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Please remember my email address is gerrybruen@golfclub.co.uk and my numbers 0141-942-5554, or 07790 823914 for any news.

While we’re on the subject, congratulations to Christian Carvel and his wife on the birth of their twins and I hope all is well as well as our financial arm, Stuart Taylor.

Ayrshire

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On February 24, John Deere dealer, Charlie’s Groundcare, held a demonstration day at

Henlle Golf Club, pictures now available on Facebook group “North Wales Biggar” a big thank you goes to Henlle and especially How Roberts and to for their time and for giving us the venue to view the products.

On March 2 the Section will hold a seminar at Abergeldie Golf Club, the headline subject of the seminar is “Drug Abuse in the Soil!” with the seminar being given by Ian MacMillan we know it can only be extremely interesting. The seminar is only a half-day, being held between 11am and 3pm and I believe it counts towards CPD points. A full write up in next month’s column and pictures will also be available on Facebook.

That’s about it, I’ve lost the will to find anything else to write about so all the best until next month! Peter Maybury mobile 07756 001187 e-mail petersmaybury6@ msn.com I look forward to seeing you at

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The first part of our Region’s activities has been arranged, and they are as follows:

Wednesday, April 13 Spring Tournament, Heanor GC, tee 10am to 11.30am.

Thursday, June 16 North West v North Wales, Heaton Moor GC

Wednesday, June 29 Summer Tournament, Grange Park GC, tee 2.15pm.

Wednesday, July 6 North West v North Wales 20-20 cricket Ashley Cricket Club, nearNicholson 4.30pm Tee-off.

Thursday, September 29 Autumn Tournament Dunham

Northern

North Wales

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The golf events for the new season will again be the ES20 into Edinburgh, payable one week in advance of March. Our annual fee for us all will be held at the K.P. Club Paddocking on April 20, 1st tee 10am. I look forward to seeing many of you on the day. If you require any information or forthcoming events or have any news or gossip, please contact me F Stewart 72, West Park Grove, Roundhay, LS8 2DY Mob: 07794 401278 e-mail: frankstewart3j@hotmail.co.uk.

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Section Notes

Cleveland

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Hello everyone,

We reach that time of year again when the hard work starts and we get interested in joining in the Sports Turf Committee. Don’t be afraid to ask for advice or help, you are more than welcome to attend. It will be our first meeting of the year and we will be having a meal afterwards. I do hope you can join us.

The first Section meeting will be held at the Cleveland Golf Club on April 4th. It’s a busy time since we last had an event but we will be looking to plan a few of these which will be a definite change from what we have had in the past years.

We will be having a meeting at 7pm, followed by a meal at 8pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact me on 07791695768 or Kevin Scobie on 07927185127 regarding more details.

East of England

To begin with, congratulations to all of BLOGA for another successful Harragote Show. Suddenly the summer seems like a whole lot closer! Also all the best to John Pemberton on his retirement. It seems that our Competition Secretary, Andy Unwin, is having a real battle of his own with the woodlouse. Andy is very much hoping that things will settle down for him in the coming months, but at the moment the problem is still very much alive. Andy Unwin, in a personal note, thanked Pembo for their support and said that they will continue to support the competition. He also said that the course was in very good condition at the time of the competition, which was a great relief for Andy and all those who have been working hard to prepare for it.

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**Essex**

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Our first golf event kicks off on 20th February at Bourn Brook. All details of which will appear in the next issue. We look forward to a good turn out.

South Devon

Hello all! Our January meeting at Devon & Cornwall Golf Club was a great success. We had a good mix of courses and the evening was well attended. We will be holding a team event in April.

East Sussex

One day First Aid courses, the training was held at Newquay Golf Club on the 26th January. It will be a 2pm kick off, 45 minutes lunch after the game and we start the day's play again 15 points to make up the team. If you are interested please contact Mark Bentley at mark@bentleygolf.co.uk

If you have anything for inclusion in News coming to me please contact me on essexbigga@sclients.net

**South West & Wales**

**Bristol**

The Speaker for March is Mr George Phillips, George Phillips will be talking about his experiences in rugby. It will be a very interesting evening and he will be giving us lots of inside information and stories. The evening will be held at The Royal Bath Hotel in Bath on Thursday, 17th March 2011. A wonderful opportunity to meet and socialise with the other members of the Section.

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**South West**

Our next event is the annual Spring Swing tournament at Bovey Castle, this will be held on the 2nd April, details will be published in the next issue.

**South Coast**

Hello and welcome to all our South Coast members, at the time of writing this report the snows of December seen a dis- tance memory thank goodness. The current cold spell has not open for nine days in December and I believe other clubs were also off one day. The current weather has now allowed us to get on with the usual aeration work to the course as well as supporting some outstanding construction work on Tren and Trafalgar courses. The Bankfoot County Championships in June so that is something I am looking forward to.

News from around the Section is scarcer but I have been informed that the Kings Park GC, has left his post after working at thisGC over a very long period. We send our best wishes to him.

Hayes is evergreen during this trying conditions. The more positive thing is that we will all have to give blood! I think we will be stuck to the bone marrow next year. The weather during February is always a great event. If you would like to give then please give. Ed Stimpson and the team would love to see you there.

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Our first ever golf outing kid off at The Essex GC, details of which will appear in next month's newsletter.

No snow at all during the 2010 season;

Events

South West and South Wales

The section seminar which is usually held in March has been put back to the end of January; a fantastic Harrogate day to be here to continue. There were some good numbers of attendees who made the effort to get here.

The course walk ended with the shelter of the Maintenance facilities and then a quick sprint to the 18th green where we can be very brave (I thought of another golfer) world's, who managed 18 holes in the rain. The blue, the trees, the reward was a place at this years national tournament at Westport GC in October funded by the section. On the day, the winners were, 1. Gordon Tumblin, Mullion GC, nett 75; 2. Gavin Moore, Portmore Park; 3. Mark Turner, Saunton GC, nett 80. Nearest the pin went to Gordon Tumblin, Southend Drive went to GREG O'REILLY, St George's GC.

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Well done, Colin! Also, congratulations to all Devon and Cornwall members who were recognised at this year's awards at Harrogate, the Section would like to extend our congratulations to our very own Bob Maynard at Portmore Park for the Achievement of winning this years STRI Environment Award. We can't help but step in and deliver a very professional and entertaining session. Many thanks to Newquay Golf Club for the use of the hospitality on the day.

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The good news is that he has been given Greenkeepers of the Year and biscuits! The downside is that we will all have to give feedback! I think we'll stick to Pencenned Cup and the social front, the South Wales WIG Dinner and Dance will be held at The Swan, Skewen, Swansea on 30th November and will always a great event. If you would like to go then give Steve an email, he is a club and myself.

Australian Prime Minister, Mrs Julia Gillard sends her apologies but I am assured that Peter will be there for us and all the section members who will be there. She is very much looking forward to seeing the association and the Section back in business.

Please contact me with any news you would like to be included in these notes.

George Pitts
Section Secretary
Bigga Devon & Cornwall

Chairman Mark Stopps thanks The Essex GC & Country Club for their hospitality and arrangements, BIGGA and allowing us to use the course facilities and catering for our Opening Ceremony and all their hard work in presenting it in this fine state. Finally to all the players who attended for catering for their hospitality, and the excellent meal we enjoyed. We wish to thank the sponsors and trade representatives who supported our raffle table.

Education: On the education front, we are running a section day on the 1st First Aid courses, the first of which is being held at The Burstead Golf Club, Tuesday, March 15. These courses are covering basic First Aid, this is the one hour course for staff who wish to undertake the more advanced courses. We welcome Neil to The Essex GC & Country Club for the evening of the event and we enjoy his time with us. The position of Chairman was also up for election and our current Chairman was willing to stand again for a further year and being unopposed he was declared in the position of Chairman and will keep up the good work. Mark thanks our section sponsors for their support and hoped that they would continue to support the section during the coming year.

A full report of the AGM can be found on our website.

The day's proceedings kicked off with our AGM at 8.30am. Over 28 members attended and the position of Chairman Mark Stopps ran us through last year's accounts and the section's report.

The election to the post of Education Officer was taken by Ian Wood from Romford Golf Club. Thanks were given to Paul O’Kane for his time in the position. The election to the position of a new position was that of Neil Peachey (P. Tuckwell Ltd) as our representative on the BIGGA board. This position is on nomination and vote from the sponsors of our section and one member involves the management. We welcome Neil to The Essex GC & Country Club for the evening of the event and we enjoy his time with us. The position of Chairman was also up for election and our current Chairman was willing to stand again for a further year and being unopposed he was declared in the position of Chairman and will keep up the good work. Mark thanks our section sponsors for their support and hoped that they would continue to support the section during the coming year.

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South Coast

Hello and welcome to all our South Coast members, at the start of the season in February we had sunny days and the snow of December seen a distant memory thank goodness.

South Devon: We are open for nine days in December and I believe another clubs were open for some of these. The current weather has now allowed us to get on with the usual aeration work to the course as well as supporting some outstanding construction work on Tees and Greens. We are getting ready for the County Championships in June so that is something I’m looking forward to.

News from around the Section is scarcer than I have been so far, but the weather from the snows of December seem a distant memory thank goodness.

Essex

All hell! Our January meeting at Potters Bar Golf Club on Wednesday, January 12. A wild, wet and windy day, breaved by 50 strongers enough to enjoy a cup of tea or golf in these trying conditions. Newscoast is a great links course with a fantastic vista of the Chilterns and Fratral beach from all 18 holes.

I shouldn't have been that wide so please support his efforts.

Our first ever golf outing kid off at The Essex GC, details of which will appear in next month's newsletter.

No snow at all during the 2010 season;