Devin and Cornwall

Hello all members. On Wednesday, 5th October our Section’s AGM was held at Portmore Golf Club, near Barnstaple, North Devon. A total of 50 attendees enjoyed either an Individual Stableford Golf competition or a Course walk led by Colin Webber, Director, and Josh Webber, Course Manager at Portmore Golf Club. Colin and Josh have worked tirelessly to make Portmore one of the most sustainably managed Golf Clubs in the country. This hard work was rewarded back in January with the Club winning the “Overall Achievement Award” in the STIG Golf Environment Awards 2011.

Colin and Jo then explained how every area of the business has been audited to ensure that maximum economic efficiency is achieved, environmental impact is reduced and the overall carbon footprint is reduced. Areas including lighting, electric- al timers, rain-water harvesting and waste management have all been addressed and improved.

One of the most interesting areas is how they now produce their own compost from waste accumulated by the business and have a process where by the end product is used to produce compost tea used on the greens. A variety of composting procedures are used to create a diversity of biodegradable. One of these processes includes a worm bin, “vermi-composting”, which is fascinating and proving to be very successful. I’m sure that all those who attended the course walk, found it extremely interesting and inspiring.

The golf and “Doo Hunt Trophy” was won by Anthony “Jackie” James, Kilowood; Second was Lloyd Crenchy, Lakeview; Third Mark Tucker, Saunton. Nearest the Pin was won by Graham Clarke, Chumleigh, and Longest drive was won by Adrian West, St Mellion. Congratulations to all the winners and all those who took part. Many thanks to the sponsors for the day, Avoncrop Amenities and Sabro.

John Palfrey, from Avoncrop, presented the prizes on behalf of the two sponsors.

After lunch, the AGM took place in the clubhouse. Reports were given by Tim Wakerah, President; Steve Harris, Trea surer; George Pitts, Secretary, and Jane Jones, Regional Representative.

The Section has had an extremely successful year with many accolades bestowed on its members. Congratulations to all members and thank you for your continued support.

Huge thanks to Colin and Josh for the Webber family for their faultless hospitality and for such a wonderful day!

Our second meeting of the year will be at St George’s Bay, on Wednesday, November 9. Again, golf or a course walk, lunch followed by a presentation by Paul Morris, GRR Technology, Paul, will be giving a presentation to our members. Paul graduated with a Masters from Oxford and has many years of experience working with and developing surfactant based products.

The Christmas meeting this year will be held at Ashbury Golf Club, Okehampton on Thursday, December 15. Format will be the golf and awards will be given by Christmas lunch and entertainment in the after noon. Accommodation will be available at a reduced rate if required.

Roger Davie, Irindoch Ltd, will be running an “Irindoch Workshop” at Torquay Golf Club on Thursday, November 24. The Workshop will be free to the first 20 Devon and Cornwall BRGGA Members to put their name down. There will also be a “Sprayer Update Course” to be held at Landauven Golf Club, date to be advised.

If you are interested in any of the above events or courses, please contact me ASAP.

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BIGGGA welcomes the following new members

Scotland
Colin McKean, South of Scotland
Mark Oglesby, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Lynn Sexton, South-East
Lewis Hill, north east
Kevin Prince, West
Graeme Conlán, west
Craig Pollock, east
Douglas Clubb, north
Northern Region
Tom Kigg, L.D. Oliver
Paul Legg, Cleveland
Adam Worrall, Midland
Robert Taylor, Midland
James Patrick McShane, East Midland
Andrew Sloane, north West
John Lewis, Mid Anglia

England
Gordon Towne, South West
Patrick others
Gerry Herd, West Group
Paul Legg, Cleveland
Sarah Murray, Yorkshire
Mark Oglesby, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Dean Massie, South West
Wendy Harland, South East
Melissa Parry, North East
Andrew Sloane, North West
William Pratley, West Midlands
Paul Legg, Cleveland

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John Lewis, Mid Anglia

In The Shed

Our monthly puzzle page to keep you entertained when you’re forced indoors.

Quick ‘Nine Hole’ Quiz - As easy as A, B, C

1. What is the New Zealand rugby team affectionately known as?
2. Who was the last British driver to win the Formula 1 World Championship?
3. Which was the last team to complete the league and cup double in England?
4. The last player, whose surname began with a “D”, to win the Masters did so for the third time in 1950. Who was he?
5. Which Premier League team came on to the field to the theme tune from ‘Z Cars’?

MONSTER SUDOKU
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 4x4 box contains the numbers 1 to 9 and the letters A to E.

SUDOKU
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 9 box shape contains the numbers 1 to 9.

Puzzle Answers on page 59
You can purchase a full year's membership at an exclusive BIGGA rate of £629.95 (RRP £699.95). Be quick, as this offer is only available from Friday, November 4 – Friday, November 18.

There are no catches, it is just a great deal, and an opportunity for all ‘foodies’ to save a small fortune on eating out over the next 12 months.

For more information on the tastecard visit www.tastecard.co.uk

From November 4 BIGGA Members will be able to purchase a tastecard via the BIGGA Website by paying online or by telephone by contacting BIGGA HQ directly. However, the exclusive deal is not available directly from the tastecard website.

**Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**

If you are a Full Member of BIGGA you are encouraged to be registered on the BIGGA CPD Scheme. You may think that CPD isn’t for you, but everyone can benefit.

CPD – what is it?

CPD is a combination of approaches, ideas and techniques that will help you manage your own learning and growth. Remember, one size doesn’t fit all. Wherever you are in your career now, and whatever you want to achieve, your CPD should be exactly that: yours. The BIGGA CPD Scheme has several benefits to you, it helps:

• to keep track of your training achievements
• to adapt out dated skills
• to showcase your employer that you are a true professional
• to give you a means of showing prospective employers that you have continued to develop your education and training beyond the minimum level
• to update skills and knowledge on a regular basis
• to give you the skills to cope with change

You can gain CPD credits for attendance at a wide range of educational events, including BIGGA Week and the BIGGA AGM as well as Section and Region events and AGM’s. It is simple to join the scheme, just download an application form, complete and return it to the L&D Department.

To claim points, you either sign a register of attendance at the event (available) or send in a credit claim form with proof of your attendance (certificate or signature from the organiser).

A BIGGA Certificate of Continuing Professional Development will be awarded to those members who accumulate 10 CPD Credits annually from July 1 to June 30. Once you have been awarded five successive Certificates of Continuing Professional Development, you will receive a BIGGA Diploma of Continuing Professional Development.

**BIGGA Regional Conferences**

Northern
26th November 2011
Cookridge Hall Golf Club
30th November 2011
Birchwood Golf Club
Contact Peter Boyd, RA, 01476 550115

South East
16 November 2011
Stock Brook Manor Golf Club, Essex
Contact Chris Osgood, RA, 01737 819343

South West & Wales
17 November 2011
Oaktree Arena, Highbridge, Somerset
Contact Jane Jones, RA, 01454 270850 or email jane@bigga.co.uk

South East
6 March 2012
Cambridge Conference Centre, Dunmow
Contact Peter Boyd, RA, 01476 616344

Membership Benefits Update

tastecard offer…repeated offer exclusively for BIGGA Members

A perfect Christmas gift! This offer is available to all current BIGGA Members (all categories of membership), it is time limited and available from Friday, November 4 – Friday, November 18.

BIGGA has once again negotiated an exclusive deal with tastecard, the nation’s largest dining club. A tastecard gives you access to the most incredible deals at over 5,500+ restaurants nationwide.

Participating restaurants range from PizzaExpress, Cafe Rouge, Bella Italia, Zizzi, ASK,GBK, STRADA and La Toscana to Marco Pierre White and everything in between! Each restaurant featured will be open for the tastecard offer…repeated offer exclusively for BIGGA Members (all categories of membership), it is time limited and available from Friday, November 4 – Friday, November 18.

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