North East

By the time you have read this, the next East Anglia match will be upon us and I can just see all those leaves dropping off; frosty mornings to come, off to work and into the dark and the start of winter around the corner. I wish I had collected, I would have retired long ago.

I will not miss that time of the year - out on the course for six continuous weeks of leaf collect- ing in all weathers. I wish I had a penny for every leaf that was collected, I would have retired long ago.

Right, back on to something new. Unfortunately my rowing reporter Mal Lathrope, from Heaton Golf Club was the victim of the course. The match was in excellent condition, possibly due to the fact that Course Manager, Bruce Hicks, was nearly running in Portugal! The result of the match was a very worthy moral victory, but as the GCI members were holders then they retained the trophy.

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East of England

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Midland

You hear you all singing away, trimming and cutting around bunkers, over the hills near and far, and across the summer and autumn colour loom in.

As usual, I push the deadline button with Scott, the Editor, to the limit every month in order that my journalistic talents will finally find their way and scintillate the biggest story in the history of the BBOA.

But, this time, no excuses, suffice to say, my workload has increased and my area has changed and to think we are heading South East after the retirement of Brian. Well... let’s rest our member and fellow reporter who I have known for over 20 years. The open area to cover I will be passing my ink well and quill to a new and make this my last report for the magazine. “Finally, I hear you say, “at least something to read - at last.”

The BBOA first event of the year, sponsored by Golf & Turf, was at Studley Wood GC, one of Oxfordshire’s best kept secrets, and simply a delight for the eye. We have 177 acres and only a few 1-iron shots from the centre of Oxford.

Studley Wood provided us with a stimulating challenge, as we wandered through the benefi- cant undulating countryside with natural woodland and 13 holes on the first day. The course was in excellent condition.

Dave, and his greenskeeping team, clearly put a huge effort into the course and this made this a great day to remember. It was the forecast for allowing me to be the scribbler and representative in the magazine. The result was excellent. We are looking forward to returning to the venue and serving on the Section Committee.

As far as the Section is concerned, all will have been just as outstanding as the venue. We shall report the results in next month’s newsletter. For all of them, the prize list was as follows: 1. Jake Richardson, 2. Richard Davies The Berkshire, 3. Carl Small, Ellesborough GC, 4. Jim Brownie, Broomfield GC, and Ted Lewis, retired, Oakland GC, and Ted Lewis, retired, Oakland GC.

All prizes were presented by our wonderful sponsors: 1. Peter and Karen Young, 2. Mark Day, 3. Steve Beverly, 4. Miles Todd, Toro Student of the Year 2011 runner-up, is top dog for this month’s Profile... 5. Peter Miles and 6. Scott Badham.

We wish him well from all of us at Foxhills in Surrey at the Berkshire, and Ted Lewis, retired, Oakland GC, and Ted Lewis, retired, Oakland GC.

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