patronage partners for all of their support for 2011, Ecool, Irritec Ltd, Countrywide, British Reed Hort, Woodside, Avironcrop, Martyn Lane Golf, Signs, your support is very much appreciated by the whole Section.

Remember that we also have our own South West Section Facebook page, proving to be very useful, only for it grows as more of you become involved. If you are not a member of the page, it’s time you are, ask for the link and I’ll happily forward it to you. adan.matthews@hotmail.co.uk 07732503855

Devon and Cornwall

Hello all, our season of events will be starting at Portmore Park on Wednesday, October 5. This will be the perfect opportunity to see the great work that has been done at Portmore Park. The 2011 “Overall Achievement Award” in the Golf Environment Awards. Members who wish to play the course or attend will be able to book on the day to play. Well done Neil Burnage and his team.

My next point is the Section Seminar, which has caused quite a few headaches over the year. The committee have decided not to run the seminar this autumn as our focus and speakers have proved impossible. We will be pursuing the same seminar in 2012 in Abbot’s Ale In. Dorset in February, 2012. The date will be confirmed later, but it will be during the last weekend of Feb 13-18. Our guest speaker will be Jim McKean; from Celtic Manor venue of last year’s Ryder Cup. The full programme for 2011 will be published nearer the date.

Changes abode in the Autumn Meeting. Chairman, Chris Bitten, has decided to call it a day. Although Chris will stay on, as Committee he does not want the responsibility of the Secretary’s role. Thank you for all you have done, Chris, the time you have put in has been much appreciated over the years. The role will be filled by Alex McCombee, current working for Symbio. Alex served on the Committee for several years before he took a job in Denmark so is well versed in how the Section works.

I have also decided to stand down from the Chairman’s position that I have held for several years. I would like formally to hand over to a new Chairman at the 2012 AGM so the Section has a year to find my replacement. As always anyone interested in the committee should make contact with me or any of the team to let us know.

The Autumn tournament is at Waterlooville on October 6, if you aren’t down to play get in touch with Kev Glass on glassy03@gmail.com. Remember this is a new venue for the Section and our AGM. See you there!

Tony Gadd

South West

Our annual match against the South West at Portmore Park. After last year’s defeat, Ashburnham where we all determined to put up a better fight this time in order to arrive at Chippenham on a typically Welsh summer’s day (overcast and enjoyed watching the本來要去看球交會的南西西南賽事花開希爾頓村的紀念賽)，we got to touch up the South West guy’s team. Captain Andy, Roach, told us of the pairings and gave us our instructions and we went on our way.

On what’s best described as a tight golf course, all of the matches seemed to be nip and tuck until myself and Big D saw Andy Roach and Colin Thomas walking down the 16th as we headed up the 9th. “How you getting on?” we asked. “A down,” was the reply, which wasn’t great as we had just seen Paul Handy and Wayne Berger, who were in the group behind us and they where also trailing by the same score. Anyway, cut out the rest, we won 2 and 1.

Steve. On a personal note, thank you for all the support that you have given to all of us in the South West Section. Peter Lacey certainly had a big pair of boots to fill but you turned the pair on South West will be at a huge loss without you and we wish you every success in the future. Thanks Steve.

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