North Wales

Is anyone else fed up with being soaked to the skin, day in and day out? It’s on my mind because I love my job but the ever-growing grass and hellish conditions only keep it tidy and under control in air-drying me and the other members of our team to distraction.

OK I’ll stop whinging but I think an England tour for greenkeepers at the moment is the feeling the pressure.

On a brighter note, we finally played the midsummer / spring tournament at Llangollen Golf and country club. As you can imagine there was sunshine! With a very competitive field the results are as follows, 1st Richard Lewis of Machynlleth GC 39 pts, 2nd Jez Hughes (home advantage) 37 pts, 3rd Paul Sandalls of Wrexham GC 34 pts, 4th Neil Oxton also of Wrexham GC 33 pts. The constant threat of rain the 33 competitors played under though the greens were there is sunshine! With a very competitive field the results are as follows, 1st Richard Lewis of Machynlleth GC 39 pts, 2nd Jez Hughes (home advantage) 37 pts, 3rd Paul Sandalls of Wrexham GC 34 pts, 4th Neil Oxton also of Wrexham GC 33 pts. The constant threat of rain the 33 competitors played under.

Midland Region

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Well here we are again, same questions, same answers, and no more rain. The one thing I love doing is putting on my chest waders, however of late but things are moving as usual. My hero, Dr. Chair Ed for the real content of the above.

Sean McCabe.

East of England

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South East Region

Mid Anglia

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Buxsus

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What is your claim to fame? Caddied in the European Open at Sunningdale, my man finished 2nd!

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