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The hope is to boost the declining bee population and develop nestable ecological resources.

Dan, heading up an eight-strong greenkeeping team, explains how it started back in September, when two out-of-play areas on the course were overseeded with wildflowers.

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If you wish to enter a team please contact the BIGGA Midland/Northern RA, Peter Leary on 01476 580 115, 07866 366 966 or email pete.larster972@aol.com

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Managing Director, David Cole, says: “We have enjoyed two great events with Sunningdale GC winning the first on penalties in 2008, and then Pyrford Golf Club (right) coming top of a very keenly fought competition in 2010. The positive feedback from past participants and the continued support of JSM’s supplier partners means this bi-annual event is becoming a firm favourite.

Small organisations are encouraged to group together with others to make up a team. The day will feature a complimentary barbecue to take place immediately following the trophy and medal presentations.

Entries must be in by early May 4th and places will be limited to keep to the four pool format and time frame intact. More details and entry forms are available from JSM Limited, 0845 026 0061.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON THROUGH TO SLALEY HALL

Royal North Devon Golf Club at Westward Hol in Devon has won the first regional qualifying tournament of the 2012 John Deere Team Championship golf competition, organised by south-west John Deere dealership Masons Kings.

A total of 18 teams took part in the tournament, which went ahead at Boringdon Park Golf Club, Plympton, near Plymouth in Devon, despite a day of heavy April showers, with BIGGA’s regional administrator Jane Jones acting as the tournament’s official scorer.

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**JSM Challenge Cup: The Quest for Glory**

Following tournaments in 2008 and 2010, JSM are once again organising a one day five-a-side football tournament to be held on 23rd May 2012. Entry is open to all greenkeeping and grounds care staff working for organisations located in the company’s general trading area of Kent, Sussex, Surrey, South London and East Berkshire. The tournament will take the form of 10 minute matches played in four pools, which will generate the qualifiers for the knock out stages.

Managing Director, David Cole, says: “We have enjoyed two great events with Sunningdale GC winning the first on penalties in 2008, and then Pyrford Golf Club (right) coming top of a very keenly fought competition in 2010. The positive feedback from past participants and the continued support of JSM’s supplier partners means this bi-annual event is becoming a firm favourite.

Smaller organisations are encouraged to group together with others to make up a team. The day will feature a complimentary barbecue to take place immediately following the trophy and medal presentations.

Entries must be in by early May 4th and places will be limited to keep to the four pool format and time frame intact. More details and entry forms are available from JSM Limited, 0845 026 0061.

**ROYAL NORTH DEVON THROUGH TO SLALEY HALL**

Royal North Devon Golf Club at Westward Ho! in Devon has won the first regional qualifying tournament of the 2012 John Deere Team Championship golf competition, organised by south-west John Deere dealership Masons Kings. A total of 18 teams took part in the tournament, which went ahead at Boringdon Park Golf Club, Plympton, near Plymouth in Devon, despite a day of heavy April showers, with BIGGA’s regional administrator Jane Jones acting as the tournament’s official scorer.

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**IRON MAN JOSH TO BIKE TO BARCELONA**

BIGGA Member, Joshua Webber, is taking part in the Barcelona ‘Half Ironman’ Triathlon on 27 May in order to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

This charity is close to the hearts of many at Josh’s club, Portmore Golf Park. His Half Ironman will consist of a 1.2 mile sea swim, a 56 mile bike ride and a 13.1 mile run. Joshua adds: “My training has been going well, however the heat is the main thing that worries me, as I’m pretty sure Barcelona has a little more sunshine than the West Country! It would be great if anyone could help me out with sponsorship, it really will make a difference to peoples lives.”

**Here comes the rain...**

Although the Drought Order is still in place in many counties, as we went to print, golf courses all over the nation suffered from torrential rain, and many became unplayable.

Aldwark Manor GC, situated by the side of BIGGA HQ, proved a handy resource for these pics!
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The Ransomes Jacobsen team were able to practically demonstrate and compare the difference in smoothness produced on a single green cut at three different clip rates by an Eclipse 122 pedestrian all-electric mower.

A green was divided into three sections, each mowed at a different clip rate (3.33mm, 2.71mm and 1.61mm) with each adjustment taking less than a minute.

Physical measurement of the resulting green’s smoothness was made using the STRI’s Trueness MeterTM, which measures and records lateral and vertical deviation across the surface.

The results showed that the 2.71mm clip rate setting brought the greatest improvement (20 per cent) in smoothness, a result that will translate in practice into putts that perform every day, all year round.

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mental in helping greenkeeping teams secure investment in the course.

“The findings of the independent survey are now freely available on the GreenCast website, in a format that greenkeepers can use with club secretaries and Green Committees to argue their case,” he said. “It can help focus efforts on key areas that really influence golfers’ choice in where they play, and the satisfaction that will keep them coming back.”

He highlighted that the new Syngenta wetting and water con- servation agent, Qualihia, will have an important role in maintaining consistent playing surface quality this season.

“As an effective water conserva- tion agent, it holds soil moisture deep and evenly and that enables healthy roots to grow more vigor- ously and it achieves more efficient irrigation use.”

Watson reported trial results have shown that Qualihia is more effec- tive in getting soils back to optimum soil moisture and with significantly less irrigation than other wetting agents tested. A major additional benefit is that it avoids holding too much water that could adversely affect turf health or playability.

Lewis Bliss of Everris reinforced the message that relieving stress on turf plants is key to Integrated Turf Management plans that will help maintain more consistent playing surfaces.

He urged greenkeepers to have soils regularly sampled for their nutrient status and to tailor fertilizer applications accordingly.

“The aim is to provide a consistent and even supply of nutrients that matches plant growth and demand. Improving efficiency, with more of the nutrients taken up and utilised by the plants, minimises leaching, run-off, lock-up and waste.”

“Avoiding peaks and troughs in nutrient availability with a bal- anced slow release of nutrients also encourages healthier turf plants, which are more able to withstand wet or dry conditions and will maintain better playing surfaces, he added.

Bliss reported results of Ever- ris trials where a Sierraf ormGT slow release fertilizer programme resulted in a 27% reduction in disease infection, compared to just 8% reduction with a conventional fertilizer programme. Furthermore, when a wetting agent was also added, the disease reduction on the plants, the disease reduc- tion was over 46% better than untreated.