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The nearest pin prize was won by Barry Baxter and his playing partner. The first prize was one of the best in the tournament’s history and the second prize was the nearest the pin in the bridge. The third place went to Tom and Graham. The nearest the pin prizes were also very successful with Ben Jackson from the Northern region.

Sheffield

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As I write this report the Sherriff Amenity is fantastic. To finish off a successful year and as a final sop to our section over the years and all it has provided, let us hope we will see you on the next occasion.

Midland Region

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He was instrumental in setting up the Central Scottish region (2002GGA) and was a member of the board of the Southern District Golf Union in 1980. A large number of people from the industry attended his funeral service where the Captain of the golf club spoke, just two points which to mention the high regard he was held in and our thoughts go out to his family.

North

As I write this report the northern section retained the Norrie Whytlock trophy so well done of all the Regional sections next year.

East

We had another successful Willie Woods tournament at Morriston GC on Wednesday 21st August. A big thank you goes to Tom Monoway (Club Captain) and the committee for hosting the event for us for two years in a row now. Thanks also go to David Fraser (Course Manager) and his excellent staff as the conditions were superb for our event - well done lad!

The results are as follows:

Winners: Sean Cunningham, Colin McArthur
Runners Up: Scott Corrigan, Gordon Thompson
Third: Lachlan Imlach, Stuart Charlton

A huge congratulations to Sean and Colin for making it into the final, Andy and I were so very close, I do not believe this has been done before in the tournament’s history so well done Sean and Gordon for your run money you but had on well done! The tournament was sponsored by Hender- son Grass Machinery Ltd, and in recognition of that we should once again boys your generous spon- sors from the Duncan group. To finish off the day was had by all, our massive thanks to Andy and his whole staff for a fantastically presented course and the club itself for the opportunity. I have to say my dealings from day one have been excellent, a very friendly welcoming golf club truly first class. Also Tito and Glen from Masstock and Rigby and Righty for a outstanding pet tagged. We've had a great turn out and we hope the event was a great success and is a reason to come back to Morriston again.

Northern

Allan, I wish to start my notes by way of an apology to my fellow greenkeepers from the Sheffield region, once again, my sense of humour has had its day and I truly sorry for this. I realize that not everyone knows me and what I am about which is understandable as I'm from Barmonte, the comments are not in personal way and were only put as banter, sorrty, once again. We had the pleasure of playing and chipping up Horsforth golf club for our Autumn golf tournament last month and a great day was had by all, our massive thanks to Andy and his chaps for a fantastically presented course and the club itself for the opportunity. I have to say my dealings from day one have been excellent, a very friendly welcoming golf club truly first class. Also Tito and Glen from Masstock and Rigby and Righty for a outstanding pet tagged. We've had a great turn out and we hope the event was a great success and is a reason to come back to Morriston again.

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September: I hope this comes true for us all because we certainly deserve it after the so-called summer we have had. It is ironic when we hope that we will be looking at a much better winter of golf than what our greenkeepers achieve is filling up by golfers and committees.

I’m sure of many of you will be aware that Derek Neve has finally put away the mower and is set to for a well earned retirement after a very long and successful career in the industry.

Western

Derek has been Course Manager at Brough GC for many years now, it’s that many that I cant work it out to put a figure down! Derek has also been a very strong supporter of our section over the years and was a popular face that many could speak to and ask for a little bit of advice, or just to be a friendly face. I know that everyone at Brough has had a great last year and can only say good luck on your retirement and we at Sheffield will hope to do the same soon. I would like to mention a few of our members who sponsored the main presentation after the evening meal.

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North West

Not much has happened in the section of late as I have no-one is contacting me. We the first time to contact Sean Cunningham out at Lymann and after a really good match we managed a very rare win for our section at a great level. We were always very sporting and a good way had by all. Stuart MacSween and Jamie Baxter打了 lovely shots at Lymann were fantastic and took a number of the players up to his offices and we gave the grand tour including compost corner.

The Whitelaw bowl was played on the 8th of September over 12 September and once again, a great day was had by all. The tournament was sponsored by Paul Armour take on Kenny Baxter and his playing partner Mike Watson and second was Andy and Phil Sheehan. The nearest the pin on the day were won by S Stant, E Stant and M Moyes; runners up was John Chisholm.

The winners are as follows: Winners: John Chisholm; runner up Luke Crabtree; runner up Peter Hogan; Category 2 winner Steve Moyes; runner up was John Chisholm.

Swiss Open tournament is the AGM and I wish to thank Tom Mowbray (Club Captain) for a low golf club on Thursday 15 November. Please contact Phil Deshurt if you wish to attend, or if you are attending please bring a bottle or a price of the value of £5.00 so everyone goes home with something.

Chris Sheehan

South

Around the Green
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Our most recent golf day was held on August 2nd at Belton Woods. The day was kindly sponsored by TORYO with Nigel Lovatt and Chris Sellars once again making it an excellent day. Sandra and Tracey from BIGGA were also in attendance, joined by the compe- tition whilst Sandra watched the proceedings, was associated with the running of the day.

The results of the day were as follows:

1st Rob Welford
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East Anglia

The results of the section are due from Angus MacLeod as he has now actually put his golf shoes back on. I take up the prestigious role of Course Manager at The Belty. When he said that he would leave at the end of our day at Belton Woods that he looked forward to the winter months again as well as being able to continue his horticultural round the North West. He has also been a pleasure to work with. We are all looking forward to the winter months and the temptation to get rid of the course very few of us could resist.

In other news Garry Hugget has moved from selling Trentham to John O’Mara garden界or to still selling Trentham at Arbor Grange in Wrexham, unfortunately it means moving around the North West. He also has been offered to sell to Welsh in the coming season, that’s two consecutive years an achievement of which we can all be extremely proud.

Congratulations this month also go to Rob Welford of Chet- horne Golf Club. He has won the points and the GP at the end of the Old Pines of the Audi Quattro Cup in South Wales. December this year. All the best wishes from the section in your endeavours out there.

South East Region

North Wales

We are well and truly heading into autumn, I can already see the leaves turning colour and the addition of a backpack blower to the set up tools also bears witness to the seasonal change.

The autumn tournament was played at St. John’s 11th September and the results are as follows:

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South East Region

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Assistant Profile

Our monthly look into the life of an assistant greenkeeper...

Name: Anthony Stockwell
Age: 24
Club: The London Golf Club
Position: Assistant

1. How long have you been greenkeeping? 5 years
2. What was it about the career that attracted you? I love golf and anything practical in nature
3. If you weren’t a greenkeeper what do you think you’d be? Teacher
4. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why? Hand watering to try and create a consistent surface as possible
5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why? Hand watering with soggy boots!
6. What one thing - other than a pay rise - would improve the greenkeepers’ lot? Further improvement in training and education for all
7. Hobbies? Spending time with my family and dogs
8. Favourite Band? Sigur Rós
9. Which team do you support (football or otherwise)? My hometown Woking FC (football or otherwise)?

The Summer Tournament was recently held at Pyecombe Golf Club, unfortunately it was once again poorly attended. The results were... well, pretty poor.

1st place - Dave Allen, Rich Evans, Pete Smith
2nd place - Matt Hamilton, Chris Auber, D Burchell
3rd place - Nigel Everett, Pete Crossley, Mel Ward

The longest drive went to John Cole from John Shaw Machinery. It was the only fairway John found. Nearest the pin was won by Dave Hinks and the longest drive on the 9th to Larry Larch Pearman. Well done everyone! Many, many thanks to Mark Day from Tacit who were our sponsors for the day. Once again Mark provided brilliant prizes. Our thanks also go to Pyecombe Golf Club for their wonderful hospitality and great food.

The next event will take place on Thursday, 11th October at Castle Hayes Beacon Golf Club with tee times starting at 11.50. The cost will be £19 per head. All enquires should be sent to Competition Secretary, Pete Smith, DownsGolf Internet. com. I would personally like to welcome Pete to our section. I know he will bring some great ideas from his previous section where he was Chairman and Treasurer.

Our AGM will be held at the College on Thursday, 29th November. A nine hole competition has been organised with tee times from 12noon and the AGM commencing at 2.30pm. Rob Hudson has arranged both the golf and a buffet tea at no charge to our members.

I would once again ask all in the Sussex Section to drop me line, ring me or email me with any news of interest to the section. Let’s hear your news!

Cheers for now

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South West and Wales Region

South Wales

Good morning all, firstly apologies for missing last month’s deadline not to be missed again! How fantastic and inspirational has the last eight weeks been with the Olympic and Paralympic games. I have never seen so many people enthusiastic and uplifted by so many sports. For me being a grown man jumping out of my seat watch us win gold in the dressage competition unbelievable! There wasn’t a dry eye left at the house when our British hero Jonny Preece beat his sporting hero Oscar Pistorius in the 100m Paralympic final.

Back to greenkeeping the last eight weeks for us have followed exactly what we’ve had all year. No consistent temperature, and weather fronts coming through - how can anyone of us plan end of season renovation and preparations for all our finals event! When times like these come around let’s tighten budgets and not be able to prepare our courses the way we know how, we all need to stick together. Don’t be afraid to pick up the phone and call your neighbouring golf club ask to borrow bits and pieces, and pick each others brains because between us we can prevail.

Team Match results
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Thanks also to all patrons of the section, without your support our section is starved to death and events such as these couldn’t take place thank you.

Our Next Event
October 11th at Clyne Golf Club
AGM starts at 11am followed by golf at 1pm. Please guys book this time in your diaries testing and enjoyable meeting at one of our best courses in the South West.

Our Section AGM will be held at the end of the day’s events. This will be a very interesting and enjoyable meeting at one of our best courses in the South West. Please contact me asap if you wish to attend.

Our November event will be held at Bowood GC, Calne, on Monday September 17. I would love to see as many as possible.

Devon and Cornwall

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Please make sure that all your contact details are up to date with BIGGA HQ, this year we plan to reduce our costs by only emailing details of events to our members. If you are not receiving invites to our events, then please contact BIGGA with up to date contact details.

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Our November event will be held at Woodcote GC, Cornwall, on Wed 7th November. Rob Cook, Course Manager, is a regular attender at our meetings and has arranged hard playing surfaces at the Woods. Golfers will be playing for the “Bayer Cup” and the day will be sponsored by Bayer Environmental and Sports Metals. Again, please contact me asap to secure a place at the event.

Look forward to seeing you all at our events!

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South East Region

Our second meeting is at The Essex Golf Club in Harlow on Tuesday 30th October. Geoff France, Essex Section Me...
Suffolk

The Summer Tournament was recently held at Pyecombe Golf Club. Unfortunately it was once again poorly attended. The results were... well, they were... 1st place - Dave Allen, Rich Evans, Pete South. 2nd place - Matt Hutchison, Chris Ahier, D Burchell 3rd place - Nigel Everett, Pete Crossley, Mel Ward

The longest drive went to John Cole from John Shaw Machinery. It was the only fairway John found. Nearest the pin was won by Dave Hinks and the longest drive on the 9th to Larry Larch Pearman. Well done everyone! Many, many thanks to Mark Day from Tact who were our sponsors for the day. Once again Mark provided brilliant prizes. Our thanks also go to Pycombe Golf Club for their wonderful hospitality and great food.

The next event will take place on Thursday, 11th October at Greatdanes Golf Club with tee times starting at 11.30. The cost will be £19 per head. All enquires should be sent to Committee Secretary, Peter South (peter.south@btinternet.com). I would personally like to welcome Pete to our section. I know he will bring some great ideas from his previous section where he was Chairman and Treasurer.

Our AGM will be held at the Footgolf Club on Thursday, 29th November. A nine hole competition has been organised with tee times from 12 noon and the AGM commencing at 2:30pm. Rob Hudson has arranged both the golf and a buffet tea at no charge to our members.

I would once again ask all in the Sussex Section to drop me line, ring me or email me with any news of interest to the section. Let’s hear your news soon!

Cheers for now

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Monday September 17, I have not been recently to the Isle of Wight but have used the time in not going to finish building my home made wooden garden. The builders are in making lots of dust converting our separate summerhouse into an en suite shower room for our second bedroom and also refinishing our bathroom. All donations to the make Brian’s Docking property livable will be very gratefully received. The front garden now needs some turf so I hereby apologise to any local club that lost a small part of one of their greens, my gardener has only recently been released on probation.

That is it for this month for no one out there in greenkeeper land has contacted me with any news but in new month’s edition there will be full report on the match between Sussex, Essex and Sussex at Lancing Park GC and Sussex greenkeepers v the support from the Town.”

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any advice or support on your Tactic mobile phone number continues to be 077699740388 or brian.willmott@hotmail.co.uk

Brian Willmott

South West & Wales Region

South West

Good morning all, firstly apologies for missing last month’s deadline not to be missed again! How fantastic and inspirational has the last eight weeks been with the Olympic and Paralympic games. I have never seen so many people enthusiastic and uplifted by such many sports. For me being a grown man jumping out of my seat watch us win gold in the dressage competition unbelievable! There wasn’t a dry eye left in the house when our British hero Jonny Pownce beat his sporting hero Oscar Pintos in the 100m Paralympic final.

Back to greening the last eight weeks for us all involved exactly what we’ve had all year. No consistent temperature, no weather fronts coming through - how can any of us plan end of season renovation and preparations for all our finals event! When times like these come around let’s tighten budgets and not being able to prepare our courses the way we know best, we all need to stick together. Don’t be afraid to pick up the phone and call your neighbouring golf club ask to borrow bits and pieces, and pick each others brains because between us we can prevail.

Team Match results

North Wales 3 Wales South 1 - thank you to sponsors Countrywide and Farmura Environmental.

South Wales 4 South West 2 - again thank you sponsors Countrywide and Farmura Environmental.

Thanks also to all patrons of the course, without your support and events like these, these couldn’t have taken place thank you.

Our Next Event

October 11 at Clyne Golf Club AGM starts at 11am followed by a short presentation. Please go along and support the Section. We are looking forward to seeing many of you.

October 26th St Pierre Golf Club our inaugural South Wales Dinner and Dance will take place. Many tables have been taken by patrons and other sections - if you would like a table please contact Gareth Knight 07959988512 reserve your place. Many thanks for reading any news or views please contact me at any time.

Kind Regards
Peter H

Deventon and Cornwall

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