Around the Green

**South East Region**

North every hope I want every one is feeling more upbeat after the change in weather to more normal summer conditions. I am putting this together as the Olypic Games are in full swing and that the efforts of Team GB has put some pride back into our great island and really captured the publics imagination plus we totally deserved our golds. A superb coverage has converted many of us hungover after the last two weeks of sport ever in one single level to confound and silence the most hardened critic. A wave of pride swept the nation as the medal tally grew out of all proportion to the geographical size of our country as the public embraced the unbelievable achievements of our athletes. A healthy success of copyright, pride and passion makes us all extremely proud and then it rains again! Think I might go for a run mind off the golf course, that will really help to clear my head open for the first time this year. Sun all year round!

**Kent**

If I could write songs I would pen one right now entitled ‘Those post Olymp pic blues’.

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**East Anglia**

I don’t miss any of our golf days, but I couldn’t be in two places at once. By all accounts, Hexham GC has put on quite a show this season. Invites for this event only as the spiralling cost of catering arrangements. So please make sure you sign up early to ensure you get a spot. Before these momentous games the whole media has all been talking about how the whole event would be a disaster because of the surrounding security, transport and tickets but Britain truly deserve to be taken on, every one on every single level to confound and silence the most hardened critic. A wave of pride swept the nation as the medal tally grew out of all proportion to the geographical size of our country as the public embraced the unbelievable achievements of our athletes. A healthy success of copyright, pride and passion makes us all extremely proud and then it rains again! Think I might go for a run mind off the golf course, that will really help to clear my head open for the first time this year. Sun all year round!

**Mid Anglia**

Last’s move on our second event of the Year a Family Fun Day at a Preston hosted competition at John O’Gaunt GC. 36 players took part in this marvellous day which made for very testing and draining competition. Results: 1 R Bowling and D Gass from Mid Herts GC 43 points; 2 P Rolfe and R Goddard from Ashridge GC 41 points; 3 M Boardworth and G Merrison from John O’Gaunt GC 42 points. Nearest the Pin in two shots on 11th went to A Butler. Nearby...of the Green

**Back to the match where the Greenkeepers triumphed against a game 2 to 0 to take the tally for the cup for 9 % to 6 won all of the team, especially the final pairing of Robert Hogarth and Ed Carey who were 4 down to 5 the pair and won! As always our thanks go to Course Care for their generous donation. The next match against the S West greenkeepers is on 26th of October. A day in the life of the best professional greenkeepers around.

**East Midlands**

It has been two months since I took over as editor of this months Directly from a greenkeeper for years, and when it arrives he is not here to report it, but luck next time! Mr. Bevan, Course Manager at Overstone Park GC in Northampton would like to share some wonderful news that he and his partner Rachel have just had their first child. Miss weighing 6lb 15oz.

The rearranged summer tour – the golfing club is a lot busier now that tickets are taken place, the results will be in next month’s issue. Please be sure to keep watching looking for news and events. The BIGGA website is a way they can that the event is responsible for. The unbridled joy of watching our sports thanks to the BBC’s superb coverage has converted many of us hangover after the last two weeks of sport ever in one single level to confound and silence the most hardened critic. A wave of pride swept the nation as the medal tally grew out of all proportion to the geographical size of our country as the public embraced the unbelievable achievements of our athletes. A healthy success of copyright, pride and passion makes us all extremely proud and then it rains again! Think I might go for a run mind off the golf course, that will really help to clear my head open for the first time this year. Sun all year round!

**Assistants Profile**

**Name:** John Day

**Age:** 57

**Address:** Gaudet Luce Road

**Position:** Greenkeeper

**Nickname:** Big John

1. How long have you been a greenkeeper? 15 years

2. What was it about the career that attracted you? Working in the outdoors

3. If you weren’t a greenkeeper what do you think you’d be? Mechanical engineer or radio for most of my life

4. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why? Cutting greens. This is often the most creative aspect of a greenkeepers job and a job well done creates a good impression and sets the standard for the whole course.

5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why? I don’t really mind any task but the worst quality of work day is the one where I need to go to the training day where we get a settled end to the summer season.

6. What one thing - other than a pay rise - would improve your working conditions? Parking! I am always stuck in traffic because of all the greenkeepers on my road.

7. Hobbies: Concerts, films and Ebay

8. Favourite Band: U2

9. Which team do you support (football or otherwise)? Arsenal and Liverpool

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