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BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition 22-24 January 2013

Around The Green

I thought that I had reached an age when life slowly down and warm summer afternoons were spent sipping champagne on the lawn. No, at a time when I should relax I find that am still look after and lawn, decorating and writing next month’s article for this fine magazine. Sipping champagne is a pipe dream and will have to wait until my first harvest of grapes is picked, fermented, bottled, had its second fermentation, and left to age in my cellar. Of course, you’ve realised I am joking. I do not have a cellar and the garden slant will have to do.

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For more information on new members log in to the Members’ Area of the BIGGA Website.

Essex

After a couple of months of inactivity in the section we are back with a vengeance. Tom Smith, Ben Scrivener and I went up to the Open Championship as part of the support team and what a time we had, had two up early and to bed late but a feast of memories to stay with us for many a year.

The Olympics are a thing of the past, and what a joyous period it was, more memories than were expected and some surprises to boot.

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See you all very soon,

Adam Matthews Email: andymatthews@hotmail.co.uk

BIGGA welcomes the following new members

Scotland

Northern Region

Midland Region

South East Region

South West

Sth West/5th Wales Region

Term - '12 '13

Name

Position

Email

Dougie Fernie

Section Keeper

Dale Robertson, email: daleturnberry@aol.com

Robert Andrews

Section

Chris Sheeran, email: jezhebian@blueyonder.co.uk

Robert Barnard

Section

Karen Drake, Weston super Mare Golf Club, Email: kdrake@bigga.co.uk

Glen Gorse Golf Club

Nick Miles Tel: 07842 960686

Stuart Ferguson, email: info@bigga.co.uk

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Douglas Gibbons

Section

David Patterson, Berks/Bucks & oxon Section

Rachael Seabrook, email: rachael@bigga.co.uk

Dougie Fernie, 38 points.

Bingley St Ives Golf Club

Sandra Raper Tel: 07966 369666 or Email: sandra@bigga.co.uk

Verulam Golf Club

Richard Sanders Tel: 07773 206553

Andrew Smith Email: andysmithace@hotmail.co.uk

Ayrshire Section

Clyde Valley Golf Club

Glen Gorse Golf Club

Piperdam Golf & Leisure Resort

Sunnybank Golf Club

Glen Gorse Golf Club

Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club

Ben Smith, Ben Scrivener

Jeni Brooks, Telephone: 01347 833800 option 3 or email biggaeastandnortheast@btinternet.com

South Coast Section

Mid Anglia Section

Midland Region

Glen Gorse Golf Club

Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club

Royal Lytham & St Annes for this year’s Open Championship. During some very tough times weather wise and with over 200 bunkers, you guys did us very proud.

On Friday 10 August captain Wayne Vincent took his team to Royal Porthcawl GC, and this unfortunately coming on the back of a defeat. Not play- ing our best that part in early... the team travelled over the bridge and onto Porthcawl

In high hopes! This being a very hot day, I hear that some of our guys left their clubs at home and though their sun lounge would be a better option. I hate to say this, but we lost this very important fixture 4-2, however I have been promised this won’t be happening again next year.

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