Around The Green

**BUCKS, BERKS & OXON**

As we move into April hopefully spring will get underway as this has been one of the longest springs in and around the area for some time. As a result of the weather conditions there have been golf courses opening and therefore, in the near future, there are plenty of opportunities to hit the links. As a result of the weather conditions there have been golf courses in the area that have been affected by the weather conditions.

**SURREY**

Footgolf! A game played similar to the player’s intent is to introduce footgolf into a hole with the foot, in the least amount of strokes possible. The field may well be a golf course, but the distance between the tee and the hole on foot needs to be adapted proportionally based on the full playing area. It’s taking on the character of Leatherhead GC anyway. Golf courses are hosting for these events, perhaps an Olympic sport of the future?

**SUBSEX**

I would like to start my report with the news that Ian Gosling has been appointed as Head Greenkeeper at East Brighton Golf Club. Ian has worked at the club as Deputy Head Greenkeeper for a number of years. I am sure that you will join me in wishing him all the best in his new role. Also welcome to the Subsex Nick Stevens who has just been appointed as Head Greenkeeper at Seaford Head Golf Club. Nick was previously the Head Greenkeeper at Herstmonceux Golf Club in Sussex, which was Welsh Golf Club of the Year in 2011. As I am sure that you will join me in wishing him all the best as usual, he kindly offered to take extra care with security and take security measures in place to ensure that the facility is safe and secure.

**KENT**

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**MID ANGLIA**

I trust all are in good spirits despite another onslaught of the awful weather we have once again been enduring? The poor run continues with no immediate sign of improvement on the horizon for 2013. But there are some warmer days soon so please make sure your details are up to date etc.

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**SOUTH EAST**

**MEETING**

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**BLDG ASSOCIATION**

The association's strategy is to join forces with the BIGGA team and discuss issues and concerns that they had. The association's strategy is changing, reflecting the different demands that the industry is putting on them, but still maintaining them together with the times, get on board or get left behind…

**PEBBLE EYES**

Position: Assistant

Age: 28

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

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**AGE:** 38  
**CLUB:** Kingsthorne Golf Club, Northampton  
**POSITION:** Assistant  
**TEXT:** Pebble Eyes  
**COMMENTS:** How long have you been greening?  
**DURATION:** 17 years

**WHAT WAS IT ABOUT THE CAREER THAT ATTRACTED YOU?** The opportunity to be involved in a game I love

**WHAT TASK DO YOU MOST ENJOY DOING AND WHY?** Greens maintenance - doing and why?

**WHAT TASK DO YOU LEAST ENJOY DOING AND WHY?** De-stoning (nothing to do with playing the one and only Royal Birkdale Golf Club)

**WHAT ONE THING - OTHER THAN A CLIENT - IS IMPORTANT TO YOU AND WHY?** The Dyke Golf Club in Brighton has taken over from Neil Baker and we wish him all the best.

**WHAT EVENT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND IN THE FUTURE?** The Ryder Cup being played in the US and recently the Senior Open Championship. On March 8 the Essex section is holding a trophy day in aid of the Benham's and their guests prepared to test themselves on the Old Course.

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