**Around The Green**

**BIGGA welcomes the following new members**

**Scotland**
- Rowan Dugan, SMG (Uxbridge), Student, East Kilbride Golf Club, Assistant Greenkeeper
- Angus Cochrane, SMG (Uxbridge), Apprentice, Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club, Assistant Greenkeeper
- C. Andrew Linkus Trust, Amateur, Royal St George and St George's GC, Apprentice

**Northern Region**
- Lewis Stilman, Lee Hill Golf Club, Assistant Greenkeeper
- Matthew Gregg, Heathfield Golf Club, Apprentice, Greenfoot

**Midland Region**
- Tim Lake, Greenkeeper, Broadstone GC, Head, Assistant Greenkeeper
- David Webb, University of Nottingham, Student, Castle Bromwich GC, Apprentice
- Ben Marlow, David Verney School, Student, Abbey Park GC, Assistant Greenkeeper
- Daniel Sorrell, University of Nottingham, Student, Abbey Park GC, Student
- Daniel Wright, Woburn Golf & Country Club, greensman

**South East Region**
- Stuart Lindsay, St. Andrews Links Trust, Greenkeeper
- Steven Grantham, Lees Hall Golf Club, Head Greenkeeper
- Lee Whittaker, The Mere Golf Resort & Spa, Assistant Greenkeeper

**South West & Wales**
- Jack Middlemass, Royal Porthcawl Golf Club, Apprentice Greenkeeper
- David Warburton, Dawlish Warren Golf Club, Apprentice Greenkeeper

**South Coast**
- Joshua Cooper, Chichester Golf Club, Apprentice Greenkeeper

**South Wales**
- Stuart Williams, Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club, Assistant Greenkeeper

**BIGGA Regional Conferences**
- South East- 2013 date and location tbc. Contact Cline Coggan 01737 815343 / 07841 948410
- North- 7 November 2013 at Phoenix Sports Club, Rotherham. Contact Jane Jones 01454 270850 / 07841 948410

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**Diary of Events**

Details of your Section’s forthcoming events in 2013 can be found here...

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**Several people have asked me about the Management Trophy which sadly I have to report that will not have a new sponsor. Hopefully this will be rectified and this very popular event will continue next year.**

Here at Barton on the “sunny south coast” I can only say we survived an appalling winter, more days closed than ever before. No golf, no members coming in means no-one is spending money-very hard times. I have in the last week managed to get out and punch holes in as many areas as possible, all I know is brass monkeys…all I know is that entries are in promptly as this is the only way to try and keep the job going. The sun will be shining with hopefully by the time you read this the sun will be shining and the wind chill -8, it can only improve!

The annual seminar at Milton Abbey School was another huge success with 80+ people present and enjoyed.

**South Coast**

Thank you all at Milton Abbey School for allowing us to use their facility last but not least our thanks go to the sponsors for the day Banks Amenity, Hainge Turf and E.G.Cole. The first golf event of the year is on 16 April at the renowned Remedy Oak Golf Club, this will be very popular so if you haven’t booked your start time do so quickly. Contact Kevin Glass at glassy2003@hotmail.com, the cost is £35 and that must be received before the day. As usual for our spring event Avoncrop will be the sponsors in memory of Colin (chucky) White.

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Keep up the support, see you all at the upcoming Section days and keep the news coming in. Jaey Goodchild (07984422295 jgoodchild@bigga.org)

**South West**

May I speak too soon last month but that silver of spring that was on the horizon has vanished. A few superlatives come to mind: arctic blast…brass monkeys…all I know is that when I arrived at the shed this morning it was -5C and that was before the wind chill. Any of you who decided to go with an early season course programme must surely be in position and poised for soil temperatures to rise and get the season under way, it is all about position!

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