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A classic summer links test

An extraordinary final round 66 by Phil Mickelson to clinch the 2013 Open Championship at a sun-drenched Muirfield will live long in the memory of all those who witnessed it.

Great shot-making, ball striking, considerable patience and a quite brilliant putting display combined to produce a round that is already being talked about as one of the top ten major winning final day performances. It capped a superb Championship played on one of the world’s greatest courses in absolutely immaculate condition. Course Manager Colin Irvine and his team presented a classic summer links test, the greens were firm and fast but utterly true, the rough was long but the test was fair. Unfortunately, as is so often the case these days, there was a hint of controversy. Stronger than forecast winds on day one drew some of the moisture from the putting surfaces meaning that green speed increased as play went on. This led to some criticism of the pin positions but also to some of the players being asked to give their views on the actual condition of the course. Indeed the eventual champion opined after round one that some parts of the greens were actually dying! It is a concern that opinions are not necessarily those of the members, golf clubs, local authorities, the turf industry, libraries and central government.

The Open Championship also provides a fantastic platform for BIGGA to engage with the many golfing bodies that govern and support the game of golf in the UK and beyond. The Chairman and I took the opportunity to meet with the Home Unions, the R&A and numerous other golfing associations during the week and productive discussions were held on topics as diverse as golf management education pathways, sustainability and golf development. This led to publicly congratulate Colin Irvine and his team for a job well done and to thank the R&A for continuing to work with us to provide such a quality support team to the world’s greatest golf tournament.

The Open is not the only show in town this month; hearty congratulations are due to Les Howkins and all at The Richmond Golf Club for winning Golf Inc’s prestigious ‘Renaissance of the Year’ title against a strong field of competitors spending many times their budget. A profile of the work – which involved a major overhaul of the course - begins on page 34.

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