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**Scotland**

**Events Coming Up**

Central - Next educational event is at Elwood on 23 July where John Kaminski of Penn State will be giving a talk on the Scottish National Tournament at Largs Golf Club. Thanks to Billy Craig, Jim McCormack, Gary Tough and Pat Allan for your company.

East - Major drainage work in the form of a newly constructed burn/ditch is coming along nicely at Flatfield GC, this has been installed to improve drainage and to enhance a couple of golf holes.

North - An Educational Seminar was held at Dornoch Golf Club and this was attended by over 15 people mainly from the Dornoch, Tain and Brora area. I am sure they all enjoyed the day and hopefully we could have more in the future.

West - Best wishes to David Carson who was going for a knee operation recently so I hope all went well. David Gall Junior has been unsure recently and I would like to pass on my best wishes to myself and all on the committee hoping he gets better and his treatment is a success.

**News**

Central - Earth moving is well underway on the new course at Feddinch with the 1st green now being put in position. The outing area is being created also, quite a change!
Scotland

Events Coming Up

Central - Next educational event is at Elwoodon 23 July where John Kaminiski of Penn State will be giving a talk on the recent US Open at Merion GC. A flyer will be sent out shortly and details are on www.biggacentralsection.org.uk. The recent talk by Mike Javon on communication skills unfortunately was poorly attended with only 9 people present. Thanks to those who did come along. We appreciate that Elwoodon isn’t the best venue for everyone but it’s difficult to get a golf club with a private room on an evening during the golf season.

East - The Willie Woods Trophy will be played at Mortonhall GC on 21 August, this tournament is played in a Fourball better ball format.

North - The next event is the Nortie Whytock Trophy at Auchencraive on the 15 August so if you had a good round at Duff House Royal you might get a call. Robert is unable to make the event so he has asked myself Dale Robertson to captain the team. Good luck to everyone who has to come along, the team at Muirfield for the Open, Castle Stuart for the Scottish, ST Andrews for the Wonia and everyone in between, whether is your Pro Am Club championship or Corporations day. Let’s hope the weather is kind to everyone and we see some great examples of well-prepared golf courses.

Central - Congratulations to Paul Tevittdale on his recent hole in one at Arbroath GC. Paul hit a sparkling 3 iron at the 154 yard 16th on his way to scoring 69 in the Links Championship qualifying. Good job it was downwind Paul, well done.

Central - Congratulations also to Gary Trush from Letham Grange on winning the Angus County championships at the 30th time of trying. Okay, I know Gary’s a North section member but he works and plays most of his golf in the Angus section area. Unfortunately, neither Paul or Gary did so well in the Scottish Greenerkeepers Championships at Largs where Kenyon Mitchell was the only winner over a very enjoyable course which was in superb condition.

Scottland - House Royal you might get a call. Robert is unable to make the Auchterarder on the 15 August so if you had a good round at Duff was a draw meaning the greenkeepers retain the trophy. Thanks to Darry and his staff for the course presentation and the club for allowing us the use of their facilities.

Results

West - Outing at Buchanan Castle. Scratch prize; George Sangster (Carluke) 70; First class winner; Stuart Taylor (Kilarg) 73; Second Class winner; David McBride (Yale of Leven) 35; Ibj; Second Brian League (Yale of Leven) 35; Third Jack Stewart (Blairgowrie) 33; Third Class winner; John Barr (Cardross) 37; Second Gareth Rodgers (Fairways) 30; Third John Steele (Buchanan Castle) 25; Visitor prize Robert Hart (Killogre) nearest pin 4th Johnson Barr; Nearest pin 8th Chris Prior.

Thanks to Sponsors

West - Thanks to Musselburgh Race Course for their recent hospitality afforded to our section at their last race meeting, unfortunately we had a low turnout on the night, but everyone had a good time and we look forward to a recent US Open drink at Mortonhall thanks to Shona Cunningham’s substantial winnings!

Welcome New Scottish Members

Grege Mackintosh, Greenerkeeper, Turnberry Hotel & Golf Course; Scott Thomson, Greenerkeeper, Strathmore Golf Centre; Antony Burnett, Greenerkeeper, Balmaglas Golf Club; Robert King, Assistant Greenerkeeper, Mortonhall Golf Club; Kyle Cruickshank, Greenerkeeper, The Glenwades Hotel & Golf Courses

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News

Central - Earth moving is well underway on the new course at Feddickin by ST Andrews which is calling itself the ST Andrews International Golf Club. It will be interesting to see how the planning application for a new Links course between Elle and Leven materialises over the coming months.

Movers & Shakers

Central - Lee Strutt has resigned from the Committee. Everyone would like to thank Lee for his contribution over the past few years and will gladly accept his offer to help out at events.

Central - Congratulations to John Watson at Deer Park who has taken over as Course Manager with Stuart Cruickshank now taking the role of General Manager, the section wish you all the best.

North - The invitation day at Wetherby on 12 August NOT 19 August as quoted in last months’ notes. The Sheffield match-up is up at Howley Hall on 31 July.

North - Close House GC have had MJ Abbotts in again to do some alterations, constructing and altering two greens plus building new tees enlarging water hazards and have also added a lake in front of the 18th green on the new course.

Edinburgh Landscapes are currently laying all the turf, the majority of the heavy grass has now left the site and the course should be ready for play by July 1.

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North East - The summer scheduled battlefield for Percy Wood is on 23 August. August 17 August as previously mentioned. Booking forms will be sent out to all members.

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North Wales - Apologies to everyone who was looking forward to playing in the North Wales North West match at Lymn GC but the fixture had to be cancelled, further information as to whether it will be rearranged has not made it to me yet but keep watching our Facebook group or the main BIGGA website events area for updates. The North Wales v South Wales match is at North and Ynysall GC on 26 July. I believe we do have a team but if you want to check or be on stand by please contact Rhys Butler - contact details on your fixture list.

News

North East - Baby boom recently at Close House GC with four new arrivals in just three days! James Parker’s wife Sarah gave birth to India 23 April; Nathan Chaucer’s partner Laura gave birth to Tyler 24 April; Andrew Swennes’s wife Rachel gave birth to Millyana also on 24 April and Simon Harding’s wife Tanya gave birth to Theo on 25 April.

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New Members

George McCoy, Greenerkeeper,Yale Royal Abbey GC; Brian Grimth, Greenerkeeper, Baron Hill GC Ltd; Richard Macthause, Greenerkeeper, Malton & Norton GC; Kevin Irving, Greenerkeeper, Carlisle GC; Scott Baxter, Groundsman, Roystonwood GC; Adam Mayr, Greenerkeeper, Cheshire GC; Guy Welkin, Greenerkeeper, Leyland GC; Charles Bevan, Greenerkeeper, Leyland GC; Pete Newton, Course Manager, Anthony GC; Richard Breese, Affiliate Member, Shipley GC; Jason Fowler, As Greenkeeper, MetHM GC; Chris Shaly, Greenerkeeper, Heswall GC; Philip Robinson, As Greenerkeeper, Close House GC; Graham Dawson, Greenerkeeper, Close House GC; Peter Macmillan, As Greenerkeeper, Macmillanfield GC
Results

Mid Anglia - Results from Spring Golf Day and National Qualifier held at Bedford & County GC. 1 A Butler 36pts, 2 G Hince 34, 3rd O Browning 33 with nearest Pin winners L Owen and A Butler. Our thanks go to Geoff Pinn and his team for providing us with the course in fantastic condition which was enjoyed by all who attended on a lovely day.

Thanks to Sponsors

Midland - Our long running supporters of our excellent calendar, now in its 6th year, this month is sponsored by North Staffs Irrigation Ltd. Please consider them for both your irrigation and drainage requirements. Email: NSI@irrigation@joc.com. Tel: 071885 812 706.

Mid Anglia - A massive thanks goes to Vassgro Amenity, Rigby Taylor, Avonmore Amenity, ALS, Amtech and Headland Amenity for your continued support with funds towards the Mid Anglia Section.

Welcome New Midland Members

Alex Brougham, Assistant Greenkeeper, Trentham Golf Ltd Jack Hawkes, Greenkeeper, Leamington & County Golf Club Jeremy Saunders, Mechanic, Mentmore Golf & Country Club Simon Colebrook, Head Greenkeeper, Pitchforks Golf Club Paul Foley, Assistant Greenkeeper, Whipsnade Park GC Iareth Watkin, Greenkeeper, Greenham Valley Golf Club Alex Porter, Greenkeeper, Grantham Valley Golf Club Niall Reddish, Greenkeeper, Grantham Golf Club (T) Daniel Harris, Greenkeeper, Tytherington Club (T) Christopher Horne, Affiliate Member, Quaker Meeting Ian Burns, Greenkeeper, Bedford & County GC

Photographed wanted

We would welcome any photographs to go into the new look around the green section, so if you’re feeling snap happy, contact your section correspondent...

Events Coming Up

BB&O - Summer Comp at Caversham Heath GC, near Reading, 1 August. Shuffled order with coffee and bacon rolls, free range balls and two course buffet dinner afterwards.

Smart casual attire required after golf. Event doubles as a qualifier for the Professional Tour event. Andy can be contacted on 07732577952 or andy.ronson@buckinghamshiregc.co.uk for further details.

Mid Anglia - Summer Golf Day at Brookmans Park GC on 6 August. Get your entries in asap to avoid missing out on this popular pairs event.

News

BB&O - Andy Ronson, Course and Grounds Manager at the Buckinghamshire GC, is looking for support staff for the Ladies European Masters held on 26-28 July live on Sky.

Last year’s event was a great success and hopefully as many of you as possible will volunteer again to experience the work and involvement of a Professional Tour event. Andy can be contacted on 07732577952 or andy.ronson@buckinghamshiregc.co.uk.

East Berkshire played host to the Players Tour. Held over 36 holes the tournament offers professionals the chance to play and win a place at the European Qualifying School. Conditions were ideal for scoring with warm sunny weather and a course in great condition. Scoring was tight with Lee Jourdain the eventual winner with -2.

Section team beat the Kent Section 4-1 in the final of the Toro/Lely National Qualifier held at Piltdown Golf Club on 1 August. After a successful opening, Corinthians Golf Club (formerly Fawkham Golf Club) will be hosting a FootGolf event in mid to late July.

Date to be confirmed but will be followed by barbecue and beverages at Redhill Golf Club next door. Date will be sent out via e-mail and text and will also be found on website and Facebook page.

South East

Events Coming Up

Surrey - McMillan Tankard at Sunningdale GC on 12 August. Course Walk at Sunningdale GC 16-7pm with a talk on Heathland Management by Murray Long. Contact Scott Roberts - 07710 472067 - £10 includes lunch with numbers limited.

Sussex – Qualifier held at Bedford & County GC. 1 A Butler 36pts, 2 Rob Hudson 36 (Dyke), 3 Matt Hutchinson 34 (Runners). Pete Smith will also go on to represent the section at the National.

Thanks to Sponsors

Surrey – Winchester Garden Machinery for the Surrey Bowl.

Sussex – Thanks to all our sponsors of the Spring comp who allowed us to put on a fine day for just £10 a head.

New South East Members


Robert Sutton, Greenkeeper, St Clements Golf Club Nicholas Chace, Assistant Greenkeeper, RAP Marham GC

Alex Foreman, Affiliate Member, P Tuckwell Ltd

Aaron Fitt, Greenkeeper, Bay View Golf Course

Nicholas Howes, Greenkeeper, RAP Marham Golf Club

Raymond Ward, William Winstanly, Ben Morris, Chris Pendry, Dan Martin, David Scott, David Bass, Jack Upton, James Grimme, Nathan Wolfe, Student, Jayme Cross, Richard Larkin, Dan Clark, Daniel Burtles - Hadlow College

Shaun Humphrey, Assistant Greenkeeper, Cowdray Park GC

Bradley Dalton, Affiliate Member, SX Building Specialist Ltd

Steve Beverly, Course and Grounds Manager at the BB&O.

Richard Larkin, Dan Clark, Daniel Burtles - Hadlow College

Shaun Humphrey, Assistant Greenkeeper, Cowdray Park GC

Bradley Dalton, Affiliate Member, SX Building Specialist Ltd

Richard Warwick, Assistant Greenkeeper, East Brighton Golf Club

Lucas Pierre, Greenkeeper, Sunningdale Golf Club

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We are again sponsoring a place to BTME, this is open for anyone to be nominated. Send your nominations along with merit and reasons to Alex McCombie at southcoastsecretary@gmail.com This can be anyone to put your thinking caps on! Finally, I had the pleasure of playing in the Basingstoke Bowl in early June, a truly great day, well done Colin and his team the course was at its best.

South Wales - Congratulations to Ian Kinley and his staff at Royal Portcullis GC on hosting the fantastic Speedy Wales Seniors Open. The event was a huge success just a shame Ian Woolman couldn’t hold on for a home victory.

Following our Summer Tournament at Kingsdown Golf Club on 12 June in weather conditions that truly sorted the men from the boys our Section representatives for the National Tournament in October have been selected. Net winner was Lee Whyte from Boswood GC and gross winner was Paul Garland from Lamsdowne GC, well done men and good luck at Frilford Heath. Mention must be made of second place net Darren Mindham and second place net in the gross Darren Mead from Polzeath, North Cornwall. Superb weather added to a great day. The course was in great condition, thanks to Tom Collings (Head Greenkeeper) and his team the course was at its best.

South Wales - Patrons Cup 4-July Radyr GC I join tee off 2.30pm course walk with Julian the Head GK. All to sit down for a meal afterwards jacket and tie required - all paid down for a meal afterwards jacket and tie required - all paid.

South West - Patrons Cup 4-August Radyr GC I join tee off 2.30pm course walk with Julian the Head GK. All to sit down for a meal afterwards jacket and tie required - all paid.

News

Devon & Cornwall - Last event was at The Point at Polurath, North Cornwall. Superb weather added to a great day. The course was in great condition, thanks to Tom Collings (Head Greenkeeper) and his team. Winning the Golf was one of the team, Mike Ellis who went on to represent the Section at the National Championships. Thank you to all involved.

South Coast - The annual match against the secretaries was held at Poole Golf Club on 8th July. We were again triumphant with a 3 to 2 win. Thanks to Ashley Wood for hosting the day and a particular thanks to Mark Sharwood and his team for presenting the course in excellent condition. Results of the Summer tournament will be in the next issue.

Movers and Shakers

Devon & Cornwall - At Polurath, a presentation was made to Jane Jones (Regional Administrator) in recognition for all the work she has done for the Region and for the Section, Accommodation, a meal and golf at St Mellion has been arranged for Jane along with some gifts on the day. On behalf of the Section, I would just like to thank Jane for all the work she has done. She is most fondly thought of by the Section and will be greatly missed. Jane thanks and best wishes for the future, we look forward to catching up with you.

Thank you to Everris and Reel Grinding South West - for sponsoring the event at The Point at Polurath. Their support contributes to our Training for their ongoing support of the annual match against the secretaries; South Wales – Many thanks to all of our section’s sponsors including: Countrywide, Farmers, Rigby Taylor, Sports Metals, Powercut, Ted Hopkins, Avoncrop, Inscapes, David Evans, Complete Weed Control, Divot Bag and Osprey; South Coast – Many thanks to all of our section’s partners and HQ who contributed to a fantastic prize pool for the Summer Tournament’s participants.

New South West & Wales Members

Mark Jarrett, Greenkeeper, Teignmouth Golf Club
Phillip Jonas, Greenkeeper, Newport (Pembus) Golf Club
Kevin Wilkins, Greenkeeper, Hilton Pucknuck Hall Golf Club
James Morgan, Greenkeeper, South Fleet Golf Club
Paul Errington, Affiliate Member, Groundscare Products
Daniel Hardy, Deputy Course Manager, Camas Hall Estate Golf Club
Dominic Gibbard, Greenkeeper, Trethorne Golf Club
Jack Hodge, Assistant Greenkeeper, Old Thorns Manor Hotel Golf & Country Estate; Lee Mitchell, Greenkeeper, Milton Abbey School
Oliver Tanton, Assistant Greenkeeper, Royal North Devon Golf Club
Stephen Thorne, Greenkeeper, Ruchmore Golf Club
Dan Ritchie, Assistant Greenkeeper, Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Club

New International Members

Kevin-John O’Riordan, Brian O’Tuala, Mark Holland, Paul Desmond, Comer, Sean Kingston, John Kelly, Conor Chry, Darren Walsh, Michael O’Dwyer, Adam Pielan, Steven O’Leary, Francesco Sau, Colin Reihert, Dwayne Martin, Paul Collins, Shane Morgan, John J.or O’Connor, Alan Farnell – thanks to NAIC for their ongoing support of the annual match against the secretaries.

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