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Mid Anglia

We are still finalising golf day venues for 2014 so will get the information out as soon as all are confirmed.

News

BB&O

Course Manager Alec MacIndoe has moved from Newbury and Crookham to West Surrey G.C. Keep up to date with what’s happening at www.biggamidlandsection.co.uk

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Midland

What a flood I’ve been (nothing new there then you here cry). By the time I got round to compiling March’s notes it would have been far too late for publication. My apologies to last month’s calendar sponsors “Redcliff” (Toro) as headed by Graham Hall. For your service needs contact Graham on 07702 154987, and for parts Kevin Blade on 01676 522 287. Their service is professional, friendly, and they can be relied upon to go the extra mile when needs must.

This month’s kind sponsor of our calendar is “Sheffield Amenity” as represented by our old friend and long term supporter of our section, Nigel Tyler. Please consider them for your pesticide, fertiliser, wetting agent etc needs. Tel 07989 548058, or office 01638 721 888. Website: www.sherfffi.com

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We thank you for your continued support with funds towards the Mid Anglia Section. Banks Amenity also sponsor our Golfer of the Year Trophy again this year so once again your support means a lot and please consider these suppliers for your requirements the coming months and beyond into 2014.

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Kent

Event at Royal St George’s 1 Darren Burton, 2 Lee Austin. Trade Prize – Neil Pullen

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Events Coming Up

South Wales
Two team event coming up v the north at Royal St David’s. Date and time TBC. Please contact the match captain Big D if interested.
Match at Chippenham GC on 29 May, ten man team start time TBC.

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Tony Gadd and Phil Wentworth are both stepping down from their roles as chairman and vice chairman but are staying on the committee. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Tony and Phil for their years of hard work and service to the south coast section. Robert Hogarth is stepping in as chairman until the AGM in the autumn. Jaime Acton is taking over the role as vice chairman until the AGM also.

South West
Main news - the sun came out! Picture cards for the season’s upcoming events have been finalised and will be with all section members shortly.
Please keep an eye out for these. If anyone on your team is not receiving Section emails please ask them to contact me to supply their addresses (j.goodchild@bowood.org).

Devon & Cornwall
Wednesday 12 February the Toro Cup was played, seven golfers braved the strong winds and heat at St Austell Golf Club. Thank you to everyone who supported the section which goes from strength to strength even in such bad weather. The next section meeting will be held at Wrigtsmon Golf Club which will include the section championship. Results in Results section.

Results

Devon & Cornwall
Toro Cup, strokeplay format. 3rd Jim Sheehan, 2nd Andrew Prouse and first place went to Gordon Tamblin who is a previous winner of the Toro Cup.

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South Coast
Thanks to Banks Amenity, Hudey Golf and Farmura for sponsoring the seminar at Milton Abbey.

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