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Enclosed within this edition is a poster for club noticeboards demonstrating the correct pitchmark repair method that we hope will bring further attention to this campaign and encourage golfers to do their bit for the course.

As always this magazine also contains numerous articles about BIGGA members, by BIGGA members and for BIGGA members. Enjoy the read.

Jim Croxton, Chief Executive

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On the subject of teamwork I am delighted that Everris have committed to sponsor the BIGGA Golf Management Trophy in 2014, details of which are on page 8.

This event provides a fantastic opportunity for Course Managers or Head Greenkeepers to spend time with senior decision makers from their club as a team in a competitive environment. Five qualifying events lead to a final at the excellent Frield Heath Golf Club and I look forward to seeing which club will be crowned the 2014 Golf Management Trophy winners.