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Congratulations to George Paterson, head greenkeeper at Fortrose, who has won the inaugural North Order of Merit for his consistently high places in competitions. In this respect he showed to the section to obtain this prestigious award.

Ipijf well.

AURORA LEED

In pride of place this month is Kerran Daly, head greenkeeper at Salisbury and South Wiltshire GC. Kerran Daly has just passed the Master Greenkeeper Certificate this summer and is the first member of the section to obtain this prestigious award. Congratulations, Kerran – no doubt other members will be inspired to follow your example.

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JANE RYAN

The season is now coming to a close, with skies looking ominously and the grass beginning to fall. We shall all be soon Vertidraining and hollow tining and, no doubt, incurring the wrath of our members.

The greenkeepers have seen yet another year of competition – a hectic one – which must go to Pattissons for sponsoring this tournament. Many thanks to Rigby Taylor and John Holt for arranging a most enjoyable day of golf at Whitefield GC, Manchester, in August. The day was a tremendous success with good company, good food and a superb course. The bloody par threes were hard? Thanks to Brian Booth for his invitations.

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The golf from our meagre band of Kent stalwarts was in many cases surprisingly good, and I can quite honestly say that I hope never again to venture out in such conditions. I must go to Underhill for sponsoring this tournament.

There was considerable success for two former Kent members however, from George Brown (formerly of Prince’s and Broome Park) and Andy Toogood of Paddock Wood. If putting up with the weather conditions on the course during the day was not bad enough, Andy, yours truly and our families had to put up with it on our way back! We had a day on a wet and windy site at Dymchurch – what fun!

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