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A big welcome to Wrangaton, our new Regional Administrator. Jane joins us from managing the admin at Thornbury Golf Centre and is unquestionably a tremendous asset to the Region.

The Regional Seminar at Cammerton on the Environment was a really informative day. Anyway, I’m commenting that it was “one of the best ever”, Modesty precludes me from too many details, but a big thank you to all the speakers.

Lots of Section members have taken the trouble to contact me after my PowerPoint presentation at the Cammerton Regional Seminar. One of the nicest comments was actually in the car park at Kingsdown. One greenkeeper, whom I don’t know that well, stopped me to say he’d enjoyed the presentation. He went on to tell me that he used to work at a club called ‘Kerry’, and he had ended up with a small corner with nothing particular in it. He thought back to the presentation, and ended up putting in a rockery with flat stones and a few plants. This to me encapsulates the whole point of the competition. It spreads ideas, does innovation, and promotes

The next Section meeting will be on February 23 2005 and is the Section Winter meeting at Weston Super Mare. Let’s support our Section and sponsors, by ensuring a really good turnout on a great golf course with good dry walking.

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Paul Worster 01285 651908, Work: 01453 837355, 07768 394593

South Coast

Happy New Year! I’m not sure about you all but I love January. Ok forget about how bad you feel, because those jeans that have just become unbearably tight around the waist, after the over indulgence over the Christmas period. The diet cliches not making you any happier and although you’re detoxing you just want a drink. That New Year’s resolution you made when you were very merry at midnight on New Year’s Eve, with the very best intentions, of course, was broken after only a day. And how can I forget the credit card bill landing on the doorstep just rub salt into the wounds, how can we have that much at Christmas? It may be the imminent trip to Harrogate and BTME, I love Harrogate week. It’s great to travel up and meet so many friends and colleagues and share another year’s experiences, some funny and others more unusual. I know now is a great time to introduce the seminar and I am glad to say the seminar is still going strong. It’s a shame more people don’t travel up from the Section. I’m particularly looking forward to seeing our former Section Chairman, Kerran Daly MG, becoming the BIGGA Chairman for 2005. Kerran takes over from Andy Campbell MG who has done a tremendous job over a very difficult time. Andy was a tremendous help and support going forward. I’m sure Andy will enjoy stepping back from the hectic role of Chairman, so well done Andy, enjoy the rest! I’m sure Kerran will settle in very quickly and continue with the good work that has seen the Association move to a very strong position, have a great year Kerran.

On to Section news. Our last golf day of 2004 was held at Barton-on-Sea Golf Club, in December, and once again we were very lucky with the weather. Tony Gadd and his team had been working hard preparing the course for our arrival and planning some splendid pins, ah don’t you just love them! The day was sponsored by New Forest Farm Machinery and Sheerwater and it was good to see our sponsors on the golf course, although Rob Crouch wasn’t looking too happy. Was it the high spirits of the previous day, presented the prizes, many thanks Alan.

Southern Region

On Wednesday 10 our Section held its AGM, at Wrangaton Golf Club on the Edge of Dartmoor. The day commenced with a foursomes Stableford competition in very windy conditions, nothing unusual when playing this course as the greenkeeping staff are well used to the winds and the sun shone.

The winners of the Competition were: 1. Buster Lever and Garry Tuckett, 34 points; 2. Kevin Yooman and Justin Austin, 32 points; 3. Kevin Miller and Adam Bridgwater, 32 points. Alan Dommett, of Devon Garden Machinery, whose company sponsored the day, presented the prizes, many thanks Alan.

I would like to thank you to all our Local Organisers and all the staff that made us so welcome, and of course a special thanks to Gerald Aylliffe, the Head Greenkeeper, who presented the course in excellent condition, not always easy in the climatic conditions of Dartmoor, which seems to have one of the heaviest rain falls in Devon.

On this post I would like to announce that I have been asked by Colin Child to join again and again playing golf, after his hip and leg operations. Last but not least, congratulations to Richard Whyman who will become Vice Chairman next year of BIGGA and Jeff Mills who joins the National Board well done to both.

Donovan O. Hunt

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