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Chairman’s Column

Change Is In The Air

As I write my column this month my thoughts are focused on the men and women managing golf courses across Europe, who have had to deal with one of the most extreme weather patterns that we have encountered over recent years. Here in the southwest of England the weather continues to be dry and warm with records being broken each month, October looks as if it’s becoming one of the warmest on record. The weather has also, at times, been very localised with many of you during the summer in the southeast crying out for a decent days rain, at the same time only a few miles away a club is blessed with enough to keep the course going another week. It’s been hard enough for us to deal with the weather patterns, but then we have to explain to the golfer why the course has suffered.

Communication will be the key to our success, it’s important to gather the data which will back up your reports both written and verbally, not forgetting to present the facts in a professional manner. Our Harrogate week educational programme has workshops and seminars to help you get your message across.

The National Tournament was held at the beginning of October at Burton on Trent GC, with the course being set up to tournament standards by Gavin Robson and his team who put so much hard work in presenting the course for our enjoyment. Well my enjoyment was watching the lads three putt the last!

Meeting the membership is one of the parts I have enjoyed the most during my year in office, meeting and talking to so many new faces was very pleasing and I thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. During my year in office I would have liked to visit each Section, but I hope you will understand that this isn’t possible with all the commitments that I have. I hope to meet many more new faces during Harrogate week 2007.

On this subject I have to inform you that we have made the decision to close hall Q, each company exhibiting in hall Q deserved the same throughput of people as the other four halls, the board was concerned that this may not happen if hall Q was only half full as it is slightly disjointed from the other halls. All the present exhibitors who have already booked their space in hall Q will be found favourable space in the main halls. The show will not be devalued in any way with four main halls full to the limit, creating an even busier atmosphere during Harrogate week 2007.

This month my champion of BIGGA is Graeme Taylor, Course Manager of the Eden Course at St Andrews Links Trust. Although Graeme isn’t, at present, on the Sections committee, he is a keen supporter of the Association and Section and has given up a lot of his own time in helping the Section set up and develop its own website. This provides a valuable service to the Section in keeping its members informed of what is happening in the Section and Region.

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