happiness and hopefully he will be in fine fettle when we meet again at Ely on October 3rd.
And finally, a Secretary informs the greenkeeper that his Chairman of Green has resigned after many years. "That's the end of an error then," said the greenkeeper. "Surely you mean era," said the secretary. "No" said the greenkeeper.
Mick Lathrope

BIGGA South West and South Wales Regional Seminar 2006
The date for this year's South West and South Wales Regional Seminar is Tuesday, November 21. It will be held once again at the Cannington Centre for Land Based Studies. The theme for this year is "A Sustainable Future For Golf?"
The day will be presented by BIGGA South West and South Wales Region in association with the R&A. The speaker will give presentations on the different aspects of sustainability in relation to the golf course and how to promote the message to the golf club and its members.
Presentations will be made by: Steve Isaac, Assistant Director - Golf Course Management, The R & A; Dr Keith Weatherhead, Senior Lecturer in Soil and Water Engineering, Institute of Water and Environment, Cranfield University; Howard Swan, Golf Course Architect and member of EIGCA; Keith Adderley, Secretary Temple Golf Club and member of the Association of Golf Club Secretaries; Richard Whyman, BIGGA Chairman and Course Manager at Burnham and Berrow Golf Club; Phil Weaver, PGA Chairman and Club Professional/Course Manager at Coventry Golf Club; Billy McMillan, BIGGA Vice Chairman and Course Manager at Tyrells Wood Golf Club;
This excellent line up of speakers makes this a day not to be missed so make sure you book early, as places will be limited. Booking details and information will be sent to all Head Greenkeepers/Course Managers in the Region. Any further information can be obtained by contacting Jane Jones, Regional Administrator.
Tel: 01454 270850 or mobile: 07841948110.

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The Jim Fry Pair's competition is making "steady" progress. We are down to the semi finals but please can you all ensure that you report your results to Phil Wentworth (mobile: 07831 862705) asap. He does a great job organising this event, please show your gratitude by keeping him up to date. Best of luck to the remaining participants.
Our next golf day is the Autumn Tournament at Corhampton GC, on October 12. Chris Sturgess is excellent at being tournament organiser and always keeps us up to date via email regarding events and producing a play list. If you do not receive this information and would like to be included and kept up to date with all the golf day dates and information please email Chris on: christaggsturgess@tiscali.co.uk or contact him by phone on 07773 138409.
The AGM will take place at Corhampton GC after the days play and before dinner is served. So, as there will be many rumbling tummies I'm sure the proceedings will progress at a reasonable pace? Of course the AGM is very important and it will not take up too much of your time. If you have any business you would like discussed please feel free to voice your
views at the AGM.

Finally, this is your Section. Please contact me if you have any news, be it happy, sad, interesting, funny etc etc, but please let me know so that we can share it with the whole section. Contact me on joe.crawley@ukgateway.net or on: 07721 389200.

Joe Crawley

Devon and Cornwall

Veteran South Devon athlete, Eric Barber, has become triple world champion after decimating the field in the 70 to 74 age group in the World Duathlon Championships hosted by Canada, Newfoundland.

The retired BIGGA member received a gold medal and a piece of local volcanic rock as a keepsake. His next major event will be the European Duathlon Championships in Rimini in October.

Don Hunt

South Wales

The Pencoed College Open Day was a great success, P. Lacey and A. MacLeod manned the BIGGA marquee for the day assisted by Pencoed College’s Paul Discombe and John Sullivan. Our thanks to “Ted Hopkins & Son Ltd” who loaned us some Toro equipment in the form of a fairway mower to enhance our position and to attract attention.

The Summer Competition took place at the Dewstow Park GC, 24 people took to the course and enjoyed a great day made by the hospitality of the club. Our thanks to the sponsors of the day “R S Birds Ltd” and especially MD Jeffrey Bird who provided a first class prize table.

Results: Winner - Gary Humphries, Birdie Cup; Runner-up - Rhys McDonagh, Jacobsen Cup and 3rd, Mark Wilshire.

The recent and annual match versus the South West Section of “BIGGA” played over the Old Course at the St Pierre Resort, Chepstow. The South West ran out winners by eight matches to seven since the event started.

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however Steve Chappell, Course Manager of Neath GC has requested to join the committee and it is hoped that this will be ratified at the forthcoming AGM.

The Rigby Taylor Matchplay Doubles is well underway and is nearing the semi-final stages. While the favourites have been knocked out, last years winners are still very much in it.

Congratulations to Richard Patterson formally assistant to Malcolm Davies, has been appointed Deputy Course Manager at Cradoc GC.

It is the turn of the “IOG” to formulate this forthcoming “Winter Evening Lecture Series” and I’m told that the organisation of such is well underway.

The “IOG” annual dinner and dance will be once again at the “Sophia Gardens” home of Glamorgan County Cricket Club, Cardiff some time in October. It is hoped that sponsorship can be sought as per last year in order to get as many BIGGA members and their spouses/partners involved in the event. Details will be mailed shortly.

Angus Macleod

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Answer: Harry Redknapp

A QUICK NINE HOLES

1. Player’s strike
2. Nathalie Tauziat
3. The Beastie Boys
4. Sandy Lyle
5. Polo
6. A spectator
7. Shawn Mullins
8. Matt Dawson
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To help supervise a team of up to 5 staff and deputise in the Head Greenkeeper's absence. Must have the ability to lead by example as this is a hands on position. The applicant should be qualified to at least NVQ 2 or its equivalent & have a minimum of 3 years experience. They must also possess a sound working knowledge of Health & Safety regulations. PA1, Pa2 and Pa6 Spraying Certificates an advantage. Knowledge of golf preferred.

Salary negotiable in accordance with experience.

No accommodation available.

Applications in writing, with full CV to:
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Please forward your CV to: Head Greenkeeper, Portlethen Golf Club, Badentoy Road, Portlethen, ABERDEEN AB12 4YA

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Head Greenkeeper

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Please apply by Friday 27th October 2006 in writing or E-Mail to: Katrina Ellis, Human Resources, Selsdon Park Hotel & Golf Club, Addington Road, Sanderstead, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 8YA or E-Mail: katrina.ellis@principal-hotels.com

SUNNINGDALE GOLF CLUB

require

Assistant Greenkeepers

- Minimum 2 years' golf course experience
- Qualified to NVQ2 or equivalent preferred, but not essential
- Salary negotiable according to experience and qualifications

Seasonal Greenkeepers

- A fixed term contract from April to September 2007
- Salary negotiable according to experience and qualifications

Applicants should be self motivated, committed and hardworking as well as having the necessary experience and ability to maintain the amenities of a World Top 50 golf club, Host of the Open Championship International Final Qualifying - Europe, and the Women's British Open 2008.

Please apply in writing or email with full CV to: Julie Watts, P.A. to Secretary, Sunningdale Golf Club, Ridgemount Road, Sunningdale, Berks SL5 9RR

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Apply in writing with CV to the Club Secretary, Lytham Green Drive Golf Club, Ballam Road, LYTHAM ST ANNES FY8 4LE

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