been dreading this World Cup as many of their regular golfers will have chosen to forego their usual golfing exploits in favour of watching football for a month. This obviously will impact on club finances (as well as the viewers’ marriages) and it has been interesting to see how some clubs have tried to diversify their marketing in order to attract as many golfers as possible in order to soften the blow. Here, at Birchwood, we have painted huge St. George’s crosses on lawns outside the clubhouse (see website) and hung flags from every available post and pillar so our players can see how committed we are to their golf and football demands. It certainly seems to be generating interest locally if nothing else!

The next Kent Section golf day is only round the corner so try to get some practice in between the football matches (as you can probably tell, I would never make it as a marriage guidance expert). Our happy group of golfers shall be travelling to the North Kent coast to play Herne Bay Golf Club on July 27 (perhaps you can drop the family off at the beach first!). This is our third outing this year and the days just seem to keep getting better. It has been nice to welcome several new people to our events this year and I’d like to thank everyone for making these days so enjoyable and to all our sponsors for helping to subsidise the costs of putting on our various activities.

Nothing more to add this month but please check out our webpage for more regular news, results, player handicaps and sponsors. I hope to see as many of you as possible on the 27th at Herne Bay where we can all indulge ourselves in a day of golf by the seaside and musing over where it all went wrong for England’s football team!

Best of British
Rob Holland
www.kentgreenkeepers.com

Surrey

Thursday June 3. Welcome to the third summer of 2010 and goodbye, I hope, to the fourth winter. My central heating has been on and off so many times this year I have now decided that as June is now here, come hell or high water, the thing stays off until November. Today the weather is glorious and although I know you are all desperate to see the rain you will have to wait until after the weekend because for Brian it is on with the shorts and with bucket and spade in hand it’s back to Ventnor for a short break on the good old Isle of Wight while leaving our new controllers, David and Nick, to look after the mainland and the world.

Tim Watts is congratulated on 40 years continuous service at Puttenham GC and I apologise for not putting this in last month’s edition. This means that I should have reported this month that Tim is to be congratulated on 40 years continuous service plus several months and having known Tim for 20 years plus several months I am delighted to do so now.

Mark Harvey is daddy of the month and his father, Bill, a long suffering member, sorry that should read long serving member at Epsom GC - where Mark is Head Greenkeeper - is grandfather of the month. Mark’s partner, Diana Cook, is mother of the month and their baby girl Aliassa, born May 19, weighed in at 7lb 2.5ozs and is just pleased to be here.

With no other news it just leaves me to let you all know that I’ve recently booked my August holiday and St Peter Port on the Isle of Guernsey is to be the main subject of interest in the October edition.

Brian Willmott

As I sit seeking inspiration for my July column I ask myself where the first six months of 2010 have gone. It’s hard to believe that the Open is only a couple of weeks away when memories of a spectacular finish to last year’s tournament at Turnberry are still relatively fresh in my mind.

My hopes are pinned on a British winner, the game needs the lift that this would bring and it would be nice to see the UK get behind its hopefuls in a similar, though perhaps not quite as flamboyant, way to that demonstrated in football for the World Cup.

As you will read elsewhere in this edition of Greenkeeper International the annual BIGGA Charity Golf Day was a great success and thanks go to Q Hotels for courtesy of the course. A thank you also to those teams that entered and without whom the event would not have taken place, congratulations go to the team from Ransomes Jacobsen who were the overall winners. As always the day provided a useful opportunity for BIGGA staff, greenkeeper Members and industry representatives to network in an informal atmosphere.

The early indications for the Association’s results for the financial year just finished (30th June) are positive and should produce a moderate surplus, the budget for 2010/2011 is not quite as good though and so much depends on Harrogate in particular. The bookings to date are reasonably good with 74 exhibitors confirmed and a significant number of others who say that are not yet in a position to commit. If you look at the plans on www.harrogateweek.org.uk you will see that we have reconfigured the four main exhibition halls and BIGGA will itself take a more prominent position. A new initiative for 2011 is to develop the environmental side of the golf club and we will be creating a zone dedicated to related products and services. If any members have contacts for potential exhibitors then please pass on details to Sue in the office, she is already working on a number of leads but a few more would always be helpful.

Finally I would like to congratulate Cecil George who is to be presented with the BIGGA Lifetime Achievement Award. For many Cecil is noted for his regional contribution to BIGGA’s AGM or perhaps his past involvement with the BIGGA Open Support Team but his real claim to fame comes from the many years of dedication to the development of education in greenkeeping and the promotion of the job as a career. Spend time in his company and you will soon discover his passion for greenkeeping and greenkeepers and how his wisdom, knowledge and experience has touched and influenced so many people over the years. As I sit and write this it is hoped that arrangements can be made to present the award at the Open which would be a fitting opportunity.

John Pemberton
Chief Executive

Please send your notes to Scott MacCallum by the 5th of the month. Email: scott@bigga.co.uk
BIGGA Membership Cards

BIGGA introduced photographs on their membership cards quite a few years ago, particularly for Full Members of the Association; this is for ID purposes particularly when seeking courtesy golf.

We will accept all kinds of photographs, from holiday snaps to general photographs; as long as the photograph clearly shows the applicant and we can scan the photograph from the head and shoulders. No glasses or hats please.

Don’t forget you can even use your mobile telephone, of course only if your mobile has a camera feature!

Once you have taken a head and shoulders shot download to a computer and email us the photograph using your membership number and name as the file name for the photograph.

If you do not include a photograph with your application or advise us that you are sending us one then you may get your form returned on sending us a photograph. If you or a colleague is wishing to submit an application to join BIGGA don’t let submitting a photograph be a barrier.

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If you would like some advice on sending us a photograph as an attachment or via your mobile phone (if your mobile supports this) contact Brad in the Membership Department.

Logging on to the BIGGA Website

We’ve recently changed the way members access the BIGGA members’ area. To log on to the new BIGGA Website members now need a password.

To improve security BIGGA members now log on to the website with their membership number and password created by the member.

If you previously used your membership number and surname you will need to create your own password and activate your account.

Select ‘Don’t have a password?’ from the home page, next to the Log In button and follow the instructions. You will need a valid email address.

The website is an ongoing project and we will be looking to improve this on an ongoing basis, introducing enhanced features and new pages full of useful information. If you have any suggestions on what may be beneficial to include on the website let us know.

Personal Finance Planning

Devising a personal budget is probably more important than ever right now.

A budget done correctly is the most precise tool for analysing your finances imaginable. It answers two key questions….

• Do I spend more than I earn?
• What can I afford to spend?

If you need help and advice on budget planning then members can contact the helpline, free of charge, see the reverse of your membership card for the contact number.

This is a confidential service provided to BIGGA full members as part of their membership.
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<td>London Section Event</td>
<td>Muswell Hill Golf Club</td>
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<td>South West Section – Scott's Management</td>
<td>Marlborough Golf Club</td>
<td>Adam Matthews at <a href="mailto:adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk">adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk</a> or mobile: 07732 503855</td>
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<td>Eaton Golf Club, Norwich</td>
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<td>Central Section Event</td>
<td>Auchterarder Golf Club, Norrie Whytock Trophy</td>
<td>Andrew Mellon at <a href="mailto:AMelon@Elmwood.ac.uk">AMelon@Elmwood.ac.uk</a> or mobile: 07780 995602</td>
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<td>Saturday August 21st</td>
<td>South West Section Race Night</td>
<td>Lansdown Racecourse</td>
<td>Adam Matthews at <a href="mailto:adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk">adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk</a> or mobile: 07732 503855</td>
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<td>Silkstone Golf Club</td>
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<td>Cophthorne Golf Club</td>
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Mike King of Vitax gets 10/10 questions right in this month’s What’s Your Number...

1. What is your position within the company?
   Sales and Marketing Manager

2. How long have you been in the industry?
   30 years

3. How did you get into it?
   Working for a distributor on their busy trade counter

4. What other jobs have you done?
   I did have 3 years in a sales office before I did go on the road doing sales jobs in Horticulture and Amenity.

5. What do you like about your current job?
   Having a chance to meet people and help move our industry forward.

6. What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?
   Better education within our industry, especially in the turf sector.

7. What do you like to do in your spare time?
   Football coaching, fishing with my son and playing golf poorly.

8. Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?
   Still playing golf poorly.

9. Who do you consider to be your best friends in the industry?
   My customers

10. What do you consider to be your lucky number?
    7

If he’s not larging it up with film stars and rock stars, Jack can be found at 4.30am out on the greens, raking along to the Stone Roses...

Name: Jack Fairman
Age: 32
Golf Club: Boston Golf Club
Position: Assistant
Nickname: Unprintable!

How long have you been greenkeeping?
7 years

What was it about the career that attracted you?
Working in the great outdoors

If you weren’t a greenkeeper what would you be?
A rock star

Which task do you enjoy and why?
Cutting greens at the weekend, middle of the summer at 4.30am

Which task do you least enjoy doing and why?
Pruning trees. It’s a seemingly never ending task

What one thing other than a pay rise would improve the greenkeepers lot?
Humane removal of all week day golfers.

Hobbies?
Poker, football, golf.

Favourite Band?
The Stone Roses

Which team do you support?
Newcastle United

What is your claim to fame?
I was invited to the world premier of the Jackass Movie and spent 12 hours getting wasted with the cast of the film and Dave Grohl from The Foo Fighters!
BIGGA is actively involved in raising the standard of Greenkeeper Training. The Association is a member of the Greenkeepers’ Training Committee and strives to enhance the level of education through various means, including Section, Regional and National workshops, seminars and conferences.

The range and quality of training now available throughout the UK means there is a training course for every greenkeeper. This should improve the quality of greenkeeping and help to produce better quality golf courses to the benefit of all within the industry.

Golf Course Managers should ensure that their staff are trained to the highest standards. This begins by selecting a training provider that meets the criteria laid down by the GTC. There is a clear link between education, training and economic success and all clubs should invest in the education of their staff.

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SCOTLAND

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LANGSIDE COLLEGE  
Rutherglen Campus,  
Buchanan Drive,  
Rutherglen,  
Glasgow, G73 3PF

Contact: William O’Neil  
Tel: 0141 272 3823  
Email: wonel@langside.ac.uk  

GOSTA TRAINING LTD  
50 Brook Street, Glasgow, G40 2AB

Contact: Chris Bothwell  
Tel: 0141 556 3999 Fax: 0141 556 4999  
Email: learn@gostaTRAINING.co.uk

SVQ II, III and IV also Modern Apprenticeship in Sportsturf including other options and GTTC Training Manual. Attendance Day release from November March. Distance learning also available. Short courses with certification include Pesticides, Chainsaw, First Aid, Risk Assessment, Abrasive Wheels, Full Range of Machinery Courses, Manual Handling and Fire Extinguisher training. Consultancy service for Health and Safety Policy development, Site Risk Audits, Machinery Permit to Use system, COSHH and Noise Assessment.

OATRIDGE COLLEGE  
Ecclesmachan, By Broxburn,  
West Lothian, EH52 6NH

Contact: Steve Miller  
Tel: 01506 864800 Fax: 01506 853373  
Email: smiller@oatridge.ac.uk  
Web: www.oatridge.ac.uk

Full-time National Certificate in Greenkeeping; SVQ Level 2 Sportsturf (Day and Block Release); SVQ Level 3 Sportsturf (Day Release and Fast Track); NC’s HNCs, SVQ Levels 2 and 3 in Horticulture, Landscaping and other land based subject; NPTC/LANTRA short courses in Pesticides Spraying, Chainsaws, Turf Maintenance Equipment, ATVs etc; Other Specific short courses on demand.
A full list of GTC approved training providers can be obtained from the GTC.

The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) are continually reviewing the approved status of training providers offering greenkeeper training courses.

For more information contact the GTC on: 01347 838640 or visit: www.the-gtc.co.uk

**Myerscough College**

Myerscough College invites applications for Degree courses starting in September 2010.

- Foundation Degree in Sportsturf
- Foundation Degree Sportsturf and Golf Course Management
- BSc (Hons) Turfgrass Science
- BSc (Hons) Sportsturf and Golf Management

R&A Bursaries available to many students

For more information call 01995 642211 or visit www.myerscough.ac.uk

**HADLOW COLLEGE**

Houghall campus is located to the east of Durham City bounded by the River Wear and the A177. The College has excellent resources for the provision of land-based programmes. Entry2-L4 full and part-time programmes are offered in Arboriculture, Floristry, Horticulture, Sports-turf, Environmental Conservation, NPTC block and short courses on demand.

**DUCHY COLLEGE**

Duchy College offers Level 1, 2, & 3 Diplomas and NVQ 4 in Amenity Horticulture (inc Sports Turf), HNC Horticulture, NC and ANC Horticulture, RHS Level 2 Certificate, FdSc Horticulture, BSc (Hons) Horticulture. We also offer Institute of Leadership and Management courses to Greenkeepers, together with workshops in Business Skills. Short legislative courses in pesticides, plant machinery, vehicles, forestry and arboriculture are also available.

**EAST DURHAM COLLEGE**

Houghall Campus, Durham DH1 3SG

Contact: Student Services
Tel: 0191 375 4710
Email: enquiries@eastdurham.ac.uk
Web: www.eastdurham.ac.uk

**BCA**

BCA Hall Place, Burchetts Green, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 6QH
Tel: 01628 824444 Fax: 01628 824695

Your local further and higher education College, serving the Thames Valley.

Located in the heart of the Thames Valley, BCA has excellent resources for horticultural based training. Programmes include the National Certificate, Advanced Certificate and Advanced National Diploma in Horticulture. Part-time programmes include the NVQ Level 2 and 3 Amenity Horticulture and RHS programmes, as well as PA1, PA2 and PA6 and various short courses. A wide transport network is provided as well as residential accommodation on-site.

**ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE**

Askham Bryan, York, North Yorkshire, YO23 3FR
Contact: Central Admissions Tel: 01904 772211
Email: enquiries@askham-bryan.ac.uk
Web: www.askham-bryan.ac.uk


**DUCHY COLLEGE**

Cornwall’s College of the Countryside

Contact: Liz Clarkson Claire Bennetts
Tel: 01579 372345/07785 105087 01209 722109/07824 626363
Email: liz.clarkson@duchy.ac.uk claire.bennetts@duchy.ac.uk
Web: www.duchy.ac.uk

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ENGLAND

MERRIST WOOD CAMPUS
OF GUILDFORD COLLEGE
Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3PE.
Contact Philip Mayes Tel: 07896674789
Email: pmayes@guildford.ac.uk or Andrew McEvoy
07896674786 amcevoy@guildford.ac.uk
Website: www.guildford.ac.uk

Part-time courses: NVQ Level 2 Sportsturf college day release and workplace visits/assessments, National Certificate Level 2 Sportsturf in conjunction with IOG / NPTC, NVQ Level 3 Sportsturf on-line distance learning, Level 3 National Award college day release for those without qualified workplace assessors. Also, NVQ Level 4 Sportsturf Management, plus throughout the year various NPTC Certificate of Competence including; Automatic Turf Irrigation, Turf Maintenance Equipment, Mowers, PA1, & 2, Tractors, Trimmers and Chainsaw. Please contact us for up-to-date listings, qualifications and advice on courses and funding. Open evenings are held regularly at the Campus.

REASEHEATH COLLEGE
Mantwixh, Cheshire, CW5 6DF
Contact: Gareth Phillips or Chard Spicer
Tel: 01270 613236 Fax:01270 625665
Email:enquiries@reaseheath.ac.uk
Web:www.reaseheath.ac.uk

Short Courses include Pesticide application (PA1, PA2, PA6) Chainsaw operation, Safe use of mowers. Bespoke courses and overseas programs available on request. On site facilities include a commercially operating golf course, rugby, football pitches and Crewe Alexandra training grounds.

MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE
Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire PR3 0RY
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SOUTHSTAFFORDSHIRE COLLEGE
Penkridge, Staffordshire ST19 5PH
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Email: keith.ellis@southstaffs.ac.uk
Web:www.southstaffs.ac.uk

South Staffordshire College offers an extensive range of courses, full, part time and day release. Full time programmes include; NPTC Skills for Life, Level One, 1st Diploma, National Award. National Certificate and National Diploma. Higher Education programmes can be studied on a part time basis and include Foundation Degree and the BSc in Horticulture. Work based learning is available at NVQ 1, NVQ 2, and NVQ 3 and South Staffordshire offers very extensive Train2Gain provision. Sports turf and green keeping can be studied at NVQ 2 and NVQ 3 level on a day release basis. The college offers a wide transport network to its learners as well as residential accommodation on site.

OAKLANDS COLLEGE
St Albans Smallford Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 0JA

Contact: Andrew Wight
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Email: andy.wight@oaklands.ac.uk
Web: www.oaklands.ac.uk


SPARSHOLT COLLEGE
Sparsholt College Hampshire (incorporating Andover College Campus)
Sparsholt, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21:

Contact: Registry
Telephone: 01962 797213
Email: enquiry@sparsholt.ac.uk
Web: www.sparsholt.ac.uk

NVQ and Advanced Apprenticeships in Amenity Horticulture (Sports Turf), ND Sport – Golf Academy. Short-courses accredited by NPTC, LANTRA Or NVQ in chainsaw operation, pesticides, tree felling and clearing, arboriculture and machinery management.

PLUMPTON COLLEGE
Ditchling Road, Plumpton, NR Lewes, East Sussex,BN7 3AE
Tel: 01273 890454
Fax:01273 890071
Email: enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk
Web: www.plumpton.ac.uk

Foundation Degree in Horticulture and Garden Design, Levels 2 and 3 Diploma in Horticulture

THE COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA
– CAMBRIDGE CAMPUS
Landbeach Road, Milton, Cambridgeshire CB24 6DB

Contact: Mark Ekin
Tel: 01223 860701
Email: mekin@col-westanglia.ac.uk
Website: www.cwa.ac.uk

Full time courses: National Certificate in Sports Turf Management (1 year, level 2 qualification); BITC National Pathway in Horticulture with Sports Turf Management (1 or 2 years, level 3 qualification which includes National Award, Certificate and Diploma)
Part time courses: NVQ Level 2 Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping), NVQ Level 3 Amenity Horticulture (Sports Turf). NPTC Qualifications i.e. pesticides PA1, PA6, PA2 Apprenticeships: Apprenticeship in Greenkeeping

JULY 2010
Major Customers

All customers are important, a cross section from our customer list includes:

- The Roxburghe Hotel and Golf Course
- Hamilton Golf Club
- Newmacher Golf Club
- Peterhead Golf Club
- Newburgh Golf Club
- Hilton Park Golf Club
- Royal Troon Golf Club
- Castle Stuart Golf Club
- SRU Murrayfield
- Whitecraigs Golf Club
- Douglas Park Golf Club
- Inverness Golf Club

To nominate a GI Dealer of the Month contact Scott MacCallum with your reasons why the dealer of your choice should be featured, writing no more than 450 words and including a decent photograph...

Email scott@bigga.co.uk
Our monthly puzzle page to keep you entertained when you’re forced indoors...

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1 Fire-starter (8)
5 Zany or impulsive (6)
10 Musical written by Tim Rice, Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson (5)
11 The ____ Guards, the senior regiment of the Guards Division (9)
12 In religion, a place between heaven and hell (9)
13 The third rock from the sun (5)
14 Top 10 hit for The Ordinary Boys (4,4,2,4)
17 The first English language writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature (7,7)
21 Listlessness or boredom (5)
23 The largest city in British Columbia (9)
24 Approaches (5,4)
25 Repeat (5)
26 Young, affluent professional with a fashionable lifestyle (6)
27 Body of water surrounding the Isle of Man (5,3)

DOWN
1 Take up an offer (6)
2 An obscenity (5,4)
3 German actress, star of Roman Polanski’s Tess (9,6)
4 Italian international footballer of the 1990s – Giuseppe ___ (7)
6 A semi-autobiographical novel by Ernest Hemingway (1,8,2,4)
7 An official maker of public announcements (5)
8 Leverage or influence (8)
9 RL Stevenson’s ‘good’ doctor (6)
15 Eaters of meat and plants (9)
16 A non-competitive sporting event (8)
18 Jonathan, rugby league and union international (6)
19 A disregarde of information (7)
20 Skulls (6)
22 US Civil Rights organisation (5)

QUICK ‘NINE HOLE’ QUIZ

1. Who won the very first Open at St Andrews in 1973?
2. Tiger Woods won the 2005 St Andrews Open by five shots but two came second?
3. Which two players in the modern era have won more than one Open over the Old Course?
4. Who says he doesn’t think about his missed 72nd hole putt in which would have won him the 1970 Open more than once every few minutes?
5. Which winner’s nickname was “Champagne”?

MONSTER SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 4x4 box contains the numbers 0 to 9 and the letters A to E.

SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 9 box shape contains the numbers 1 to 9.
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Repton Short Course ‘Signature Island Green’.

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