South West and South Wales

I write this article fresh from supporting the Celtic Manor Greens Staff set up the course on the Thursday and Friday mornings of the SAAB Wales Open. I must say how well the work carried out over the last eight months has enabled them to present the course in outstanding fashion! Beautiful sunshine, minimal wind, absolutely perfect conditions for the tournament, totally different to October. I hope the weekend stayed as good for you and the boys, Jim.

Our Spring Competition Glynhir Golf Club

As I wrote in last month’s Around The Green we were looking to change the format for this event - we did. We played a 4 man team event Texas Scramble. Wayne Benger (a poor manager as he explained to me) set up his beautiful picturesque golf course in outstanding condition to welcome BIGGA South Wales and 19 teams of four. A big thank you to Wayne and his small team to make the day very memorable and one where a return visit will definitely be on.


Nearest the Pins. Prizes were sponsored by Avoncrop was played at Liphook Golf Club.

As usual we had planned perfect weather, equally so David Murdoch had planned some devious pin positions around the stunning golf course.

A field of 48 played on the best greens I have been on this year. It was a stern test on the day which was reflected in the scores.


Many thanks as always to Avoncrop for their sponsorship. It was great to see Colin’s family in attendance along with Joanna, from Avoncrop. Well done Dave and his team for presenting the course in superb condition. Lastly thanks to Jane for coming up to meet and greet as people arrived.

The Secretary and I were lucky enough to be invited to Basingstoke Golf Club for their annual Bowl, another perfect day of sunshine light winds, in fact everything to encourage good golf, shame we came last. The course was in excellent condition. Well done Colin as always.

Next golf event is the match petition at Wenvoe Castle GC, July 6. I hope as many of us can make it to Wenvoe Castle GC to support Mark Wilshire, the new Head Greenkeeper, in his role and seeing any changes he’s made and the club are also celebrating their 75th anniversary at the venue.

Peter Holmstrom

BIGGA Regional Conferences

All forthcoming conferences are as follows...

South East, 16 November 2011, Stock Brook Manor Golf Club, Essex
Contact Clive Oagood, RA, 01737 819343

South West & South East, 17 November 2011, Oaktree Arena, Highbridge, Somerset
Contact Jane Jones, RA, 01454 270850

Scotland, 6 March 2012, Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline
Contact Peter Boyd, RA, 0141 616 3440
An update and summary of the last six months...

For the first five months of this year I was in the position of Acting General Manager and Head of Membership Services, no wonder time has literally flown by. I don't think I remember very much about the first half of this year! And with losing Brad Anderson, Membership Services Assistant, at the end of April, the department is currently stretched to its limits.

However, please be assured that we, here at BIGGA HOUSE, are not about to let standards drop, in this interim period of change with staff, our aim is to continue to offer good customer service to our members. See Contact Details (panel on the right) for ways you can get in touch.

During April we offered BIGGA members the opportunity of purchasing the ‘tastecard’, at an exclusive members rate. The offer was available for a two week period and proved quite popular. Watch this space as we are negotiating with ‘tastecard’ to offer this again later this year.

BIGGA also teamed up with Jemca Business Centre, London to offer BIGGA members preferential rates on out-right purchase or contract hire of Toyota HILUX vehicles.

All details of these offers and all membership services and benefits are available in the Members Area of the BIGGA Website www.bigga.org.uk.

The Importance of Networking Section Events

With 26 Sections around the UK there is always a ‘friend’ nearby.

Whether you are just starting out as a sports turf professional (greenkeeper or groundsman) or at the pinnacle of your career, networking is likely to play a large part in your success.

Networking is about creating a set of contacts and subsequently building a trust and creating a genuine relationship with the people you meet. It provides the opportunity for you to discover people who may be able to help with queries/problems you encounter during your career as well as the opportunity for you to offer your assistance to others.

For people new to networking, it might seem a daunting prospect. But by investing time in other people you might soon find that your career is reaping the rewards.

Top tips for networking:

- Be yourself
- Be open
- Smile
- Let people talk
- Push yourself
- Know what you want
- Enjoy it

Bulletin Board

Current members of BIGGA can gain access to the Bulletin Boards where members can gain access to a vast amount of useful, important and vital information for greenkeepers and other sports turf professionals, golf clubs and businesses involved in the fine turf industry. Here you can discuss popular topics such as ‘Education and Training for Greenkeepers’ or ‘Fusarium Scarring’ and keep updated about Section seminars and events.

BIGGA is about promoting:

B est practice in sports turf management
I ndustry targeted learning and development
G rreenkeeping as a career
G roundsmanship as a career
A better understanding of sports turf care

Open Support Team, Royal St George’s, 2011

Good luck to the BIGGA Open Support Team, who will be supporting Graham Royden and his team at Royal St George’s this month. For more information on the Open Support Team and what’s involved visit the Members Area of the BIGGA Website and search down the left hand side for ‘Open Support Team’.

BIGGA welcomes the following new members

Scotland
Bryan Beaton, North Section
Colin Black, West Section
Jamie Boon, North Section
James Brown, East Anglia Section
Ryan Cooper, North Section
Michael Harris, Sussex Section
James Larkby, Central Section
Mark Lindsay, Central Section
David Mackay, North Section
Christopher McClaughlin, West Section

Northern Region
Daltan Arnab, Northern Section
Stuart Hewker, North West Section
James Heasley, Sheffield Section
Stephen Hudson, North West Section
Jonathan Jubb, Northern Section
John Seaton, Cleveland Section
Daniel Yates, Sheffield Section

Midland Region
Matt Bennett, East of England Section
Steven Brown, Mid Anglia Section
Jamie Harris, Berks/Bucks & Oxon Section
Jonathan Harr, East of England Section
Andrew Lewis, Midland Section
Wayne Malcolm, Midland Section
David Roberts, Berks/Bucks & Oxon Section
Steven Wallace, Berks/Bucks & Oxon Section
David Williams, East Midland Section

South East Region
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Mark Dean, East of England Section
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Mathew Lewis, South Wales Section
Hoss Phillips, South West Section
Jamie Scovent, South Coast Section
Christopher Sopers, South West Section
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Scott Bibby, Kinloch Golf Resort, New Zealand

For more information on new members log in to the Members’ Area of the BIGGA Website.

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Greenkeepers Support Services
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### Diary of Events

Details of your Section’s forthcoming events can be found here...

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I really wanted to develop my education but had to fund my own training, so I contacted BIGGA to ask for financial support. A refund of my course fees has enabled me to complete my chainsaw maintenance and cross cutting, felling of small trees and my PA6 spraying certificates. I really do appreciate what BIGGA, with the support of the Gold and Silver Key Companies, has done for my career.

Murray Mannall, Greenkeeper

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Our monthly puzzle page to keep you entertained when you’re forced indoors..

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Co-writer of Sympathy for the Devil (4,6)
6 Frasier Crane’s radio station (1,1,1,1)
9 BBC Children’s show presented by a former wrestler in a big chair (5,3,2)
10 Cord of twisted fibres; a story (4)
12 All the King’s horses were unable to fix him (6-6)
15 Bureauocrat (7)
16 Emulsified high-fat offal tube (7)
17 Grave (7)
19 Enthusiastic, but unpaid (7)
20 ‘Old Ben’ in Star Wars (3,3,6)
23 More common name for the Antoinette Perry Award for Excellence in Theatre (4)
24 British submarine, launched in 1942 and named after a hunting call (3,5-2)
25 Tender (4)
26 1998 sequel to The Fugitive (2,8)

DOWN
1 Term for self-confidence used by Austin Powers (4)
2 One with fine teeth may be needed in a search (4)
3 Roman politician, kidnapped by pirates c.75BC (6,6)
4 1980s Grange Hill bully (7)
5 Greek deities of vengeance, also know as the furies (7)
7 Hull based writer of Oh no, it’s Selwyn Froggitt and The Beiderbecke Trilogy (4,6)
8 Comedian who starred with Tracy Ullman and David Copperfield in Three of a Kind (5,5)
11 1973 Mike Oldfield album, used in The Exorcist (7,5)
13 1995 Disney film featuring Mel Gibson (10)
14 Type of bowler who may be able to deliver a ‘doosra’ (3,7)
18 Indigenous people of the Arctic circle (7)
19 Ms Fältskog of ABBA (7)
21 Imitative bird of the starling family (4)
22 Snooks (in pool) (4)

QUICK ‘NINE HOLE’ QUIZ

Current Champions
1. Who is the current Open Golf Champion?
2. Who are the current Rugby Union World Cup Champions?
3. Who is the current Olympic 1500 metres Champion?
4. Who are the current World Series Baseball Champions?
5. Who are the current Carling Cup Champions?
6. Who are the current holders of the Solheim Cup?
7. Who are the current holders of the America’s Cup?
8. Who are the current cricket 20/20 World Champions?
9. Who is the current US Open Men’s tennis Champion?

MONSTER SUDOKU
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 9x9 box shape contains the numbers 1 to 9 and the letters A to E.

SUDOKU
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 9x9 box shape contains the numbers 1 to 9.

Puzzle Answers on page 65
Fancy improving your IT skills?

BIGGA members can access an official Microsoft® Office 2003 Training Library that includes programs such as Excel, Word, PowerPoint and Outlook.

BIGGA are able to offer these practical and effective online courses at a discounted cost of £15 (+ VAT) (usually £20 + VAT) to BIGGA Members, and £30 (+ VAT) to non-members, thanks to support from the Learning and Development Fund. For further information contact the Learning and Development Department on 01347 833800 option 3.

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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.

There are now a number of GTC Quality Assured Centres and Training Providers identified by the GTC Quality Assured logo.
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Duchy College offers Level 1, 2, & 3 Diplomas and NVQ 4 in Amenity Horticulture (inc Sports Turf), Centre based L2 and L3 Diplomas in Horticulture (also Sustainable Horticulture), RHS Level 2, 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.

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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 to 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.

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These short, handy guides provide practical, step by step guidance on a range of subjects. The guides can be downloaded and used to help you develop your knowledge and implement new processes within your workplace.

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The “How To...” guides are brought to you thanks to the continuing support of the contributors to the Learning and Development Fund.
Making best use of your water resources

Water is currently emerging as one of the most topical conversations that can be found on the lips of both greenkeepers/groundsmen and golfers/sportsmen alike. The lack of natural precipitation is causing problems for both; the former with concerns about keeping the grass alive, and the latter for keeping their balls on the fairway. There are many mutterings from the Clubhouse that there should be water on the course, and what is the Course Manager doing about it?

Unfortunately we are in the middle of one of the worst financial periods in living memory which has had severe knock-on effects for those who have to maintain those rolling green acres of finely manicured turf.

Budgetary constraints have limited the resources available to the Course / Grounds Manager who have had to reduce their spending on machinery, chemicals, fertilizer and also water. However, there may be methods of improving the infrastructure that is currently in place without having to endure a large financial discussion with the relevant management committee.

Intelligent Watering is a new irrigation advisory service that is committed to working alongside the turf professionals in getting the most out of the irrigation facilities that are in place.

Intelligent Watering have the capabilities to undertake all levels of service, from a basic irrigation audit to a full course GPS survey.

The owner of Intelligent Watering is Adrian Handbury. Adrian has been in the turf industry for 17 years, and during that time has been privileged to have worked on some of the finest golf courses and sports stadia in the UK At all levels, from irrigation technician to manufacturer’s technical support. His work has also taken him to Europe, North America and Africa.

For a free discussion about how Intelligent Watering may help you, contact Adrian on +44 (7889) 006812 (mobile), or email adrian@intelligentwatering.co.uk

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