Another month has passed us by and yet again a change in the weather.

Antony Kirwan and I travelled down to Royal St George’s to witness the Open Championship. Support Team in the middle of July. A five day trip of long, hot, wet and warm very enjoyable days. Antony was lucky enough to get a round with the overall winner Darren Clarke, plus sample the delights of an early morning out on the course with the course staff doing the normal pre-completion course preparation. Both of us had a fantastic time, met new friends, renewed old acquaintances and learnt a lot. We both would recommend the experience to anyone who has the time to spare.

I am sorry to have to report that our Secretary, Dominic Rodgers, has decided to resign from the position; the committee accepted his resignation at the last committee meeting held in July and have written and thanked him for all he has done for the Section, over the past couple of years. At that meeting we discussed the forthcoming Regional Conference being held by our Section in November. We have written to a number of speakers and await the outcome of their preliminary enquiries. I hope to be able to make an announcement in next month’s magazine of the full itinerary.

The Summer Trophy at Chelmsford will have passed when you read this but don’t forget to enter the next event at Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club. Thursday, September 29. It is our Autumn Trophy. Entries to Andy Cracknell please by Sunday, September 25.

Sorry it’s short and sweet this month but there is not that much to report.

If you have anything for inclusion in Greenkeeper International or on the Section’s Website www.essexbigga.co.uk please contact me on 07764-862,337 or at essexbigga@talktalk.net

Arnold Phipps-Jones

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The rule for this year was in great shape thanks to Mark WilsHERE and his team so well done to them. There was plenty of food throughout the day and Golf Club, which was very good. The competition was an 18 hole Stableford with a handicap allowance, 60 entrants.


The annual match against the South West will be held in mid-late August, the results of which will be in next month’s mag. Our summer competition and AIM at Waterlooville GC, on October 6, where we will hear great reports from people that have played there recently so try and support the Section if you can.

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Brian’s career started, some say at 7, in the coal-mines but his deputy and now successor, Paul Robinson, assures me that it was at Burnningdale GC, followed by a disillusioned stint in the insurance industry, then Wentworth GC, Wortlepool GC, then Burnningdale again before returning to Wortlepool in 2005.

Brian has won many amateur trophies in his golfing career, has played off plus 1 and who knows, if he puts in enough practice in retirement, he might manage that level of excellence. Wortlepool GC gave him a grand send-off with a BBQ attended by some 120 members and friends. He said, “I was blown away, will be moving to their new home down in the New Forest, at New Milton, and been fortunate enough to play golf as members of Barton on Sea GC.”

I have myself retashed that time in life when the State will repay money that I have lent to friends over 49 years in the way of an old age pension. This, although greatly readjusted to keep me in the style of life to which I have become accustomed and so, if you get a burst of a message from yours truly, please do not do what I do, read it in a mall. Read carefully, follow the instructions and leave cash only please in the speed-bumping club for my later collection. Doing this will mean that you will still be able to enjoy reading every bit of information, in this exceptional journal, stories of my sage from yours truly, please do not email it to you.

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I feel that this is the perfect opportunity to remind you all of our future at Cotswold Hill GC, in October. This year we will visit Cotswold Hills for our AGM. Your attendance would be very important, if you would like to have your say within our Section. It’s your chance to make suggestions and plans for the year ahead that you would like to happen.

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Letters

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Many Thanks 2
I am writing to offer my personal thanks to Ramanos Jacobson and BIGGA and their continued support of the greenkeeping industry.

I will give you a brief insight into myself further on in this letter, but first I think it would be appropriate to say that without both Ramanos Jacobson and BIGGA’s innovative thinking and forward planning then I do not expect greenkeepers would be seen in the same light as we are today – By this I mean we are heading towards a greater appreciation by the ‚golf‘ public and the way we are viewed.

As indicated at the head of this letter, my name is James Hutchinson and three years ago I was lucky enough to be given a RJ scholarship to study for an On – Line degree through Myerscough College. I am writing to inform you that I have recently completed the said degree and that I passed with a marvellous grade. I have also been invited to study for a BSc and I have of course accepted!

Since being awarded your scholarship, I have won numerous golf course related awards and I was also accepted onto the RBA’s scholarship programme. The RBA’s scholarship brought with it funding for my second and third year’s study but it was both RJ’s and BIGGA’s initial help that set me onto this winning path. Without your backing, I may not have developed this mindset and I thank you for your foresight in developing the scholarship.

So please accept this letter as my way of thanking Ramanos Jacobson and BIGGA for all your help and please, please keep up the super work.

James Hutchinson, Fairhaven Golf Club.

in the shed

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

CROSSWORD

Quick ’Nine Hole’ Quiz

Keegan Bradley’s stunning win in the US PGA Championship was achieved in his first Major. Can you identify these surprise winners?

1. Name the 42-1 underdog heavyweight boxer who defeated Mike Tyson in 1990
2. Who was the 17 year old who defeated Serena Williams in the 2004 Ladies Singles final at Wimbledon?
3. Which country earned a last minute invite to the 1992 European Football Championships and then won?
4. Which country is the current Rugby 7’s World Champions despite not having won another major IRB tournament before or since?
5. Who were the last team outside of the top division to win the FA Cup?
6. Who was the unheralded American who defeated Ernie Els in a play-off to win the 2004 Open Championship at Royal Troon?
7. Name the no-hitter who survived carnage at the 23rd fence in the 1967 Grand National to record an unlikely win at odds of 100-1.
8. Which football team defeated Real Madrid in the final of the 1983 European Cup Winners Cup?
9. Which FA Cup final was the furthest reached by a non-league team in the last 60 years?

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.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Jimmy Richardson

Regarding Jimmy Richardson’s retirement from Hexham Golf Club,
I first met Jimmy at Ponteland GC in 1967. He has always been
friendly, sociable and willing to help others. He is conscientious and
has been a marvellous servant to both golf and the North East Section
over his 41 years.

On a personal note it was great for me to meet you all and I
would like to take this opportunity to thank the BIGGA Support
Team for all their hard work during the Open Championship.
I can honestly say that during my 19 years at Royal St Georges I have
never seen the hundreds as well presented.
I was also delighted to be able to give a few of you the chance to hand
cut some of the greens for me, an experience I hope you enjoyed.
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Many Thanks

BIGGA Open Support Team

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Since launching in January 2011 Blinder Bunker Liner has been installed up and down the country and recently broken into Europe.

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The patented Bunker lining system is environmentally sound and uses rubber crumb made from recycled tyres, mixed with a binding agent, to produce a bunker lining that provides a solution to many of the problems associated with maintaining bunkers.

Rubber crumb is mixed with a binding agent in a mixer issuing complete consistency throughout. Then spread onto a sub-base at a depth of 25mm, smoothed by hand and rollers to provide the perfect base for the bunker sand.

The liner is resistant to club strikes and burrowing animals and drains at a rate up to 2,400 ml per hour. It also minimises wash from the bunker face reducing maintenance to the surrounding soil due to prevailing weather conditions. It changes of temperature and the expansion and contraction of hydrocarbons minimises wash from the bunker face reducing maintenance to the surrounding soil due to prevailing weather conditions. It changes of temperature and the expansion and contraction of hydrocarbons.

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