Around The green

Sheffield

This month’s notes the vast spring renovation will be coming to a close. It has been a busy and satisfying course development project and I’m sure the parents, two uncles and many grandparents of the players will now know it is very, very, very cold. This is not from personal experience, the kitchen sitters who arrived at 8 o’clock, and woke me, told me from the other side of the letterbox. I have now let them in after checking their ID cards and they are now doing some manual work.

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South East Region

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This month the open meeting was at The Cross Keys Golf Club; 4th May. Unfortunately we were unable to attract enough players to make it worthwhile. We have asked the Shere committee if we can approach the other clubs to form a league. We would consider playing against the League to see if it might work for another year. We are most interested in your feedback on this issue.

I have had a request for the handbooks of the Level 1 courses. I am happy to send them to you if you would like to try and offer a course in your area. If you would like to do this please contact me.

If you would like to promote any events or activities please contact me on 07764- 022842. Thank you.

Dear Colleagues,

Just a short one this month, as we are only just getting back into the swing, as they say. At last long we have some news. We have got a few more bits of news for later in the year. I promise to pitch my old self and the memory is returning slowly.

Brian Williams

Surrey

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South Coast

Hello everyone, and welcome to April’s around the green. We will finally got there on February 15 with our Section seminar held at Milton Abbey School. I hope you all had a fantastic day, and thank you to the school it gave me a good chance to show you the life of a Head Groundsman and our way of life at a private school. We had excellent numbers in attendance, which was really encouraging for the Section, and I would like to thank all our guest speakers who gave so much time in making such a successful seminar. I just want to say a big thank you to the department at the school, who did provide us with a fantastic lunch and I hope you all enjoyed the park! It was also nice to see so many people interested in the Abbey itself, which holds so much history; even one of our Greenkeepers made an inquiry about getting married there.

April sees our first Tourna-

ment of the year, which is on April 26, at Dunsden, Oxfordshire, and it is a 18 hole medal round, which will be our qualifier for this year’s National Championship, held at Irvine Golf Club, Bognor, Sussex. We hope we get a good turn out for this day, as many of you will know, this will be the last round of golf to be played at Dunsmore manor so I am sure it will be an emotional day for many.

We are now running and updating our own website, the address is biggasouthcoast.org.uk, so no excuses, you can see what is happening in your Section. All fixtures and flyers will be available to view.

Finally that leaves me to wish you all a Happy Easter, Happy Greenkeeping for the season ahead, and I’m sure most of us will have managed to have 56 attendees at our seminar, a Hugh of which 24 even braved playing golf. Strong, sub-zero winds made it very challenging out there, but it still has managed to have 56 attendees at our seminar, a Hugh of which 24 even braved playing golf. Strong, sub-zero winds made it very challenging out there, but it still has

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to climb out of the rut I was in and take the plunge. I wish I had done it ten years ago! Thanks too to all the clients who have employed my services over the year. For details of what I can offer and how to reach me, visit our webpage from the address below.

Best of British

Bob Holland

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BIGGAs welcomes the following new members

Scottish Region

Michael Dods, Head Greenkeeper/Course Manager, Ferryden Park Golf Club, Ferryden Park, Dundee, Angus

Ryan Wilson, Assistant Greenkeeper, Royal Leichardt Golf Club, Cheltenham

Brian McIlwrath, Greenkeeper, Central, Barrow in Furness, South Cumbria

Phil Seay, Greenkeeper, Central, Barrow in Furness, South Cumbria

Mike Allan, Greenkeeper, Central, Stotfolds, Northampton

Chris Jones, Greenkeeper, Central, Stotfolds, Northampton

Charlotte Haigh, Assistant Greenkeeper, Central, Stotfolds, Northampton

Aidan Hyslop, Assistant Greenkeeper, Central, Stotfolds, Northampton

Brett Searle, Assistant Greenkeeper, West, West, South East

Northern Region

Gary Morris, Assistant Greenkeeper, Head Greenkeeper, Johnstone Castle Golf Club, Dalry, East Ayrshire

David Wilson, Head Greenkeeper, Head Greenkeeper, Johnstone Castle Golf Club, Dalry, East Ayrshire

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John Smith, Assistant Greenkeeper, Head Greenkeeper, Johnstone Castle Golf Club, Dalry, East Ayrshire

Scott West

Alex Bury, Assistant Greenkeeper, Head Greenkeeper, Johnstone Castle Golf Club, Dalry, East Ayrshire

Northern Ireland

Chris McIlroy, Head Greenkeeper, Head Greenkeeper, Johnstone Castle Golf Club, Dalry, East Ayrshire

Overseas

Harry Bladon, International, Australia

Eoin Beaumont, International, Australia

Noel McGuinness, International, Australia

For more information on the BIGGAs Area of the Members’ Area of the BIGGAs Website.

A recurring theme on BIGGAs Bulletin Boards and in my conversations with members is the importance of the relationship between the Course Manager/Head Greenkeeper and the Golf Club Manager/Secretary. It is too simplistic to say that when this relationship is good the course is automatically likewise good. In reality it is far more likely that it can be a contributing factor. I was delighted therefore to be asked by the Scottish Golf Union to attend its Innovative Management Development Programme recently. The SGU has identified Club Manager education as a high priority for the on-going health of the game and is offering the opportunity for current and aspiring Club Managers to undertake the CMS/Certified Club Manager (CCM) course at heavily subsidised rates.

The first week of the course is an introduction to the key elements to the job and it is gratifying that BIGGAs has been asked to present on the importance of golf course maintenance, how the Association can help and how to get the best out of the course manager. I’m convinced that if the next generation of Club Managers place appropriate value on the skills of our members the game of golf has a healthy future, the SGU is to be commended on its initiative.

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#### South West and South Wales

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#### South Wales

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To access the TGIF log in to the members area of the BIGGA website, select ‘Member Resources’ from the options on the left hand side, scroll down to ‘Turfgrass Information Center’ and click on the link which will give you access to the file directly.

Happy researching!

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(Full Members only)

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April 12th North West Section Event Leasowe Golf Club Chris Sheehan email: jsheehan@blueyonder.co.uk
April 17th Scottish Central Section Event Crieff Golf Club Gordon Moir tel: 01334 474021 / 07850 139799 or email gordonmoir@btinternet.com
April 18th North East Section Event South Shields Golf Club Jimmy Richardson Tel: 0191 413 5232 or email jamesrichardson217@btinternet.com
April 18th Cleveland Section Event Hidcote Hall Golf Club Ian Pemberton email: ianpemberton60@yahoo.co.uk
April 19th South West Section Event Thornbury Golf Centre Sliping Tournament AM-AM Adam Matthews Tel: 07732 506855 or email adam1.matthews@hotmail.co.uk
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5. Who was the Captain of England during the infamous Bodyline Series?
6. Whch England Manager is known for the phrase: “Do I not like that.”?
7. Name the European Ryder Cup Captain who revitalised the competition in the 90s.
8. Who was the Manager of the first British team to win the European Cup?
9. Who was Captain of the R&A in 2003?

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

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4. Who was Captain (Skip) of Britain’s Gold Medal winning curling team in the 2002 Winter Olympics?
5. Who was the Captain of England during the infamous Bodyline Series?
6. Which England Manager is known for the phrase: “Do I not like that.”?
7. Name the European Ryder Cup Captain who revitalised the competition in the 90s.
8. Who was the Manager of the first British team to win the European Cup?
9. Who was Captain of the R&A in 2003?

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1. Type of glassy lava (6)
2. Rabbinic texts constituting Jewish canon and civil law (6)
3. 1903 Joseph Conrad novella whose main character is Charles Marlow (5,2,8)
4. Fashionable affectation of left-wing views and lifestyle (7,4)
5. Large edible mushroom also called porcino (3)
6. Group of MPs chosen to report and advise on a chosen matter (6,9)
7. Uninitiated person, layman (8)
8. Pacific island nation whose official languages are English and Gilbertese (8)
9. Spanish medium sherry (11)
10. The jawbone (8)
11. Short piece at the end of a novel, usually describing later events (8)
12. Cutting edge soil surfactant
13. Promotes uniform moisture distribution
14. Enhances root development
15. Provides a long lasting dry patch
16. “Watering agents hold water, soil penetrants push water. The laws of chemistry prove nothing can be done without production.”
17. Superb Soil Penetrant
18. Faster Percolation
19. Pushes water through the soil profile
20. Mitigates the effects of raining agents
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Perhaps your grandad was a greenkeeper and has something stored away in the loft? Maybe an Association tie, or a journal? If so we would love to hear from you. We are particularly interested in the early part of the last century, but anything you have would be worth considering for future editions of this article.

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