East Midlands

So September has come and gone, what a wet month! weather bringing smiles to the faces of golfers and greenkeepers alike. As I write this on the 1st day of October, we are half way through the season. Our focus is on autumn renovation work in preparation for next season. We need to ensure that the leaves are falling in time and effort to set it up and run the section as it has been awarded for a second time. Congratulations to all the golfers and greenkeepers who have contributed to this success.

East Of England

Our most recent golf day was held on August 2nd at Belton Woods. The day was kindly sponsored by TORY with Nigel Lovatt and Chris Sellaris again hosting. It was an excellent day. Sandra and Tracey from BIGGA were also in attendance, and supported the golf competition while Sandra watched the proceedings. Congratulations also go to Rob Bemment of Immingham and Greg Skinner for the Bartrams Day, but it just seems a little too early to start talking about next year and an even earlier time to start knocking the dust down the sticks and join us for the autumn tournament was won by 3rd Roy Brittan. Congratulations also go to Graham Temple Golf Club in the BIGGA National Championship. The event was well supported by the section with a considerable number of trade representatives with the support of Golf Club who is part of the team from Immingham that have won through to the National Finals of the annual May Cup. The event can be viewed at www.bbbogreenkeepers.co.uk

South East Region

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Our AGM will be held at the 7th of Golf Club on Thursday, 29th November. A nine hole competition has been organised with tee times from 12 noon and the AGM commencing at 2.30pm. Rob Hudson has arranged both the golf and a buffet tea at no charge to our members.

I would once again ask all in the Sussex Section to drop me line, ring me or email me with any news of interest to the section. Let’s hear your news.

Cheers for now,
Eric Bean
Beaumaris Park Golf Club 01246-214600
07805-024001
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Many thanks for reading any news or views please contact me at any time.

Kind Regards
Peter H

Good morning all, firstly apologies for missing last month’s deadline but not to be missed again! How fantastic and inspirational has the last eight weeks been with the Olympic and Paralympic games. I have never seen so many people enthusiastic and uplifted by so many sports. For me being a grown man jumping out of my seat

watch us win gold in the dressage competition unbelievable! There wasn’t a dry eye left in the house when our British hero Jonny Peacock beat his sporting hero Oscar Pistorius in the 100m Paralympic final.

Back to greenkeeping the last eight weeks for us have followed exactly what we’ve had all year. No consistent temperure, no weather fronts coming through - how can any of us plan end of season renovations and preparations for all our final events? When times like these come around it is necessary to be prepared and not be able to prepare our courses the way we know how, we all need to stick together.

Don’t be afraid to pick up the phone and call your neighbouring golf club ask to borrow bits and pieces, and pick each others brains because between us we can prevail.

Team Match results
North Wales 3 South Wales 1 - thank you to sponsors Countrywide and Farmura Environmental.

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Our November event will be held at Bowood GC, Wiltshire on Sunday 11th November. Rob Cook, Course Manager, is a regular attendant at our meetings and has been hard at work to ensure the surfaces at Bowood. Golfers will be playing for the “Bayer Cup” and the day will be sponsored by Bayer Environmental and Sports Metals. Again, please contact me asap to secure a place at the event.

Look forward to seeing you all at our events!

George Pitts
Secretary
BIGGA Devon & Cornwall
07920-774401
gpitts.yelverton@gmail.com

BIGGA welcomes the following new members...

Scotland
- Jane Anderson, North West Section
- Rosemary Franze, North West Section
- Cheryl Catterall, North West Section
- Sarah Good, North East Section
- Elizabeth Sime, North East Section

Northern Region
- Mark Quinlan, South West Section
- David Cane, South West Section
- Jamie Moore, South West Section
- James McLean, South West Section

Midland Region
- Rob Kippin, South West Section
- Robin Osmond, South West Section
- Diagram
- John Heath, South West Section
- Emma Davis, South West Section

South East Region
- Tom Ermstone, South West Section
- David Coldicutt, South West Section
- Lisa Tucker, South West Section
- Sarah Neale, South West Section
- Steve North, South West Section
- Helen Angold, South West Section
- Adam Wright, Berkshire & Oman Section

South West/South Wales Region
- Ian Barnett, South West Section
- John Davidson, South West Section
- John Foulard, Devon & Cornwall Section
- Paul Hallam, Devon & Cornwall Section
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- John Marshall, West Section
- Andrew MacKenzie, Scotland
- John McDermott, North East Section

For more information on members new log in to the Members’ Area of the BIGGA Website.
1. Name: Anthony Stockwell
   Age: 24
   Club: The London Golf Club
   Position: Assistant Greenkeeper
   Nickname: Bloody

   1. How long have you been greenkeeping? 9 years.

   2. What was it about the career that attracted you? I love golf and anything practical in nature.

   3. If you weren’t a greenkeeper, what do you think you’d be? Teacher.

   4. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why? Hand watering to try and create a consistent surface as possible.

   5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why? Hand watering with soggy boots.

   6. What one thing - other than a pay rise - would improve the greenkeepers’ lot? Further improvement in training and education for all.

   7. Hobbies? Spending time with my family and dogs.


   9. Which team do you support (football or otherwise)? My hometown Woking FC.

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  - Ely City Golf Club
  - Ian Willett Tel: 07929 203398 or Email: info@biggaeastanglia.co.uk

- **October 17th**
  - Northern Region Whitmore Inter-Section Golf Day
  - Bingley St Ives Golf Club
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  - BIGGA & GCMA Educational Seminar
  - Chipping Sodbury Golf Club
  - Karen Drake, Weston super Mare Golf Club, Email: wsmgolfclub@eurotelbroadband.com

  - Midland Section Event
  - Druids Heath Golf Club
  - Andrew Smith Tel: 07929 754401 or Email: gpitts.yelverton@gmail.com

- **October 23rd**
  - East of Scotland NPTC Update
  - Murrayfield Golf Club, Edinburgh
  - Stuart Ferguson Tel: 07961 630553 or Email: stuferg@btinternet.com

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- **November 15th**
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  - Oaktree Auras, Highbridge, Somerset
  - Jane Jones Tel: 01454 270850 or Mobile 07841 948110 or Email: jane@bigga.co.uk

- **November 15th**
  - Midland Region TEAM CHALLENGE
  - Burton on Trent Golf Club
  - Sandra Raper Tel: 07866 366966 or Email: sandra@bigga.co.uk

- **November 15th**
  - North West Section Event
  - Wilmlesow Golf Club
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The GTC has certainly put its weight in meetings to ensure greenkeeping has an education, training and qualification structure developed and maintained by the industry for the industry. In maintaining the National Occupational Standards (NOS), the GTC has an advisory panel with representatives from BIGGA and the Quality Assured Centres and Training Providers.

The NOS ranges from the basic tasks an apprentice would learn on their first day of employment to the knowledge and skills a competent manager should possess. The NOS can be viewed on the GTC website and is in the NOS that certificates, qualifications and workshops can be developed.

It is this British model that, in my role as Standards Director for the European Greenkeeping Education Unit, I am promoting to other countries looking for advice and support.

There is a structure that works well in the British greenkeeping education, training and qualifications system. It is hoped that others can learn from those countries where there is a structure that works well.

It is this British model that, in my opinion, seems to be now attractive to the European Greenkeeping Education Unit (EGEU) and why the British greenkeeper training system has increased in Britain.

The GTC and the EGEU will engage with all organisations that have a stake in the standards of greenkeeper training.

The education and training options for both golf club employers and greenkeepers in Britain range from work-based to residential, online, seminars, workshops, and conferences, together with tremendous support from those companies with specialist staff, all committed to quality standards.

The outcome is that we are now in a position to help our colleagues in the world of greenkeeping and also learn from those countries where there is a structure that works well.

Regrettably, there is a long way to go but we must be willing to share best practice and the GTC and EGEU will be doing just that at every opportunity.

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Do you have any old artifacts from days gone-by? Perhaps your granddad was a greenkeeper and has something stayed away in the loft? Maybe an Association, i.e., 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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Back in time looks back at cuttings of greenkeeping news from days gone-by. 2012 is a landmark year, being the centenary of Greenkeeping Associations, as well as 25 years since BIGGA was formed. This month, in another Special Feature, we take a look back at over two decades of the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award – and speak to one of the very first winners who explains how his victory gave his fledgling career a huge boost.
1989 saw the opening broadcast from little-known satellite TV station Sky, the Church of England vote to allow female ministers to be ordained and Nick Faldo became the first ever English winner of the Masters.

The last year of the eighties also saw the first winner crowned of the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year, a delighted Mark Proctor.

The accompanying piece in the November edition of Greenkeeping Management – as this magazine was then known – described how Mark’s work would parrot in the Winter School for Turf Grass Managers at the University of Massachusetts.

The article added that Mark, who was looking forward to his first plane journey, and also tucking into an American ‘whopper’! looking forward to his first plane journey, and also tucking into an American ‘whopper’!

In 1995 David moved to Forest Pines Hotel and Golf Resort close to his home town of Beverley, where he is still Head Greenkeeper today. He’s also Group Golf Course Manager for Q Hotels who have four courses across the UK – including the course at Aldwark Manor. Finalists are still asked to produce a report on a specific aspect of this course as they were in 1990.

David has plenty of sound advice for young greenkeepers at the beginning of their careers.

"Technically, I didn’t have enough years of experience to go for that job but they considered me because they saw I had Student Greenkeeper of the Year on my CV. They had around 500 applicants and I got down to the last two but just lost out.

"However, getting that close to a job at such a prestigious course helped my confidence massively and I soon got the job at The Belfry.

"Also, don’t be despondent if you just lost out. Just three years after winning the 1990 Student Greenkeeper of the Year title, David Norton (main right) was Head Greenkeeper at The Belfry.

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Timber can often be sold to offset costs. Hardwood timber is particularly in demand for firewood, and large, straight trees can be valuable for planking. If you have sufficient quantities, timber can be marketed as roundwood or we can advise on adding value yourselves, including processing material for biomass boilers.