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East of England - Many thanks to F.G Adamsen & Son John Deere dealers for their sponsorship of the golf day at Newark GC. Also congratulations to Graeme MacDonald and his staff for the condition of the course and the caterers for the excellent meal as always.

Events Coming Up

**East Midland** - You should have received your invites to our AGM Competition at Lutterworth GC on 31 October. Exclusively sponsored by Fairwors there will be some tremendous prizes on offer and of course the usual top quality naffle. In addition there is the midland Region Education Seminar on 9th of October held again at Forest Hill GC, remember that CPD points are available for all attendees.

Midland - The Autumn golf tournament is to be held at North Warwickshire GC on 16 October, starting at 12. Get your entry in to Rhys Thomas as soon as possible on 07799 164173 and check your tee time soon via www.haggamidlandsection.co.uk

Midland - Our Autumn education day is a visit to Villa Park, kindly sponsored through Everrinn on 23 October. If you’re interested and would like further details please visit www.haggamidlandsection.co.uk to book your place to visit the world’s most famous football club!

Midland - The Midland Section AGM will be held following the golf at North Warwickshire GC on 16 October at 6.30pm before the evening meal. All members are welcome.

Mid Anglia - Autumn Golf Day at Berkhampsted GC on 16 October. Get your entries in asap to avoid missing out. AGM to follow.

Movers and Shakers

East Midland - A very warm welcome to the section for Simon Graham who has taken on the role of Head Greenkeeper at Lingdale GC. Simonjoins Lingdale from The Buckinghamshire and I’m sure I speak for everyone in wishing him the very best of luck with his new challenge.

Mid Anglia - Congratulations to Hayden Drinkwater on becoming Course Manager at Mentmore GC and to his Deputy at Bedbourne GC taking over his old role. We wish you all the best in your new positions.

Results

East of England - Newark Golf Club 25 July, 1 Peter Orban 38pts Gedney Hill 2 Greater MacDonald 37pts Newark GC 3 Adrian Kitchinson 34pts Lincoln GC. Nearest the pin won by Peter Orban. Longest straightest drive Bruce Hicks. Trade/Associate prize Peter Hainstock 36pts.

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**London** - Next is the Xmas tournament at Versailles Golf Club on 12 December sponsored by Everrinn. Hoping for a good turn out as Xmas is such a good time to come together after a hard year’s work and enjoy some good greenskeeper company. This will be followed by the AGM. Entries with the full meal posted out or you can email Lee Cox on info@bigga.com

Kent - Our annual Turkey Trot where a good time is pretty much guaranteed followed by the AGM to moan about if you don’t shall be held at Redknots GC on 28 November. You all know how enjoyable this event is so be sure to get your entries in asap.

Kent - We are very proud to be hosting the South East Regional conference on Tuesday 19 November at Hadlow College. News on times and speakers to follow next month but visit our website for updates.

**News**

Kent - Lovely day at King’s Lynn GC. I think it’s the first time the Section has been there and it was terrific thanks largely to Colin Robinson and his team. Sixty souls turned up – results below.

East Anglia - A beautiful day at Aldeburgh GC. It’s always a pleasure to welcome new attendees to our events too so a warm welcome to our fido to James Boorman and Jamie Tomsett of Seaford GC.

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Kent - 18 Handicap - 1st: Peter Ervine 36pts, 2nd: Howie Jenner 34pts

Kent - Autumn Golf Day Results: 1 34pts James Longley 2nd: Mark Keyes 32pts, 3rd: John Deere dealers. Thanks to sponsors, ably accompanied by Nick Ashman, Aitkens, Bartram Mowers, Ernest Doe, Collier Turf Care and Antech Amenity Ltd.

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