

Boost for Building Fund

E&S Sportsground Contractors/Kestral Golf Ltd held a football tournament at Motpur Park recently for greenkeepers, groundsmen and trade.

The London English team ended up victorious which was particularly disappointing to the London Scottish team who had to sit and watch Scotland's unlucky

defeat to Brazil in the World Cup later in the day.

Richard Veitch, Managing Director of Kestral Golf Ltd, presented George Barr, of BIGGA's Board of Management, with a cheque for £500 towards the Association's Building Fund. E&S will also present a cheque for £250 to the IOG's Education Funds.



Contributing Golf Clubs

Ashton-in-Makerfield GC	Copt Heath GC	Kirby Muxloe GC	Ravelston GC	Sunningdale GC
Banchory GC	Coventry Hearsall GC	Knowle GC	Ravensworth GC	Sutton Coldfield GC
Beaconsfield GC	Coxmoor GC	Lincoln GC	Roehampton GC	Swinley Forest GC
Bedale GC	Crompton & Royton GC	Little Aston GC	Royal Birkdale GC	Tain GC
Bingley St Ives GC	Dore & Totley GC	Loch Lomond GC	Royal Burgess Golf Society	Tandridge GC
Birchwood GC	Dunfermline GC	Longniddry GC	Royal Cinque Ports GC	Temple GC
Bishops Stortford GC	Edenmore GC	Malone GC	Royal Guernsey GC	Tenby Golf GC
Blackmoor GC	Enfield GC	Manchester GC	Royal Liverpool GC	Tenterden GC
Brancepeth Castle GC	Flamborough Head GC	Masham GC	Royal Porthcawl GC	The Wisley GC
Bristol & Clifton GC	Glenberrie GC	Merrist Wood GC	Royal Portrush GC	Thorpeness GC
Bromborough GC	Goodwood GC	Moor Hall GC	Royal St Georges GC	Tidworth Garrison GC
Bungay & Waveney Valley GC	Haberley GC	Moortown GC	Royal West Norfolk GC	Tulliallan GC
Cardigan GC	Haggs Castle GC	Moray GC	Royal Wimbledon GC	Tynemouth GC
Chestfield GC	Halifax GC	Mullion GC	Sandy Lodge GC	Tyrrells Wood GC
Childwall GC	Haltwhistle GC	Murrayfield GC	Scarcroft GC	Uttoxeter GC
Chipping Norton GC	Ham Manor GC	Nairn GC	Seacroft GC	Wakefield GC
Chorlton-Cum-Hardy GC	Hampstead GC	Normanby Hall GC	Sedburgh GC	Walmley GC
Churston GC	Handsworth GC	North Hants GC	Sherwood Forest GC	Walton Heath GC
Clitheroe GC	Hankley Common GC	North Oxford GC	Sitwell Park GC	West Byfleet GC
Conwy GC	Haywards Heath GC	North Wilts GC	Sonning GC	Whitley Bay GC
Cooden Beach GC	Henley GC	Northenden GC	St Andrews	Whittington Heath GC
Coombe Hill GC	Hindhead GC	Pollok GC	St Bees GC	Woburn G&CC
Coombe Wood GC	Ipswich GC	Potters Bar GC	Stand GC	Worcestershire GC
	Kilmarnock (Barassie) GC	Purley Downs GC	Stanmore GC	Worksop GC
	GC	Pyle and Kenfig GC	Sundridge Park GC	York GC
		Ranfurly Castle GC		

Opening of Nicklaus-designed course

Master Greenkeeper Andy Campbell had his hands full on the Monday of Open week with the opening of the new Jack and Steve Nicklaus designed course at Carden Park Hotel, Golf Resort and Spa, near Chester.

Course Manager Andy had to cope with a 3000 strong gallery who had come to watch the inaugural match between the great man Jack Nicklaus himself and former Masters Champion and European number one, Ian Woosnam.

Nicklaus has previously withdrawn from The Open Championship - the first time he had missed it for since 1961- but was desperate to fulfil his commitment to Carden Park.

He flew into the UK on the morning of the opening and, despite obvious discomfort, thrilled the galleries with a commentary and description of the match and the magnificent new course.

Caddying for the big two where Woosnam's Welsh World Cup of Golf winning partner, David Lewelwyn, who carried Nicklaus' bag and Ian Botham who totted the Woosnam bag.



Carden Park now boasts 192 room hotel, 45 holes, a Jack Nicklaus Golf School and a health spa with swimming pool, gymnasium, aerobic studio, tennis course, and mountain bike trails.

Carden Park, built by Kestral Golf Ltd, has also recently taken delivery of £300,000 worth of John Deere equipment.



From the Chairman's desk...

It is with great regret that due to a lack of support the National Tournament for 1998 has had to be cancelled.

This is certainly no reflection on Scotts, who in partnership with BIGGA staff, were preparing a wonderful event at a superb venue but is purely down to the lack of support from BIGGA members.

However from this major disappointment comes the opportunity for us to bring this event into the 21st century and this we intend to do for 1999.

Details will be announced in the near future.

May I say again how grateful we were for the support so willingly provided by both Scotts and the Letham Grange Resort who were so understanding of the circumstances which prevailed.

I would like to stress that any BIGGA event can only be successful with the support of its members and in this regard, members' views are always welcome.

Gordon Child.

Stateside link for Merrist Wood College

Merrist Wood College, in conjunction with Grass Roots Trading Company and Amenity Solutions Ltd, has created a library based computer link to Michigan State University's "Turfgrass Information File".

Access will be available to all commercial greenkeepers or turf managers as well as students at Merrist Wood.

"We do not have a restricted access policy at Merrist Wood. We want to encourage the industry to come in to the college to look at and use our extensive facilities," said Senior Lecturer in Turf Agronomy, David Rhodes.

The computer link allows readers to source or research information about all aspects of the turf world. Entering a key word will produce a bibliography or abstract list of all published work that makes reference to a chosen subject area. A full copy can then be printed off.

"I have been extremely impressed with Merrist Wood's facilities and their commitment to the future of turf grass training in the UK," said Grass Roots Managing Director, Jamie Bennett.