

wall Captains, Scott Gibson & Keith Kemp, on their success. Well done to Cornwall!  
Jerry Cole



## South Wales

Hi Everyone, Hope you are all well. First of all the Spring Tournament, which was held at Langland Bay GC. The weather once again threatened but after a few holes, the rain subsided, the sun came out and showed the course in all its glory.

Results were: First: Darryl Jones (Glynneath GC) 36pts. Second: Ian Harwood (Langland Bay GC) 31 pts (21 on back nine!) Third: Darryl Bray (Morriston GC) 29pts. Nearest the pin: Wayne Benger (Glynhir GC.) Longest Drive: Peter Holstrome.

Trade/Guest Prize: Alan Phillips (Captain, Langland Bay.)

Thanks to Langland Bay GC for agreeing to hold the event and for the excellent evening meal. Also to Jim Jenkins, Course Manager, Ian Harwood and the rest of the Greenkeeping team for presenting the course superbly under difficult conditions. They had to have been without Ian for a while as he must have been practicing his golf! And I'm glad the day went well for Jim as it might just make up for his team getting relegated from the premiership last season!

Also a big Thank you to David Goldstone and Peter Lacey of Tower Chemicals for sponsoring the day. David was a bit unlucky in that his power caddy broke

down and he wasn't able to continue after the third hole. Rumour has it that it didn't break down and it was just a case of David not wanting to play in the rain. I'm sure that's not true! Anyway, thanks guys! Our golf days would be very difficult without sponsorship.

Back to the R.T Matchplay Tournament (The Road To Tenby) and the draw for the latest round was as follows: 1. Mark Wilshire/Mark Anderton V Tony Horne/Martyn David. 2. Steve Lloyd/Mark Wells V Paul Handy/Rhys Norville. 3. Rhys McDonagh/Gary Humphries V Merriion Griffiths/Glyn Jones. 4. Andy Roach/Gareth Knight V Darryl Bray/Leigh Davies or James White/Wayne Benger. Results will be printed in next months around the green.

On Thursday 13th of August, St Pierre Golf and Country Club once again plays host to the match between the South West Section and the South Wales Section (or Wurzels v The Taffs!) The South Wales

Section are keen to bring the cup back to Wales after losing last years match, although technically, it stayed in Steve Chappell's office as we didn't trust the South West to bring it back!

The match will be played on the revamped Mathen course and prizes will again be sponsored by my best mates Scotts UK Professional. The South Wales Team shirts will again be sponsored by James Rees of Inscapes.

I predict that the South Wales team will win and that the South West team will moan about paying the Severn Bridge toll! They don't mind paying for Mags though! Joking aside, I'm sure it's going to be a great day!

Ceri Richards



**John Pemberton**  
Chief Executive

**Having just returned from The Open at Turnberry it was pleasing to see George Brown and his team get the recognition that they deserve for the magnificent presentation of the course. What a superb way to finish a career and I wish George good luck in his semi-retirement. I say semi because as many of you will be aware, George will continue his connection with the facility in an ambassadorial role. Euan Grant is his very worthy successor and is, I am sure, looking forward to taking over the reins.**

The newly formed British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association Limited commenced trading on July 1, taking over from its unincorporated predecessor. I wish to reinforce the message that this will in no way adversely affect members or the benefit of being a member and merely puts the Association on a proper business structure that will allow it to own assets and contracts in its own right rather than by proxy or through Trustees.

Contrary to belief by a small minority, who see this move as a panic measure for protection, the Association is not in dire financial trouble. Yes times are hard and yes we have had to make three jobs at Headquarters redundant, but we are managing the business and we are in control of the finances. BIGGA is no different to the vast majority of businesses today that are feeling the effect of the downturn in the world economy but the Board and Management are looking at developing new initiatives that will strengthen the business and that should present new opportunities.

One such initiative is the formation of an alliance with the PGA and the GCMA in order to develop and promote education and best practice in respect of golf club management. The three Associations will look at how they can also share resources and build on membership benefits through a unified approach to exhibitions, lifelong learning, suppliers, sponsors and funding agencies.

I am pleased to report that the annual golf day at Aldwark produced a surplus of £911 that has been donated to the Chairman's charity that is The National Autistic Society, with the particular reference towards aid with Asperger's Syndrome. I would like to once again thank Q Hotels for the courtesy of the course and a prize, Destination Harrogate for their prizes and the many sponsors of teas without whom the day would not have been viable.

As we move gradually into the second half of the year I wonder what has happened to the hot summer that the weather experts predicted earlier in the year!

**John Pemberton**  
Chief Executive

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