

Bruce, 33 pts, then countback required for three people on 32 pts, 2. Jeff Fenn; 3. Nigel Phelan with Paul Crouch just missing out on a prize. Sorry Paul!

Mark Ellis won Best Trade Prize, J. Smith, J. Haley, V. Le Gon and S. Bush winners of Nearest the Pins. A very big thank you to R. Catlin and D. Murphy, of AM-Tec, for sponsoring the day and presenting some great prizes to the winners.

Thanks again to Gerald and his team for the superb condition of the course and to the Berkhamsted in-house staff for looking after us so well off the course.

The Section AGM was also held at Berkhamsted, a fairly brief affair as always, minutes approved from last year, reports from Committee, no matters arising, and the election of officers for the coming year – and fortunately previously elected committee members agreeing to stand for another year.

Craig Spooner is standing down due to other commitments, as well as becoming a new Dad again! The Committee would like to thank him for his past contributions and hope to see him at future golf days. This leaves a space on committee so anyone out there wish to offer their services, please contact Gerald at gerald@berkhamstedgc.co.uk

I would just like to remind you that we are running a chainsaw and spraying course in February or March 2011, all enquiries to Gerald at the above e-mail address.

That's all for now, Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nigel Phelan

## South East



### Sussex

G'day Mates,

As the winter takes a strong hold on us all and very little is happening on the courses I have just a few lines this month. I take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new representative of the

Sussex Section for "Around the Green". I welcome your input and look forward to hearing from you with any news for the section.

Due to the recent inclement weather, the Turkey Trot planned for December 3 has been rescheduled for January 14, at Worthing Golf Club. Here's hoping our turkeys are also in deep freeze.

If Brian Wilmott is reading this, I have just come back from three weeks in Western Australia, but I will bore him with the details when I see him.

I am sure everyone wants to send their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mike Gould, at Copthorne Golf Club, who has not been too well.

That's all for now but to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2011.

Regards,  
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### Kent

Watcha All

By the time you get to read this, hopefully, you will have had a cracking Christmas and New Year and the world will be green again! A week of living in a Chrimbo card is more than enough for me! I'm just thankful that the snow held off for our Turkey Trot, which was held at Birchwood Park on November 25.

The Course, as ever, was in fantastic condition and is a credit Rob Holland and his lads, two of whom, Tony and Al played on the day. Thanks also to the catering staff for a lovely bit of nose bag. We would like to thank everyone who played on the day and all the trade members who, not only sponsor the Section, but who also donated raffle prizes for the day. We would like to say a very big thank you to the Scotts Company for the Scotts Shield, the hotly contested prize for the day. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Vic Maynard and Ernest Doe and Sons for the life saving "refreshment" wagon, cheers Vic! The results for the day were: 1.

Adam White, North Foreland; 2. Darren Child Hawkhurst; 3. Yours truly, Redlibbets. The trade winner was, all round good egg, Larry Pearman, from Lely, Don't forget those WHU tickets mate! The Nearest the Pin winner was Mark Todd, Wilderness, and Longest Drive, Yours truly, again. Sorry, Duncan!

Our AGM went very smoothly, and quickly, thankfully. No controversy and the status quo being maintained.

Details of next year's fixture list are available on the website www.kentgreenkeepers.com. We are proposing to run a Pairs Knockout next summer so please let either Rob or I know if you'd like to enter.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the Section in 2010 and look forward to seeing you all in 2011.

All the best  
Chairman Kev Morris



### Essex

A belated "Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year" to you all.

As you will all probably know by now we had to postpone the AGM and Christmas Team Golf Match, due to the adverse weather that we encountered at the beginning of December. We have rearranged this event for Thursday, January 27; it is still at the Essex Golf & Country Club.

I will be putting more information on the Website nearer the day, but if you did not enter a team for the December date you still have time to enter one for the new date in January. Previous entries will be carried forward to the January date.

A quite month on the Section front, though we have received all the nominations for the Committee and the Sponsors representative. These will be announced at the postponed AGM.

Because the AGM was put back, I do not have so much to announce this month, though we are planning an educational event of some kind in February or March and are actively put-

## Assistant Profile

*Our monthly look into the life of an assistant greenkeeper...*

**Name:** Will Barnes  
**Age:** 16  
**Club:** Remedy Oak GC  
**Position:** Apprentice



**1. How long have you been in greenkeeping?**  
Six months

**2. What was it about the career that attracted you?**  
Working outside

**3. If you weren't a greenkeeper what do you think you'd be?**  
A Business student.

**4. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why?**  
Raking bunkers because it makes a difference to the course

**5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why?**  
Divotting tees because it seems to take ages

**6. What one thing – other than a pay rise – would improve the greenkeepers' lot?**  
Golfers taking more notice of the job we do.

**7. Hobbies?**  
Golf

**8. Favourite Band?**  
Mark Ronson

**9. Which team do you support (football or otherwise)?**  
Arsenal

**10. What is your claim to fame?**  
I asked Harry Redknapp if he was an Arsenal fan.

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