

tion, especially when considering the extremely small budget it is run on.

Results were as follows: 1. Rob Bemment, Immingham; 2. Russ Moody, Torksey; 3. Chris Goodall, Elsham; 4. Bryan Robinson, Belton Woods. Trade prize, Gary Cooper. Nearest the Pin was John Hewson, Market Rasen. Unfortunately Nearest the Pin in 2 was hijacked by someone called Phil McCracken. A joke that went unnoticed until the prizes were about to be given out! A mention must also go to Jim Dempster for a hole-in-one on the 12th.

Thanks also go to the Immingham catering staff for providing an excellent meal after the golf. Also thanks to Dave Hampshire and LMS for the sponsorship of the day, and for the loan of their Eclipse mower!

Our next golf day is on July 28, at Stoke Rochford Golf Club. All are welcome, please contact Bruce Hicks if you would like to play.

Many thanks,
Steve Beverly, Immingham Golf Club.



Mid Anglia

Hello everyone. It is my task to put pen to paper once again.

I have just returned from a most enjoyable Spring Tournament at Brickenden Grange, Hertford.

The weather was kind, not so some of the pin positions though. Thanks to Trevor and his team for turning out a well presented course during this testing dry spell and let's hope for some much needed rain soon! Didn't think we'd be saying that this early in the year.

Results on the day as follows: 1. L. Matthiole, with an outstanding 43 pts; 2. A. Cussen, 36 pts; 3. S. Wooley 34 pts. Longest Drive. L. Matthiole and Nearest the Pin N. Phelan.

It would be nice to see a few more faces, old and new, at the next meeting which is being held at Mount Pleasant Golf Club, on July 28. After match refreshments are likely to be a

BBQ, so a casual affair, no need for dressing up, if that's what's putting some of you younger members off! More details to follow before the event. Hope to see you there.

A couple more dates for your diaries, Autumn Meeting, September 22, at St Neots, and Winter Texas Scramble, December 8, at South Beds.

That's all the news I have for you this month. 'til next time,
Nigel Phelan

South East



Surrey

Tuesday May 17. I am writing this very early because I am on holiday from tomorrow May 18. Sorry, but you will have to wait until the August edition to read about my adventures in the Eastern Mediterranean. As my movements, due to the present troubles in the area, are rather hush hush and on a need to know basis only, so be patient, the time will pass only too quickly until I am back and am able to divulge the daring details of my 'holiday'.

The qualifier for the BIGGA National Championship sponsored by Charterhouse and Kubota took place at Mitcham GC on Tuesday, May 10. Paul Weston and Danny Murray had the dubious pleasure of my company and as there were only a few small ponds on the course Gary Ogilvie was most thankful to return to the clubhouse undipped. Many thanks to Mitcham GC for allowing us courtesy, providing an excellent meal and arranging for dry weather. David Willis, their good looking Head Greenkeeper, joined us for the meal and enjoyed the numerous compliments bestowed on him by one and all. Ian Sellers, a Past Captain at Mitcham, won Nearest the Pin [the most important prize normally the preserve of Ron Christie] and Kevin Boxall did his bit for the Longest Drive. Phil Beeny was 1st with a nett 66; followed by Gavin Kyle and Stewart Clayton, both with nett 67. Jason Hunt had the best gross score of 75.

The qualifiers for the BIGGA National Championship

sponsored by Charterhouse and Kubota, due to various configurations and inability to attend, will be Gavin Kyle and Danny Murray.

Details of the golf day at Surrey Downs GC, on June 8 are understandably unknown to me today and as I am a particularly useless clairvoyant, will remain so until my return from far away places with strange sounding names.

Brian "Argonaut" Willmott



Kent

Greenkeeping. What does it mean to you?

There are a number of reasons why so many of us are very proud and privileged to work within the industry.

Initially, for most, it is the enjoyment of being in the great outdoors and taking pride in helping to improve the piece of green and pleasant land that we are honoured to be custodians of. Many (single males) enjoy the perk of the abundance of golf on offer and take full advantage in lowering their handicaps. Once established in the profession, however, many of us come to realise the great community of like-minded souls who are also committed to achieving the ultimate golf course in their own back yards. It is fairly evident that the best courses are maintained by individuals who involve themselves fully in the local BIGGA community, by networking regularly with other professionals. There is an immense amount of pride that I take from the years that I put into being a greenkeeper. There will always be highs and lows in any walk of life but when you commit yourself to producing a quality product and pretty much achieve it, your worries seem a world away.

Our Section was honoured to be invited to play at the beautiful Knole Park Golf Club recently for our BIGGA National Championship sponsored by Charterhouse and Kubota Qualifying event. A late tee time ensured a full turnout of nearly all our regulars to enjoy the pristine course that Gavin Kyle and his team of

Assistant Profile

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



Name: Robert Bemment
Age: 25
Club: Immingham
Position: First Assistant
Nickname: Bemo

1. How long have you been greenkeeping? Six years

2. What was it about the career that attracted you? Working in sport and liking the game of golf

3. If you weren't a greenkeeper what do you think you'd be? Working in sport

4. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why? Cutting fairways because after finishing it looks good.

5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why? Raking bunkers because it always rains after we finish.

6. What one thing - other than a pay rise - would improve the greenkeepers' lot? Good machines to let us do a better job

7. Hobbies? Golf

8. Favourite Band? None. I like all music

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

10. What is your claim to fame? I met Adam Scott in a pub in St Andrews