

Darren Baldwin, Tottenham Hotspur Football Club; Peter Craig, The Hurlingham Club; Richard Whyman, Burnham & Berrow Golf Club; Stuart Kerrison, Essex County Cricket Club, and Greg Evans, Ealing Golf Club.

The subject is "Dead or Alive". Section members can come along free of charge, but must pre-register. There is a £10 entrance fee to all non Section members and members from other Sections. Three CPD points are available for attendance.

View our website for more information and an application form. This is a not to be missed event. We have arranged for a good selection of speakers from Golf, Cricket, Tennis and Football to speak about how they look after there veering lengths of grass and how they manage it on a year round basis under the diverse kind of playing conditions they all encounter. After which, you have your chance to put your views. Full details elsewhere in this edition of GI magazine.

Chelmsford Golf Club played host in mid August to the Essex Trophy this year, there was strong field of 40 taking to the course. Fortunately the weather didn't live up to its expectations, rain fell but we were saved from the worst of it, as the really heavy rain managed to hold off until the evening.

The results were as follows:- Overall winner . Ray Clark, Channels, 40 pts. Cat 1: 1. Anthony Kirwan, Lexden Wood, 33 pts; 2. Barry Mann, Three Rivers, 32 pts; 3. Liam Springett, Stoke By Nayland), 32 pts. Cat 2: 1. Dougie Fernie, Upminster, 36 pts; 2. Malcolm Smith, Channels, 33 pts; 3. Keith Chinnery, Colchester, 31 pts. Best Trade:- Andy Turbin, 40 pts. Best Guest. Peter Cracknell 34 pts. Nearest the Pins:- 4th Hole - Andy Turbin 18th Hole - Olly Stubbings.

A big thank you to Chelmsford Golf Club for hosting the day, to the greens staff for presenting the course to a high standard and the bar and catering staff for looking after us all so well.

If you have to go in GI or on the Sections Website [www.essexbigga.co.uk](http://www.essexbigga.co.uk) please contact me on 07764-862.337 or at [essexbigga@talktalk.net](mailto:essexbigga@talktalk.net)  
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## South West and South Wales



### South West

Firstly, I have to start by congratulating Section captain Wayne Vincent on another impressive season. We recently had two games in two weeks. Our first game saw us at Chippenham GC, where we had a rather strong Welsh team to face. Last year's fixture resulted in a very impressive 6-0 win, so this time the pressure was on for a repeat performance.... However, I think we'll happily take our 4-2 victory this time (although my partner in crime Tim Morgan and I didn't come home with a win, we still lapped up the teams glory!) Our second game took us to West Wilts GC. For those of who have never played West Wilts, please don't let its distance take anything away from its difficulty, this course has many of its own defences, the wind coming to mind! With 360 degree views where you can see for miles, this really is a very picturesque golf club! This is where our faithful Captain decided to take a holiday (I hear Wayne spent two weeks on a luxury cruise floating around the Med....NICE!) so up steps vice captain and long time county player, Paul Garland, aka GARFIELD. Well done Paul and the rest of the guys...so proud!

An important date for your diary....October 5, South West Section's AGM. This year we visit the north of the Section and home of Wayne, at Cotswold Hills...I look forward to seeing you all there.

Can you believe it. It's pretty much the end of the summer already, autumn conditions are very much with us already! But it's not all bad news...is it?

I realise that by the time you read this, Saltex will have come and gone, people I do hope you did your very best to support this event, Saltex should not be looked at as competition but something that we should embrace!! If you did attend I do hope that you had an enjoyable worthwhile time and that the weather did not spoil this.

I would like to thank our



**Jim Croxton**  
Chief Executive

**September afforded me my first opportunity to visit the IOG Saltex exhibition at Windsor Racecourse and it was good to see a number of members taking the opportunity to attend the BIGGA organised educational offering that took place there for the first time.**

We are committed to working in collaboration with the IOG and other bodies in the Grounds and Turf Care Industry and were therefore delighted to have the chance to provide some informative and entertaining seminars, our thanks go to Cale Bigelow, Les Howkins and Jim McKenzie MBE for taking the time to deliver them.

After Saltex our thoughts inevitably turn to BTME at Harrogate next January.

Plans are well advanced for what will, we hope, be a very successful event next year.

Stand space has sold well and it is clear that the event is now firmly in the minds of the industry as we have received strong interest for the remaining stand space in the last few weeks. As you know the major machinery manufacturers will all be in attendance this time, so the show will be back to four full halls and we anticipate excellent attendance.

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The combination of top class exhibitors, a huge range of educational workshops and seminars and the networking opportunities that start at breakfast and only conclude once each evening is over makes for a unique opportunity for anyone with an involvement or interest in the maintenance and management of golf courses and other sports facilities.

Every member I speak to who has visited the event assures me that it always provides them with excellent knowledge, information and good practice while also giving the opportunity to share thoughts and experiences with a vast network of other greenkeepers and interested parties.

I would urge anyone who hasn't attended before to mark the dates in your diary and make a point of visiting in 2012.

Elsewhere in this magazine and in previous issues you will have seen some testimonials from visitors and exhibitors and over the next few weeks and months we will be providing you with further examples of why a visit to BTME will be of tangible benefit for you and the facility that you maintain.

I hope to see you in Harrogate in January if not before.

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