

South East Region



Mid Anglia

I apologise for the lack of news in the magazine of late, we've just found out Nigel Phelan is no longer a member of BIGGA and has stepped down from his role on the committee. We wish him well in whatever he chooses to do and hope he can get back into greenkeeping soon.

Darren Mugford will be taking the responsibility of getting some news out to you through this article, so if he is at your course and you may have some news yourself, please let him know and he'll be able to get it aired.

By the time this article reaches you we will have played our second competition of the year. Gerald has sent an email with entry forms and if, for some reason you didn't get one please let us know and we will get you in on the list. I will let Darren do the results from the spring and summer comps when he takes over, as it can be hard to find things to put in the magazine.

Once again I can only apologise for not having any news lately but things are moving forward and you should be kept up to date from now on.

Many Thanks, and now onto Darren...

Steve Mason

Hi my name is Darren Mugford and for those who don't already know me I am from Rigby Taylor Ltd and I have been asked to fill the vacant position of providing a monthly update on the Mid Anglia Section. Firstly I would like to thank Nigel for his contribution and wish him all the best in future ventures and hope to see you back with the section soon.

Our first event of the season was the Spring Tournament held on 31 May at Letchworth Golf Club and despite the constant threat of rain the 33 players largely managed to stay dry and enjoyed the challenges

of a superbly presented course. Our thanks go to Matthew Towler and his team for their outstanding efforts in getting the course into such great condition considering the crazy weather we have all been experiencing this spring/summer.

The results from the Spring Tournament were as follows

1st Place – John Haley from South Beds GC with 38 points.

2nd Place – Simon Woolley from Brickendon Grange GC with 37 points.

3rd Place - Peter Briars from Knebworth GC on 36 points.

Nearest pin on 14th went to T Smith.

Longest drive on 4th went to Gerald Bruce.

Just incase anybody didn't know the hosepipe ban has now been lifted! Since it was implemented there has been record rainfall for April, June and July all a total washout. Let's hope the sun shows itself at some point soon to lift all our spirits and help to produce the kind of putting surfaces we all crave.

If anybody has any info for the section please email me on d.mugford@rigbytaylor.com and I will aim to include in any future editions.

Stay Dry! Darren



Sussex

Our first tournament of the year was played at Willingdon Golf Club where the hospitality and the course were top drawer. The course seemed to favour the local talent more than others. The Trade & Guest prize was won by Henry who I believe is ex-Willingdon.

1st Nett went to S Fuller from Lewes GC, 2nd Nett to Peter Negus from Willingdon GC and 3rd Nett to Matt Webb from Willingdon GC. Could this be inside information?

The Best Gross 1st was clinched by Peter Ray from Haywards Heath GC, 2nd was earned by Chris Wells from Seaford Blatchington and Mike Gould of Copthorne GC won 3rd. Thanks once again to Pete and his team for the great condition of the course and to

the Club for the splendid meal afterwards.

I would once again ask all in the Sussex Section to drop me line, ring me or email me with any news of interest to the section. I can only keep you all informed with information received. Let's hear your news!

Cheers for now,
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Kent

Not much to write about this month I'm afraid as the rain continues to pour and the grass continues to grow. On my own course just trying to get out between showers proves to be a big challenge as barely a day goes by without another cloudburst soaking us again. It's times like this when you really appreciate good drainage. I hope that those of you reading this column from other parts of the country that have been hit far more severely than us are managing to cope with the extreme conditions and that, when the weather finally turns and the waters recede, you still have some resemblance of a golf course to work your magic upon.

Our summer pairs knockout is now in full swing and many thanks to all those who entered this great, fun championship. Check the website for up to the minute results.

Don't forget to contact me with any news that you would like included in this column.

Best of British
Rob Holland
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South Coast

Firstly, an apology that our section missed an entry into last months GI, don't know what happened but I will take

Assistant Profile

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

Name: Alan Campbell
Age: 53!
Club: Carrickknowe Golf Course (Edinburgh Leisure)
Position: Assistant Greenkeeper
Nickname: Ham/Hamey



1. How long have you been greenkeeping? 17 years

2. What was it about the career that attracted you? I fell into it by chance, then fell in love with greenkeeping.

3. If you weren't a greenkeeper what do you think you'd be? International man of mystery or in retail/sales!

4. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why? Being involved with redesign/remodelling which improves the hole/course or helps with safety, traffic flow, speed of play etc.

5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why? Emptying litter bins - dog poo central!

6. What one thing - other than a pay rise - would improve the greenkeepers' lot? Improved liaison with teachers and careers advisors, etc, to educate them in the opportunities available and skills required in greenkeeping/golf course management.

7. Hobbies? Curling (playing and coaching), and pub quizzes.

8. Favourite Music? I enjoy John Otway.

9. Which team do you support (football or otherwise)? Jedforest R.F.C.

10. What is your claim to fame? Caddied in the European Open at Sunningdale, my man finished 2nd!