

## Section Notes

Please email your notes to  
[steve.castle@bigga.co.uk](mailto:steve.castle@bigga.co.uk)  
by the 15th  
of the month

All the latest news from your Section

# Around The Green



## Scottish Region



### North

As I write this report the weather has been slightly better – I'm hopeful we will get a good dry spell before winter comes in. I am pleased to say the north section retained the Norrie Whytock trophy so well done and I'm hopeful we can retain it next year.

Also we got the trades final played at Hazelhead and the Greenkeepers beat Tullochs by 11 holes so well done George Mitchell, Doug Elrick, Dennis Grant and myself first time since 1999 so well done boys.

The results for the autumn outing will be in the next report and lets hope we will have a good day and hopeful the weather will be good.

That's it for this month.

Kind Regards

Ross Macrae

e mail [ross.macrae@hotmail.com](mailto:ross.macrae@hotmail.com) mob 07588896635



### Central

I start off this month's report with the sad news of Joe Oliver's death. Joe just recently retired as Head Greenkeeper at Pitreavie GC in Dunfermline although he had been ill for some time before he retired. He was at Glenberrie for many years and latterly spent close on 25 years at Pitreavie.

He was instrumental in setting up the Central Section (SIGGA) and was the first section Chairman in 1980. A large number of people from the

industry attended his funeral service where the Captain of the golf club spoke, just two points which demonstrate the high regard he was held in and our thoughts go out to his family.

Section members were also sorry to hear recently of the sudden death of Stan Zontek who was well known to so many of them from the numerous presentations he gave to the section while holidaying in the area.

Many members from the section have been out and about this past month. A few course managers from the area enjoyed a great trip to Berlin over a weekend for the launch of some new products developed by Weidenmann and their thanks go to David Rae and Mikey James for arranging that. It was great to see how a relatively small company has built itself up over the years and the investment they put into research to develop their equipment.

Greenkeepers have also been to the fore in helping out at some key events across the globe including the US Womens Open at Blackwolf Run, the Swiss Open at Crans-Sur-Sierre while Steve Chappell and Lee Strutt were in Medinah to help with the Ryder Cup. And that just after Steve held a very successful tournament over the PGA course at Gleneagles where the last Ryder Cup places in the European side were decided.

Spaces for the one-day irrigation courses on 12 December are filling up fast and we are limited to 20 people with course fees required to confirm your place. The pairs competition has reached the final stage where Leven players Kevin Webster and Paul Armour take on Kenny Mitchell and Scott Mackintosh from St Andrews. The results of the Piperdam outing are on the website [www.bigga-centralsection.org.uk](http://www.bigga-centralsection.org.uk) <<http://www.bigga-centralsection.org.uk>> and will appear on the next addition of around the green.

Gordon



### East

We had another successful Willie Woods Tournament at Mortonhall GC on Wednesday 21 August. A big thank you goes to Tom Mowbray (Club Captain) and the committee for hosting the event for us for two years in a row now. Thanks also go to David Fraser (Course Manager) and his excellent staff as the course was in top condition for us - well done lads!

The results are as follows:

Winners: Sean Cunningham, Colin McArthur

Runners Up: Scott Corrigan, Gordon Thompson

Third: Lachlan Imrie, Stuart Clayton

A huge congratulations to Sean and Colin for making it a third consecutive win, I do not believe this has been done before in the tournament's history! Scott and Gordon gave you a run for your money but you held on well done! The tournament was sponsored by Henderon Grass Machinery Ltd, and thanks to Robin Duncan for the presentation after the evening meal.

On a less positive note Graham Wood was admitted to the ERI following fluid on his lung, that has been treated- we wish him all the best and hope he gets back to Roodlands very soon.

On a final note, Congratulations goes to Jamie Martin and his wife on becoming parents for the first time with a new baby boy called Callum - another Greenkeeper in the making!

Stewart Crawford

[s.crawford@live.co.uk](mailto:s.crawford@live.co.uk)

## Northern Region



### Northern

Afternoon all, I wish to start my notes by way of an apology to my fellow greenkeepers from the Sheffield section, once again my sense of humour has offended and I'm truly sorry for this. I realise that not everyone knows me and what I'm about which is understandable as I'm from Barnsley! The comments are not in personal way and were only put as banter, sorry again.

We had the pleasure of playing and chopping up Horsforth golf club for our Autumn golf event last month and a great day was had by all, our massive thanks to Andy and his chaps for a fantastically presented course and the club itself for the courtesy shown to us. In fact all my dealings from day one have been excellent, a very friendly welcoming golf club truly first class. Also Tito and Glen from Masstock and Rigby Taylor for a outstanding prize table, once again boys your generous sponsorship is fantastic. To finish the day off was the tucker, my god there was enough food to go round again, lovely food ,great service great company thank you all guys for supporting the section. Fitting it was though Mr Baxter and his playing partner Mr Stokes cleaning up his own prize table with a winning score of 44 points! Second place was Mr Davies and Mr Potter with 41 points and third was Alan Baxter and Mr Dixon with 40. Glen also won the longest drive but gladly gave up the prize to the runner up which was me! The nearest pin prize was won by Mr Liddle. The day was a total success with Ben Jackson from Scarborough managing to get in

and out of the car park without hitting anybody's car.

Looking forward to the next gig at Halifax golf club already, which we will have had our AGM and hopefully got the fixtures for next year for you.

And finally Mike Brier from Rigby Taylor has got a little trip planned to PB Kents fertiliser in November if anybody is interested, the day will be subsidised by the section and we are looking in to a local site for a pick up point. Limited places so please let me no if you want to pop along.

Cheers chaps once again nearly forgot to mention the slight cock up with the raffle at Horsforth, sorry our little oversight, won't happen again.

Andy Slingsby  
07506407867  
andy.slingsby98@  
google.mail.com



## Sheffield

We reach the end of another golfing year and the presumably hard winter is about to set in once again, as I write these notes I have been reminded once again that we are due for a beautiful

September. I hope this comes true for us all because we certainly deserve it after the so-called summer we have had. It is years like this when we hope that some of the recognition for what us greenkeepers achieve is finally seen by golfers and committees.

I'm sure many of you will be aware that Derek Neve has finally put away the mower and is set to for a wonderful retirement after a very long and successful career in the industry. Derek has been Course Manager at Brough GC for many years now, it's that many that I can't work it out to put a figure down! Derek has also been a very strong supporter of our section over the years and was a popular face that many could speak to and ask for a little bit of advice now and again. I know that everyone at Brough has given Derek a terrific send off and we at Sheffield will hope to do the same soon. I would on behalf of the section like to wish Derek a wonderful retirement.

On the section front we are

close to organising several events over the winter months and all members will be informed of these events soon. The Northern region conference will this year be held in our section at Phoenix Sports and Social Club on Wednesday 9 November this is a full day conference with a wide range of speakers covering a host of subjects. All attendees will get tea and coffee throughout the day and dinner will be provided. All this can be yours for the minimal amount of £10. I hope to see many of our section attending as it will be a very insightful day for whatever level you are at. If anyone requires further information then please get in touch.

I also recently attended a Northern region meeting (on a Saturday) and I am pleased to say it was a very successful meeting. BIGGA HQ has now reorganised staffing and is working on a lot of fantastic new ideas that will benefit all members. It was also pleasing to see that many ideas from members are being listened to and considered at management level, so if you do have anything to say or any ideas then please get in touch.

Last but not least I must make an apology. In my haste I missed out some congratulations over the last few months, for both our spring and summer comps I missed out the winners in the magazines. Congratulations to Neil Peters who was the winner of both competitions - well done Neil. I must apologise for the mistake and can someone have a look at his handicap.

That is all from me, I hope to hear from some of you soon.

Jim  
jimmy\_jams20@hotmail.com  
07738719614



## North West

Not much has happened in the section or so it seems as no-one is contacting me. We played the North Wales section at Lymm and after a really good match we managed a very rare win. The North Wales lads as always were very sporting and a good day was had by all. Stuart Yarwood the course manager at Lymm was fantastic and took a number of the players up to his

offices and gave us the grand tour including compost corner. All in all it was a great day.

The Whitelaw bowl was played at the Penrith golf club on 12 September and once again, a great day was had by all. The rain stopped and the sun came out. Many thanks to Penrith golf club for their hospitality and use of their fantastic course, also thanks go to Phil Dewhurst and Rigby Taylor for organising and sponsoring this event.

The winners are as follows;

William Whitelaw bowl - Mike Crabtree; runner up Peter Hogan; Category 2 winner Steve Moyes; runner up was Chris Sheehan. The nearest the pin and the longest drive was won by Grant Docherty. The next tournament is the AGM and Bert Cross trophy at the Wilmshlow golf club on Thursday 15 November. Please contact Phil Dewhurst if you wish to attend, if you are attending please bring a bottle or prize to the value of £5.00 so everyone goes home with something.

Chris Sheehan



## Midland Region

Firstly, I would like to thank Ed for composing last month's excellent notes, beautifully written, I think? With 'I think' in-mind, shall we have another instalment of 'The Marcus Chronicles' (16 year old trainee). It's 'Sean...Sean...Sean...' every two minutes. I made the fundamental error of stating that "there is no such thing as a stupid question", but omitted what in hindsight should have followed, "so long as such is of relevance and not completely random".

Yet, when the question is answered or the process required explained the response is inevitable and delivered with such certitude "I know". Such presents my strange mind with the 'thought' of, if you know why ask the question and also with this knowledge how come the task is not fully completed? I shall let the man work it out for himself, we were all 16 once upon a time and perhaps wish we were again. So just like my mother use to say "I'm changing my name", so am I. Please don't tell Marcus. The chap's doing

well and brings a freshness to a team of a load of old fogies.

The belated summer tournament was held at Oxley Park Golf Club on Wednesday 5th September. The course was presented beautifully by the Head Greenkeeper Ian Holborn and his team, congratulations to you on a job well done. The results from the day were as follows:

1 Nett A Brougham 35pts; 2 M Cutler 34pts; 3 S Thompson 32pts; 4 C Woodall 32pts; 5 E Stant 31pts. Best Gross: E Stant. The 4 nearest the pins on the day were won by S Thompson x2, E Stant and M Chamberlain.

Many thanks to all our sponsors on the day, especially Peter Lacey and Farmura Environmental who sponsored the main prize table. Also many thanks to Sherriff Amenity who provided the drinks and chocolate at the half way house and Sherriffs again along with Whitemoss who provided the nearest the pin prizes.

We have two events coming up in October to look out for. Firstly our Autumn education day which is being held at the fabulous Forest of Arden on Wednesday 24th October. This event is provided by Headland Amenity Products which will prove to be a fascinating day's education, provided by one of the leading innovators in the field of speciality fertilisers and turf management products. Details of the day will be on the website, so please register an interest with Nia Lisseter on 07747 686526.

Our Autumn Golf Tournament and AGM is the following day on Thursday 25th October, a week after the published date on the calendar and fixture card, due to a clash of dates. Please get your entries into Gary Cunningham or Rhys Thomas by post or phone. The venue of Druids Heath Golf Club is an ideal central location to many and it would be nice to see as many greenkeepers as possible on the day.

This month's calendar sponsor is our old friends North Staffs Irrigation Ltd. Please consider them for both your irrigation and drainage requirements. They can be contacted on 01785 812706, or visit their website at [www.northstaffsirrigration.co.uk](http://www.northstaffsirrigration.co.uk).

So what's the photograph that graces this month's calendar page? It's been named "Shaun the sheep" for obvious reasons. It was taken by my own lucky

# Around The Green

finger, and has been awarded winner of 2012's photo comp with the prize of a very nice bottle of champers. If you wish to be in with a chance of a very nice tittle and indeed the prestige of having your photo published in our excellent calendar for 2013, please send you entries to, via email: rabforevergreen@gmail.com , or preferably send a disc to: Mr R. Beacham. 49 Eastwood Drive, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire, TF7 2LY. I feel that our thanks must go to both the sponsors of our section's calendar, and of course our committee. Well done, yet again gentlemen.

The Hoff, totally random dude.



## East Midlands

So September has come and gone with some very good weather bringing smiles to the faces of golfers and greenkeepers alike. Rearranged Golf Society days, club invitations and the last of the season's notable club competitions have now passed and our focus is on autumn renovation work in preparation for the end of BST, the onset of frosts and the leaf collecting season. As a nation we do have a reputation for talking about the weather but this year has been so exceptional that absolutely everyone has been banging on about it.

Our annual Par 3 competition sponsored by Rigby Taylor was held at Nailcote Hall and won by 'Team Committee',,,hmmmm. As a section we are very grateful to Carl Chamberlain for organising this event and putting in the time and effort to set it up and offer a very generous prize table. With this in mind it is such a shame that it was again poorly supported by the greenkeepers of the section. This did include me admittedly, but the numbers for events are rapidly dwindling, although I am hoping that workloads will afford people the time to attend more events next year.

As I'm sure you will have read in GI, one of our East Midlands members Tom Flavell won the very prestigious Toro Student of The Year competition. This is

an incredible achievement for Tom and on behalf of the section I would like to congratulate him.

In next month's notes I will be able to report on our AGM and the Autumn Competition at Glen Gorse Golf Club and also my annual fortnight's holiday which is long overdue. So until then I bid you farewell.....

Greg Skinner  
07970 095264



## East Of England

Our most recent golf day was held on August 2nd at Belton Woods. The day was kindly sponsored by TORO with Nigel Lovatt and Chris Sellars once again putting on an excellent day. Sandra and Tracey from BIGGA were also in attendance, Tracey joined in the golf competition while Sandra watched the Olympics...I mean assisted with the running of the day!

The results of the day were as follows

1st	Rob Welford
2nd	Rob Bemment
3rd	Ben Lowery
Trade	Ian Collett
Nearest Pin	Roy Brittan
Longest Drive	Rob Bemment

The course was presented in excellent condition by Angus and his staff and the hospitality in the clubhouse afterwards was excellent.

Once again thanks to everyone at Belton Woods and TORO for an excellent day.

Many congratulations from the section are due to Angus MacLeod as he has now actually left the section to take up the prestigious role of Course Manager at The Belfry. When he said at the end of our day at Belton Woods that he looked forward to welcoming us all again we will now certainly be holding him to the offer!

Congratulations this month also go to Rob Welford of Cleethorpes Golf Club. He has won a place in the World Finals of the Audi Quattro Cup in South Africa in December this year. All the best wishes from the section in your endeavours out there.

Congratulations also go to Rob Bemment of Immingham

Golf Club who is part of the team from Immingham that have won through to the National Finals of the annual Mail on Sunday golf competition. They are now one win away from a trip to Portugal. Again best wished from the section to him too.

Looks like we could be clocking up some air miles this winter! All the best for the onset of the autumn.

Steve Beverly, Immingham Golf Club.



## North Wales

We are well and truly heading into autumn; I can already see the leaves turning colour and the addition of a backpack blower to the setting up tools also bears witness to the seasonal change. Talking of the oncoming season the autumn tournament was played at St. Melyd GC on 11 September and the results are;

1st Kieran Graham and Paul Sandals 39pts; 2nd Charlie and Colin Jackson 37; 3rd Paul Roberts and Chris Stewart 36pts; nearest the pin Andy Darlly. Only 24 played which was such a shame as an immaculate course with good weather and an excellent meal thanks to St. Melyd for the hospitality they showed us big thank you to Eifion Ellis and Jacob for the excellent condition of the course.

Please note Christmas tournament is on 21st November at Oswestry golf club not the 7th December as posted on our fixture cards. Northern region seminar will be held on November 7th all details will be available soon.

In other news Garry Hugget has moved from selling Textron at John Osman groundscare to still selling Textron at Burrows groundscare with a new stomping ground around the North West area. He has also been chosen to play for the Welsh senior, that's two consecutive years an accomplishment of which I know he is exceedingly proud.

I think that's about enough for now or I'll have nothing to write about next month, although I do keep hoping to hear from you about your news, contact details

follow as usual.

Pete Maybury. e-mail petemayb66@aol.com phone 07756001187 also keep logged into our section Facebook group "North Wales B.I.G.G.A"

## South East Region



## Berks, Bucks & Oxon

Temple Golf Club played host to this year's BB&O Tacit Cup. The event was well supported by the section with a considerable number of trade representatives. With the talk of sustainability in the industry at the moment it was interesting to play and see first-hand a course managed in such a way.

Conditions were blustery and windswept although it stayed dry! The long rough also meant scoring proved challenging.

Results: Keith May (The Berkshire) 34 points; Mark Green (The Berkshire) 33; Matt Short (Sand Martin) 30; Phil Beeny (JSM) 29 and Richard Fortmuller fifth also with 29 on countback.

Simon Mallock won nearest the pin with a thundering tee shot on the 8th and Graham Down smashed his tee shot on the 12th to take the longest drive. The guys from the Berkshire produced a strong showing on the day taking four of the top seven places. It was nearly a clean sweep with the longest walk prize going to apprentice Anthony Myles!

Johnny Beck of Sherriff Amenity provided some much welcomed refreshments at the 13th Hole assisted by the Midlands new Regional Administrator Sandra Raper who has replaced Peter Larter.

Congratulations to Keith and Mark who go forward and will represent the Section at Irvine Golf Club in the BIGGA National Championships.

Our thanks must go to all the staff at Temple who did a fantastic job of catering and looking after everyone on the day and to Tacit for their continued support and association with the BB&O section. The support

and commitment shown by our sponsors is greatly appreciated and without them the golf days could not happen. Full results can be viewed at [www.bbogreenkeepers.co.uk](http://www.bbogreenkeepers.co.uk)

The next Section golf day is the Christmas Turkey Trot. Dates, entry form, jobs and information can be found on the BB&O website.

If anyone has any news, views or ideas they would like to see for the BB&O section then please don't hesitate to get in touch at [bboscribe@gmail.com](mailto:bboscribe@gmail.com) or contact the committee/Matt Nutter: [bbosecretary@gmail.com](mailto:bbosecretary@gmail.com)

Alternatively keep up to date with what is happening in the BB&O section by following us on Twitter, Facebook and the website.

The Stick

## East Anglia



So, we all set foot on a golf course very few of us could remember playing. Must be 20 years since we last played Royal Norwich Golf Club and what a treat it was. The course was in top condition thanks to Mark Dingell and his team. The catering team also played their part, as did the weather for a change.

The main sponsors of the day were Ben Burgess. Unfortunately, the halfway house went missing but it didn't spoil our day! The prizes were presented by Stewart Edge (from Ben Burgess) to the following desperadoes.

1 - 10 Handicap: 1 Michael Buck 40 points; 2 Richard Plummer 34 (on countback from his dad - and he also pipped Roger for nearest the pin on the 9th. What a ride home that must have been!)

11 - 19 Handicap: 1 Andy Baker 36; 2 John Andrews 33

20 - 28 Handicap: 1 Ian 'The Maestro' Willett 38; 2 Steve Freestone

Trade & Guest: 1 Graham Kemp 2 T Mills

Nearest The Pin: 1st Reg Claydon; 9th Richard Plummer (still raking bunkers); 12th Mick Pryke

Longest Drive: 18th Graham Hurran

Other loyal supporters were Bartram Mowers, Toro, Headland, Aitkens, Scotts and Rigby Taylor. Incidentally, if anyone brings prizes could you please let Ian, or me know so that we can include you all in the notes.

Thank you Royal Norwich for a super day. Hope it's not 20 years until the next time - I'll only be 84!

Pause for thought:-

It may be comforting to now that it's not only greenkeepers that suffer the 'committee syndrome'. Groundsmen get it as well. A friend of mine was overruled on a job he was doing (they knew best!)

Surprise, surprise - it went wrong and he got the blame for it. I asked him how many were on the committee and he said "six". I said that's your problem mate, a committee should always be an odd number and three are too many!

There was also a Bartrams Day at Eaton and about 50 souls turned up. Quite an eventful day and we were all pleased to hear that Danny Lake, Bartrams equivalent to 'Del Boy' became a father the day before - well done mate.

In the next breath, we were remembering our dear friend Norman Fenwick who sadly passed away the week before. We shall miss him a lot - a true gent and a first class greenkeeper.

He would always have a laugh - sometimes a translator would have been handy (that's rich coming from me, but you know what I mean!)

I'm sure his skills would have been passed on to the youngsters at Purdis and they will remember them, and him, forever. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family at this sad time.

I was going to give the scores for the Bartrams Day, but it just seems a bit irrelevant, except to say it was a good day and we all raised a glass for the man who was missing.

Mick Lathrope

## Mid Anglia



Hope you are all well and enjoying the dry weather we are experiencing in September which is making a nice change, allowing many to get their greens renovations completed after a very difficult wet season. I hear that the fairways etc are at last starting to slow down and have even seen signs of drought stress which never seemed likely a few months ago.

2012 has been the wettest summer in 100 years and 2nd wettest since records began. I am sure that you are all well ahead of the game and have applied Fungicide to help prevent the onslaught of Fusarium which will be rearing itself around the time of year... prevention is definitely better than cure so along with all the correct cultural measures a preventative programme is really essential to keep your greens disease and scar free for the rest of the season and beyond.

I hope that you have all received your application forms from Gerald for the Autumn Golf Day and AGM at Verulam GC on October 25th. If you haven't and would like to enter please email me for a copy of the application form. Once again the entry fee is only £15, exceptional value for money, so hope to see as many of you there as possible as it's sure to be a great day. So come on dust down the sticks and join us.

I would like to make you all aware of an amazingly loyal servant to greenkeeping and Mid Anglia Section - Mr Peter Robinson Head Greenkeeper at Knebworth GC. He's reached an amazing milestone in achieving an unbelievable 50 years of greenkeeping service to the club after starting out as a 15-year-old in 1962. This is a feat that I doubt will ever be repeated and can announce that as he loves his job so much has taken the option to stay on for another three years. Well Done Peter you are a credit to the industry.

Lastly please let me know of any news worthy or events at your clubs so we can help spread the word. Darren.

[d.mugford@rigbytaylor.com](mailto:d.mugford@rigbytaylor.com)

## Kent



Afternoon everyone and autumnal greetings.

Now that summer is well and truly behind us and the sun starts to fade work continues in earnest with our seasonal renovations and construction programmes.

That is if you can fit it in between leaf sweeping!

The shifting daylight hours and consequent dark mornings are a timely reminder of all the mower headlights we promised ourselves we would fix before the inevitable resultant extended putting surfaces.

Our Summer Pairs Knockout competition is still going and some great matches have been enjoyed by all entrants. See the website for up to the minute results.

Also, by the time you read this we shall have played our autumn event at Boughton Golf Club so read results here next month or on website if you can't wait that long!

The football season is in full flow again and my spare time is occupied totally by running my three kids to their matches all over the south east putting my ever-elusive low-teens golf handicap out of reach for yet another year. I wouldn't have it any other way though. You can't beat seeing the honest passion kids put into their football week in week out.

Don't forget our annual shindig/Turkey Trot/AGM at the pristine fairways of Redlubits on the 29th November. I know that's a few weeks off yet but please make a note in your diaries for what, in my opinion, is the highlight of the year.

Please call me if you have any news for this column, including any personal achievements or news from your clubs.

Don't forget to call me if you need any additional help over the winter with any of your projects. Again, see website for details of services on offer.

Best of British  
Rob Holland  
Premier Golf  
07545 424880



## Assistant Profile

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



**Name:** Anthony Stockwell  
**Age:** 24  
**Club:** The London Golf Club  
**Position:** Assistant Greenkeeper  
**Nickname:** Stocky

**1. How long have you been greenkeeping?** 5 years

**2. What was it about the career that attracted you?** I love golf and anything practical in nature

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

**4. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why?** Hand watering to try and create as consistent surface as possible

**5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why?** Hand watering with soggy boots!

**6. What one thing - other than a pay rise - would improve the greenkeepers' lot?** Further improvement in training and education for all

**7. Hobbies?** Spending time with my family and 2 dogs

**8. Favourite Band?** Supergrass

**9. Which team do you support (football or otherwise)?** My hometown Woking FC

**10. What is your claim to fame?** I beat Monty in a recent putting challenge

### Sussex



The Summer Tournament was recently held at Pyecombe Golf Club, but unfortunately it was once again poorly attended. The results were... well, well, well:

1st place - Dave Allen, Rich Evans, Pete Smith

2nd place - Matt Hutchinson, Chris Ahier, D Burchell

3rd place - Nigel Everett, Pete Crossley, Mel Ward

The longest drive went to John Cole from John Shaw Machinery. It was the only fairway John found. Nearest the pin was won by Dave Hinks and the longest drive on the 9th to Larry Lamb Pearman. Well done everyone! Many, many thanks to Mark Day from Tacit who were our sponsors for the day. Once again Mark provided brilliant prizes. Our thanks also go to Pyecombe Golf Club for their wonderful hospitality and great food.

The next event will take place on Thursday, 11th October at Crowborough Beacon Golf Club with tee times starting at 11:50. The cost will be £19 per head. All enquiries should be sent to Competition Secretary, Pete Smith at [pds@btinternet.com](mailto:pds@btinternet.com). I would personally like to welcome Pete to our section. I know he will bring some great ideas from his previous section where he was Chairman and Treasurer.

Our AGM will be held at the Dyke Golf Club on Thursday, 29th November. A nine hole competition has been organised with tee times from 12 noon and the AGM commencing at 2:30pm. Rob Hudson has arranged both the golf and a buffet tea at no charge to our members.

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. Let's hear your news!

Cheers for now,

Eric Green

Beauport Park Golf Club

01424-214600

07805-024001

[TheGreens837@aol.com](mailto:TheGreens837@aol.com)

### Surrey



Monday September 17. I have not been recently to the Isle of Wight but have used the time in not going to finish building my home made wooden gazebo. The builders are in making lots of dust converting our separate WC into an en suite shower room for our second bedroom and also refitting our bathroom. All donations to the make Brian's Dorking property liveable will be very gratefully received. The front garden now needs some turf so I hereby apologise to any local club that loses a small part of one of their greens, my gardener has only recently been released on probation.

That is it for this month for no-one out there in greenkeeper land has contacted me with any news but in next month's edition there will be a full report on the match between Surrey, Essex and Sussex at Lingfield Park GC and Surrey greenkeepers v the Reps at Richmond GC.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any advice or news as my Tacit mobile phone no continues to be 07879474038 or by email [brian.willmott@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:brian.willmott@hotmail.co.uk)

Brian Willmott

## South West & Wales Region

### South Wales



Good morning all, firstly apologies for missing last month's deadline not to be missed again! How fantastic and inspirational has the last eight weeks been with the Olympic and Paralympic games. I have never seen so many people enthusiastic and uplifted by some many sports. For me being a grown man jumping out of my seat

watch us win gold in the dressage competition unbelievable! There wasn't a dry eye left in the house when our British hero Jonny Peacock beat his sporting hero Oscar Pistorius in the 100m Paralympic final.

Back to greenkeeping the last eight weeks for us have followed exactly what we've had all year. No consistent temperature, multi weather fronts coming through - how can any of us plan end of season renovations and preparations for all our finals events! When times like these come around ie tighter budgets and not being able to prepare our courses the way we know how, we all need to stick together. Don't be afraid to pick up the phone and call your neighbouring golf club ask to borrow bits and pieces, and pick each others brains because between us we can prevail.

Team Match results

North Wales 3 South Wales 1 - thank you to sponsors Countrywide and Farmura Environmental.

South Wales 4 South West 2 - again thank you sponsors Countrywide and Farmura Environmental.

Thanks also to all patrons of the section, without your support prizes and events like these couldn't take place thank you.

Our Next Event

October 11th at Clyne Golf Club AGM starts at 11am followed by golf at 1pm. Please guys book this time in your calendars and try and support the AGM to air your views and support section golf event.

October 26th St Pierre Golf Club our inaugural South Wales Dinner and Dance will take place. Many tables have been taken by patrons and other sections - if you would like a table please contact Gareth Knight 07595988512 to reserve your place.

Many thanks for reading any news or views please contact me at any time.

Kind Regards

Peter H

## Section Notes

Please email your notes to [steve.castle@bigga.co.uk](mailto:steve.castle@bigga.co.uk) by the 15th of the month

## Devon and Cornwall



We now have all dates and venues confirmed for this upcoming season of events. All events will be advertised on the BIGGA website and in the GI magazine. Fixture lists will be sent out to all members. If you have not received one, then please contact me.

Please make sure that all your contact details are up to date with BIGGA HQ, this year we plan to reduce our costs by only emailing details of events to our members. If you are not receiving invites to our events, then please contact BIGGA with up to date contact details.

Our first meeting is at East Devon GC on Thursday 11 October. Paul Newcombe, Course Manager, has made some significant changes to the course in the last few years and has agreed to do a short presentation to the attendees explaining why these changes have been made. Paul will be leading a Course walk for those who are not playing golf. Golfers will be playing for the "Don Hunt" Trophy and Avoncrop Amenity and Sibelco will be sponsoring the Event. Our Section AGM will be held at the end of the day's events. This will be a very interesting and enjoyable meeting at one of our best courses in the Section. Please contact me asap if you wish to attend.

Our November event will be held at Bowood GC, Cornwall, on Wed 7th November. Rob Cook, Course Manager, is a regular attendee at our meetings and has worked hard to improve the surfaces at Bowood. Golfers will be playing for the "Bayer Cup" and the day will be sponsored by Bayer Environmental and Sports Metals. Again, please contact me asap to secure a place at the event.

Look forward to seeing you all at our events!

George Pitts  
Section Secretary  
Bigga Devon & Cornwall  
07929 754401  
gpitts.yelverton@gmail.com

## BIGGA welcomes the following new members...

### Scotland

John Marshall, West Section  
Andrew McDonald, West Section

### Northern Region

Jamie Baggley, North West Section  
Jack Butterworth, North West Section  
Aaron De'Avalon, North Wales Section  
Gwyndaf Lewis, North Wales Section  
Christopher Pinkney, Northern Section  
Stephen Smith, North East Section

### Midland Region

Kristian Allen, Midland Section  
Stephen Ball, Midland Section  
Tom Coulson, Midland Section  
Nigel Green, Berks/Bucks & Oxon Section  
William Green, Berks/Bucks & Oxon Section  
Adam Hallifax, Midland Section  
Liam Harris, Mid Anglia Section  
Sharon Morris, East Midland Section  
James Percy, Berks/Bucks & Oxon Section  
Jamie Wright, Berks/Bucks & Oxon Section

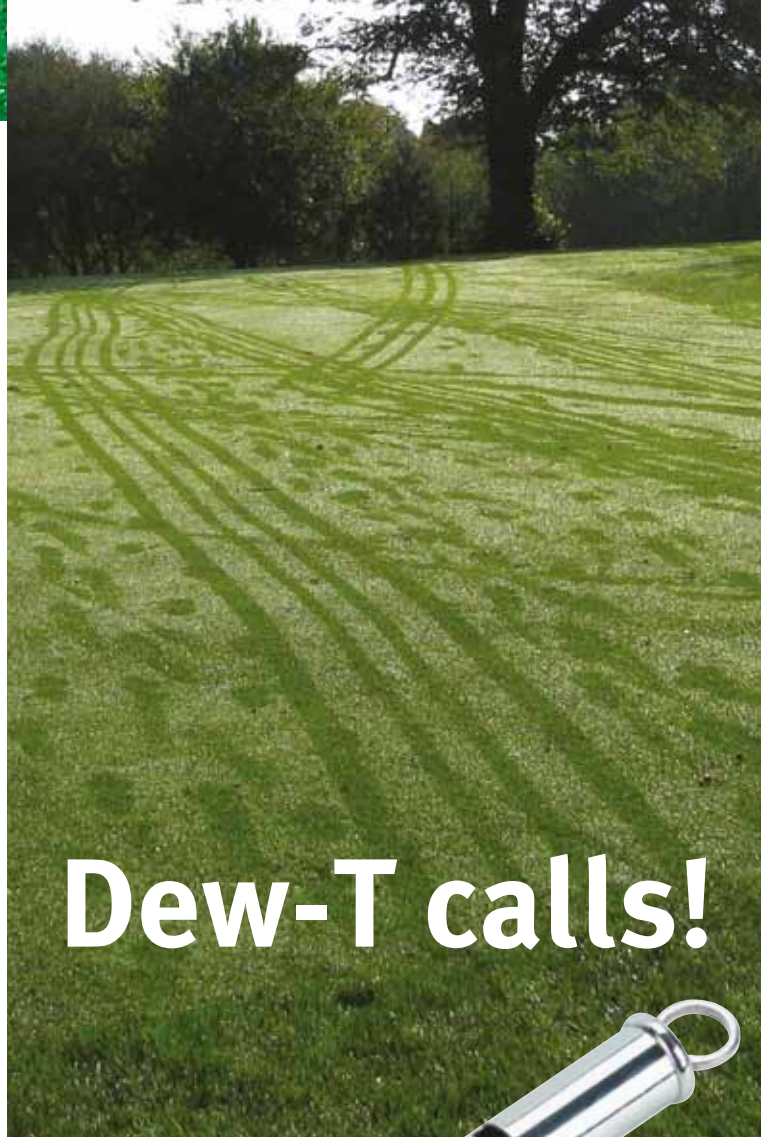
### South East Region

Tom Emmence, Sussex Section  
Paul Fagg, Kent Section  
Oliver Hook, Kent Section  
Ivor Isted, Surrey Section  
Carl McCreath, East Anglia Section  
Craig Peterson, Surrey Section  
Alasdair Spence, Kent Section

### South West/South Wales Region

Ian Barnett, South Wales Section  
Philip Bowler, South Coast Section  
Jon Funnell, Devon & Cornwall Section  
Phill Hughes, Surrey Section  
Daniel Partridge, South Coast Section  
Adam Rogers, Surrey Section  
Joseph Sexton, Surrey Section  
Stephen Springthorpe, South West Section  
Tim Vines, Surrey Section  
Sean Welch, South Coast Section  
Adam Young, South West Section

**For more information on new members log in to the Members' Area of the BIGGA Website.**



# Dew-T calls!



Turf grass managers have little or no control over the conditions that cause dew. However, the application of Dew-T during times when dew formation is expected will provide excellent prevention.

Dew-T has a twin mode of action. First, it is effective in reducing water tension, thus preventing dew formation and secondly, it bonds strongly to the waxy leaf surface allowing moisture to run off.



- Applying Dew-T
- Prevents dew formation for up to 14 days
  - Allows mowing operations to begin earlier
  - Provides a cleaner leaf cut
  - Assists in cultural disease management
  - Replaces costly, time-consuming switching

**RT**  
rigby taylor

**Dew-T**  
DEW CONTROL

Freefone: 0800 424 919

Web: [www.rigbytaylor.com](http://www.rigbytaylor.com) eMail: [sales@rigbytaylor.com](mailto:sales@rigbytaylor.com)