

ESSEX WIN TRI TOURNAMENT

Upminster Golf Club was the venue for the annual South East Region Tri-Tournament between Essex, Surrey and Sussex.

This event rotates around the sections and has become one of the highlights of the South East regions' fixture list, along with the Golf and Dinner day at Walton Heath and the BMW Championship at Wentworth, plus our annual regional conference.

A full quota of 10 players per team took to the fairways at 10am and enjoyed a beautiful sunny day for a round of golf on a testing course set out by Upminster's Course Manager, Dougie Fernie. After a well-deserved late afternoon dinner Essex Team Captain Antony Kirwan announced the results: Essex 245, Sussex 242 and Surrey 225.

Essex (only the second time they had won in the event's seven year existence) would like to thank all the players from Surrey and Sussex for helping to make it such a great day, the camaraderie was fantastic and it was good to again be able to meet up with friends made over the years.

Our thanks to Upminster Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of the course for the day and to Dougie and his team, and the club's catering team. All those playing would also like to thank Andy Turbin and Ernest Doe and Sons for their sponsorship of the day, and we look forward to next year's event somewhere in Sussex.

Arnold Phipps-Jones



CHIPPENHAM WORK NEARING COMPLETION

The Chippenham Golf Club in Wiltshire has gone through many changes since it was founded in 1896 and its latest chapter of redevelopment is nearing completion.

This has involved remodelling several existing holes to allow the integration of four newly constructed ones.

Course architect Matt Maryon has overseen the project from start to finish, and has been assisted by the outstanding shaping skills of Mike Smith from 1st Golf Ltd.

Several new tees have been constructed, while one hole has been completely redesigned to incorporate two existing holes.

Course Manager and BIGGA Vice Chairman Chris Sealey said: "Several years of hard work are

finally coming to fruition, and the members, committee, and staff can't wait to see the course open in its completed state in May 2014.

"We're really excited about the design of the new holes, and a couple of them promise to be particularly memorable. This, combined with the new clubhouse opening only 10 months ago, means it's a great time to be a member here at Chippenham Golf Club, and I'm sure we'll serve as a model going forward for Clubs looking to enhance their facilities."

The redevelopment is already having a positive effect on Club finances, with a noticeable growth across membership, green fee revenue, and food and beverages.



BIGGA SPONSORS

Charterhouse Turf Machinery were once again delighted to be co-sponsors of the BIGGA National Championship, a good opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues at this prestigious event which attracts players from all around the country.

It's been a busy year for Charterhouse with the launch of new products including their new three point linkage mounted Turf Cutter, and our eagerly awaited Double Disc seeder with 30mm spacings to be launched shortly.

The Verti-Drain line up continues to make waves with the latest high speed models performing well both as a 1.6 metre unit and a 2m unit, these have been well received by those who need greater productivity and wanting to cover the ground quickly.

Charterhouse General Manager Nick Darking added: "Our new website www.charterhouse-tm.co.uk was launched recently. You are able to link through to our YouTube site showing the very latest machinery in use, it also gives our customers updates on our activity through out the year and allowing them to access detailed information about all of our product lines. We have even learned to Tweet and can be followed @ctmTURF giving the very latest information."



The winning Essex team: Simon Hartley, Paul O'Kane, Liam Springett, Campbell Murdoch, Antony Kirwan, Sam Cook, Stuart Rogers, Dougie Fernie, Ross Bennett. Lee Masters is missing