

Section Notes

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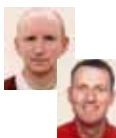
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Events Coming Up

Central - Next event on the calendar is the Section AGM at Elmwood training room on 29 October. This will be preceded by a presentation from Lynn Jopling of SGEG. Details for this were emailed out at the beginning of October.

Following on from that is the 2-day "Train the Trainer" course to be held at St Andrews Links on 19/20 November.

West - Coming up is the AGM on the 24 October at Hags Castle GC followed by a short talk from a couple of different suppliers on what's new in the industry.

Also, the social night is on 29 November at Qui Italia near Cadzowriggs or the old Glasgow Herald building, this is similar to last year with a pre theatre meal and then onto a few pubs or nightclub. The section would appreciate your support in both of these events as last year they had a very good turn out.

East - A workshop day at John Deere (Sherriff's) Haddington is on 9 October (BAGMA) approved, please contact Steven Burrell for enquiries at gcservice@thomassherriff.co.uk, please note spaces will be limited.

East - The 27th AGM will be held at Ravelston GC on Tuesday 5 November, more details to follow next month.

News

Central - The irrigation course on 25 September was fully subscribed, thanks to Adrian Mortram and Callum Oliphant for

delivering the course and to Elmwood for the use of the facilities for the day.

Central - The turnout for the autumn outing at Stirling GC on 4 September wasn't so good with only 28 people in attendance. On a glorious sunny day, those who did come along enjoyed playing a course that was excellently presented by James Lindsay.

Our thanks to James and his team and all at Stirling GC for their assistance. Kevin Webster of Leven Links was a new name on the Scratch trophy while Graeme Bolton of gWest was a clear winner of the best nett on the day.

A full list of prize-winners can be found on the website www.biggacentralsection.org.uk or by liking us on Facebook. From next year the prizes will all be based on Stableford scores apart from the Scratch prize.

Central - Work is still progressing at a considerable speed on the new course being constructed at Feddinch just outside St Andrews. Not so much in the news lately though about the proposed development just along the coast from Elie.

West - A report on the Autumn outing will follow next month but I would like to take this opportunity to ask if any member has a subject they might wish to raise at the AGM please contact any member of the committee before the event to allow a full and frank discussion to take place.

The blog is available for members to look at and obtain information or the magazine, failing that contact myself on 0141 9425554 or 07790823914, or e-mail me at stuart.taylor@glasgowgolfclub.com.

East - Our recent Willie Woods tournament went well with a good attendance on the day, held at Mortonhall GC that was in its usual fantastic condition.

The scoring was good with Graeme Davidson and Martin Fithridge (both Mortonhall) lifting the trophy with a superb 62 in a betterball format, with Alan Campbell and Dougie Melville (both Edinburgh Leisure) coming second with a 65 (bih). The nearest the pin winner was William Kelly (Mortonhall) and our longest drive went to Craig Hempseed (Mortonhall).

Thanks to Sponsors

Central - A special thanks to Otterbine, Toro and Lely for providing the coffees and lunch at the irrigation course.

East - Thanks must go to Gary Smith (Sherriff Amenity) for a very informative educational topic in the form of 'Nutritional Movement Through the Plant', this topic went down well and was delivered superbly.

Welcome New Members

Kjell Torbjorn Berggren - Trump Golf Scotland, Iain McFarlane, Gavin Millar - Elderslie GC, Barry Munro, Peter Munro - Zoar Cottage Lawn Tennis



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Events Coming Up

Sheffield - Christmas Competition on 11 December at Worksop GC, tee times from 10.30am followed by AGM, meal and presentation, sponsored by Mike Brear of Rigby Taylor. Also remember to book your place for the trip to St Georges Park on 16 October.

North East - We're hoping to organise a couple of course walks in near future, more details soon.

North West - Bert Cross Trophy and AGM at the Wilmslow GC on 12 November. Contact Phil Dewhurst on 07768 180604 if you wish to attend.

Cleveland - Boulby Potash Mine Visit Thursday 3 October. Eight places only so get in touch asap to reserve your space. Contact me (Pembo) 07791 695768

Cleveland - Autumn Tournament Wednesday 9 October tee off 10am till 11am at Sharpley Springs GC. For just £16 you will get the usual bacon sandwich and coffee, 18 holes of golf followed by a two course meal and raffle. Limited to 24 spaces.

Cleveland - The annual bring a bottle challenge at my place Cleveland GC is on Tuesday 10 December 10.45am tee off.

Northern - Our final golf day of the year is the Xmas bash at Baildon GC in Bradford on 11 December.

North Wales - The autumn tournament took place at Royal St David's GC on 18 September - results next month. The Christmas tournament is at Royal Liverpool GC, Hoylake on 25 November, all entries and monies to be returned asap.

News

Cleveland - I'm submitting the monthly notes so if you have any news let me know. Even small bits of info are good, like trying to find the greenkeeper from our area that was spotted at a local bus stop and now has a modelling contract with Vogue magazine. Pembo

Cleveland - Well done to Lee Cameron from Teesside GC in completing the coast to coast bike ride raising over £3000 for the Great North Air Ambulance, a fantastic achievement.

North East - Jimmy Richardson has retired as section secretary after 31 years service. The section wouldn't have operated to the level it has without Jimmy's time and commitment. On behalf of the section we wish him well in his retirement. We plan to give him a well deserved send off at our Autumn tournament at Westerhope GC on 9 October and it would be great if you could attend.

Sheffield - On 13 September Ashley Brear married Grace. Ashley is Mike Brear's son of Rigby Taylor and we wish them all the very best and hope it all goes well for Ashley in his new post at Luffenham Heath GC. Can members please send any news items to the NEW SECTION MOBILE NUMBER 07944 392155.

Northern - Best wishes to Stu Mason from Woolley Park GC in Wakefield on his forthcoming marriage.

Northern - We recently played a fantastic competition of greenkeepers v trade at Cookridge Hall in Leeds. A great day but unfortunately apart from myself and Joe Walsh destroying Nick Bissett and Simon Hardcastle in the last match we lost 3-1.

North Wales - Arthur Evans, Head Greenkeeper at Abersoch GC, celebrated 25 years at the club in September; we wish him many more happy years in greenkeeping.

Movers and shakers

North East - Congratulations to Brian Hughes of Whickham GC, who after his hard work and dedication in his senior role has been promoted to Head Greenkeeper.

North Wales - Roger and John Kerry retire from their jobs as course and deputy course managers on the 31st of this month, after 36 years of loyal service to Royal St. David's GC we wish them all the best in retirement.

Results

North East - New summer competition held at Percywood GC, massive thank you to Simon Olver and the club for the course condition and hospitality shown, it was also nice to see a lot of new faces at the event.

Best Gross - J Hogg, Div One - 1 S Olver, 2 C Donaldson, 3 J Friar; Div Two - 1 S Pope, 2 B Brown, 3 D Thompson; Trade - G Baxter; Nearest Pin 10th - J Friar, 14th - V Cox; Longest Drive - S Olver. The best score of the day was by S Pope who is 82 years old - putting all us young guys to shame. Well done Steve!

Thanks to Sponsors

North East - Rigby Taylor for sponsoring prizes at Percywood and to Lloyds for sponsoring the food.

North East - Thanks to Paul and Freddie Wade and our chairman John Watts for sorting the day at Cookridge - a great addition to our golfing calendar. Also thank you to Sandra our RA for all her help at our golf days, they would not be the same without her.

Welcome New Members

Kevin Thompson - Tyne Green GC, Robert Leitch - Furness GC, Robert Wood - Castle Hawk GC, Jacob Field, Steven Zoing - Rudding Park GC, Daniel Edgecombe - Affiliate, Jubb Signs Ltd.

Midland

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Events Coming Up

East Midlands - You should have received your invites to our AGM Competition at Lutterworth GC on 31 October. Exclusively sponsored by Farols there will be some tremendous prizes on offer and of course the usual top quality raffle. In addition there is the Midland Region Education Seminar on November 6 held again at Forest Hill GC, remember that CPD points are available for all attendees.

Midland - The Autumn golf tournament is to be held at North Warwickshire GC on 16 October, starting at 12. Get your entry in to Rhys Thomas as soon as possible on 07774 164173 and check your tee time soon via www.biggamidlandsection.co.uk

Midland - Our Autumn education day is a visit to Villa Park, kindly sponsored through Everris on 23 October. If you're interested and would like further details please visit www.biggamidlandsection.co.uk to book your place to visit the world's most famous football club!

Midland - The Midland Section AGM will be held following the golf at North Warwickshire GC on 16 October at 6.30pm before the evening meal. All members are welcome.

Mid Anglia - Autumn Golf Day at Berkhamsted GC on 16 October. Get your entries in asap to avoid missing out. AGM to follow.

Movers and Shakers

East Midlands - A very warm welcome to the section for Simon Graham who has taken on the role of Head Greenkeeper at Lingdale GC. Simon joins Lingdale from The Buckinghamshire and I'm sure I speak for everyone in wishing him the very best of luck with his new challenge.

Mid Anglia - Congratulations to Hayden Drinkwater on becoming Course Manager at Mentmore GC and to his Deputy at Redbourne GC taking over his old role. We wish you all the best in your new positions.

Results

East of England - Newark Golf Club 25 July. 1 Peter Orbine 38pts Gedney Hill GC, 2 Graeme MacDonald 37pts Newark GC, 3 Adrian Kitchenson 34pts Lincoln GC. Nearest the pin won by Peter Orbine. Longest straightest drive Bruce Hicks. Trade/Associate prize Peter Hainstock 36pts.

East of England - Match vs GCMA at Norwood Park 12 September. East of England greenkeepers won 4-2.

Thanks to Sponsors

Midland - This month's calendar sponsor is TH White. Many thanks for supporting the Midland Section, and please consider them when looking at replacement machinery. Contact TH White through Simon Bingham on 07813 835212 or www.thwhite.co.uk

Mid Anglia - A massive thanks goes to Vassgro Amenity, Avoncrop Amenity, ALS, Amtech Amenity, Headland Amenity, Farmura, Tuckwells Machinery and Rigby Taylor Ltd for your continued support with funds which really helps to make our section run successfully. Banks Amenity also sponsor our Golfer of the Year Trophy again this year, once again your support means a lot and please consider these suppliers for your requirements.

East of England - Many thanks to F.G Adamson & Son John Deere dealers for their sponsorship of the golf day at Newark GC. Also congratulations to Graeme MacDonald and his staff for the condition of the course and the caterers for the excellent meal as always.

East of England - Many thanks to all the staff at Norwood Park GC for the condition of the course and the excellent hospitality after the match.

Welcome New Members

Matthew Rich - East Berkshire GC, John Quinn - Caversham Heath GC, Earl Oakton - Mickleaveover GC, Steven Birtwistle, Ross Kerr - Chilwell Manor GC, Alan Sherlock - Trent Park GC, Jonathan Cox - Bedford GC, Ben Evans - The Tytherington Club, Gary Oliver - The Belfry, Harry Kelly - Lea Marston Hotel & Leisure Complex, Steven Smith - Ingestre Park GC, Adrian Barnes - Tamworth GC, Gary Price - Hill Valley Golf & Country Club

A new look

Based on feedback from the recent GI survey, we've refreshed and improved this section of the magazine.

Please send your news and photos in to your section correspondent or Steve Castle (steve.castle@bigga.co.uk) by the 10th of each month

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Events Coming Up

London - Next is the Xmas tournament at Verulam Golf Club on 12 December sponsored by Everris. Hoping for a good turn out as Xmas is such a good time to come together after a hard year's work and enjoy some good greenkeeper company. This will be followed by the AGM. Entry forms will be posted out or you can email Lee Cox on l.cox15@btinternet.com

Kent - Our annual Turkey Trot where a good time is pretty much guaranteed followed by the AGM to moan about it if you don't shall be held at Redlibbits GC on 28 November. You all know how enjoyable this event is so be sure to get your entries in asap.

Kent - We are very proud to be hosting the South East Regional conference on Tuesday 19 November at Hadlow College. News on times and speakers to follow next month but visit our website for updates

News

East Anglia - Lovely day at King's Lynn GC. I think it's the first time the Section has been there and it was terrific thanks largely to Colin Robinson and his team. Sixty souls turned up - results below.

East Anglia - I heard a rumour that a golf club has a member who has been at the club for 80 years, continuous membership.

It was suggested that it would be nice to give them life membership as a reward. No problem you might think.

Three committee meetings later, they decided against the idea as it might set a precedent! You could not dream it.

London - The summer tournament was played at Sudbury GC on a wet summer's day but Jim Easton had the course in excellent condition and very much appreciated by the guys from Stanmore GC as they claimed the first 3 places, with Mark Lambert first followed by Jack McCormack and Daniel Cowley.

Kent - Many thanks to everyone who made our Autumn event at the delightful Sene Valley GC such a great occasion.

It's always a pleasure to welcome new attendees to our events too so a warm welcome to our fold to James Boorman and Jamie Tomsett of Lydd GC.

The course at Sene Valley was fantastic and very scenic even if the English Channel didn't look too appealing on this particular day!

It's fair to say that this particular club is one which local knowledge could save you at least half a dozen shots by knowing where to aim!

The welcome by all the clubhouse staff was exceptional and we would like to thank all the management at the club for allowing us to enjoy your facilities on the day.

It's fair to say the early starters enjoyed the best of the conditions as us tail-enders endured monsoon conditions scuppering any chance of a spot on the podium but who cares when you're amongst friends eh!

A thoroughly enjoyable event, great food, great friends, great laughs on a great course.

Thanks Sene Valley. Hope to return soon.

Movers and Shakers

Kent - Congratulations to Darren Burton who, we are reliably informed, is soon to be the father of twins!

London - A couple of appointments to mention, first Trevor Smith of Brookmans Park GC has been promoted from Course Manager to Club and Course Manager and secondly David Purdue has been appointed at The Buckinghamshire GC as Club Mechanic.

Finally congratulations to Ricky Goodman deputy at Hendon G C on the birth of his son George

Results

East Anglia - 0 - 9 Handicap - 1st: Michael Buck (Who else?) 39pts, 2nd Peter Howard (Must try harder) 38pts

10 - 18 Handicap - 1st: Peter Ervine 36pts, 2nd: Howie Jenner 34pts

19 - 28 Handicap - Real Golfers, 1st: Martin Brightwell 31pts, 2nd: Richard Mitchell 30pts

Trade & Guest, 1st: Philip Jones, 2nd: Mark Keysel

Longest Drive - Ian Robinson; Nearest Pin on 3rd - James Brown (Feels Good!); Nearest Pin on 12th - Jerry Scott; Loo Seat - Ian Willett cos no one else wanted it! Thanks again King's Lynn, would love to return one day.

Kent - Autumn Golf Day Results: 1 34pts James Boorman, 2 34pts Michael Roberts, 3 33pts Steve Sutill; Nearest Pin was by Pete Leaves and Longest drive by Dan McGrath.

Thanks to Lister Wilder for bringing some additional prizes and for Darren Burton for bringing some welcome liquid sustenance to the bedraggled late finishers.

Thanks to Sponsors

East Anglia - Ben Burgess were the main John Deere sponsors, ably accompanied by Nick Ashman, Aitkens, Rigby Taylor, Bartram Mowers, Ernest Doe, Collier Turf Care and Amtech Amenity Ltd.

We are all extremely lucky and grateful for all the support we get from the Trade.

It would, however, be helpful if they could just leave a card with their prizes then (perhaps) I would not leave anyone out.

Welcome New Members

Jimmy Heritage - Maylands GC, Shawn Granshaw-Payne - Colne Valley GC, Jamie Robertson - Chelmsford GC, Sam Gavin, Matt Sherwood - Ashford Manor GC, Casey Krahenbuhl - Beaverbrook GC, Martin Wilmshurst - Seaford GC.

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Events Coming Up

South Coast - Next Golf event the Autumn Tournament at Meon Valley GC on 9 October last entries need to be quick glassy2003@hotmail.com

South Coast - Toro Irrigation Roadshow at Sherborne GC on 23 October, not to be missed and incredible value at £10 for a full day with food. Contact Alex McCombie on southcoastsecretary@gmail.com

South Coast - Regional Seminar on 20 November at Oaktree Arena. Please contact our new Regional Administrator tracey.harvey@bigga.co.uk for full details of speakers and cost.

South Coast - Date of AGM 13 November at Wellow GC. This will be a half day with guest speaker and include a light lunch. Those wishing to play golf in the afternoon need to contact the club separately. Please email Alex on

southcoastsecretary@gmail.com if you want to attend. Support your committee please.

South West - Looking forward to seeing everyone at two upcoming events; the South West Section AGM at Filton Golf Club on Wednesday 16 October, tee times from 11.00am, and the Section Christmas Tournament at Ogbourne Downs Golf Club on 19 December.

Enquiries to Wayne Vincent (07958 630590) or Adam Matthews (07732 503855).

Devon & Cornwall - Our first meeting which is the AGM is at Lanhydrock on 24 October.

News

South Coast - Something completely different from golf congratulations to Rob Crouch our John Deere rep on completing the Iron Man Triathlon in an amazing 13 hours 20 mins. Fitness indeed!

South West - We are seeking interest in an excavator operation update training session to coincide with the five-year cut off from the last certification programme, please keep an eye on the BIGGA Bulletin Boards for details or contact Paul Worster directly.

South West - Best of luck from all of the section to Lee Whyte of Bowood GC and Paul Garland of Lansdowne GC who will be representing the South West at the BIGGA National Championships at Frilford Heath Golf Club on 7 & 8 October, c'mon boys!

South West - Once again the section will be sponsoring a place to attend BTME in January 2014 to include accommodation, transport and education. Please contact any of the committee members to express your interest in this fantastic opportunity.

Thanks to Sponsors

South West - Special thanks to all of our Section Patrons for their ongoing support: EcoSol, Greensman, Irritech, Headland Amenity, Countrywide and Farmura.

Welcome New Members

Timothy Burress – Playgolf Bournemouth, Michael Griffiths – Marriott St Pierre Hotel & Country Club, Colin Coleman – Overseas Member, The Grange Golf Club Australia.

BIGGA REGIONAL CONFERENCES

BIGGA Midland Regional Conference
– Wednesday 6 November at Forest Hill Golf & Country Club, Botcheston, Leicester LE9 9FH. £15 members, £25 non-members

BIGGA Northern Regional Conference
– Thursday 7 November at the Phoenix Golf Club, Brinsworth, Rotherham S60 5PA. £10 members, £20 non-members

BIGGA South West & South Wales Regional Conference – Thursday 21 November at the Oaktree Arena, Highbridge, Somerset TA9 4HA

BIGGA South East Regional Conference - Tuesday 19 November at Hadlow College near Tonbridge Kent TN11 0AL

