

## Section Notes

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# Around the green

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## Events Coming Up

### Central

A joint event by Everris, Jabobsen and Syngenta called Turf Science Live is taking place on Tuesday 10 June at Fairmont St Andrews although spaces are strictly limited. If anyone is interested then they must contact the organisers at [syn.events@syngenta.com](mailto:syn.events@syngenta.com).

The date of the AGM has been moved to Tuesday 11 November although it will remain at Elmwood GC. It will start at 2pm and will be preceded by a seminar by Indigrow at 1pm.

### East

Next section meeting 11 August. Willie Woods Tournament, Greenburn GC, August. Autumn Meeting, Monktonhall, September. AGM, Old Mussleburgh GC, October. Xmas Soiree, December (Venue to be confirmed).

### West

Scottish outing is at Renfrew GC on 12 June and as hosts a good turnout is expected. I would expect Fraser to have the course in tip top condition.

## News

### Central

Congratulations to Gary Douglas of Piperdam GC on winning an Oakmont 2016 US Open polo shirt. This was donated by Mike McCormick, the Deputy Superintendent at Oakmont when he gave a seminar back in March which we then raffled between all

those who attended that seminar. The Committee have also agreed to trial relaxing the dress code for future golf events. Members will no longer require to change into a jacket/tie after the golf. Jeans/denims and trainers remain unacceptable.

The workshop/seminar on reel set-up and sharpening held on 14 May and organised between the Section and Bernhards was well supported with over 25 members attending and thanks go to everyone who assisted with that, including Elmwood College for the use of the facilities.

Most of our information is sent out by email and also appears on the BIGGA Central Section Facebook page. However, over 50% of the section members have still not provided us with a valid email address and there are still a considerable amount who don't follow us on Facebook so you are missing out on all notification of what is coming up in the Section.

Details of what is coming up and reports will also appear on the Scottish Region website as well as the Central Section website.

David Beardwood has left St Andrews Links to become Course Manager at Spey Valley GC which is run by MacDonalds Hotels.

Alex Walker, course supervisor on the New/Jubilee courses has left to become Course Manager at the 36 hole complex at Le Touquet in France. Gary Semple, course supervisor at the Castle Course at St Andrews who is leaving to become Deputy Course Manager at Williamwood GC in Glasgow. Kevin Webster is leaving Leven Links to become Head Greenkeeper at Saline GC near Dunfermline. We wish them all the very best in their new roles.

Meanwhile, Donald Gardner has retired from Scoonie Golf Club and Simon Connah, currently the Deputy Course Manager on the Old Course at St Andrews Links, has completed 25 years' service with the Trust and he's only just turned 42!

We had a healthy entry for our Spring outing at Kinghorn GC. Thanks to everyone from the Greenstaff, Caterers, Fife Golf Trust and the Trade. The results, with the first round of the 2014 Pairs competition can be found on the Central Section website.

The Section also paid a visit to ETL in Stirling which attendees found very informative seeing around the lab. Most of those were asked to supply a soil sample and Sharon Bruce and her team carried out various tests on what was submitted. Thanks to Sharon and the team and it may be possible for us to stage another visit in the future for those unable to attend.

Elmwood College are on the lookout for old equipment, mowers etc which the students could refurbish and renovate. If anyone is willing to help then please contact Stuart Mackie on Stuart. [Mackie@sruc.ac.uk](mailto:Mackie@sruc.ac.uk)

### North

Our Spring outing this year was at Moray Golf Club on 1 May and a great day was had by all the 57 members who attended. Everyone agreed the course was in top condition so our special thanks go to Course Manager Kevin Thomson and his team.

Prize winners: Nearest the pin 6th: Stephen Herd (Strathlene) 15th: Hugh McLatchie (Peterhead). Sweep in 4th place Jim Smith, 3 Mark McLaren, 2 Kevin Thomson, 1 Jim McCormack. Trade Winner: Jim Smith (Rigby Taylor). Committee winner: Dale Robertson (Newmachar) Veterans, 2 Richard Pirie (Newmachar) 1 Jim McCormack (Kirriemuir). Apprentice Trophy: Scott Crawford (Moray -BIH). Class 3: 3 Tom Comerford (Auchmill) 2 Stephen Herd (Strathlene) 1 Dale Robertson (Newmachar). Class 2: 3 David Inglis (Hazelhead) 2 Andrew Baillie (Deeside) 1 Mark

McLaren (Royal Aberdeen). Class 1: 3 Jonathon Duggan (Deeside) 2 Richard Johnstone (Nairn Dunbar) 1 Jim McCormack (Kirriemuir). Scratch runner up: Adam Lindsay (Peterculter), winner: Kevin Thomson (Moray). The committee would like to thank all the members and the trade for their continued support.

### West

Firstly can I apologise to Jim Caldwell at Sandyhills GC for stating he had left the club last month. This is not the case, please understand that it was an innocent mistake.

Kerr Rowan has moved from Ranfurly Castle to a 36 hole complex in Sweden just outside Malmo and I hope he enjoys his new job in a beautiful country although the winter weather can be extreme. Campbell Wallace of Wishaw GC is unwell and I hope he is getting better, the section wishes you all the best. Results from the spring outing:

Scratch: John Dale (Renfrew) 70. Class 1: 1 William Lewis (Williamwood) 38pts, 2 Brian Hillen (Drumpellier) 34, 3 John Brown (Bearsden) 34. Class 2: Craig Wyllie (Glasgow) 39pts, Barry McCulloch (Whitecraigs) 36, Brian Louge (Cardross) 34. Class 3: Bobby McDougall (Indigrow) 35pts, Michael Maxton (East Kilbride) 31, Scott Reid (East Kilbride) 30. Longest drive: John Dale. Nearest pin: Brian Hillen.

36 players took part and enjoyed a really well presented golf course, Graeme Latto and his staff are to be commended.

The last time I played Clydebank and district was 30 years ago and the improvement was extraordinary with new drainage in the greens and plenty of construction to tees and even the odd green, well done to you and your team.

### East

Results from our very well supported spring outing held at Goswick GC are as follows:- The Golf Finance Trophy (Scratch Winner): Andrew Terras (Goswick) 75 gross. Class 1 winner of the Greentech Trophy: Alistair Holmes (Seahouses) 35pts. Class 2 winner of the Henderson's Trophy: Ryan McCulloch (Goswick) 36pts. Class 3 winner of the Sherriff Groundcare Trophy: Ian Cowan (Mussleburgh) 34pts.

Trade winner: Dr David Greenshields (Barenbrug) 40pts. Veterans Salver: George Thompson (Goswick GC). Fairways trophy: Stuart Ferguson (Dundas Parks). Longest Drive: Jamie Martin (Gifford GC). Nearest pin: Ross Prowse (Muckart GC) & Alistair Holmes (Seahouses GC).

Keep an eye out for a mail shot regarding this years Patron Nominations, the criteria has changed this year for this award and nominations can be made from August, please see the new Scottish Website @ [www.biggascottishregion.com](http://www.biggascottishregion.com) for details.

The section hopes Robbie Murdoch of Dundas Parks had an excellent experience recently as part of the BMW support team at Wentworth recently, well done Robbie.

## Thanks to Sponsors

### East

Thanks to Sherriff Groundcare and ATT for their support at the Spring outing. Excellent afternoon courtesy of Bernhard Grinders at Turnhouse GC covering the benefits of correct mower set up and cylinder sharpness, thanks to Ben Watson and Willie Nisbet for their presentation.

### North

The committee would also like to thank Bernhards for their Seminar at Royal Aberdeen on Monday 5 May - and to Willie Nesbit and Ben Taylor.

## Welcome New Members

Lewis Wright, Greenkeeper, Roxburghe Hotel & Golf Course, Greg Peal, Greenkeeper, Carnoustie Golf Links, Craig Kerr, Greenkeeper, Carnoustie Golf Links, Brian Hutchison, Greenkeeper, North Berwick Golf Club, Daniel van Wyk, Assistant Greenkeeper, Carnoustie Golf Links, Paul Robertson, Assistant Greenkeeper, Torry Outdoor Sports Centre.

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## Events Coming Up

### South Wales

A Major Golf event for Wales as a whole will take place between 24-27 July at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club. I hope Ian Kinley and his team have a great week and the support team gives them all the assistance required.

### South Coast

The summer tournament will be held at Knighton Heath Golf Club on Thursday 3 July. Format for the day will be Four Ball Better Ball, stableford. The cost is £20 per person. This includes a bacon roll on arrival and a two course meal afterwards. Please remember to wear jacket and tie. Pairs will be drawn after the closing date which is Friday 27 June. Tee off from 1:30pm. An email with the entry form will be sent out or you can download it from our web site [www.biggasouthcoast.org.uk](http://www.biggasouthcoast.org.uk). Email me at [al.magee77@googlemail.com](mailto:al.magee77@googlemail.com) or I'm on Facebook at BIGGA South Coast.

## News

### South Wales

Check out BIGGA South Wales on Facebook, it's a chance to see pictures of courses, construction, equipment demos... some very interesting articles in the magazine over the last few months I enjoyed the irrigation one, I wonder if we will require it much this season. New shirts will soon be available to purchase for golf days or team events at a cost of £26 and in lovely Welsh red.

### South Coast

If you're not receiving emails about events as they come up in our section can you please email the secretary at [southcoastsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:southcoastsecretary@gmail.com)

## Welcome New Members

Jonathan Davies, Greenkeeper, Bramshaw Golf Club, Ben Jackson, Greenkeeper, Brickhampton Court Golf Club, Scott Arnold, Assistant Greenkeeper, Llanwern Golf Club, Ross Hopkins, Assistant Greenkeeper, Celtic Manor Resort.

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## Events Coming Up

### Northern

President Day at West Bradford on the 18 June 1pm tee off. If you wish to play please text myself or the section phone. I'm away from Friday 13 until the day of the comp so if you're leaving it late please use the section phone. We will give final numbers on the Monday 16 so please be aware if you cancel after Monday you will have to pay because we still get billed! Thank you.

Finally if any of you guys fancy having one of our events at your place please let us know and we will do our best to get there next year.

### Cleveland

I know it's a bit early but we have a venue and a date for the Autumn Tournament. It will be at Bedlington Golf Club on Tuesday 14 October, usual cost, £16, so book now to avoid disappointment.

The inter section match against the north east section and east of Scotland will be played at Whitley Bay Golf Club on Wednesday 25 June. If you are interested in playing give Pembo a ring on 07791 695768.

## News

### Northern

Our first fixture of the season was the Spring comp at the fabulous Waterton Park in Wakefield. A lot of withdrawals meant an average turn out but that did not spoil the day as we had great weather and a fantastic golf course to play. David and his lads produced at tough but great course for us and all agreed it was a pleasure to play. From the secretary to the bar and catering staff we were made very welcome and finished off with a first class dinner.

Scores: Division 1: 1 Stu Mason 71, 2 Arron Schnacke 72, 3 Andy Slingsby 74! 4 Eddie Eyres (Club Captain). Division 2: 1 J Banks, 2 J Rowbotton. Nearest pin: David Griffin, Andy Slingsby. Trade: T Baldwin

Finally from Waterton - can't forget Sandra Raper who is a godsend and can't thank her enough for all her help and of course looking after the old boy (Dennis).

We now have a Facebook page so log on and check out those photos!

### Cleveland

Where is the year going! Before we know it we will be knee deep in snow and praying for a little sunshine. Conditions out there are great

for growing rough. I've put my tin hat on and gum shield in ready for all the early season complaints that the rough is too thick. It seems like all I have done for the last three weeks is cut it! I swear I can see it growing behind me. I love this time of year on a parkland course, no time to talk just get your head down and cut! Thank god for PGRs.

There has been a bit of movement in the section with Gary Fraser moving from Rockcliffe Hall to take up the position of Deputy Head at Wynyard Golf Club.

The spring tournament at Saltburn Golf Club was a massive success with 22 people attending which is one of our best turnouts in a while. Results:

0-9 hcp Paul Ventrice 38pts, Martin Woods 35, Paul Legg 32 (back 3)

10-18hcp J Warlow 37pts, Spuggy 34, D Avey 33

19-28hcp I Pemberton 24pts, J Thompson 21

Par 3s A Reed ,Trade winner Simon Holmes 37pts

### North Wales

The spring tournament took place at Rhuddlan Golf Club on 30 April a great day was had by all even though the weather did try it's best to test play. Best gross went to Dave Austin, best nett went to Simon Ashford, both now qualify for the national championships later in the year.

The North Wales v South Wales match took place at Royal St David's on 14 May and happily home advantage paid off with an impressive 3 and a half/ 1 and a half win to North Wales, well done lads!

## Thanks to Sponsors

### Cleveland

Thanks to all the Spring Tournament sponsors – the main event sponsor was Lloyds. Alistair Whitby has again done us proud. Thank you for all the running around you do for us it is much appreciated. I would also like to thank TSL, Turfkeeper and Northern Lubricants for sponsoring prizes and making sure no one went home empty handed!

### North Wales

We would like to thank Rigby Taylor for sponsoring the North Wales team in the North v South match.

## Welcome New Members

Gwion Roberts, Greenkeeper, Royal St David's Golf Club, David Allcock, Greenkeeper, Wrexham Golf Club, Ben Goodchild, Greenkeeper, Stockport Golf Club, Callum Goodhind, Assistant Greenkeeper, Stockport Golf Club, Michael Shouler, Assistant Greenkeeper, Stocksbridge & District Golf Club

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## Events Coming Up

### Mid Anglia

The Summer, Autumn, Winter Golf day venues for 2014 are still to be confirmed so will get the dates out as soon as all are agreed and I have all the information. Alternatively more info will be on our Facebook page.

### East Midland

We have a visit to Leicester City Football Club during the first week of July courtesy of Farols.

The Summer Competition is to be held at Luffenham Heath Golf Club on Wednesday 23 July. Booking forms will be available via the BIGGA website under events and emailed to all section members who have updated their email addresses at HQ.

### Midland

We have a visit to Edgbaston Cricket Club on 2 July and our next Golf day is on 23 July at North Worcester Golf Club.

## News

### East Midland

The East Midland Section held their Spring Tournament at Market Harborough Golf Club where the Section could not have been made more welcome by Chris and the team, so thanks to them for a great day. The overall winner was Nigel Colley and as a very rewarding prize Nigel was then elected as Chairman of the Section by the new committee the following week. The committee extend their sincere thanks to Greg Skinner and Nick Miles for their hard work over the last three years as Chairman and Section Secretary and hope to build on the solid foundations they have maintained.

Congratulations go to Ben Cumberland who will take up his role at Coxmoor Golf Club at the start of July.

### Midland

A beautifully presented Trentham Golf Course was the venue for the re-scheduled TORO BIGGA Midland Region Team Challenge sponsored by Oakleys. Pictured above are Ray George of Oakleys presenting the



trophies to the overall winners, Chris Toms, Mark Whittle and Dan Scott representing Woburn Golf Club. Dan thanked the sponsors, hosts and Association for organising another great day.

Thank you to all the Golf Clubs who were represented in the competition.

The Midland Section held their Spring Tournament at Olton Golf Club and enjoyed a challenging round of golf with thanks to Mark Smith and his team at the club.

The overall winner was Adam Halifax with 41 points.

## Thanks to Sponsors

### Mid Anglia

A massive thanks to our Sponsors of the section for 2014. They are: Rigby Taylor Ltd, ALS, Headland Amenity, Avoncrop Amenity, Farmura, Tuckwells Machinery.

We thank you for your continued support with funds towards the Mid Anglia Section. Banks Amenity also sponsor our Golfer of the Year Trophy again this year so once again your support means a lot and please consider these suppliers for your requirements the coming months and beyond into 2014.

If you feel you may be interested in sponsoring Mid Anglia Section in 2014 please contact a committee member for details.

### East Midland

Thanks to the sponsors of the Spring Tournament - Banks Amenity, Headland Amenity and Toro Lely UK.

### Midland

Thanks to Oakleys for sponsoring the Regional Team Challenge. Thanks to Graham Hall of Redtech, main sponsor of Spring Tournament.

## Welcome New Members

John Wright, Head Groundsman, The Alan Higgs Centre, Toby Heaver, Assistant Greenkeeper, Deanwood Park Golf Club, Terry Edmunds, Assistant Greenkeeper, Witney Lakes Golf Club, Aaron Moore, Assistant Greenkeeper, Oakland Park Golf Club.

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## Events Coming Up

### London

Summer Tournament at Hendon on Wednesday 6 August, I know Jason has already started the course preparation!

### Surrey

27 June Cresta Cup West Surrey GC  
17 September Hankley Common GC Section v Trade  
30 September Surrey Bowl Final at Foxhills G&CC  
4 November England v Scotland Hankley Common GC  
19 November Match v Secretaries at The Berkshire GC  
19 December Turkey Trot Guildford GC

Wednesday 10 September a social evening and quiz night will be held at The Cricketers Pub in Chobham starting at 7pm. Teams of 4 will be challenging each other in a quiz night where non BIGGA members will be made very welcome. Cost of £15 per head includes food with entry and the opportunity to compete for prizes if you can access the grey matter.

Merrist Wood College seminars in November and December are planned.

Also 2 five day courses in Chainsaw, Cross Cutting and Felling are planned for late Autumn under the guidance of Mark Brewer. If any members are interested and require more information in participating Scott Roberts can be contacted via the Surrey website.

### Essex

Next date for your diary: Essex Trophy at the Warren Golf Club. Tuesday 5 August.

## News

### London

The spring tournament was played at Northwood Golf Club on Monday 12 May and the course presentation was of high quality. Thanks to Wes Walker and his team. Results:

3 Martin Dearlove 34pts, 2 Kane Stone 34, 1 Paul Simpson 35. All qualify to play the wonderful Liphook in the National tournament.

Congratulations to Jack Sims on becoming the Head Greenkeeper at Chiltern Hills Golf Club.

Finally well done to Lee Cox, Adam McColl and our Chairman Matt Pledsted as without their hard work none of this would be possible.

### Surrey

Murray Long is leaving Sunningdale GC and is taking a new position

with Ferndown GC. Many thanks for your support with all the course walks for the section, wishing you the very best in Dorset.

Epsom GC 1st May Team Texas Scramble Results:

1 Team Turfcare 57.2pts, 2 G.Ogilvie, R.Jackson, M.Lawrence, T.Ewell 58, 3 G.Stewart, L.Birch, Mo Bah, T.Brearley. Longest Walk and oldest players of all time award went to Paul Weston, Brian Willott, David Searles and Phill Rowland.

Nearest Pin Ron Christie and Long Drive Nick Pariss.

### Essex

Just the results of the Summer Trophy at Stock Brook Manor to report this month. A fine warm day greeted the 24 members, sponsors and guests. Our thanks go to our host Terry Peachey, proprietor of Stock Brook for the courtesy of the course and to Adrian Cornell and his team of greenkeepers for the excellent condition of the course. The undulating greens certainly caught out quite a few of the guys.

Our thanks to the sponsors who helped fill our raffle table and to the chef Steve and the catering staff who served us so well. I don't think anyone went home not having enjoyed the day and the meal afterwards. Results:

1 Stuart Rogers 45pts, National Qualifier, 2 Ian Nichols 38, National Qualifier, 3 Ross Sturridge 36, 4 Ross Bennett 36 c/b. Guest Prize: Dominic Slatter 27. Sponsor/trade Prize: Steve Bush 34. Nearest the pin 4th: George Grimes. Nearest the pin 11th hole: Ross Sturridge.

## Thanks to Sponsors

### London

Thanks to Spring tournament sponsors A T Olivers, their reps James and Glen, Sherriff Amenity for a great halfway house well done Johnny Beck, and the other companies for supporting the day!

## Welcome New Members

Scott Weale, Greenkeeper. Hampton Court Palace Golf Club, Andrew Hughes Head Greenkeeper, Coombe Wood Golf Club, Charlie Ellis, Student, Hadlow College, Terry Akeroyd, Student, Hadlow College, Conor Young, Assistant Greenkeeper, Coombe Hill Golf Club

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