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# Around the green



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## Events Coming Up

### Cleveland

We have a few events coming up and by the time of print some have passed so my apologies for repeating old news.

Spring Tournament- we still need a venue, any volunteers?

Spring Seminar at Chester le street Golf Club on 6 March. There are only 5 places left. If you want to attend please book via Sandra@bigga.co.uk

Golf match v North East section at Whitley Bay Golf Club 25 June 1pm tee off, nine players needed. If you're interested please contact Pembo on 07791695768

Autumn Tournament at Bedlingtonshire Golf Club 14 October 10.30 tee off. More details to follow.

### Northern

Pleased to finally get the Spring Comp sorted, it's on 24 April at Waterton Park in Wakefield first tee 11am. Coffee and bacon sarnies from 10am. I had a little recon mission there last month and was made very welcome. Fabulous golf course and very nice people so get your names down for a great day out.

### North East

Spring Golf Comp at South Shields GC on 12 March tee off from 12 pm.

Also there's an education day for our section being held at Alnmouth GC on 27 March. Machine demos with Greenlay/Campeys. Check social media sites for full details

## News

### Cleveland

When will this awful weather stop? For all you guys that are working on heavy clay parkland sites I feel your pain!

At my course, Richmond, we have been playing a balancing act between opening on a reduced course and closed.

Winter renovation work and new tee construction has been stopped dead in its tracks, looks like March and April are going to be busy catch up months! On the plus side my sheds are looking like new.

Congratulations from all the Section to Gary Fraser who has been accepted on to the FTMI for 2014.

### Northern

The section mobile phone is up and running and you will have received information regarding a seminar at Cookridge. Please forward your number to 07443 643497 if you want the info on fixtures and any other news.

### North East

Congratulations to

- David Wilkinson Whitley Bay GC
- Jack Hetherington Ponteland GC
- Stuart Imeson Dunstanburgh Castle GC
- Martin Woods Bedlington GC
- David Thompson Hexham GC
- Richard Hood Sharpley GC

Who have all been chosen from our area to be part of the open support team this year, well done guys and enjoy the experience.

## Welcome New Members

Stephen Mitchell, Affiliate, Greensman Limited, Wayne Murray, Deputy Head Greenkeeper, Royal Lytham and St Annes Golf Club, John Ball, Greenkeeper, Castle Eden Golf Club, Jonathan Wyer, Greenkeeper, Rockcliffe Hall Golf Club, Liam Dover, Greenkeeper, Sharpley Springs Golf Course, Steven Williams, Greenkeeper, Wrexham Golf Club, Peter Evans, Greenkeeper, Hesketh Golf Club, Mark Rear, Greenkeeper, Silloth-on-Solway Golf Club, Mark Smith, Greenkeeper, Phoenix Sports & Social Club, Paul Moore, Mechanic, Huddersfield Golf Club, George Edwards, Assistant Greenkeeper, Easingwold Golf Club, Freddie Fox, Assistant Greenkeeper, Huddersfield Golf Club, Sam Colley, Assistant Greenkeeper, Knaresborough Golf Club, Colin Todd, Assistant Greenkeeper, Silloth-on-Solway Golf Club, Aaron Schnacke, Assistant Greenkeeper, Halifax West End Golf Club, Jordan Morland, Assistant Greenkeeper, Harrogate Golf Club

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## Events Coming Up

### Central

Our next event is a visit to European Turf Laboratories in Stirling on 9 April. More details will be sent out by email shortly. That will be followed on 14 May by a workshop on reel maintenance and grinding by Bernhards. Numbers will be limited therefore please reply promptly when the notices go out to guarantee your place.

The Spring outing is at Kinghorn GC on 29 April. Entry forms will be with you for this by the end of March and we hope for a good turnout. For those who haven't played Kinghorn then you are in for a pleasant surprise as it is an excellent little course.

Entries for the 2014 Pairs competition is closed and the draw for this will also be with you by the end of March.

### East

Our spring outing will be taking place this year at Gatwick GC on 22 April, we hope to see a great turnout to play this fantastic course. It is also a great educational day with a short topic discussion on the day and a great chance to network with your fellow section members, so get involved guys and we look forward to seeing you all on the day.

## News

### Central

We had a full house of 40 people for the seminar by Mike McCormick, Assistant Superintendent at Oakmont GC, when he spoke about the changes they have made since 2004 for the 2007 and 2016 US Opens and the 2010 Women's Open.

Well done to Derek Robson of the Dukes who was out helping the crew at Emirates GC for the Dubai Desert Classic. Between him and ex St Andrews greenkeeper Peter Stewart who is now Deputy Course Manager at Emirates GC they managed to get Stephen Gallagher over the line to retain his title.

### East

Greenburn Golf Club have, over the last year, made some major changes to their golf course with the upgrade of pathways. On the agenda for this spring is the continuation of an ongoing project that they are carrying out. The club are managing to recycle material from an old Shale bing, this shale material is being used as a sub-base that will create a major machinery access path around the perimeter of the golf course, this pathway will then be topped of with a stone material to allow machinery to travel cleanly and safely over the pathway. This work is expected to be completed over the next few years and they hope that this work will lead to a buggy route being developed around their golf course in the future, more to follow later on this.

A cracking night was had over the Christmas period with a section night out, the turnout was low but the night was a success, we had a trip to the Stand Comedy Club, excellent choice for a good night out, we hope to see more members attending this coming Christmas.

The Patrons lunch was held at Gleneagles during December, this was a great opportunity to network with the section winners and to catch up with the Patrons that support BIGGA, well done on a great lunch.

Can section members please keep their contact details updated, we have been hearing of members not receiving notification of events due to contact details changing, if you have changed emails recently or have any new contact details to be updated on our system then please contact either myself or the section secretary with these details.

Currently the section are looking for some articles to be placed in the GI magazine, a couple of Head Greenkeepers have written on various topics, but we have room for any member to write an article if they are interested. If any member can help out, again please contact myself or the section secretary and we can get the ball rolling, this is a great experience and a good way to get noticed.

## Movers and Shakers

### East

The section would like to wish Ian Lauder (Sherriff's Ground-care) all the best in his new role within the company's structure, and a warm welcome from the section goes to Steven Satchwell who will now be covering the golf courses in our section.

## Thanks to Sponsors

### East

The section would like to thank all who attended BTME 2014, and well done all who took the time to attend the Seminars. It was a great show again this year and well done all who were involved in setting it up, and thanks to the Patrons etc. and companies who attended for your support with this event.

## Welcome New Members

Andrew Scott, First Assistant, Routenburn Golf Club, George Corbett, Greenkeeper, Southernness Golf Club, Steven Miller, Greenkeeper, Dundonald Links Golf Club, Graeme Marnie, Greenkeeper, Ladybank Golf Club, Laura, Campbell, Greenkeeper, Pitlochry Golf Course, Janice Florence, Greenkeeper, Fraserburgh Golf Club, David Cunningham, Greenkeeper, Blairbeth Golf Club, Chris Hodgson, Head Greenkeeper, Pitlochry Golf Course, John Watson, Head Greenkeeper, Deer Park Golf & Country Club, John Reid, Student, SRUC (Elmwood), John Lubor, Student, SRUC (Elmwood), Mark Henderson, Student, SRUC (Elmwood). Northern Ireland: Maurice Anderson, Greenkeeper, Malone Golf Club, Aiden Hiney, Greenkeeper, Castletroy Golf Club.

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## Events Coming Up

### Mid Anglia

By the time you read this the Mid Anglia section will have held an Educational Seminar at Bedford & County GC on March 5. Our thanks go to Geoff Fenn, Course Manager for hosting and organising the event for which we are all very grateful. Our thanks also to all the speakers who gave up their time to attend. I am sure it will hopefully lead to more events like this in the section in the future.

### Mid Anglia

We are still finalising golf day venues for 2014 so will get the information out as soon as all are confirmed.

## News

### BB&O

Updated info for the section:  
Chairman - Adam King  
Secretary - Matthew Nutter  
Honorary President - Sid Arrowsmith  
Education - Frank Newberry  
Treasurer - Ted Lewis

General Committee - Dom Lewis, David Lyons. Gareth Acteson, James Moore. Matt Wharton, Matt Smith

### Mid Anglia

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of two greenkeepers from our section. Robert (Bob) Goodwin, a BIGGA Life Member and former Head Greenkeeper at Ashridge GC, and Ray Turvey, former Head Greenkeeper at Millbrook GC. Our thoughts are with their friends and families at this time and both will be sadly missed by all in the greenkeeping industry.

## Thanks to Sponsors

### Mid Anglia

Thanks to Everris for sponsoring the Educational Seminar at Bedford.

Also, a massive thanks goes to our Sponsors of the section for 2014, they are...

Rigby Taylor Ltd, Tuckwells Machinery, Vassgro Amenity, ALS, Headland Amenity, Avoncrop Amenity, Farmura, Amtech Amenity.

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. 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

## Welcome New Members

Carl Kitchinson, Greenkeeper, Lincoln Golf Club, Adam Baldwin, Assistant Greenkeeper, Tewkesbury Park Hotel G & CC, Andy Cockayne, Assistant Greenkeeper, Maidenhead Golf Club, Liam Taylor, Assistant Greenkeeper Forest Hill Golf & Country Club.

## Your notes

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

## South East - Welcome New Members

Jeremy Vincent, Affiliate, The Grass Group (Trilo UK), Paul Eggleston, Deputy Head Greenkeeper, Wanstead Golf Club, Kevin Bulman, Greenkeeper, Bury St Edmunds Golf Club, John Scott, Greenkeeper, Ashford Manor Golf Club, Liam O'Shea, Greenkeeper, Ashford Manor Golf Club, Michael O'Dwyer, Greenkeeper, Windlesham Golf Club, Kyle, Morgan, Greenkeeper, Addington Palace Golf Club, Charlie Beale, Greenkeeper, Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, David Tatnell, Greenkeeper, Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club, Dean Reed, Greenkeeper, Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club, Duncan Edwards, Greenkeeper, Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club, Andy Campbell-Waggott, Head Greenkeeper, Kingswood Golf Club, Alan Fenwick, Assistant Greenkeeper, Ipswich Golf Club, Danny Sayers, Assistant Greenkeeper Bramley Golf Club, Agris Heidemanis, Assistant Greenkeeper, Dulwich & Sydenham Hill Golf Club, Enric Maydeu, Assistant Greenkeeper, Wildernesse Golf Club.

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## Events Coming Up

### London

March 13 sees a talk on your soil analysis by Henry Bechelet - I'm told he is very good!! At the end of march/early April we have a talk on Gizmos and gadgets date in be set.

Course walk at Sandy Lodge with Rob Phillips on March 20, contact Rob, it's on a first come, first serve basis.

Golf Days - all 3 are now booked for this year but the London section would ideas for 2015 season. Spring Tournament and National Qualifier will be at Northwood Golf Club on Monday 12 May, 12.45 tee off and is £22 which includes Bacon roll on arrival, 3 course dinner, great prizes... smart casual is required.

Summer is at Hendon Golf Club on Wednesday 6 August, and finally the Christmas tournament is on Tuesday 9 December.

### Kent

The much anticipated visit to the most famous golf club in the South of the country takes place on 11 March. Kent's best shall be taking on the Links of Royal St. Georges at the second attempt after the same fixture was unfortunately snowed off last year. A large turnout is expected so please arrive in plenty of time.

### Surrey

The first section event will be at Epsom GC, 1 May, Texas Scramble format played over the ever popular Epsom downs.

Confirmation for your diaries: 17 September Section v Secretary, and 4 November England v Scotland.

Other events this year will take place at The Drift GC and Guildford GC for the Turkey Trot with dates to be finalised. Lewis Birch has been organising quite a few different and unique social events for the section, so watch this space or check out the web site. Merrist Wood College together with the section will be hosting several events throughout the year. Your views and ideas are always valued, so anyone out there with topics to stimulate the grey matter and something to add to education will always be welcomed by the new section secretary.

### Sussex

Entry forms for all competitions will be emailed out prior to each event. If you do not receive emails please contact Pete Smith Section Secretary on pds1@btinternet.com or 07748 776761.

Spring Comp & National Championships Qualifier: 25 April, Seaford GC, tees from 12pm. Individual Stableford/Medal. £15.

Sussex Section Away Day: 24 June, Knole Park GC, tees 3pm. 4 ball, best 2 scores to count. Lunch served before golf, no meal after. £15.

Summer Comp: 29 July, Copthorne GC, tees from 1pm. Individual Stableford & Inter County team match! £15.

Autumn Comp: 4 September, Cooden Beach GC, tees from 11am. Team Stableford. £15.

Turkey Trot: 28 November, Worthing GC, tees from 9am. Texas Scramble. £26.

### Essex

Get your entries in for the Spring Trophy at The Essex Golf & Country Club. Thursday 27th March - by 20 March to Antony Kirwan, Bakers Lane, Colchester, Essex, CO3 4AU, £20 entry fee to members and sponsors £25 to guests.

## News

### London

Education, the talk given by Johnny Beck and Mike Williamson from Sherriff Amenity a long with Dug McClaren of Batchworth Park on chemical mixing was a great success with 28 greenkeepers attending.

Finally two announcements about births. Ian Creswick now has a baby daughter Emma, born on 30 December, and Dylan Rennich of Northwood had a son called Finley, they have now had their lives enhanced!!

### Surrey

Regional Administrator Clive Osgood is on the lookout for greenkeepers to assist on the bunker raking team for the BMW PGA Tournament held in May this year. 6 day commitment if you are able. Contact Clive on 07841 948410.

Roger Tydeman is now the new Regional Representative for the Surrey section. Roger takes over from Ashley Allpress and is now our voice at Regional level. Ashley is the new section secretary - 07779 283525. Golf Day entry fees will remain the same for 2014 at £25.00 and £30.00 on the day.

### Essex

25 members took advantage of the trip to Barenbrug at Bury St Edmunds last month with talks from Neil Pettican and Andy Sadler and a factory walk. Our thanks to Barenbrug for such an interesting day and to Ben Scrivener and Craig Brisley (Collier Turf Care) for organising the event.

### Sussex

We are pleased to welcome Phil Helmn into the Sussex section and would like to wish him all the best in his new role as Courses Manager at Goodwood. Phil is a Master Greenkeeper who previously worked at Heythrop Park in Oxfordshire. Phil will take over the management of both the Downs course and the Park course at Goodwood and starts in the centenary year of the beautiful Braid designed Downs course. You're in for some stunning views Phil.

## Thanks to Sponsors

### Kent

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## South West & South Wales

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## Events Coming Up

### South Wales

On Thursday 13 March we will play our first match at Pennard GC, 10 tee times have been booked for 1pm start, hopefully the waterproofs won't be needed.

Royal Porthcawl GC will host our popular Spring Seminar with a very interesting lineup on Tuesday 8 April from 9am-3pm. Speakers are:

Noel Mackenzie, Sports Turf Consulting, Construction work.

Matt Gresty, Limagrain UK, and Andy Laing, Course Manager at Gaudet Lunce GC, Wildflower Seeds.

Craig Campbell, Deputy Head Groundsman at the Millennium Stadium, building the new pitch.

Kate Entwistle Turf Diseases & Plant health.

Karl Parry, Everris & Former Course Manager @ Denbigh GC, The Parry Meter.

### South Coast

South Coast Section Spring Tournament is at Highcliffe Castle Golf Club at midday on Tuesday 15 April. Please note change of venue. £20 entry which includes bacon roll and evening meal, contact Kevan Glass for more details.

### South West

This year's event calendar is coming together nicely with most venues and dates confirmed. We will be providing all section members and patrons with a fixture card which is going to press as we speak but in the meantime here are the early ones:

24 April: Am/Am at Enmore Park Golf Club

29 May: Inter-Section Match at Chippenham Golf Club

19 June: Summer Tournament at Farrington Golf Club

## News

### South Wales

Cradoc GC have appointed Robin Cheney as Head Greenkeeper, congratulations Robin and good luck in

your new position. Congratulations also go to Gareth Hardisty of Burghill Valley GC on being selected as an intern on the Ohio exchange programme. The club and everyone in our region are very proud of you, good luck.

Last month saw the passing of Henry Fry after a brief illness aged 84. Henry was appointed to the Greenkeeping staff at Clyne GC in 1958, becoming Head Greenkeeper in 1962 and gave 32 years dedicated service, until his retirement in December 1994. During this time he was heavily involved within the Greenkeeping profession and served as Section Secretary and chairman for our Welsh branch. He was a well known figure in the industry and will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.

### South West

We had a brilliant turnout this month for a presentation by James Braithwaite, Course Manager at Long Ashton Golf Club, with over fifty in attendance. James discussed the recent greens reconstruction project at the club and feedback from attendees has been fantastic. Many thanks James.

Finally, a welcome to new South West Section member Stuart Bowman from Thornbury Golf Centre.

## Results

### South Wales

Better late than never the results from our Christmas competition at P&K, the course was in excellent condition, well done to Paul Johnson and his staff. 1 Big D, Stuart Ross, Gareth Hardisty, Gerry Tunball with a score of 58. 2 Jim MacKenzie, Peter Lacey & James White score 60.7.

## Thanks to Sponsors

### South West

Many thanks to our South West Section 2014 Patrons: Greensman, Irritech, Headland Amenity, Countrywide, Farmura, Ecosolve, T H White and Sportsmark for their invaluable support.

## Welcome New Members

Stuart Bowman, Course Manager, Thornbury Golf Centre, Jon Day, Head Greenkeeper, Lanhydrock Golf Club, Gareth Jones, Assistant Greenkeeper, Burnham & Berrow Golf Club.

## Welcome New International Members

Thomas Thomson, Greenkeeper, Natteroy Golf Club Norway, Alexander Richter, Affiliate, Richter Rasen, Phil Desbrow, Greenkeeper, Lakewood Country Club, Andrew Higgs, Greenkeeper, Golf De Toulouse Seilh, Laurent Liatard, Greenkeeper, Lausanne Golf Club, Jan Pistek, Greenkeeper, Golf Clyb Darovansky Dvur, Stéphane Rouen, Greenkeeper, Golf Club Granville.

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