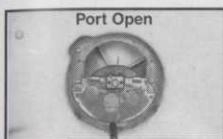


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Toro

The Gemini and Trident are the latest in a series of Toro PC based Controllers from Hydroscape.

The Gemini is a two-wire decoder, which has been designed to allow upgrading from Watermat's TWII Controller. Toro's SC1000 and 3000 controllers can be upgraded using Trident. Both can be used as a complete stand-alone control for a new irrigation system of up to 6000 individual stations. Ease of programming is said to be a main feature of these packages and station operating times and application rates are quickly set up using pull-down menus.

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Above: Kilarney Golf Club

screen for the whole time that irrigation is taking place.

In addition to water flow management, the programme also includes data on the electrical supply - these combine to make savings on both power and water. Each time the programme is used, a full station test takes place. In the case of a problem occurring there is technical support service available. Hydroscape's Waterworld Helpline is on 01425 476261.

Tonick Watering

This UK company was formed six years ago to design and manufacture decoders. Their latest introductions are the Rainmaker RMI and the Demi-Rain.

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importance of providing help when it is needed and the company provide technical support on 01243 554060.

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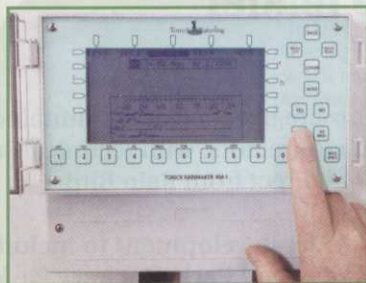


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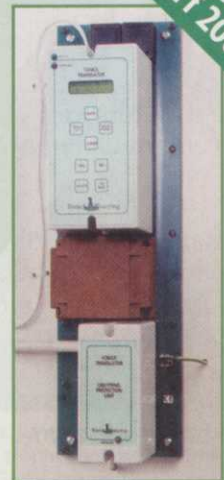
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The culmination of many months of searching will come to fruition on Monday October 30th when the fourth winner of the Toro Award for Excellence in Greenkeeping and the Toro Student of the Year will be discovered.

Judging at regional level has been on-going for some time for both awards and the prestigious nature of the Toros has ensured a quality lineup for the finals.

The winner of the Excellence in Greenkeeping Award will follow in the illustrious footsteps of Iain McMillan, of Hankley Common; John Coleman, of Abbeydale GC, and last year's winner, Brian Turner, of Sunningdale.

This year the competition follows a different format with a Home International flavour to it. Instead of each Region sending a representative plus one wild card each country within the home nations will have a representative. Walter Woods and Bruce Jamieson, of Toro, have visited each of the finalists to assess the quality of the golf course and maintenance regime and the visit to BIGGA HOUSE for the final stage will involve an interview by an expert panel comprising representatives from both BIGGA and Toro.

The eventual winner's golf club will receive a Toro Workman 2100 utility vehicle and a trophy, while the man himself will win a two week trip to the United States to visit the GCSAA Conference and Show in Dallas, Texas as well as a trip to the headquarters of the Toro Company in



Above: Last year's triumphant winners. Left, Tommy Givnan with the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year trophy, and right, Brian Turner with his Toro Award for Excellence in Greenkeeping

Minneapolis and its factory in California. The winner's team will also receive £250.

As England has more golf courses than the other three home countries four semi-finalists have been selected from whom the English finalist will be drawn and each semi-finalist will win a Reelmaster 1000 pedestrian mower for his club and a plaque.

The person who succeeds Tommy Givnan, of Bowring Golf Course, in Knowsley, near Liverpool, will win

the Toro Scholarship - and eight week trip including a six week residential turf management study course at the University of Massachusetts, USA and a trip to the Toro sites and the GCSAA Show in Dallas. The winner's Senior Greenkeeping Tutor will earn a place on the BIGGA trip to the GCSAA Conference and Show while two runners-up will be invited to attend the Learning Experience, in association with Textron, in Harrogate next January.



Excellence in Greenkeeping



Finalists: Ireland

This edition of Greenkeeper International went to press before the Irish finalist was announced. Full details of all finalists will appear on the BIGGA website as soon as they are released. Point your browser to www.bigga.org.uk for the latest news and events from the Toro Awards and the greenkeeping industry in general. *SMc*

Scotland

Ronnie Bunting, Kilmacolm GC

Ronnie is 46 and has been Course Manager at Kilmacolm GC, near Glasgow, for the last 14 years having been a greenkeeper for 32 years and a Head Greenkeeper for 24.

A staunch BIGGA supporter he regularly attends BIGGA Regional training courses while he has been Chairman and Secretary of three BIGGA and before that SIGGA Sections.

A keen advocate of good environmental practice under Ronnie's management Kilmacolm has received awards from the Scottish Wildlife Charter, the BIGGA Environmental Competition, in association with Amazone and Grass Roots and the National Green Apple Award scheme. He is qualified to D32-D33-D34 and acts as an internal verifier for the GTC while he gives talks to local SVQ level 2 students.

Wales

Gary Johnstone - Southerndown GC

Gary is 29 years-old and arrived in Wales eight years ago from his native Scotland. Born in Aberdeen he began his career at Aberdeen Kings Links before spending three and a half years at Carnoustie. He moved to Southerndown as Deputy Head Greenkeeper in '92 and was promoted to Head Greenkeeper just over a year later. His greenkeeping education began at Elmwood College where he achieved his Scotvec levels 1,2 and 3 in sports turf maintenance while he is currently completing his HNC in Golf Course Management at Pencoed College. He still finds time to play golf to a handicap of 4.

English Semi Finalists:

Due to the large number of entrants and size of the country, four semi-finalists were selected. The English finalist was not possible to announce before this edition of Greenkeeper International went to press. *SMc*



Graham Waller - Henley G&CC

Graham is 30 year's old and a Yorkshireman. He moved into greenkeeping after initially training as a nurse. The change of direction occurred when he took a short term job at Maxstoke Park GC in 1989 and his potential was spotted by Trafford Stonebridge who encouraged him to go to college. He moved to Henley in '94 to gain experience in the growing-in and maintaining of a new 27 hole development.



Richard Barker - Kirby Muxloe GC

Richard is 36 and has been Head Greenkeeper at Kirby Muxloe, near Leicester, for a number of years. A staunch BIGGA supporter he is a current National Board Member and a regular attendee at many BIGGA functions on a Sectional, Regional and National basis. He plays to a handicap of 2 and is the current Leicestershire County Second Team Captain.



Terry Farkins - Dartmouth G&CC

Terry is 35 and has been Course Manager at Dartmouth for the past nine years, taking over at the growing-in stage. He states that his ambition is to win the Toro award and then to achieve Master Greenkeeper status. He is keen golfer and cricketer having played Minor County Cricket for Devon.



Gerald Bruce - Berkhamsted GC

Gerald is 38 and has been at Berkhamsted for 14 years having previously been a trainee at Hunstanton GC. He plays golf to a handicap of 2 and is married with two children Hannah (8) and Freddy (5).



Name: Laurence McCrory
Age: 27
Golf Club: Mentmore G&CC
College: Oakland College

For Laurence, greenkeeping eventually won over a degree in Orthoptics at university for his future having initially found an aptitude for the former in a summer job at Chiltern Forest GC. Although he did finally go to university and did well in his course he took the decision to return to greenkeeping and a job at Mentmore via a work placement at Brocket Hall G&CC. He is currently undertaking a National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management. Someone who sets daily, monthly and yearly goals for himself he is particularly proud of a solo charity Land's End to John O'Groats bike ride which he completed in 12 days having cycled just under 1000 miles. He also lists rugby, tennis, golf and reading among his interests

Name: Jonathan Cleland
Age: 24
Golf Club: Helensburgh GC
College: GOSTA Training

Jonathan is Deputy Head Greenkeeper at Helensburgh having started his career at the club. He returned in '98 having spent four years as Greenkeeper/Groundsman at Cameron House Hotel's nine hole course.

He is currently working towards his N/SVQ Level 3.

He is a keen golfer and is also interested in boating and other watersports. He has ambitions to become a Course Manager and to take on the challenge of being fully responsible for his own course while his tutor at GOSTA Training expects great things from him. "He has wide practical experience and a thirst for knowledge," said Chris Bothwell.

Name: Michael Sawicki
Age: 27
Golf Club: The Richmond Golf Club
College: NESCOL

Michael joined the Richmond staff earlier this year after two stints at Coombe Hill GC, an apprenticeship at Rhuddlan GC in Wales and being in charge of the growing-in of Woodcraze Manor GC. At Richmond he is responsible for the recently installed irrigation system and is working towards NVQ Level 3.

A fine footballer he is captain of Kingston Academicals FC and a previous footballer of the year for the club. He is also a holder of a Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award while he is currently considering learning Spanish or Portuguese to improve future career prospects.

Name: Vince Harrison
Age: 30
Golf Club: Enderby Golf Course
College: Brooksby College

Vince worked in a bank for 10 years before he decided to move into greenkeeping. Initially he reduced his banking hours and enrolled at college, spending his holiday entitlement working on the college grounds to improve his knowledge before he resigned from the bank last summer and started on the nine-hole council course at Enderby where he is First Assistant. He is currently undertaking NVQ Level 2 and is delighted to say he is working in a job which he thoroughly enjoys. His interests include golf, football, reading and gardening.



Student Greenkeeper of the Year finalists



Name: Mark Farragher
Age: 22
Golf Club: Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links
College: Elmwood College

Mark has been a greenkeeper for five years and in that time has worked at some fine golf clubs including Gleneagles, Lahinch and the K Club and he has worked at a number of prestigious events including the WPGA Championship at Gleneagles, and the Smurfit European Open.

He is currently undertaking an HND in Golf Course Management.

He is a keen footballer and also enjoys golf and snooker.

Attached to Portmarnock H&GL, he will be hoping to emulate Fintan Brennan, also from the club, who won the Toro Student of the Year award in '96.

Name: Tony Vokes
Age: 35
Golf Club: St Austell GC
College: Cannington College

Tony has spent two years at his present club where he also finds time to assist and advise on the maintenance of three rugby pitches at St Austell RFC. Prior to that he spent three years at Mid Dorset GC through its construction and playing in. Before that he worked for Merlin Landscapes. He has just completed his NVQ Level 2 on Cannington's "Fast Track" system.

He represented St Austell at rugby, tennis and managed the St Austell third team for season 99-00. His other interests include golf, tennis, cycling, motor cycling and cottage/house restoration.

Name: Christopher Williams
Age: 25
Golf Club: Astbury GC
College: Reaseheath College

Christopher returned to the golf industry after a break of five years during which time he worked in the motor industry. Initially he spent nearly three years as assistant to the golf professional at Astbury Golf Club. He returned to the club as an Assistant Greenkeeper and is currently taking his NVQ level 2 at Reaseheath. He plays golf to a handicap of 8 and is also interested in motorcycling, keep fit and travel.

His aim is to add to his experience and move up the ladder in the greenkeeping profession.

Name: William Fulton
Age: 32
Golf Club: Turnberry GC
College: Langside College

William has been an Assistant at Turnberry for 10 years having moved into the profession following a spell working in a garage. During the past decade he has worked on the Open Championship and the British Seniors Championship. He is currently working towards his HNC in Golf Course Management.

His main interest outside work is wildlife while he is also keen on football, walking and swimming.



Scottish Region
Peter Boyd
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North

Rejoining the Section this month is Stuart Griffiths, of Letham Grange. Stuart started his greenkeeping at Tain and has been at Letham Grange for several years now.

Last month I had my weekend at the Majestic Hotel in Harrogate, my prize from the raffle at BTME in January.

It was funny being there and not seeing all the familiar faces and hearing the buzz from the bar, still very enjoyable though. As usual the food was good and the pool nice and warm.

We let go of the Norrie Whytock Trophy at Auchterarder recently. The Section team of Stewart McBain, Hugh Maclatchie, John Geddes and Jock Urquhart were unsuccessful as the East Section team were victorious. Sponsors, Aventis, must be thanked for a great day and thanks also to all at the Club, especially Archie Dunn and his staff.

The Section AGM is on the 26th of this month at Royal Aberdeen GC. Let's have a good turnout this year.

Anyone wanting to put their name forward for committee, please get in touch with Secretary Dougal Duguid on 01224 740329 for details.

The same guys have been running the Section for a while now and it is only fair that others come forward to either share the load or take over. This is your chance to do your bit and have your say. See you there.

I have just attended one of my training days for my SVQ Level 3 fast track through Elmwood College. It is hard work for someone who hasn't been in college for many years, but will be worth it in the end.

I really think this is the way forward for Senior greenkeepers who don't have the time to attend block release but wish to keep up with things educational, which is essential in our business.

We are still working out the two lucky winners of this year's Patrons' Award as the system for calculating was modified slightly.

The two winners will know soon and everyone else can find out in the next magazine along with news from the National Championships in St Annes and anything else I can drag up!

I A Macleod

West

Welcome again to another news round up.

An Education/Golf outing has been arranged for October 31 at Elmwood Golf Developments. The agenda for the day includes a tour of the facilities, an overview of the EGD, question and answer session, lunch and golf.

Numbers for this outing are restricted to 30, it is therefore strictly a first come first serve basis. Application forms are available from Sandy Bulloch. Those interested should contact Sandy on Tel:-01506 612423.

No transport has been arranged for this outing as the cost of coach hire for such a small number would be prohibitive.

The annual dinner will be held at Victoria's, Friday, November 17. The cost is £20 a head and tickets will be available very soon. Fifty seats have been booked so it is recommended that you book yours quickly as this has proved to be a popular venue.

Monday, September 4 the annual Club Stewards versus Greenkeepers challenge, played at Cathcart Castle GC. The weather and company was good, however, the golf was even better, with a resounding victory for the Greenkeepers.

The result. Greenkeepers-5 Club Stewards-1. The players representing the Greenkeepers team: P. Boyd, T. Hindmarch, S. Taylor, S. Ballantyne, G. Jarvis, C. George, D. McLaren, D. Duthie, A. Wright, I. Wilson, B. Hillen and A. Jack.

Thanks go to the Club Stewards for organising this year's fixture, thanks also to Cathcart Castle GC for use of their facilities on the day also to Jim and Linda Adams for their splendid catering and finally thanks to Tom Hindmarch and his staff for all their efforts on the day.

Any news or views, contact me on any of the following: H 0141 776 1532/ M 07050 173080 email Ryrug@lineone.net

Gavin Jarvis

Central

Another new member joins us this month and he is John Wright. John is Head Greenkeeper at Lundin Ladies Golf Club, in Fife, and we extend a warm welcome to him from everyone in the Section.

The Section AGM will be held on Tuesday, October 31 in the premises of Scottish Grass Machinery at Inverkeithing, Fife. Steven McInroy, General Manager of SGM, has kindly agreed to support us prior to the

meeting and has arranged a visit to the Old Course at St Andrews with transport provided from Inverkeithing and back, lunch and a presentation by SGM followed by the AGM and all this for free! Can't be bad! So please try and give your Section committee some support, you never know, you might even end up as one of us! On the committee that is.

Full details of the above event along with your allocation of 'Club 2000' tickets, I can hear most of you saying "Oh! not again", should have reached you by now, if not just get in touch and I will send everything out to you.

This month's winning number in 'Club 2000' is 00299 and the lucky person is Brian Lawrie, from Elie Golf Club. Well done Brian!

The Annual Inter Section match for the Norrie Whytock Trophy was played at Auchterarder Golf Club recently and the Central Section were runners-up for the second year running, but I have it on good authority that they are determined to improve on this result next year. Well done to team members Archie Dunn, Andy O'Hara, Derek Scott and James 'Seve' Seivwright.

A message for David at Liphook, David I will get around to answering your letter shortly, Honest!

John Crawford



Northern Region
Douglas Bell
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North East

Recently the Northern Regional Final was held. This letter is for the benefit of the two players who failed to turn up on the day. Not only did they let the Section down, but the sponsors and their fellow Section members. Can they imagine how the rest of the team felt when they had travelled so far to find out they were disqualified before they hit a ball. There is no excuse for this behaviour as they had four weeks to pick up the phone to cancel, considering there were plenty of reserves to take their place. These two members will have had a letter from the Section committee by the time this comes into print.

Winter lectures will again be arranged this year. Members will be notified as soon as possible.

Jimmy Richardson

North West

The last day of August and the sun is cracking the flags. Perhaps September will be the start of some dry weather giving us the chance to get a good start to the winter work programme. Royal Birkdale was the venue for the ladies "Open" this month, Chris Whittle and his staff had the course in lovely condition, although it is unusual to see a links course looking so green and lush in August. Well done to the Birkdale staff, who have turned the course into a true links course.

Two golf matches were played this month, the first being the Regional Final at Fishwick Hall Golf Club. The six Sections in the Northern Region provided six players, who had qualified from their respective spring tournaments, to play in the final. Even though each player had received a copy of the starting times, and the format, only one Section turned up with a full team. North West, Northern, Sheffield and Cleveland Sections arrived with five players, and the North East section had only four players, with North Wales having six players. The format was a medal round, with the best five scores to count. The winners were Cleveland 370 pts, North Wales 371 pts, Sheffield 377 pts, North West 393 pts, Northern 396 pts. The North East Section having only four players could not compete.

The winning team received the Shield and each player received a medal. I would like to thank Richard Campey (Macclesfield) for once again sponsoring the day which was enjoyed by everyone, Fishwick Hall Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of the course, the caterers for a lovely meal, and Paul Eddlestone and his staff for preparing an excellent course on the day. The only bad point on the day was that certain members of the teams failed to arrive, therefore letting their Sections down. I hope Section secretaries will note their names and make sure they don't get the opportunity to qualify again.

The second match was the "Roses Match" played at Longridge Golf Club. Although we turned up with a full team, and Longridge was our choice of venue, we were well stuffed. The Northern Section won by 5.5 to 2.5 and once again retained the "Pattison" Cup. I will not comment any more about the golf, (I am sure you can read a full report in the Northern notes?) but I would like to thank Longridge GC for

allowing us the courtesy of the course, the caterers for a lovely meal, and of course Patissons for sponsoring this very popular tournament.

The next golf in the Section is the Presidents Cup and AGM at Wilmslow Golf Club on Thursday November 30. We have the tee from 10am and once the golf is completed we will have the AGM before the evening meal, and prize presentation. All entries to be in by Friday, November 24, including a cheque for £15 made out to BIGGA North West. Send entries to Bill Merritt, 225 Utting Avenue, Liverpool L4 9RB. Telephone 0151 2844416. If you do not play golf you can still attend the AGM and have a meal. That seems to be it for now but any news or views please contact me on 0151 7245412.

Bert Cross

North Wales

Well it has been a long time hasn't it, enjoyed your summer lads and lasses I think not. No-ones been in touch except Andy Peel so I've now to write about.

Anyhow autumn meet at Vicars Cross you'll all receive your forms winter lectures are being arranged I will let you know in due course see you all soon.

Dave Goodridge



Midland Region
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East Midland

This year's East Midlands V East of England golf match was played at the excellent venue of Burghley Park G.C. on August 15. The format for the day being a ten-a-side Fourball Better-Ball Matchplay. On a fine warm afternoon and evening in near perfect conditions some excellent golf was played by both teams, with the East Midlands again proving a little too strong for their opponents, winning by a four games to one margin.

The Section also won the Nearest the pin (Mark Bindley), and Longest Drive (Gavin Robson) prizes. The Section was represented by the following members. Jeff Dickinson, Pete Billings, Gary Thurman, Steve Goode, Adi Porter, Ian Needham, Antony Bindley, Steve Tolley, Mark Bindley and our Chairman Gavin Robson. I would like to thank all those members who turned out on the

day at such short notice, and hopefully more members will be interested in playing in next years fixture. Congratulations should also be extended to all members of the East of England Section for making this such an enjoyable fixture.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Greenkeeping Staff at Burghley Park for setting up such a neat and tidy golf course, the Steward for a fantastic meal and Burghley Park G.C. for allowing us all courtesy of their great course. Last, but not least our new sponsors Barenbrug for providing a grand prize table.

Congratulations should also go to Ian Needham, of Beedles Lake GC, for his day as Club Captain on August 12 as a guest of Ian's I was invited to play on the day and finished with a respectable 35pts Singles Stableford and thus winning the guest competition for the day. Thanks for the invite Ian, hope that the rest of the year as Captain is just as successful for you.

Has anyone else any news they would like to see in this column, if so please give me a ring and let me know.

Antony Bindley

Berks Bucks and Oxon

The summer tournament was held at Richings Park GC. This was our second visit to the course and Phil Russell and his staff once again produced a course to be proud of. Apart from some dodgy monsoon-like rain a great day was had by all, and it was Section Secretary, Lindsay Anderson, who turned on the style to win with 40pts. Not bad going one win in ten years!

Anyway the results are as follows: 1. L. Anderson 40pts; 2. G. Wheeler 38pts; 3. C. Small 38pts; 4. D. Goodchild 38pts; 5. C. Evans 38pts. Longest drive, C. McMillan, nearest pin, Matthew Stomart. The trade prize was won by Mark Stidley, of Rigby Taylor, with 26pts.

Many thanks to our hosts Richings Park GC and to Tacit and ETT for donating the prizes.

An on-going competition has been the Rigby Taylor Paris. We are now at the final stage with Gordon and Peter Critchley beating Brett Moggeridge and Paul Young. Also Ian Robins and Carl Small beating Lindsay Anderson and Simon Austin. The final will be played at Caversham Health GC although a date has not yet been set.

Also good luck to Cameron McMillan who will be leaving Grass Roots Trading to join Queenwood GC and to Geoff

Wheeler who is leaving Lambourne GC. Both have been regular attendees to our Section events and we wish them the best in their new ventures.

One final note is that if anyone has any information about anyone or anything concerning the section that they would like printing in the section news please ring me on 01189 723334

Jon Scoones

East of England

The annual match between E.O.E. and the East Midland Sections took place at Burghley Park Golf Club and the visitors took home the Shield with a victory of 4-1. The only winners on the day for the E.O.E. Section were Daniel Wells and Graeme MacDonald. Other results were Simon Lidgaard and Les lost, George Venable and Bill Watkin lost, Andy Thomas and Kevin Hodges lost, Russ Moody and Adi Kitchener also lost.

Many thanks to Les and Simon from Cleethorpes for making the long journey to Stamford.

As usual the course was in excellent condition and we thank David Salisbury and all his staff. This years new sponsor was Barenbrug Seeds and many thanks to Ben Petitjean who brought along some great prizes. Ben himself had a prize recently, his wife Agnes gave birth to their second daughter on Saturday, August 19.

The first of the winter seminars takes place in November at Newark. The theme of the evening is on machinery talks from Textron and Supreme Grinders and a practical demonstration which is sponsored by Lawn Mower Services. Any news contact me on 0880 502464 - 01836 - 626564

Graeme Macdonald



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South East Regional Seminar

You should have all received by now, if you haven't you will in the next day or so, details and a reservation form for a place at the Regional Seminar. This year it has been organised by the East Anglia Section and is to be held at Thorpeness Golf and Country Hotel on Tuesday, November 14. The Seminar is titled 'Future Developments in

the Greenkeeping Industry' and promises an interesting day, hopefully giving Greenkeepers an insight into the future!

I appreciate that Thorpeness would be a long journey for some members of the South East Region, but the East Anglia Committee have done a great job in putting this Seminar together and deserve your support. The cost for members is a very reasonable £10, £15 for non-members, to include a buffet lunch. In addition, negotiations with the Hotel have resulted in a very favourable rate for Bed and Breakfast should you wish to stay the night. With production of a Handicap Certificate and a BIGGA Membership Card you can also enjoy a courtesy round of golf on a very fine golf course before returning home.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you not receive your application form in the next few days or with any other query.

Derek Farrington

East Anglia

A bright sunny day greeted us when our happy band of wanderers descended on Royal Cromer Golf Club for our third Section meeting of the season. Roger Plummer and his staff had worked hard all season to keep the very high standards that Royal Cromer members have come to expect. The golf course was exceptional, as was the meal. The Club Captain, Kevin Taylor, made us feel very welcome as did the staff in the Club House. I would like, on behalf of the Section, to thank all at Royal Cromer for making our day special.

As usual on these occasions, Cromer and Sheringham swept the prizes with seven out of the 12 going to the area.

0-9 H/cap. 1. Roger Plummer, Royal Cromer, 39 points; 2. Michael Virley, Halesworth GC, 35 points; 3. Mark Keysell, Sheringham GC.

10-18 H/Cap. 1. Steve Pigott, Royal Cromer, 41 points on count back; 2. Richard Plummer, Sheringham GC, 41 points; 3. Paul Gould, Thetford GC, 38 points.

19-28 H/cap. 1. Stephen Crabb, Sheringham GC, 47 points; 2. Ernie Hart, Royal Cromer, 37 points; 3. Keith Tittshall, Waldringfield Heath GC 32 pts.

Guest & Trade

1. Kevin Taylor, Royal Cromer Club Captain, 38 points; 2. Richard Barney 36 points; 3. David Inglis, 36 points.

Nearest the pin 7th. Ian Willett, 17th Brian Dunn.

Longest Drive 18th, Andrew Gibbins.

Thank you to our main sponsors of the day Aventis and Ben Burgess and thank you to all our other sponsors, Tomlinson Groundcare, Atterton and Ellis, Consultant Clarkson, Lely UK, SISIS, Sheriffs, Stalham Engineering, for their continual support.

The loo seat went to Graham Paul, from Sheriffs, for hitting his drive from the 1st tee on to the roof of the Pro Shop. A feat that had never been done in the history of the club as the ball had travelled at an angle of 90 degrees from the tee. We had two new members join in the fun at this meeting, Andrew Gibbins, from Aldeburgh GC, and Roger Nicholson, from Stalham Engineering.

Our next meeting will be held at Walderingfield Heath Golf Club on October 10. I hope to see you all there. This year the Section is responsible for running the South Eastern Regional Seminar. It will be held at Thorpeness Country Club on November 14. Derek Farrington, the Regional

Administrator will be posting the information in the magazine. Dates for all next year's events have been finalised so put these in your diary. Felixstowe Ferry GC, 24 April. Richmond Park GC, 13 June. Eaton GC, 1 August. Purdis Heath, 10 October. See you all at the next meeting and remember the Regional Seminar.

Ian Willett.

Sussex

There are two golf days to report about this month.

Firstly, there was golf followed by a Tapas Bar at Copthorne Golf Club on July 11. I would like to thank Mike Gould and his staff for all their hard work and presenting the course in excellent condition.

The main sponsors for the day were Grass Roots in conjunction with Symbio. Other sponsors for the raffle etc. were, Avoncrop Amenity Products, Driving Force Leisure, CMW, E & S Sportsground and Tacit.

The format for the day was Four Ball Better Ball. On to the winners.

1. John Budd, 44 points. John

Hudson, 44 points; 2. Mike Gould, 42 points, Ian Wood, 42 points; 3. Peter Hammond, 40 points. Kevin Sullivan, 40 points.

Nearest the pin winners were Alastair Cale, Rose Gould, Shaun Sturrock, Alan Bartup. Longest drive winner was Peter Gibbs.

Well done to all the winners and I am sure everybody enjoyed the Tapas Bar that followed.

On to the next event, which was played at Cooden Beach Golf Club on 16 August. Once again the course was in excellent condition and I am sure everybody who played will join me in thanking Stefan and his staff for all their hard work.

The format for this event was a Three Man Team Stableford Competition with all three scores counting.

The sponsor for the day was CMW. The prizes were presented by Mark Day, thanks for the fiver Mark! The winners of the team challenge shield are as follows:

1. Alastair Cale, Mike Roberjot, from Ifield Golf Club,

Terry O'Neill; 2. Mike Gould, John Payne, from Copthorne Golf Club, Roy Toms.

Nearest the pin at the 14th, Brian Morrison. Nearest the pin at the 16th, Giles Johnson. Best Individual with 37 points was Mike Gould on count back from myself. The golf was followed by a superb bsrbeque. Thanks to everybody who turned up to the last two events.

The numbers were slightly down, so let's hope by the time this appears that the next event at Worthing Golf Club on 27 September has enjoyed a good turnout.

Gary Ogilvie.

Surrey

Our annual pilgrimage to Sunningdale Golf Club for the McMillan Tankard was on August 23 and from the comments I overheard and the congratulations bestowed on Brian Turner and his staff it was once again a venue that should never be missed. The weather was excellent and with the sun shining down on the new course. Surrey Section members did battle playing from the

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