

ment Trophy sponsored by Scotts Charterhouse was played at Salisbury and S Wilts Golf Club on August 2. An excellent turnout of 26 teams with the winners coming from the Isle of Wight. Well done the team from Freshwater Bay. Thanks must go to Paula Humphries for organising the day and everyone at Salisbury for making the event so successful.

Don't forget, come down for the autumn tournament on October 4. Payment in advance please to Chris Sturgess, 40 Kinsbourne Way, Thornhill, Southampton SO19 6HB. Telephone 07773 138409 before 8pm. Cost will be £17.

Lastly, the annual match against the S West will be played at Marlborough Golf Club on 5 September and the Turkey Trot and AGM will again be at Hockley Golf Club.

Thanks for your support. Tony Gadd

Devon & Cornwall

I start my report this month by wishing Mick Oliver, of Oliver Seeds, a speedy recovery from his recent operation.

We hope to see him back to full fitness shortly. Also I would like to report that Bill Pile, Course Manager at Fingle Glen Golf Club, will be retiring from his position during September. Bill was a founder member of the Section and was Section Secretary, taking over from Brian Summers, way back in the 70s, until handing over to Jim Wood in the late eighties.

Bill also served the Section on the Regional Board and on the old national committee of BGGA. Bill's hard work over the years has made our Section what it is today a strong and active section, without his effort I wonder where we would be today? Thanks Bill.

Summer is now slowly drawing to a close which means autumn is once again around the corner and with it the start of our autumn and winter meeting programme which will start this year at Dainton Park Golf Club on Wednesday, October 25. The morning's golf compe-tition will be a singles Stableford competition for the D.O. Hunt Trophy. Our nonplaying members will be able to enjoy the usual course walk which will leave the clubhouse at approximately 10.30 am, lunch will be from 1pm followed by our afternoon educational talk.

Golfing members please note

entry details for our forthcoming meetings:-

After receipt of your completed entry form which will have been sent out to you or your Course Manager.

Golfing members to receive starting times before meeting with a draw for partners being introduced, pairings will be accepted for our foursome and greensome competitions.

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As some members have problems paying before meetings, they will be able to continue to pay on the day without being levied as long as the entry has been received before the closing date, any member who doesn't attend after entering will be invoiced if no payment is received.

Regional educational dates to note:

22 November Regional Seminar to be held at Cannington College

23 - 26 January Regions trip to BTME at Harrogate

For more details on regional

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events, please contact Paula Humphries on 01288 352194.

You should have received your new fixture card which has this year been kindly sponsored by Rigby Taylor. The fixture card has dates of all our forthcoming events, if you haven't received yours yet please let me know. Richard Whyman.

South Wales

The summer tournament on July 5 was held at the picturesque Ashburnham GC. The day was glorious and the course in excellent condition thanks to Paul and his team. Thanks to Ashburnham GC for allowing courtesy of the course and to Birds of Cowbridge Grass Machinery for sponsoring the day and also to the caterers for the wonderful food.

Best Gross & winner of the Birdie Cup Andy Roach; 2. Best Gross Kerry Llywelyn, Best Nett and winner of the Jacobsen Cup J.B. Jones. 2. Best Nett Gareth Evans.

Peter Lacey returned for his second assistance at the Open Championship held this year at St Andrews. Peter again showing the world what us Welshmen are made of. Well done I'm sure it was great to be

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Around the green

In January I took the opportunity, through the pages of Around the Green, to thank those of you responsible for supplying Section Notes for all the great work that you do and to pass on some information regarding deadlines and production processes. This month I'd like to repeat this information for the benefit of any new scribes who have started recently. I know it must seem like a

I know it must seem like a thankless task when you have a deadline approaching and you've got nothing to write about but generally the pages do provide more than enough news and gossip to keep everyone interested.

I'd also like to remind long time Section Note contributors, and inform those who have been handed the task, of those deadlines.

The cut off point has always been around the 5th of the month - eg før the September issue Notes the deadline was August 5. There is a little leeway as I know there are sometimes events you wish to include and you hold the Notes back. That's fine but if you could use the 5th of the month as your regular deadline I'd appreciate it. You may wonder why it is so early as normally the magazine arrives on your door mats in the first few days of the month of issue. At our end to enable this to happen, and in the post as early in the month as possible, our printers have to be supplied with the entire contents - editorial and

advertisements - two weeks before then, which takes us into the middle of the previous month. Then to give David, our designer, a chance to lay-out all of the pages in an attractive fashion he needs another full working week. This takes us back to around the 12th of the month.

Also Christine types up your notes which takes up additional time, but don't forget, those of you who use email, can send them to me on scott@bigga.co.uk thus saving on the typing time.

the typing time. Invariably there are elements of the magazine that require me to work close to that deadline so it is beneficial to have bits that are not particularly time sensitive cleared early. Section Notes are one such element.

I hope this explains how we can need a full month to process your work.

As I said there is some leeway but the earlier you send them in, the more it will help.

more it will neip. It is also helpful if you can have them typed or in clear handwriting, to reduce the number of misspelt names we print, while a recommended word count for each Section would be around 500. (This column is 500 words long to give you a measure). Obviously, if

you've had a particularly busy month, don't feel you have to miss anything out, just to keep it under 500.

As I said the Section Notes are a valuable element of the magazine and I do appreciate all the work you put into producing them. Thanks a lot and keep up the good work.

Scott MacCallum

part of the Support team. The Rigby Taylor Qualifiers are well under way with the finals to be held at Royal Porthcawl GC on October 18; P. Lacey & B. Hanford beat A. Phillips & W. Benja; A. Roach & D. Gladwin beat L. Davis & D. Bray. P. Wilaby & S. Lloyd beat R Patterson & A. Hatcher; S. Mills & K. Llywelyn beat R. Frater & J. Borja; D. Ward & R Hatcher beat D. Morgan & H. Stead; Matches still to be played; A. Richards & J. Davis v K Jones & Daryl Bray; A Panks & J B Jones v G Evans & A Chricton also I Morris & J Carter v G Johnstone & M Norfolk. Thanks must go to all Golf Clubs for allowing us to use their courses for this event.

I must say our match was very close. After all, we were three up with three to play, and subsequently lost those which meant a sudden death play off with the first play off hole being the 10th at Pyle & Kenfig. This was halved, so on to the next we walked, a short way to the 18th at P & K. Myself & D. Ward won but it was a very close call against Henry & David, of the Grove GC. It was a great evening of golf with plenty of humour.

Congratulations to Steve Jones, of the Coed y Mwstwr, for taking up a new role as Head Greenkeeper on a 9 hole course in Germany. Well done!

On September 13 at Newport GC we have the autumn competition with a tee off time of 1.30pm. Also, on September 27, South Wales Section versus BIGGA South West at St. Pierre GC. 12 noon tee off. Catch up with the latest of the Rigby Taylor versus The Secretaries Match at Tredegar Park next month.

Richard Hatcher



Northern Ireland

I don't know about you, but I love the warm summer days and I could live in these conditions happily - the thoughts of wet gear and welly boots I find nonappealing.

It's very nearly hollow-tining time, which sort of brings the season to an end. I hope for all of you, as you look back over your main competitions, they all went well, and I'm sure thoughts are now turning towards winter work of construction and continuing course improvements.

Our qualifying golf day was held at Castlerock Golf Course on August 2 and for a change it was dry. We had a good turnout at 23 and 1 would like to thank everyone who was there and made the effort to travel up. It was worth the drive as this is a simply beautiful course. The setting, the condition and hospitality at this course make it a real gem. Special thanks to Castlerock GC for granting us permission to play and also to Charles Edgar and staff for presenting us with a real good test of Links Golf.



The qualifying winners with the combined scores from previous golf outings were Michael O'Neill and Noel Crawford -

Best Gross, Eamon Crawford and Nick Webber - Best Nett. Good luck lads and well done. I hope you enjoy your trip, and play well at St Annes Old Links and Fairhaven Golf Courses.

Next month, on October 25, the Northern Ireland region will

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This seminar is open to all,

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from Greenkeepers to Secretary Managers and anyone else involved in the Golf Course Industry. An approx. cost will be $\pounds 25$ for members and $\pounds 30$ for non-members. Booking forms will be sent to every club in the next few days. Don't leave booking your place to the last minute as this, I'm sure, will be very well attended. Lunch is included in the price and it is requested that a respectable dress code is adhered to.

Speed

We also have secured sponsorship from all the main suppliers of machinery and fertiliser in the province who will be showing their wares on the day. Also sponsorship from the GUI and enormous help from BIGGA headquarters will no doubt make this a great day and one definitely not to be missed. Finally, Head Greenkeeper at

Finally, Head Greenkeeper at Shandon, Jeffery Lamb, got married on August 5. I was at the reception and it was pleasing to know that your new wife has a better singing voice than you Jeffery. Congratulations and best wishes to you both for the future.





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BIGGA's Mission Statement includes 'BIGGA is dedicated to the continuing professional development of its members...' and BIGGA has provided and continues to provide a range of education and training opportunities which support professional development. Other training providers also offer a wide range of courses which can be used as evidence of Continuing Professional Development. The BIGGA CPD Scheme has several benefits to its members and their employers. It will encourage greenkeepers:

- To adapt out dated skills
- To keep in touch with changes in legislation
- To show employers that greenkeepers are true professionals
- To accumulate evidence towards further National Qualifications
- To give greenkeepers a means of showing current prospective employers they have continued their education and training beyond a minimum level
- To update skills and knowledge on a regular basis
- To promote greenkeeping as a profession
- To give greenkeepers the skills to cope with change

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The scheme runs as follows:

- 1. Greenkeepers must be member of BIGGA
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- 3. The scheme runs annually from 1 July to 30 June
- 4. Courses, seminars, workshops and training days are awarded CPD Credits
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- 10 Credits per year to reach the standard
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