

happiness and hopefully he will be in fine fettle when we meet again at Ely on October 3rd.

And finally; A Secretary informs the greenkeeper that his Chairman of Green has resigned after many years. "That's the end of an error then," said the greenkeeper. "Surely you mean era," said the secretary. "No" said the greenkeeper.

Mick Lathrope

## SOUTH WEST & SOUTH WALES

### *BIGGA South West and South Wales Regional Seminar 2006*

The date for this year's South West and South Wales Regional Seminar is Tuesday, November 21. It will be held once again at the Cannington Centre for Land Based Studies. The theme for this year is "A Sustainable Future For Golf?"

The day will be presented by BIGGA South West and South Wales Region in association with the R&A. The speakers will give presentations on the different aspects of sustainability in relation to the golf course and how to promote the message to the golf club and its members.

Presentations will be made by:- Steve Isaac, Assistant Director - Golf Course Management, The R & A; Dr Keith Weatherhead, Senior Lecturer in Soil and Water Engineering, Institute of Water and Environment, Cranfield University; Howard Swan, Golf Course Architect and member of EIGCA; Keith Adderley, Secretary Temple Golf Club and member of the Association of Golf Club Secretaries; Richard Whyman, BIGGA Chairman and Course Manager at Burnham and Berrow Golf Club; Phil Weaver, PGA Chairman and Club Professional/Course Manager at Coventry Golf Club; Billy McMillan, BIGGA Vice Chairman and Course Manager at Tyrells Wood Golf Club.

This excellent line up of speakers makes this a day not to be missed so make sure you book early, as places will be limited. Booking details and information will be sent to all Head Greenkeepers/Course Managers in the Region. Any further information can be obtained by contacting Jane Jones, Regional Administrator

Tel: 01454 270850 or mobile: 07841948110.

## South West

We really have played some fantastic section matches this year - three wins out of three, Adrian Bennett - Match Captain - what a guy. (When he retires from the captaincy, we'll keep him as a mascot.) Seriously, Adrian has put his heart and soul into the team - I know for a fact he has made 60 - 70 phone calls to make all the arrangements, and I'd like to thank him most sincerely on behalf of the Section, and hope that he'll carry on next year.

The annual match against South Wales was again played over the Old Course at St. Pierre. Many thanks to St. Pierre, who have hosted this match every year, at no cost, for over twenty-five years now. The Old Course was in as good a condition, if not better than I've seen it over those 25 years - congratulations to all the staff involved - it was an absolute credit, and always nice to come back across the bridge with the cup. Tim Morgan, who is an absolute joy to partner, and I held on to a one hole victory which proved crucial in the three and a half - two and a half win. Tim was "Mr Steady" where as my sort of golf is much more fun - you see more of the course, much more of the wildlife, as well as getting more exercise.

Knighton Heath was the venue for the match against the South Coast.

This very traditional heathland course, just outside Ferndown, was in stunning condition although somewhat parched on the fairways. It was however, a joy to play, and a 4 -1 victory was also very satisfying. I've only had one fully functioning shoulder for the last year, but watch out long-driving competitors - it's getting better! The only adverse comment about the course I heard all day was from my playing partner, Mark Freeman, who commented that he had been expecting a sea-view and was severely disappointed. Mind you, the view on a nearby housing estate more than made up. A leggy brunette with the tightest pair of lycra cycling shorts you've ever seen, was deliberately (in my opinion) bending over her car while pretending to wash it. I asked if she'd mind polishing my driver as we went past but she was having none of it. As Wayne Vincent remarked, "I was lining up a two foot eagle putt for the hole on that green, and nobody was even watching me". Good day all round.

Jon Jarvis, Course Manager at Lansdown, dropped me a line to report that he is trying crushed glass in one of his practice bunkers and anyone is welcome to contact him for a progress report, or to view the bunker at any time. Give him a ring at the club.

The AGM is on October 12 at Ogbourne St. George. We need your presence, we need your ideas, inspiration, and support at this meeting. The Section needs good attendances to justify its continued activities. This means you. Please support your committee, who put in a good number of hours working on your behalf, to make a success of the association.

Finally, no-one can accuse Sarah Allcock, ecology and environmental advisor at Minchinhampton, of not taking her job seriously. Her car conked out on the way home the other day. After several panic stricken phone calls to the garage, a tow truck, the AA, and her dad, not necessarily in that order, the problem was eventually diagnosed. A squirrel had made a nest in her engine compartment, and its nuts had got caught in the air intake and blocked it. Sarah, who has a degree in Biological Science, said that's the last time she's ever taking her work home with her.

Let's have a good attendance at the AGM, and let me know any bits of news from around the area.

Paul Worster - paulw@mgcnew.co.uk/01453 837355.

## South Coast

Hello all. As I write this (September 1) I look back on August, as many of you probably have, with some relief due to the wetter month. If you've been on holiday in this time I hope that you avoided the showers (monsoons and flooding in North Hampshire area) and that your golf course received the welcome rain.

The Jim Fry Pair's competition is making "steady" progress. We are down to the semi finals but please can you all ensure that you report your results to Phil Wentworth (mobile: 07831 862705) asap. He does a great job organising this event, please show your gratitude by keeping him up to date. Best of luck to the remaining participants.

Our next golf day is the Autumn Tournament at Corhampton GC, on October 12. Chris Sturgess is excellent at being tournament organiser and always keeps us up to date via email regarding events and producing a play list. If you do not receive this information and would like to be included and kept up to date with all the golf day dates and information please email Chris on: [chrismaggsturgess@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:chrismaggsturgess@tiscali.co.uk) or contact him by phone on 07773 138409.

The AGM will take place at Corhampton GC after the days play and before dinner is served. So, as there will be many rumbling tummies I'm sure the proceedings will progress at a reasonable pace? Of course the AGM is very important and it will not take up too much of your time. If you have any business you would like discussed please feel free to voice your

views at the AGM.

Finally, this is your Section. Please contact me if you have any news, be it happy, sad, interesting, funny etc etc, but please let me know so that we can share it with the whole section. Contact me on joe.crawley@ukgateway.net or on: 07721 389200.

Joe Crawley

**Devon and Cornwall**

Veteran South Devon athlete, Eric Barber, has become triple world champion after decimating the field in the 70 to 74 age group in the World Duathlon Championships hosted by Canada, Newfoundland.

The retired BIGGA member received a gold medal and a piece of local volcanic rock as a keepsake.

His next major event will be the European Duathlon Championships in Rimini in October.

Don Hunt

**South Wales**

The Pencoed College Open Day was a great success, P. Lacey and A. MacLeod manned the BIGGA marquee for the day assisted by Pencoed College's Paul Discombe and John Sullivan. Our thanks to "Ted Hopkins & Son Ltd" who loaned us some Toro equipment in the form of a fairway mower to enhance our position and to attract attention.

The Summer Competition took place at the Dewstow Parc GC, 24 people took to the course and enjoyed a great day made by the hospitality of the club. Our thanks to the sponsors of the day "R S Birds Ltd" and especially MD Jeffrey Bird who provided a first class prize table.

Results: Winner - Gary Humphries, Birdie Cup; Runner-up - Rhys McDonagh, Jacobsen Cup and 3rd, Mark Wilshire.

The recent and annual match versus the South West Section of "BIGGA" played over the Old Course at the St Pierre Resort, Chepstow. The South West ran out winners by a narrow margin and a great day was had by all. Standards at the resort were excellent, the "Old Course" was in super condition, hospitality was exceptional and the meal was plentiful. Thanks have been sent to all concerned including the sponsors "Inturf" and "Scotts" represented on the day by James Rees and Nick Martin.

With our past Chairman, Russell Anderson, having moved to Copenhagen, the Section has been operating without a Chairman. This position will hopefully be rectified prior to the sections AGM which will be at the Alice Spring's GC on Friday, October 13.

The annual match versus the Secretaries, held over the Grove golf course near Porthcawl was in excellent condition, even with the inside knowledge and assistance from the Course manager and our President, Henry Stead,

We were beaten, although I believe we are still in the lead with eight matches to seven since the event started. Many thanks to the club for hosting the event and all associated at the club for making everyone feel welcome.

With Adrian Panks and Peter Holmstrom moving into the trade and taking up positions with Sisis and Countrywide respectively, two committee officers have been lost,

however Steve Chappell, Course Manager of Neath GC has requested to join the committee and it is hoped that this will be ratified at the forthcoming AGM.

The Rigby Taylor Matchplay Doubles is well underway and is nearing the semi-final stages. While the favourites have been knocked out, last years winners are still very much in it.

Congratulations to Richard Patterson formally assistant to Malcolm Davies, has been appointed Deputy Course Manager at Cradoc GC.

It is the turn of the "IOG" to formulate this forthcoming "Winter Evening Lecture Series" and I'm told that the organisation of such is well underway.

The "IOG" annual dinner and dance will be once again at the "Sophia Gardens" home of Glamorgan County Cricket Club, Cardiff some time in October. It is hoped that sponsorship can be sought as per last year in order to get as many BIGGA

members and their spouses/partners involved in the event. Details will be mailed shortly.

Angus Macleod

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**ANAGRAM**

HARDEN PARK PRY

Answer: Harry Redknapp

**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE**



**A QUICK NINE HOLES**

1. Player's strike
2. Nathalie Tauziat
3. The Beastie Boys
4. Sandy Lyle
5. Polo
6. A spectator
7. Shawn Mullins
8. Matt Dawson
9. Augusta

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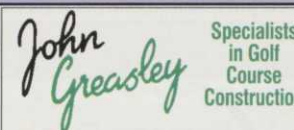
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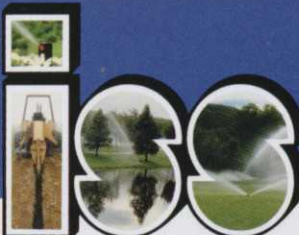
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