

continually added.

The London Section is looking at running some Chainsaw Courses towards the end of the season and during the winter months, in partnership with a local college, to provide lower cost courses. They would be run on golf courses in the area so that usual scenarios found in the work place can be tackled on the course. If you are interested please contact me so we can see if there is enough interest to make this work.

The next golf day is at Finchley Golf Club, on August 2. Information will be sent out to all email addresses that we have. If you would like to be added to the mailing list then please use the email addresses below.

Any queries, questions or feedback please contact us at: adamccoll@hotmail.com
Regards
Adam McColl



Essex

Well it looks like our prayers have been answered and we have had rain in abundance. The grass has kicked off again and we are back into catch up mode.

Last month our Chairman, Mark Stopps, decided to stand down from the position. The committee and membership of the Section would like to thank him very much for all the hard work that he has done for the Section over his 18 months in office and wish him well for the future.

Our Summer Trophy event, held at Nazeing Golf Club, went off really well, although the weather was not so kind on the day, with a heavy storm working its way through just after play commenced. Luckily the rest of the day was fine, with the sun breaking through and the temperature soaring to dry out even the wettest player.

With the competition split in two, a blind pairs and qualifying for the National later this year, we were treated to a real feast of golf. The course was in fantastic condition and co-owner and Section member, Martin Guy, should be congratulated. He revealed that the staff had

decided, on their own initiative, to work on the Sunday prior to the match, to bring the course up to an even higher standard. On behalf of the Section I wish to thank Martin's team for the hard work they put in.

Results of the Blind Pairs:

1. Andy Pledger, 35pts & Liam Springett, 36pts, - 71pts; 2. Malcolm Smith, 38pts, & Alan Scott, 26pts, - 64pts; 3. Craig Serafin, 30pts, & Larry Pearman, 33pts, - 63pts. Best Overall Greenkeeper and place in the BIGGA National Championship, sponsored by Charterhouse and Kubota: Liam Close 44pts.

Best Trade: Steve Bush 33pts. Best Guest: Roy Spong 32pts. Nearest the Pin 2nd hole: Olly Homewood. Nearest the Pin 15th Hole: Glenn Swift.

Quarter Finals Knockout Pairs Competition

The first round must be completed before Thursday, August 18, which is our next golf day. The draw for the next round will take place on that day!

Match 1 - Played at Stoke By Nayland Golf Club. Liam Springett & Liam Close v Dougie Fernie & Paul O'Kane; Match 2 - Played at Three Rivers Golf and Country Club. Barry Mann & Sam Anderson v Ian Wood & Mark Severn; Match 3 - Played at Abridge Golf Club. Richard Hare & Ben Scrivner v Stewart Rogers & Steve Cousins; Match 4 - Played at 'Royal' Orsett Golf Club. Andy Cracknell & Neil Peachy v Andy Darnell & Lee Stephens.

A small team from the Essex Section are making the trip down to Royal St Georges, to work on, The Open Championship Support Team. More from them next month.

Don't forget to send your entry for the next golf day the "Essex Trophy" is at Chelmsford Golf Club, Thursday, August 18. Entry's close on August 10.

If you have anything for inclusion in Greenkeeper International or on the Section's Website www.essexbigga.co.uk please contact me on 07764-862.337 or at essexbigga@talktalk.net

Arnold Phipps-Jones



South West and South Wales



South Wales

Hello. The sun is shining and we've at last glimpsed some small signs of the flushes of growth we've all been dying to see! Overseeding projects at many of our courses underway with the Poa struggling, a chance to get those Bents and Fescues sewn in to take over in the swards.

In last month's magazine I wrote about us attending Wenvoe Castle to support Mark Wilshire in his new role of Head Greenkeeper what I failed to mention was his predecessor Ty Garland. Ty Garland, 38 years of service most of which as Head Greenkeeper, has come to the generous age of retirement. During his time at Wenvoe Castle he managed his team to a number of County, Regional and National events the highlight of which the Welsh Professionals Classic in late 70's. Ty a true greenkeeping gentleman has not hung up his boots, strimmers and hole cutting scissors just yet he is staying with Wenvoe supporting Mark through the summer in the masses of hectares of land cut as rough at the golf club. The South Wales Section wish you all the best in your retirement and always stay in touch.

The Rigby Taylor Matchplay Knock out round was held at Neath Golf Club. The rain threatened but thankfully came to nothing so we could enjoy this excellent Harry Colt designed golf course and thankfully visibility was better than last year. Steve, you and your boys deserve a special thank you for setting up the course in great condition and the hospitality show by Neath Golf Club was second to none. Thank you.

Results

1. Glyn-Neath, Steve Chappell & Darryl Jones; 2. Andy Caps, Andy Roach & Huw Morgan; 3. Countrywide, Peter Holmstrom & Clive Moran; 4. Newport GC, Paul Handy & Mark Anderton

Assistant Profile

Our monthly look into the life of an assistant greenkeeper...

Name: Lewis Pattinson
Age: 21
Club: De Vere Oulton Hall
Position: Greenkeeper/
Mechanic
Nickname: Spooner



1. How long have you been greenkeeping?

3.5 years

2. What was it about the career that attracted you?

Job satisfaction in presenting the golf course.

3. If you weren't a greenkeeper what do you think you'd be?

I'd planned to be a paratrooper.

4. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why?

Cutting the greens and maintenance.

5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why?

Nothing really, I appreciate all jobs need to be done to the best standard.

6. What one thing - other than a pay rise - would improve the greenkeepers' lot?

A positive attitude and personal aspiration will result in reward.

7. Hobbies?

Going to the gym, rugby league, swimming & running

8. Favourite Band?

Swedish House Mafia.

9. Which team do you support (football or otherwise)?

Sunderland

10. What is your claim to fame?

I once won the Northern England bonnie baby competition.

Around The Green

All four Pairs now qualify for the finals to be held at Green Meadow Golf Club in late October.

I know so far I have mentioned Celtic Manor and Jim McKenzie lots and lots of times but after the announcement that Jim was to be Honoured in the Queens Birthday Honours list is outstanding news for our Section and Region and our industry. Congratulations Jim from all of us in the South Wales Section.

Peter Holmstrom



South West

Wednesday June 8, Section Captain, Wayne Vincent, took his team down to Long Ashton GC for our annual fixture against the Secretaries. With tough playing conditions on brilliant golf course (thanks to James Braithwaite and his guys!) we came away winning 4&2. Looks like Wayne is back to his winning ways again this year... Being partnered with Lewis Pisto, we somehow found ourselves 3 down after 3, and thinking this was going to be a long afternoon, but Lewis found his games face and this soon changed as we won the next 3 and soon after we were 1 up. I'd like to take this time to thank playing opponents Jim Cunning and Mike Wake for an entertaining afternoon and a competitive match!

Also this past month the Section visited Knowle GC. This was our Section's Summer tournament. With true golfing weather, on a well presented golf course, where it's so easy to forget where you actually are. Driving around the houses to get there, literally! Thanks to Mike Sage and his guys for preparing the course in such great condition for us!

Competition prizes (playing in Medal format) - Nearest the Pin at 6, Nick Lewis. Nearest the Pin at 12, Richard Louisson. Overall winners, 3. Richard Louisson, nett 69 (on countback from Roger Neale), 2. Craig Swines, nett 68 and this year's winner, Simon Kew, nett 68 (also on countback).

This is a very special event to our Section as we also invite the winner to represent our Section at the BIGGA National

Championship sponsored by Charterhouse and Kubota, playing at West Lancashire GC. On behalf of the Section I would like to wish Simon the very best.

On a more personal note, I've recently had my first experience in London (Well, since I last went 20 years ago). What a crazy place London is! Being from the Cotswolds a trip to the big city is very much out of my comfort zone...Arriving at Paddington Station and being hit by hundreds of people, thousands maybe. I soon dragged myself together and fitted right at home as I pushed passed people, hitting them with my luggage and on to the underground. Ummmm, what's that all about?

There was a reason why I visited London, It's not a hobby of mine just to sit on trains, I had the pleasure of going to the Hard Rock Calling Festival in Hyde Park.

I would like to thank our patronage partners for all of their support for 2011, Ecosol, Irritech Limited, Countrywide, British Seed House, Headland, Avoncrop, Martyn Lane Golf Signs. Your support is very much appreciated by the whole Section.

Remember that we also have our own South West Section facebook page, proving to be very useful. However, for it grow more of you have to become involved. If you are not a member of the page, it's time you were, ask for the link and I'll happily forward it to you.

See you all very soon,
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South Coast

Hi all,

I think at last we are back to a typical summer easily described as changeable, even Britain's sunshine coast is experiencing some rain and strong winds.

Last month, the Section played the annual match against the Secretaries. This year it was held at Knighton Heath Golf Club in what is a fiercely fought battle for the coveted Course Care Cup. In true fashion the result went to the wire and ended in a half, which

meant the Greenkeepers retain the cup, well done all who took part. The course was in superb condition, well done to Roger and his team. Thanks also to Course Care for the on-going support in sponsoring the day it has become a firm favourite in the Section.

Mid June the newly sponsored Course Management Trophy was played for at Stoneham Golf Club, with 15 teams competing for prizes of course equipment and a place in a National Final.

It was a great day, particularly for the early starters who avoided the rain on a superbly presented course. Well done, Vince and his team. Considering it was a Monday you had worked miracles. Thanks to Tacit, as the new sponsor, and long may it continue. Lastly, thanks to Jane, our RA, for spending the whole day in the clubhouse, entertaining and sorting out the cards. The winning team was led by Dave Murdoch, from Liphook Golf Club, with a great score of 85 pts.

As I write this we are approaching the Open Championship week followed by our Summer Invitation competition at Brokenhurst Manor, the results of which will be in next month's article.

Here at Barton the season is in full swing, Ladies', Men's and Vets' Captain's Days, all in one week, Mixed Open followed by Invitation Day, let alone the continual societies. It's a wonder we get anything done on the course. Captain's Day is an event I struggle to get my head round. He invites the ladies to play 18 holes on our third loop of 9, so they are not left out! Can you imagine the ladies inviting the men to play on their day. The mere sight of men on the course is reported to the Secretary on a Tuesday. Anyway I must get on. John Deere have left a compact tractor on demo for a few days so I thought I would get some air in the greens, Vets' medal tomorrow "perfect"

Tony Gadd



Devon and Cornwall

Our Summer meeting this year was held at Dartmouth Golf and Country Club. The golf match was contested between Devon Greenkeepers and Cornish Greenkeepers for the "Devon v Cornwall BIGGA Trophy". The format was 4BBB Matchplay and for the third year running the Cornish team came out on top with a 5.5 to 2.5 victory. There were individual prizes available too, with the best Pair Nett score going to Mike Ellis and Lloyd Overy, Lakeview, Rob Cook, Bowood, and Richard Japes, Sports Metals, came in second and Mike Bush, St Mellion, and David Daw, Porthpean, were in third place overall. Nearest the Pin on the 5th went to Mike Bush and on the 18th it went to James Sheehan, Truro. The Longest Drive prizes went to Richard Japes on the 8th and Mike Bush on the 16th. Congratulations to all the prize winners and a huge thank you our sponsors for the day, "Sports Metals" and "Symbio" for supplying the prizes. The Cornish Captain, Anthony James "Jacko", Killiow, received the BIGGA Trophy on behalf of the Cornish team. Congratulations to all those who took part from both teams.

Total attendance for the day was approximately 60 and those who did not take part in the golf, a course walk, led by Course Manager, Terry Farkins was enjoyed. The weather played ball after a very wet start and Terry took the course walkers around the course and facilities. Many thanks to Terry and all the Green staff for a very professional and fantastically presented golf course.

After the course walk and golf, all attendees enjoyed a BBQ on the terrace overlooking the course and this was followed by the prize giving. A big thank you to all the committee for the smooth running of the day and many thanks to Dartmouth G&CC for their kind and professional hospitality throughout the whole day.

Congratulations to Mike Bush MG for achieving his "Master Greenkeeper" award. Mike is

Section Notes

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by the 5th
of the month

Course Manager at St Mellion and has worked extremely hard to further his career over the years. Mike is the first to achieve the MG status in our Section and has even been on local BBC News being interviewed on the course. So good PR for the industry! Well done Bushy, and congratulations from the whole Section.

News from Duchy College. Kingston Maurward College (Dorset) and Duchy College have made a strategic decision to work together. This is good news for greenkeepers in the region. Kingston Maurward College will work under the GTC Quality Approved Centre status of Duchy College. Together the colleges will offer progression in greenkeeper training from Level 2 to Level 4. The greenkeeping team at Kingston Maurward will be headed by Alan Jacobsen, a greenkeeper who has recently moved to the Dorset College from Oatridge College.

NVQ 4 Amenity Horticulture Management (Sports Turf). Congratulations to Mike Bush, St Mellion Hotel, Golf and Country Club; Mark Campbell, Bude and North Cornwall Golf Club; Victor Dyer, Thurlestone Golf Club, Graeme Gallimore, Launceston Golf Club, and John Scott, St Mellion Hotel, Golf and Country Club, for being the first candidates to achieve the NVQ 4 Sports Turf through Duchy College from Devon and Cornwall.

Their success in establishing the NVQ 4 Sports Turf allows other greenkeepers from the area to further progress their careers.

Their success also marks the amazing achievement of approaching 200 greenkeepers from Devon and Cornwall who have completed NVQ/Work Based Diplomas since March 2004. Duchy College achieved its GTC Approved Training Provider status in May 2006. Well done to each of these and to their Club, employers and to the Head Greenkeepers and Course Managers who have contributed to their training and assessment?

Ongoing trade support. Again the trade has been generous this year in its support to the college through the provision of posters, seed samples, catalogues, publications, etc. I am a little embarrassed not to have formally thanked the individual

companies before as many have supported the college for a number of years to the great benefit of the students. I am also a little cautious at listing these for fear of missing someone out but here goes. John Palfrey who has worked hard for a number of years to collate materials from Scotts, Barenburg, Rigby Taylor, Bayer. Thanks also to Barenburg and Johnsons (Phil Seedhouse and Dave Chamings) for the seed samples.

Ron Skinner, George Pitts
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BIGGA welcomes the following new members

Scotland

Stephen Barber, East Section
Richard Bull, West Section
Jack Fairbairn, North Section
David Hay, Central Section
Mark Hills, Central Section
Dennis Grant, North Section
Paul McAulay, West Section
John McMurchie, East Section

Northern Region

Neil Barrett, Northern Section
Daniel Clarke, North West Section
Aidan Coates, Cleveland Section
Victor Cox, North East Section
Ben Goodchild, North West Section
Robert Hepworth, Northern Section
James Lee, Sheffield Section
Andrew Noon, North Wales Section
Neil White, North West Section
Benjamin Williams, North Wales Section

Midland Region

Daniel Anstiss, Berks/Bucks & Oxon Section
Adam Burley, Midland Section
James Fox, Midland Section
Geoff Gibbons, East Midland Section
Anton Holliday, Midland Section
Darren Howes, Berks/Bucks & Oxon Section
David Ingleton, East of England Section
Sarah Lashbrooke, East Midland Section
Jason Molesworth, Midland Section
Craig Tatton, East Midland Section
John Whitehouse, BB&O
Craig Wyatt, Midland Section

South East Region

Sam Bethell, Surrey Section
Joe Clarke, Surrey Section
Jack Cleaver, Surrey Section
Brian Eggleton, London Section
Charles Lance, Sussex Section
Wesley Lenihan, Sussex Section
George Morley, Sussex Section
Kane Stone, London Section

South West/South Wales Region

Matthew Clark, South Coast Section
Richard Hatcher, South Wales Section
Iain Moore, South West Section
Edward Read, South West Section
Neil Scott, South West Section
Amy Thomas, South Coast Section

Overseas

Daniel Green, Thailand
Zhiheng Wang, China

For more listings, log in to the Members' Area of the BIGGA Website



Jim Croxton
Chief Executive

I must begin by thanking all of the BIGGA members, supporters and friends for all the kind wishes that I have received in my first few weeks in the Chief Executive's office. Many of you have offered support, assistance and advice for which I am very grateful, but be warned, I will be taking you up on your offers!

In my first few weeks I have had the chance to meet many members, representatives of the trade and other golfing bodies and the message has been consistent and clear: There is a great deal of warmth and respect for the Association and its members and there is strong support for our ambition to continue to improve the quality of course presentation and condition which by extension will improve the quality of overall golfing experience that is enjoyed by the nation's nearly four million regular players. Our challenge is to harness that support so that all of us are working together in a focused way.

I believed I was joining a fantastic industry and the events of the last couple of months have proved me right

I believed I was joining a fantastic industry and the events of the last couple of months have proved me right, I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity. Witnessing the dedication and professionalism of the BIGGA Support Team at the recent Open Championship gave me an insight in to how much we have to be proud of as an Association. The ground work was admirably carried out by Royal St George's Head Greenkeeper Graham Royden and his team who provided a course in magnificent condition. The commitment of the 56-strong team of highly qualified volunteers to provide greenkeeping support in testing weather did BIGGA proud.

At the conclusion of the Championship the Chairman and I took the opportunity to thank and congratulate the Support Team. We also gave our commitment that we intend to work tirelessly to raise the awareness and the profile of the excellent job that BIGGA members do up and down the land, day in and day out. This is a big task and to achieve it we need to engage stakeholders at all levels of the game but it also requires the support of all our members. We know what a great job you do for your respective employers, members and visitors and we need you to help us get that message across by continuing to strive for excellence, to represent the profession with pride and to take every opportunity to promote the good work of the industry.

I look forward to meeting many more of you in the weeks and months to come.

Jim Croxton, BIGGA CEO



Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

Congratulations to the BIGGA Open Support Team

Well done to members of the BIGGA Open Support Team in successfully supporting Graham Royden, Course Manager and his team in managing Royal St George's Golf Course during last months Open Championships.

To be part of the Open Support team is a fantastic opportunity to see golf at the very highest level from a privileged position – inside the ropes. It's hard work but well worth the effort.

To apply to be part of the team for the Open 2012 at Royal Lytham and St Annes look out for the invitation to apply later on this year.

If you want to know more about what's involved, log on to the members area of the BIGGA website and select 'Open Support Team' from the options on the left hand side or contact us directly at BIGGA HQ.



Membership Offer

A summer loving offer with Inter-Continental Hotels Group (IHG) 35% off weekend stays

Explore the UK this Summer with IHG's special offer of up to 35% off weekend breaks. Whether you are visiting RHS Gardens, theme parks, the beach, the theatre or taking in a concert, there are some great breaks to choose from, come rain or shine! Plus once you have booked take advantage of IHG's great Days Out 2 for 1 offer.

Bookings must be made by 29th August 2011.

Visit the Members Area of the BIGGA website for details on how to book.

Saltex – Tuesday 6 – Thursday, September 8 2011

BIGGA look forward to welcoming you onto the BIGGA Stand (last year's shown below) at this year's Saltex.

Visit us to see what benefits and services membership of BIGGA can offer you or how BIGGA, through its monthly magazine, website and annual exhibition can help promote your business.



BIGGA Membership Handbook 2011/2012

We are currently working on the next edition of the BIGGA Membership Handbook. Contained within the handbook is a listing of all current members.

To ensure your listing is up to date, make sure the Membership Department have your up to date contact details. Please note no personal information is contained with the listings.

The BIGGA Membership Handbook continues to be a vital industry tool that goes from strength to strength each year, the 2011/2012 issue will be no different, packed with information, facts and figures it is designed to help you find that crucial member with ease, whether it be supplier or fellow member. The handbook is valued and viewed by many as being an important membership benefit.



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Diary of Events

Details of your Section's forthcoming events in 2011 can be found here...

Date	Event	Venue	Contact
AUGUST 2011			
August 3rd	Operation Pollinator	Elmwood College, Fife	www.greencast.co.uk or email operation.pollinatoruk@syngenta.com
August 3rd	London Section Summer Meeting	Finchley Golf Club	Matt Plested at matt.plested@hotmail.co.uk or Mobile: 07818 410333
August 4th	East Anglia Section Event	Weston Park Golf Club	Ian Willett at info@thorpeness.co.uk or Mobile: 07929 205398
August 8th	Operation Pollinator	De Vere Belton Woods, Grantham	www.greencast.co.uk or email operation.pollinatoruk@syngenta.com
August 9th	East Scotland W Woods Trophy	Mortonhall Golf Club	Stuart Ferguson at stuferg@btinternet.com or Mobile: 07961 630553
August 9th	Operation Pollinator	The London Club, Kent	www.greencast.co.uk or email operation.pollinatoruk@syngenta.com
August 10th	Operation Pollinator	Beaconsfield Golf Club, Bucks	www.greencast.co.uk or email operation.pollinatoruk@syngenta.com
August 12th	South Wales Section v's South West Section	Chippenham Golf Club	Steve Chappell at chappell124@hotmail.co.uk or Mobile: 07970 980899
August 15th	Surrey Section Event – McMillan Tankard	Sunningdale Golf Club	Kevin Boxall at kevbox29@hotmail.com or Mobile: 07812 554198
August 18th	Essex Trophy	Chelmsford Golf Club	essexbigga@talktalk.net
August 24th	South Coast Section v's South West Section	West Wilts Golf Club	Adam Matthews at adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk or Mobile: 07732 503855
August 25th	South Wales Section v's GCMA Match	Neath Golf Club	Steve Chappell at chappell124@hotmail.co.uk or Mobile: 07970 980899
August 25th	East of England Section v's GCMA Event	Boston Golf Club	Bruce Hicks at brucehicks1@gmail.com or Mobile: 07931 714922
August 31st	North Section Invitation Day	Bingley St Ives Golf Club	Frank Stewart at frankstewart3@hotmail.co.uk or Mobile: 07947 401278
SEPTEMBER 2011			
September 10 and 11	Walker Cup	Balgownie Links of Royal Aberdeen Golf Club	
September 13th	Essex Section Autumn Trophy	Langdon Hills Golf Club	Andy Cracknell at andyacknell@hotmail.com or Mobile: 07709 347312
September 14th	East Scotland Section Event	Braid Hills Golf Club	Stuart Ferguson at stuferg@btinternet.com or Mobile: 07961 630553
September 14th	Central Section Autumn Outing	Kingsbarns Golf Links	Gordon Moir at gordonmoir@standrews.org.uk or Mobile: 07850 139799
September 14th	East of England Section Event	Gainsborough Golf Club	Bruce Hicks at brucehicks1@gmail.com or Mobile: 07931 714922
September 15th	West Scotland Section Event	Williamwood Golf Club	Gavin Jarvis at jarvisgav@aol.com or Mobile: 07725 363715


Forthcoming Regional Golf Management Trophy competitions sponsored by TACIT

BIGGA Midland, Brickendon Grange Golf Club on Tuesday, August 2, 2011
BIGGA South East, Upminster Golf Club on Thursday, August 11, 2011
BIGGA Northern, Cookridge Hall Golf Club on Thursday, August 18, 2011
BIGGA Midland, Market Harborough Golf Club on September 1, 2011


Calling all budding photographers,
there is still time to enter the...

BIGGA Photographic Competition 2011

Deadline extended to 31st August 2011



Got a fantastic photo you want to share with us? Or fancy getting out onto the course to take advantage of the August weather (it must be better than July!)?



Thanks to all the entries we have so far received for the BIGGA Golf Photographic Competition, back for its sixth year. There are some fantastic pics, but we want to give you all a bit longer to get that ultimate photograph. So, any member who has not yet sent us a pic, please do, and for those who have already entered, there is still time to send in one more - if you think you can do better!

The winner will receive a full course profile in GI and a special prize, while the 12 best pictures will be selected for the 2012 BIGGA Calendar.

Digital pictures need to be high resolution, at the largest size capable by the camera.

Please label your entries with captions - the name of the course plus a brief description (around 10 words). It would be great if you could also tell us the spec of camera it was taken on too.

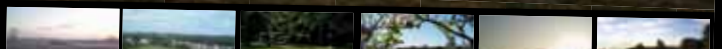
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the quality of the image. If it is too large to send, we recommend using a website such as www.mailbigfile.com.

Please note, cropping may occur if photos are to appear in the magazine or calendar. Also ensure digital photos do not show the time/date display!

Anyone wishing to enter should email them to: tom@bigga.co.uk, entering 'BIGGA PHOTO COMP 2011' as the email subject header.

All entries need to be received by August 31, 2011, and only BIGGA members are eligible to enter.

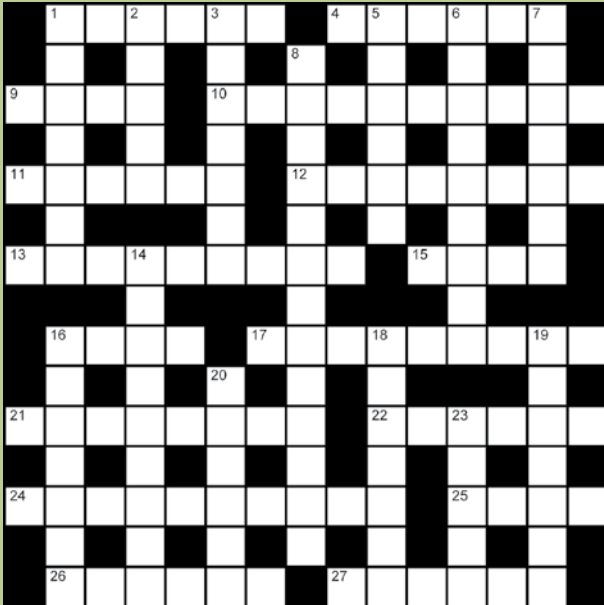




in the shed

Our monthly puzzle page to keep you entertained when you're forced indoors..

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Childlike expression of delight (6)
- 4 Largest country in the world with over 10% of the world's land mass (6)
- 9 Amsterdam football club (4)
- 10 A man may cheat with one (5,5)
- 11 Recently conceived form (6)
- 12 Character played by Katee Sackhoff and Dirk Benedict in Battlestar Galactica (8)
- 13 Champagne house known as 'Bolly' (9)
- 15 Time of commencement for Operation Overlord (1-3)
- 16 Give up (4)
- 17 Ukrainian city, scene of 1986 nuclear incident (9)
- 21 There's no landing in this (8)
- 22 Pound (4,2)
- 24 Unpleasant know-it-all (5,5)
- 25 Popular toy whose name is derived from a Danish phrase meaning 'play well' (4)

- 26 Oppose (3-3)
- 27 A line of equal or constant pressure (6)

DOWN

- 1 1961 Kurosawa film remade as A Fistful of Dollars (7)
- 2 Toy Story film studio (5)
- 3 Proposed site of new, sustainable residential site (3,4)
- 5 Hullabaloo (6)
- 6 Investigative cartoon hound owned by Norville Rogers (6-3)
- 7 Chaos (7)
- 8 The one and only pop star of the 1980s (7,6)
- 14 Scotland shaped body of water found 15 miles north of Fort William (4,5)
- 16 Jack ____, played Quincey MD (7)
- 18 Carpets (7)
- 19 No-one gets it (7)
- 20 Single excavatory orifice of birds, reptiles and amphibians (6)
- 23 Depart from the expected (2-3)

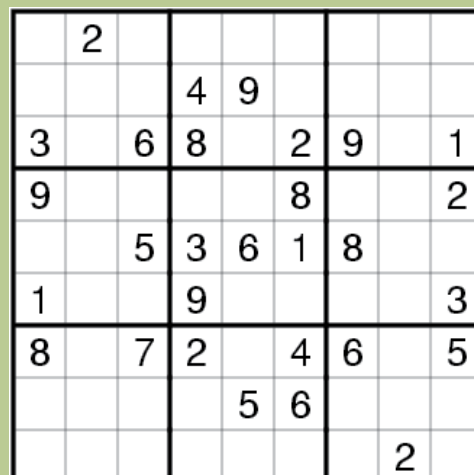
QUICK 'NINE HOLE' QUIZ - As a tribute to Darren Clarke this month we look at Northern Irish sport.

1. Northern Irish golfers have ruled the world over the last year and a bit with Graeme McDowell, Rory McIlroy and now Darren Clarke, but who was the only other Northern Irishman to win a Major?
2. Who was the Northern Irish woman who won the Olympic Gold Medal in the Pentathlon at the Munich Games in 1972?
3. Who holds the record for the most goals in a UEFA European Qualifying Campaign with 13?
4. Who was the Northern Irish Formula 1 star who drove 152 races between 1973 and 1985?
5. Who was the two time Snooker World Champion who died in 2010?
6. Who was the versatile Northern Irish born rugby union player who set a record number of caps in the 60s and 70s and was regarded as the best centre of his generation?
7. Who was the boxer known as the Clones Cyclone?
8. In whose honour is Belfast City Airport named?
9. Who was the Northern Irish golfer who won the European Order of Merit in 1989?



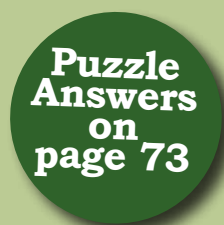
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