

South West and South Wales



South Wales

I write this article fresh from supporting the Celtic Manor Greens Staff set up the course on the Thursday and Friday mornings of the SAAB Wales Open. I must say how well the work carried out over the last eight months has enabled them to present the course in outstanding fashion! Beautiful sunshine, minimal wind, absolutely perfect conditions for the tournament, totally different to October. I hope the weekend stayed as good for you and the boys, Jim.

Our Spring Competition Glynhir Golf Club

As I wrote in last month's Around The Green we were looking to change the format for this event - we did.

We played a 4 man team event Texas Scramble. Wayne Benger (a poor manager as he explained to me) set up his beautiful picturesque golf course in outstanding condition to welcome BIGGA South Wales and 19 teams of four. A big thank you to Wayne and his small team to make the day very memorable and one where a return visit will definitely be on.

The results: 1. D. Bray, W. Benger, M. Leech, L. Davies, 52pts;

2. I. Kinley, D. Jones, R. Williams, S. Chappell, 50pts; 3. J. Probert, H. Probert, S. Mills, P. Lacey, 50pts

Nearest the Pins. Prizes were Heineken Cup Final Tickets, International Rugby Tickets and play-off tickets. John Ward, John Holmstrom, Tony Horne, Brian Francis and Wayne Benger

Longest Drive. Martin Jones. Neil Roderick

So, a huge well done to all the winners; Glynhir Golf Club for their generous hospitality for the day and also our sponsors for the event DEAL and Textron.

We look forward now to a busy few golfing weeks, The RT Qualifier at Neath GC, June 16; The BIGGA Golf Management Trophy at Morryston GC, June 29; The BIGGA Summer Com-

petition at Wenvoe Castle GC, July 6.

I hope as many of us can make it to Wenvoe Castle GC to support Mark Wilshire, the new Head Greenkeeper, in his role and seeing any changes he's made and the club are also celebrating their 75th anniversary at the venue.

Peter Holmstrom



South Coast

As I write this in early June, staring out at straw coloured fairways, wondering when we might be lucky enough to catch one of those heavy showers that the weather forecaster talked about.

Mustn't complain, I did get 3mm over the weekend which did little more than settle the dust and annoy the wife because the washing was on the line. I said she should be more sympathetic, as we poor greenkeepers need rain to make life a little easier. Needless to say I never got a sensible answer.

The spring tournament in memory of Colin White, sponsored by Avoncrop was played at Liphook Golf Club.

As usual we had planned perfect weather, equally so David Murdoch had planned some devious pin positions around the stunning golf course.

A field of 48 played on the best greens I have been on this year. It was a stern test on the day which was reflected in the scores.

Cat 1) 0-13 1. Pete Oliver, Hankley Common, 34pts; 2. Darren Jones, Canford Magna, 33pts; 3. Colin Pardey, Sherbourne, 32pts. Cat 2) 14-28. 1. Colin Hutt, Basingstoke, 33pt; 2. Simon Justice, Alresford, 32pts; 3. Mike Lake, Blackmore, 31pts. Longest Drive. Kevin Tigg, Nearest the Pin. Dave Ross.

Many thanks as always to Avoncrop for their sponsorship. It was great to see Colin's family in attendance along with Joanna, from Avoncrop. Well done Dave and his team for presenting the course in superb condition. Lastly thanks to Jane for coming up to meet and greet as people arrived.

The Secretary and I were lucky enough to be invited to

Basingstoke Golf Club for their annual Bowl, another perfect day of sunshine light winds, in fact everything to encourage good golf, shame we came last. The course was in excellent condition. Well done Colin as always.

Next golf event is the match against the Secretaries, results of which will be in the next issue. Then the summer invitation is at Brokenhurst Manor on July 20, remember this is Kev's course so he will want to show it off. Usual email glassy2003@hotmail.com if you want to play. Your guest should be a member of a golf club and have a current handicap, get booked in early as this will be popular. Until next month.

Tony Gadd



South West

It's amazing isn't it...we have weeks of amazing weather, all to be enjoyed while we are at work, then just as a Bank Holiday comes along...it rains!

I'm sure this would have caused consternation too many of you, not me, however, I was sunning it up in Benidorm, helping to celebrate a friend's stag do...enough said!

You'll never believe this (well, those of you who know me might) but I've lost my car key. Not too much of a problem I hear you say, just use the spare one... if only I had one!

Trouble is, it's not just a normal car key, it's one of those key cards that works on a hands free system. After turning my place upside down looking for it, I gave in and admitted it was

lost...contact Renault, they say "not a problem Sir, just get the car to us and we'll order you a new key." I say "how do I that, I've lost my car key" he then replies "now we've a problem Sir.....".

So after having arranged a tow truck to the Renault garage, my new key card waiting for me, they get set to programme it for me...only to have ordered the wrong key! Can you believe my luck, I'm without my car for the best part of three weeks all because I lose my key card, Fantastic, I thought!

You see the Champions League final?

Sorry but I have to mention it. How awesome, amazing, entertaining is Messi? I remember the days waking up knowing I was that good, in my dreams. But honestly is there anything this player can't do...I love watching him, a true genius with a football.

Well guys, sorry I haven't got much more to say, this has been a rather boring month for me, maybe you could share some of your tales with me ready for next month....

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

Remember that we also have our own South West Section Facebook page, proving to be very useful, only for it to grow as more of you 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.

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BIGGA Regional Conferences

All forthcoming conferences are as follows...

South East, 16 November 2011, Stock Brook Manor Golf Club, Essex
Contact Clive Osgood, RA, 01737 819343

South West & South East, 17 November 2011, Oaktree Arena, Highbridge, Somerset
Contact Jane Jones, RA, 01454 270850

Scotland, 6 March 2012, Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline
Contact Peter Boyd, RA, 0141 616 3440



Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

An update and summary of the last six months...

For the first five months of this year I was in the position of Acting General Manager and Head of Membership Services, no wonder time has literally flown by, I don't think I remember very much about the first half of this year! And with losing Brad Anderson, Membership Services Assistant, at the end of April, the department is currently stretched to its limits.

However, please be assured that we, here at BIGGA HOUSE, are not about to let standards drop, in this interim period of change with staff, our aim is to continue to offer good customer service to our members. See Contact Details (panel on the right) for ways you can get in touch.

During April we offered BIGGA members the opportunity of purchasing the 'tastecard', at an exclusive members rate. The offer was available for a two week period and proved quite popular. Watch this space as we are negotiating with 'tastecard' to offer this again later this year.

BIGGA also teamed up with Jemca Business Centre, London to offer BIGGA members preferential rates on out-right purchase or contract hire of Toyota HILUX vehicles.

All details of these offers and all membership services and benefits are available in the Members Area of the BIGGA Website www.bigga.org.uk.

The Importance of Networking Section Events

With 26 Sections around the UK there is always a 'friend' nearby.

Whether you are just starting out as a sports turf professional (greenkeeper or groundsman) or at the pinnacle of your career, networking is likely to play a large part in your success.

Networking is about creating a set of contacts and subsequently building a trust and creating a genuine relationship with the people you meet. It provides the opportunity for you to discover people who may be able to help with

queries/problems you encounter during your career as well as the opportunity for you to offer your assistance to others.

For people new to networking, it might seem a daunting prospect. But by investing time in other people you might soon find that your career is reaping the rewards.

Top tips for networking:

- Be yourself
- Be open
- Smile
- Let people talk
- Push yourself
- Know what you want
- Enjoy it

Bulletin Board

Current members of BIGGA can gain access to the Bulletin Boards where members can gain access to a vast amount of useful, important and vital information for greenkeepers and other sports turf professionals, golf clubs and businesses involved in the fine turf industry. Here you can discuss popular topics such as 'Education and Training for Greenkeepers' or 'Fusarium Scarring' and keep updated about Section seminars and events.

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Open Support Team, Royal St George's, 2011

Good luck to the BIGGA Open Support Team, who will be supporting Graham Royden and his team at Royal St George's this month. For more information on the Open Support Team and what's involved visit the Members Area of the BIGGA Website and search down the left hand side for 'Open Support Team'.



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Overseas

Scott Bibby, Kinloch Golf Resort, New Zealand

For more information on new members log in to the Members' Area of the BIGGA Website.



Diary of Events

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

A full list of events for 2011 can be found online at www.bigga.org.uk/events

Date	Event	Venue	Contact
JULY 2011			
July 1st	Operation Pollinator	Burnham & Berrow Golf Club, Somerset	www.greencast.co.uk or email operation.pollinatoruk@syngenta.com
July 6th	North West Section Cricket Tournament v's North Wales Section	Ashley Cricket Club, Altrincham	Chris Sheehan at jsheehan@blueyonder.co.uk or telephone 07840 706738
July 6th	South Wales Section Summer Competition	Wenvoe Castle Golf Club	Steve Chappell at chappel124@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07970 980899
July 11th	Midland Section Summer Golf Day	Kenilworth Golf Club	Andrew Smith at andysmithace@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07977 145091
July 12th	Essex Captains v's Greenkeepers	Romford Golf Club	Dominic Rodgers at domroddgers@talktalk.net or telephone 07798 641529
July 13th	South Coast Section Summer Competition	Brockenhurst Golf Club	Chris Bitten at chrisbitten@btinternet.com or telephone 07796 887633
July 13th	East Midlands Section Par 3 Championships	Nailcote Hall Golf Club	Andy de wet at biggaeastmidlands@hotmail.com
July 14th-17th	Open Championship	Royal St George's	www.opengolf.com/
July 21st	Inter Section Golf Match – Northern v's Sheffield	Renishaw Park Golf Club	Frank Stewart at frankstewart3@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07947 401278
July 28th	East of England Section Event	Stoke Rochford Golf Club	Bruce Hicks at brucehicks1@gmail.com or telephone 07931 714922
July 28th	Operation Pollinator	Marriott Worsley Park, Manchester	www.greencast.co.uk or email operation.pollinatoruk@syngenta.com
July 28th	Mid Anglia Section	Mount Pleasant Golf Club	Gerald Bruce at gerald@berkhampstedgc.co.uk or Tel: 01442 865832
July 29th	Operation Pollinator	Normanton Golf Club, Wakefield	www.greencast.co.uk or email operation.pollinatoruk@syngenta.com
AUGUST 2011			
August 3rd	Operation Pollinator	Elmwood College, Fife	www.greencast.co.uk or email operation.pollinatoruk@syngenta.com
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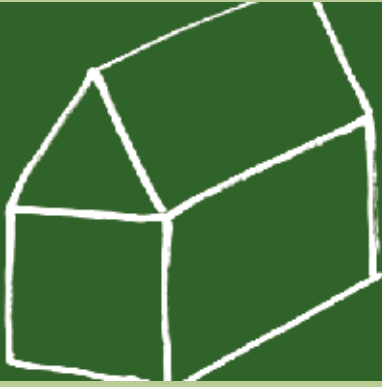
“ I really wanted to develop my education but had to fund my own training, so I contacted BIGGA to ask for financial support. A refund of my course fees has enabled me to complete my chainsaw maintenance and cross cutting, felling of small trees and my PA6 spraying certificates. I really do appreciate what BIGGA, with the support of the Gold and Silver Key Companies, has done for my career. ”

Murray Mannall, Greenkeeper



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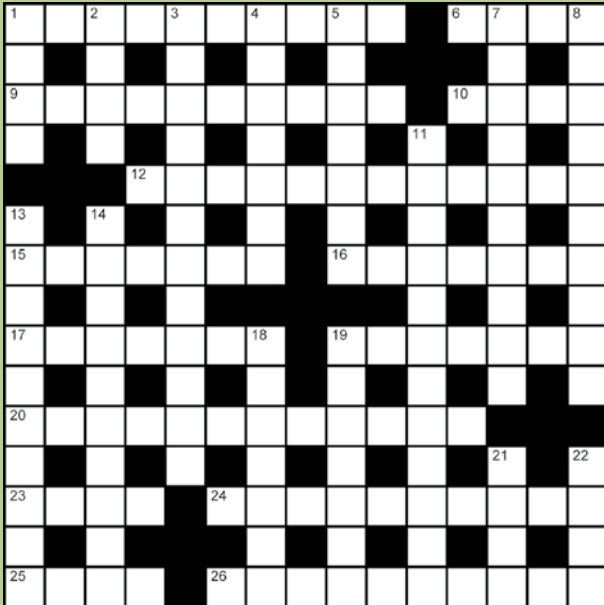




in the shed

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

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ACROSS

- 1 Co-writer of *Sympathy for the Devil* (4,6)
- 6 *Frasier Crane's* radio station (1,1,1,1)
- 9 BBC Children's show presented by a former wrestler in a big chair (5,3,2)
- 10 Cord of twisted fibres; a story (4)
- 12 All the King's horses were unable to fix him (6-6)
- 15 Bureaucrat (7)
- 16 Emulsified high-fat offal tube (7)
- 17 Grave (7)
- 19 Enthusiastic, but unpaid (7)
- 20 'Old Ben' in *Star Wars* (3,3,6)
- 23 More common name for the Antoinette Perry Award for Excellence in Theatre (4)
- 24 British submarine, launched in 1942 and named after a hunting call (3,5-2)
- 25 Tender (4)
- 26 1998 sequel to *The Fugitive* (2,8)

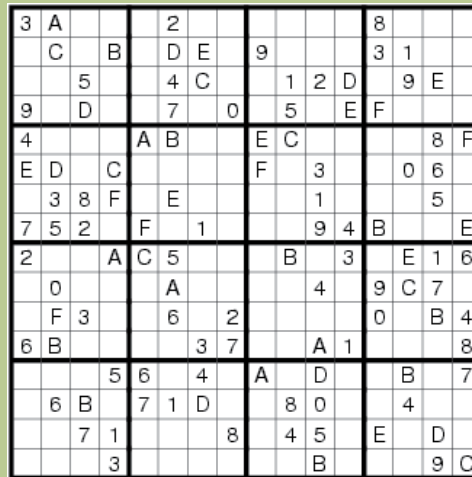
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- 1 Term for self-confidence used by Austin Powers (4)
- 2 One with fine teeth may be needed in a search (4)
- 3 Roman politician, kidnapped by pirates c.75BC (6,6)
- 4 1980s Grange Hill bully (7)
- 5 Greek deities of vengeance, also known as the Furies (7)
- 7 Hull based writer of *Oh no, it's Selwyn Froggitt* and *The Beiderbecke Trilogy* (4,6)
- 8 Comedian who starred with Tracy Ullman and David Copperfield in *Three of a Kind* (5,5)
- 11 1973 Mike Oldfield album, used in *The Exorcist* (7,5)
- 13 1995 Disney film featuring Mel Gibson (10)
- 14 Type of bowler who may be able to deliver a 'doosra' (3,7)
- 18 Indigenous people of the Arctic circle (7)
- 19 Ms Fältskog of ABBA (7)
- 21 Imitative bird of the starling family (4)
- 22 Sinks (in pool) (4)

QUICK 'NINE HOLE' QUIZ

Current Champions

1. Who is the current Open Golf Champion?
2. Who are the current Rugby Union World Cup Champions?
3. Who is the current Olympic 1500 metres Champion?
4. Who are the current World Series Baseball Champions?
5. Who are the current Carling Cup Champions?
6. Who are the current holders of the Solheim Cup?
7. Who are the current holders of the America's Cup?
8. Who are the current cricket 20/20 World Champions?
9. Who is the current US Open Men's tennis Champion?



MONSTER SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 4x4 box contains the numbers 0 to 9 and the letters A to E.



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Puzzle Answers on page 65

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A guide to the range of training provided throughout the UK

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The range and quality of training now available throughout the UK means there is a training course for every greenkeeper. This should improve the quality of greenkeeping and help to produce better quality golf courses to the benefit of all within the industry.

Golf Course Managers should ensure that their staff are trained to the highest standards. This begins by selecting a training provider that meets the criteria laid down by the GTC. There is a clear link between education, training and economic success and all clubs should invest in the education of their staff.

There are now a number of GTC Quality Assured Centres and Training Providers identified by the GTC Quality Assured logo



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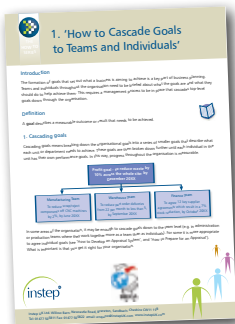
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