



Diary of Events

Details of your Section's forthcoming events in 2012 can be found here...

Date	Event	Venue	Contact
JANUARY 2012			
January 9th	First Aid at Work	Berkhamsted Golf Club	Gerald Bruce Tel:07774 921606 or email: gerald@berkhampstedgc.co.uk
January 10th	3 day PA1/2/6A Pesticide	Kingswood Golf Club, Surrey	Jane Glassett at Jon Allbutt Associates Tel: 01959 575575 or email: jane@jonallbutt.co.uk
January 12th	Devon & Cornwall Section Event	Trevoise Golf Club	George Pitts Tel: 07929 754401 or email: gpitts.yelverton@gmail.com
January 22nd – January 26th	Continue to Learn	Harrogate International Centre	BIGGA HQ Tel:01347 833800 or email: info@bigga.co.uk
January 24th – January 26th	BTME	Harrogate International Centre	BIGGA HQ Tel:01347 833800 or email: info@bigga.co.uk
January 30th	5 Day Chainsaw Course CS30/CS31	Dedswell Manor Farm, Guildford	Jane Glassett at Jon Allbutt Associates Tel: 01959 575575 or email: jane@jonallbutt.co.uk
FEBRUARY 2012			
February 1st	Evening Greenkeeping Workshops – Pests & Diseases	Hadlow College, Canterbury Campus	John Millen on Mobile: 07967 092285
February 8th	Evening Greenkeeping Workshops – Golf course presentation	Hadlow College, Canterbury Campus	John Millen on Mobile: 07967 092285
February 8th	Devon & Cornwall Section Event	Bigbury Golf Club	George Pitts Tel: 07929 754401 or email: gpitts.yelverton@gmail.com
February 15th	Evening Greenkeeping Workshops – Turf Renovation	Hadlow College, Canterbury Campus	John Millen on Mobile: 07967 092285
February 21st	Symbio – Bringing Life Back To Your Soil Seminar	Reaseheath College, Nantwich, Cheshire	Polly on Tel: 01428 685762
February 22nd	Evening Greenkeeping Workshops – Environment & Sustainability	Hadlow College	John Millen on Mobile: 07967 092285
February 29th	Devon & Cornwall Section	St Mellion Golf & Country Club	George Pitts Tel: 07929 754401 or email: gpitts.yelverton@gmail.com
February 29th	Evening Greenkeeping Workshops – Outing (All Day Visit)	Hadlow College	John Millen on Mobile: 07967 092285

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Jono Hunter, Assistant Greenkeeper, East
Steven Christie, Greenkeeper, North

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Alex Clark, Student, North West
James Dobie, Student, North West
Ben Dringle, Student, North West
Daniel Hiney, Student, North West
Ryan Holmes, Student, North West
Ben Hudson, Student, North West
Alec Miles, Student, North West
Jonathan Moorcroft, Student, North West
Robert Ollerenshaw, Student, North West
Ryan Rainsforth, Student, North West
Liam Scott-Ratray, Student, North West
Ben Simpkins, Student, North West
Connor Walsh, Student, North West
Lee Warwick, Student, North West
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Andrew Horner, Greenkeeper, Northern
Adam Scott, Greenkeeper, Northern
Robert Wood, Assistant Greenkeeper, Northern

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Stephen Baugh, Greenkeeper, East Midland
Bradley Meek, Course Manager, East Midland
Neil Miller, Assistant Greenkeeper, East Midland
Danny Ingman, Assistant Greenkeeper, Midland
Tod Wright, Assistant Greenkeeper, Midland
Christopher Davies, Assistant Greenkeeper, East of England
Richard Kane, Assistant Greenkeeper, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Stephen Curley, Course Manager, Mid Anglia
Joe Leadbeater, Assistant Greenkeeper, Mid Anglia
Steven Rowett, Groundsman, Mid Anglia

South East Region

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Oliver Berkley, Greenkeeper, Sussex
Ross Garcia, Greenkeeper, London
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Alan Crowder, Deputy Head Greenkeeper, East Anglia

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Edward Michael, Greenkeeper, South Coast
Martin Coe, Greenkeeper, Devon & Cornwall

Northern Ireland

Gordon Ennis, Course Manager, Northern Ireland
Arnold Ennis, Head Greenkeeper, Northern Ireland
Alexander Meharg, Greenkeeper, Northern Ireland
Aaron Bell, Assistant Greenkeeper, Northern Ireland

Overseas

Niels Sorensen, International Member, Denmark



Get the experts involved

David Figgins-Barrett looks at how bringing in a contractor can be the best way to get a project completed

On a daily basis it can seem that we are bombarded with adverts in golf magazines for golf products that will improve a golfer's game - clubs that strike better, balls that fly further and putters that are more accurate.

Over the years this has inevitably made golf courses less challenging than the original architects intended them to be, yet all players still want to play on challenging and entertaining courses. This means that all clubs are under pressure to constantly, or at least regularly, improve courses while retaining their original character.

"As a Top 100 golf club in England, it is essential for us to ensure that our course remains an exciting and interesting challenge for all that play it. This is why we have adopted a programme of continuous improvements," said BIGGA Member, Steve Mucklow, Course Manager, at Beau Desert Golf Club.

It can be difficult for clubs of all sizes to fund this kind of programme but the alternative is to allow the club to stagnate, which is a very daunting prospect. Whether your main competition is from the club next door or other Top 100 clubs around the UK, the problem is the same. The club and the course need to be better than that of the competition to ensure that they achieve the required footfall to make them profitable. In the current financial

climate it can be difficult for clubs to allocate suitable funding for course improvements and renovations.

"Most Course Managers around the UK are now expected by the clubs to do more with less. This means that we will have to be smart with our budgets, and with some of the improvement projects, outsourcing is the best solution," said Steve.

When these types of projects are undertaken in-house, weather and ground conditions can play a big part in whether the project comes in on budget as it only takes a small amount of adverse conditions for the job to drag on, costing more every day.

An advantage of outsourcing these projects is that you can manage the project budget more effectively as you have a clear project price that a contractor has agreed to meaning that there will be little opportunity for the project cost to increase, and you get better value for money.

When planning your annual improvement programme and the associated budget it is wise to involve your preferred construction partner in the preliminary pricing. This way, when you go to the Green Committee you can be confident in giving them a clear picture of what can be achieved and at what price.

Steve feels that having a professional contractor involved in your improvement projects is invaluable,

as their experience, knowledge and ability to share in your project vision is key to making projects a success."

Beau Desert chose Senior Golf Construction, for whom Stephen Senior, added: "We understand the pressures that golf clubs face, and are happy to work with them to help maximise their budgets and develop a project that will be of great benefit to both the club and everyone that plays the course.

"Having the assistance of a construction company that you can trust to act in your best interests ensures that the club and the members get great value from the work. Year after year, the club, committee and members are happy to approve projects because they know that the budgets won't overrun and they'll get great results," added Steve.

Senior Golf Construction started at Beau Desert Golf Club in 2008 undertaking Laser Grading projects and has completed several successful projects since.

This year the Club's continuing improvement programme will involve lengthening some of the holes to maintain the challenge for all players. To do this seven new tees are being constructed on key holes.

This project indicates the start of the next phase of improvements to our course, and our preferred contractors will continue to be an important part of the further development of our course," said Steve.



David Figgins-Barrett is Business Manager of the SGC Group
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Back in time to this month in... 1987

Do you have any old artifacts from days gone-by?

Perhaps your grandad was a greenkeeper and has something stored away in the loft? Maybe a Greenkeeping Association tie, or a journal? If so we would love to hear from you. We are particularly interested in the early part of the last century, but anything you have would be worth considering for future editions of this article.

Please contact us on 01347 833800 or email Elliott Edna Small, BIGGA Past Chairman, elliott.edna@hotmail.co.uk

Back in time looks back at cuttings of greenkeeping news from days gone-by. 2012 is a landmark year, being the centenary of Greenkeeping Associations, as well as 25 years since BIGGA was formed. Each month we will look back at the current month, but in a different year, from over the last hundred. This month we travel back to January/February 1987, to look at the magazine which was produced, as BIGGA was in the initial stages of its formation...

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1987

Greenkeeper



- OUT ON THE COURSE VISITS MINCHINHAMPTON (PICTURED)
- NEW PESTICIDE LAWS EXPLAINED
- JACK McMILLAN ON AERATION
- PLUS ... ALL OUR REGULAR FEATURES

The magazine provides a BIGGA update included in which was information on the appointment of a General Administrator (the magazine also contained an advert for the job); where the offices would be located; the Sections; Subscriptions; National Competitions and the magazine.

The magazine also contained articles by Jim Arthur on moss; Jack McMillan on aeration "Aeration is not a passing fad but a constant necessity", and a piece by John Campbell on Laurence Pithie, who was Course Manager at Minchinhampton at the time.



Jack gets to grips with a Sunningdale green.

... long as we are allowed to aerate, compensating for the additional traffic.

Somehow we must find a way to carry out aeration programmes without disturbing the golfer. A very experienced greenkeeper knows that a well-aerated soil aerates well with little evidence of the work having been carried out.

The real problem lies in very compacted soils where aerators

leave obvious tracks. They have been face plucking unacceptable surfaces.

I know of golfers whose lives are made out of senseless programmes. I know others who become ill with worry. This problem has become a measure of stress that

Two generations business.

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BACK IN TIME

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BIGGA UPDATE...

At the meeting of the board of management held in York on January 13, it was agreed that a short report should be circulated to members with an accompanying letter from the chairman.

Appointment of General Administrator

As it was not finally known until late last year that a single association of greenkeepers would be formed, it was not possible to take any action until December to engage a general administrator. At the December board of management meeting, consultants were engaged to obtain a short-list of applicants and, at the meeting held in January, a job specification and advertisement were approved. The ad has subsequently appeared in the January/February issue of *Amateur Golf* and appears on page 31 of this *Greenkeeper*. It has also been run in other selected publications.

Office Location

The BIGGA office is to be located at the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley and the general administrator's first responsibility will be to set up that office and appoint a secretary. Until this time, the Sports Turf Research Institute is assisting the association. However, until the association has its own employees, members are requested not to communicate with the STRI, but with regional board of management representatives.

Association Sections

The new association's constitution provides that association regions be divided into areas. It is likely that they will be similar to the old sections. Board of management representatives have been asked to report upon this issue at a meeting to be held on March 2. It is being recommended that all section funds shall, subject to the approval of those sections, be handed over to the constituted new area.

Annual Subscriptions

As stated in the letter from the chairman, subscriptions will not be demanded until the association has its own office.

Notabook

As A Result Of Legislation...



The Sapaturf safety pack.

Sapaturf has introduced a safety pack for spray operators. It comprises protective gloves, goggles and mask, all conforming to British Safety Standards, and retails at £21.99.

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growth regulators, enabling the spray operator to choose easily the right nozzle to suit each chemical.

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A Sarmach nozzle with spray pattern uniformity.



Jola Good Show!

AF Tranchers has launched a new Jola fertilizer spreader, following the company's appointment to market the Jola range in the UK.

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pollution to water courses and adjacent areas, resulting from a fertilizer application.

The type 119 is a row machine and the standard includes lid, screen and a dual cabin for spread control from both sides. It is also equipped with brackets for raising the spreader when using its standing crop.

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Full technical specifications for the type 119, as well as the standard types 118 and 99, are available from AF Tranchers, Greenbeck Road, Colchester, Essex CO1 9JL. Tel: 0206 44411.



A worn nozzle, resulting in incorrect spray application.

A study carried out by May & Baker highlights the significance of nozzle matching on spray pattern uniformity. To improve the performance of spray application, May & Baker



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there before and the greenkeeper is the whipping boy. The work has to be done and I would suggest it is tackled early in the week and as early in the morning as possible. What the golfer does not see, etc... I would also suggest that greenkeepers...



Members of McMillans - Jack with son Billy, one of five sons in the business.

Jack McMillan is the course manager at Sunningdale Golf Club and vice chairman of the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association.

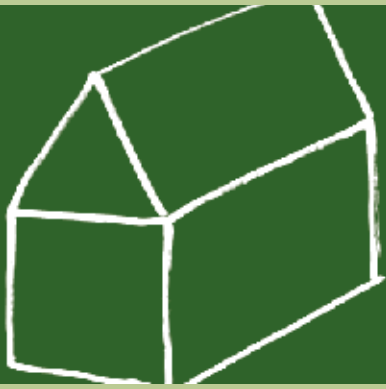
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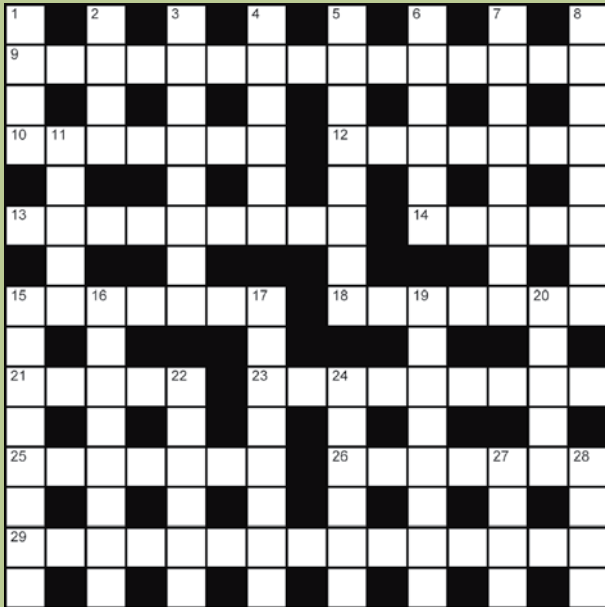
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in the shed

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

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Across

- 9 Bill Watterson comic strip about a boy and his tiger (6,3,6)
- 10 Decorative garment, designed to be tightened around the throat (7)
- 12 Cool (7)
- 13 Tactical (9)
- 14 Deal with (3,2)
- 15 Counterfeit (4,3)
- 18 "Poor is the ___ who does not surpass his master" - Da Vinci (7)
- 21 Arm joint located between the shoulder and wrist (5)
- 23 Say please (3,6)
- 25 American breed of owl (7)
- 26 Wheeling and dealing (7)
- 29 Rarely, if ever (4,2,1,4,4)

Down

- 1 Run over (4)
- 2 Alliance (4)
- 3 Number of cards in a pack, excluding jokers (5-3)
- 4 Rotten apple (3,3)
- 5 Goes through to the next round (8)
- 6 Hull Kingston ____, East Hull rugby league team (6)
- 7 Old hat (8)
- 8 Escort exitwards (5,3)
- 11 Run in cricket not scored by a batsman (5)
- 15 Channel 4 sitcom featuring Super Hans, Johnson and Dobby (4,4)
- 16 Take away (8)
- 17 Tom Brown's Schooldays bully (8)
- 19 Weed (8)
- 20 Synthetic polymer originally manufactured by DuPont (5)
- 22 Tearjerker (6)
- 24 The pot's target for abuse (6)
- 27 Billy ____, Rebel Yell singer (4)
- 28 Group of likeminded people (4)

QUICK 'NINE HOLE' QUIZ

The much awaited 2012 has now arrived and the Olympics are only a few months rather than years away. In tribute, this month's quiz is Test your Olympic knowledge

1. How many Olympic Gold Medals did Sir Steve Redgrave win?
2. In which years were the previous London Olympics held?
3. How many sports are represented in the 2012 Olympics?
4. In which two events did Dame Kelly Holmes win Gold?

5. Indoor bowls are an Olympic event. True or False
6. Two British Athletes have won the Blue Ribbon 100 metres since 1980. Name them.
7. Ben Ainslie is a three time Olympic Gold Medalist. In which sport does he compete?
8. How many Olympic Medals has Sir Chris Hoy won?
9. How many Gold Medals did Michael Phelps win in Seoul?

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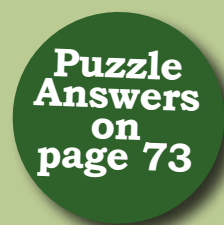
MONSTER SUDOKU

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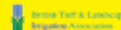
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