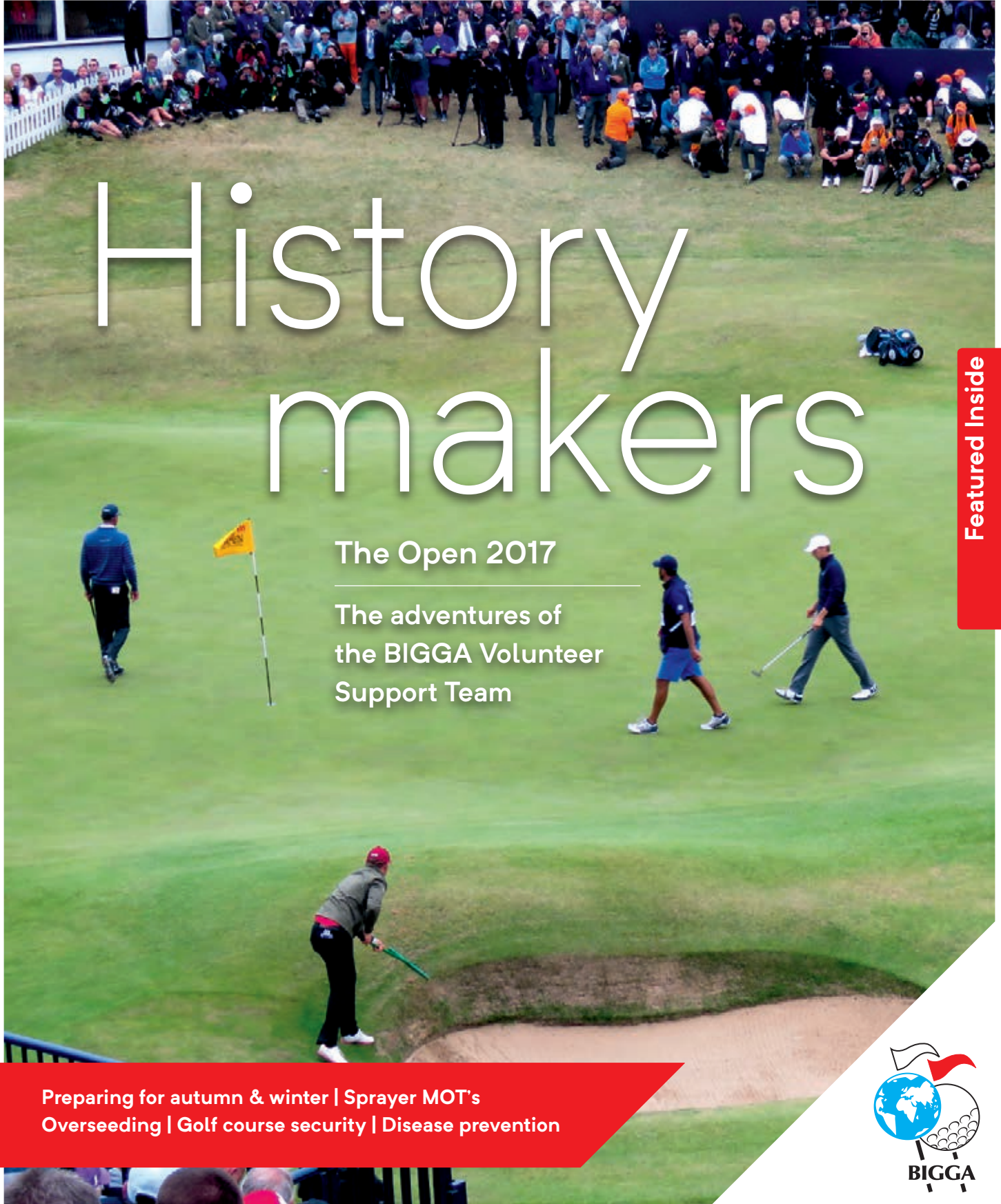




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Plane emergency



Picture by Philip Craig Dearden

The greenkeeping team at Westhoughton had a shock after an aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing on the course's 14th fairway.

Ironically, the plane landed on a fairway which had specifically been designed with a hump in the 1940s to prevent German aircraft landing on the green.

Although the course was busy at the time, no one was hurt in the incident and the course wasn't damaged by the landing.

Westhoughton greenkeeper Richard Sumner said: "The plane was probably lighter than our fairway mowers, so thankfully no damage was caused, other than a few tyre tracks."

Volunteering

An exclusive opportunity has arisen for young greenkeepers to gain European Tour experience this autumn.

Forest of Arden in the West Midlands will play host to the European Senior Tour from 20-22 October, and the club has requested the assistance of BIGGA members to help prepare the course. Volunteers will be required to undertake a variety of tasks throughout the week, ensuring this is a fantastic opportunity to network with fellow greenkeepers and is a chance to develop both personally and professionally.

Accommodation, catering and uniform will be provided. For more information and get receive an application form, email Craig Potts at CNPGK@outlook.com. The closing date for those interested is 25 August.

Celtic Manor team's sun safety

As part of national skin cancer charity Skcin's ongoing collaboration with BIGGA members, Celtic Manor's greenkeeping staff got involved with an education day recently.

The event was attended by Skcin's Marie Tudor, dermatology consultant Dr Rachel Abbott, and two supporting nurses, Sharon Hulley and Lisa Jones from Cardiff University Hospital.

Jim McKenzie, director of golf at Celtic Manor, said: "I first came across Skcin at BTME earlier this year and I was immediately struck by the importance of the work they do. We take our legal and moral responsibility in all aspects of the health and wellbeing of our staff very seriously and have invested heavily in it.

"The screening day is a fundamental part of this commitment and it provided a great opportunity for the team to understand the significant effects of working outdoors in the sun for periods of time. The Skcin team provided a very professional approach to this important and sensitive issue and encouraged the team to participate in lively discussion."

Celtic Manor is working towards securing their Sun Safe Workplace Accreditation, the scheme offered for free by the charity to aid employers.

The scheme helps support the employers in their duty of care to protect their workforce, providing sample policies and risk assessments. The four step process, once completed, ends with the site rewarded with a Sun Safe Accredited workplace certificate.

Skcin's objective is to raise awareness of skin cancer and promote sun safety and early detection and diagnosis. Marie said: "The rates of skin cancer are rising faster than any other cancer, and 86% of cases are due to over exposure to UV, meaning they are preventable. Skcin works with 'at risk' groups and the Sun Safe Workplace accreditation will help reduce the chances of developing skin diseases."

Any clubs wanting to sign up to the free scheme can do so at www.sunsafeworkplaces.co.uk



Jim McKenzie and the Skcin team