To the Editor
I write to ask if you can provide me with information on head green-keeping positions in the USA. Currently I am a deputy head greenkeeper at Brookmans Park, a position I’ve held for the past 14 months, previously having held the post of assistant greenkeeper at Finchley for 5 years. I play golf and have a handicap of 14.

I attended a City and Guilds course for 3 years and passed all the examinations I took. I’ve been a member of both EIGGA and BIGGA over seven years and recently became a committee member of the London section.

The idea of moving to the USA as a head greenkeeper is one that appeals and when I travel on holiday to Florida in September I plan to take along my CV and references.

I would be most grateful for any advice you can offer.

BARRY MOGGRIDGE
Brookmans Park Golf Club.

Barry’s letter is typical of many such requests received, and the information I can offer is regrettably not encouraging. Obtaining the necessary ‘green card’, the permit essential to enable a person to take up employment in the USA, is very difficult indeed. Restrictions are such that a prospective employer/sponsor must prove to US officials that a position cannot be filled by an American citizen. As a good example, a Japanese chef might obtain entry to prepare food for an exclusively Japanese restaurant if no Japanese/American resident can be found, but his sponsor must prove that all other sources have been explored and found wanting. Such is the competition amongst US college educated graduates for work in the American turfgrass industry that few, if any, foreign nationals are ever considered.

To Neil Thomas
On behalf of the Executive Committee of The Golf Society of Great Britain I am pleased to address this letter to your Association, along with an accompanying cheque for £250.00.

The Golf Society is pursuing its aim of supporting amateur golf and in this pursuit the Executive Committee were mindful that the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association is a comparatively new body and one which is most deserving of all possible help and encouragement.

The Golf Society of Great Britain wishes your Association well and trusts that this contribution may help in some small way.

E J DRUMMOND
Secretary, SGGB

The Golf Society of Great Britain, founded in 1955 by the late Sir Aynsley Bridgland of Princes Golf Club, aims to promote goodwill and further the interests of amateur golf. It is non-profit making and donates large sums to golf’s governing bodies towards international match expenses.

To Neil Thomas
I write to thank you and your staff for organising such a marvellous programme of events at Harrogate in January. The time spent in the presence of Jim Beard, his turfgrass manual and 850 slides, was a major learning experience and not to be missed. I hope we can book him for a follow-up workshop.

The seminars got off to a flying start with Bobbie Gee, who I’m sure made us all take a retrospective look at ourselves. The follow-up also provided many interesting and varied presentations and we’re only regret was in seeing the theatre so sparsely attended, especially as our overseas speakers had travelled against advice due to the Gulf War.

I am sure that as word spreads on the quality of these events numbers will increase, and I urge every delegate to broadcast the fact and recommend to every member and club official the importance of attending.

May I also congratulate BIGGA on producing such a vastly improved magazine in such a short space of time. The contents easily lived up to the glossy cover — long may it continue.

DAVID J WOOD
Holye Golf Club

Dates announced for Iseki-BIGGA Golf Championships

The 1991 ISEKI Championships are underway, with the following section and regional competition dates scheduled:

**SCOTTISH REGION**
- East: Baberton Golf Club
- West: Lenzie Golf Club
- Central: Burntisland Golf Club
- Ayrshire: Irvine Bogley Golf Club
- North: Nairn West Golf Club

**SCOTTISH REGIONAL FINAL**
- FRASERBURGH GOLF CLUB, MAY 28TH

**NORTHERN REGION**
- Sheffield: Coxmoor Golf Club
- Cleveland: Middleborough Municipal
- Northern: Wetherby Golf Club
- North East: Bamburgh Castle Golf Club
- North West: Saddleworth Golf Club

**NORTHERN REGIONAL FINAL**
- KESWICK GOLF CLUB, JUNE 19TH

**MIDLAND SECTION**
- Midland: Kings Norton Golf Club
- Mid Anglia: Northampton County Golf Club
- East of England: Blankney Golf Club
- East Midlands: Kilworth Golf Club
- Berks/Bucks/Oxon: Goring and Streetley

**MIDLAND REGIONAL FINAL**
- BELTON PARK GOLF CLUB, JUNE 24TH

**SOUTH WEST AND SOUTH WALES REGION**
- South Coast: Royal Winchester Golf Club
- Devon and Cornwall: East Devon Golf Club
- South Wales: Wenvoe Castle Golf Club
- North Wales: Abergale and Pensarn Golf Club

**SOUTH WEST AND SOUTH WALES FINAL**
- TREDEGAR PARK, JULY 27TH

**SOUTH EAST REGION**
- Surrey: Richmond Golf Club
- East Anglia: Channels Golf Club
- Sussex: Neville Golf Club
- London: Hadley Wood Golf Club
- Kent: Sittingbourne Golf Club

**SOUTH EAST FINAL**
- HAM MANOR GOLF CLUB, JULY 3RD

**IRELAND**
- Northern: Portstewart Golf Club
- Southern: Forrest Little Golf Club

The Grand Final of the Iseki Tournament will be held at Hillside Golf Club on Thursday September 12th, 1991.

The 120th Open Championship will be held at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport from July 18th - 21st 1991, with Head Greenkeeper Tom O’Brien in control of the course preparation.

Members wishing to be considered for the BIGGA Greenkeeping Support Team should forward their names and addresses to Headquarters as soon as possible.

Preference will be given to those who are available for a period which begins on Wednesday afternoon on July 17th and finishes on Sunday evening, July 21st.

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