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Booking deadline is approximately 20th of each month.
• Is pay within the recommended salary scale?
• Is a training schedule in place for this role?
• Is health insurance provided?
• Does the employer make pension contributions?
• Is more than 20 days holiday per year given?
• Is a company car / vehicle provided?
• Is accommodation provided?
• Are meals provided?
• Is uniform / clothing provided?
• Is BIGGA membership paid for?
• Is paid time off given for BIGGA events (The Open, Harrington Week etc)?
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• Is leisure membership / golf membership given?

 Participation in Job of the Month is strictly optional

WELLOW GOLF CLUB
DEPUTY HEAD GREENKEEPER

Required for a 27 hole Parkland Course

Applicants should have ideally obtained:
- 5 years experience in greenkeeping; NVQ Level 3; Current Spraying Certificates; Knowledge of machinery maintenance and strong supervisory / motivational skills.

Applications in writing + CV to: Mr. J. Windell, Wellow Golf Club, Ryedown Lane, East Wellow, Romsey, Hampshire. S051 6BD

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(salary subject to experience & qualifications)

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Greenkeeper NVQ Level 3
NVQ level 3 with NVQ PA2 Certificate / 35 years experience
Current spray certificates / Knowledge of machinery maintenance desirable

Greenkeeper NVQ Level 2
Minimum of 2 years work experience with exposure to all aspects of greenkeeping / Outgoing and self motivated / Must have drivers license

Please send a CV with covering letter to Shelley Barrett, Northop Golf and Country Club, Northop, North Wales. CH7 6WA. 01352 840 440 email: shelly@northoppark.co.uk

Bathgate Golf Club
HEAD GREENKEEPER

Bathgate Golf Club is a forward thinking Club with a tremendous history and due to the forthcoming retirement of our existing Head Greenkeeper we are seeking a competent and enthusiastic Course Manager.

They will be required to lead and motivate our greenkeeping department; be at the heart of the club and work within Budgetary Controls.

Work with and maintain all health and safety guidelines and regulations. Work within a system of targets and objectives ensuring that targets are met and recommendations to the Club officials on any developments regarding the Golf Course.

The successful candidate will be required to:
• Possess all relevant qualifications to a minimum of NVQ/SVQ Level 3 or equivalent HND or HNC preferable
• Or possess a portfolio of experience showing his achievements to date
• Must be licensed to handle and spray
• Industry Assessor trained is also preferable

All candidates must apply in writing with full CV by Monday 16th July to: The Secretary, Bathgate Golf Club Edinburgh Road, Rathgate West Lothian, EH48 1BA

THE MACHRIHANISH GOLF CLUB
Head Greenkeeper

A unique opportunity has arisen to join this outstanding links course and its continuing development.

The successful individual will be responsible for the management of the golf course and driving range, originally designed by Thomas Hume in the 19th century. The course is currently under construction by Southern Golf.

They will be required to lead and motivate our greenkeeping department

• In depth knowledge of turf management, irrigation, drainage and equipment maintenance
• A strong team leader with the ability to communicate on all levels
• Knowledge of health and safety regulations
• Ability to work within and understand budgets

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Chairman’s Column

The “Good Old Days”

Do you remember the “good old days”? One of the pleasures of being Chairman is meeting and listening to our peers. Sometimes they retire or come to the twilight of their time in greenkeeping and soon moving onto pastures new. Or will they? They drift off into the sunset and hang up their work boots never to be seen again? Well I can assure you, if my trips during the past months are anything to go by then nothing could be further from the truth.

It seems everywhere I go there is always at least one of those greenkeepers who we have all heard of and to whom we have looked up to for inspiration and guidance. They turn up to golf days and seminars and still enjoy the buzz of mixing it up with us comparatively young whipper snappers.

What I love best is their stories. With a quiet assurance and a passion, they openly share their life spent on courses up and down the country. I asked one what he missed from the good old days. “Young man”, he said, “the good old days my arse. You don’t know you are born over the last two months hadn’t made the rain over the last two months hadn’t made the ground too wet and we could get the required stone near to the job in hand. As I remember the driver wasn’t too eager to venture his nice clean lorry onto what could only be described as a wobbly jelly of a golf course. Now we had a vested interest in getting this stone close to the offending drains as possible. We convinced the driver that he would be fine and there was no chance that he would get stuck. Well, he reversed his lorry, none of your beeping horns in those days, got about 30 feet off the roadway and duly got stuck up to his ankles in the soggy ground. There was nothing left but to tip him where he was and head off for the tractor and chain to pull him out.

Our required stone was now so far from the open drains it to be wheelchair half way across the course. It took us an eternity so long, in fact, that we must have worn out at least two pairs of work boots. What the experience gave us was the determination not to be beaten by anything and in the face of adversity rise to any challenge asked of us.

So to all those that share our passion for greenkeeping from a yonder year, I would say this - You are valued still and we enjoy as much, as I know you do, the exchange of stories. We thank you for the wonderful gift of sharing your life with us and long may it continue. And just reading what I have remembered from a day in the drains.

As always I have gone off the topic of wheelbarrows. I’m turning into one of those Lorenzo Corbett sketches where he sat in a big chair and start off telling a story, drift off the point and with complete aplomb return nicely to the subject in hand. Wheelbarrows it was, anyway there we were Bobby and I down this drain on the fifth hole in the middle field at Bushil Park and we noticed my dad straining over the fairway. So with great presence of mind, we both started digging and looking busy, covered in what could only be described as the dirtiest muck London had to offer.

“A load of rejects (drainage stone) is on its way. The lorry is coming to the first hole in the middle field at Bushill Park and we noticed my dad straining over the fairway. So with great presence of mind, we both started digging and looking busy, covered in what could only be described as the dirtiest muck London had to offer.”

The thing is, stories always get bigger in the telling and all the more pleasurable for that. These are the sort of fibs that get put about on long nighters on this occasion.

Bil McMillan

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SHOOTERS HILL GOLF CLUB

is a private members Club situated 6 miles from the centre of London with commanding views of the Kentish Hills. Due to the retirement of our Deputy Head Greenkeeper in October, we are looking to appoint a successor:

• The appointee would be expected to have the following skills and qualifications:
  • NVQ level 3 sports turf management plus spraying certificates P1, P2 and P96
  • A sound working knowledge of machinery
  • Effective Management skills
  • Experience in golf course construction including irrigation systems and Knowledge of Health & Safety regulations

A competitive salary is available but no accommodation.

Applications in writing, with a CV, should be submitted by the 31st July 2007 and sent to: The Head Greenkeeper, Shooters Hill Golf Club Shooters Hill Eaglefield Road Shooters Hill LONDON SE18 1DA

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