Divot mix gets green light for agronomy

Becker Underwood demonstrates that divot mix coloured with Green Lawnger™ not only gives a cosmetic benefit but also has agronomic advantages. Throughout golf’s history, divots have caused unsightly conditions and negatively influenced play, making divot repair and divot management programmes an integral part of golf course management. The use of green divot mixes has traditionally been seen as an expensive ‘luxury’ which is used in high profile televised golf tournaments and football matches. However, there is ever growing interest in the use of specialised pigment based technologies to give agronomic values to modern day divot mix. Tartan has identified that the use of green coloured sand has more than just an aesthetic ‘Green Up’ benefit but also an agronomic benefit in terms of quicker seed germination and establishment when used as a divot mix. A recent trial conducted in March 2012 by Becker Underwood Inc., showed that an 80/20 divot mix coloured with Green Lawnger™ (green pigment) increased the speed of germination and establishment to that of a standard divot mix (Figure 1).

Green Lawnger is the leading turf colou rant in the world, which is used throughout the year to improve the colour of stressed areas, which is caused by drought, fertiliser and pest damage. Green Lawnger has become well recognized by grounds maintenance professionals and has made appearances at many significant sporting events, including the Olympic Games, FIFA World Cups, European Champions League and major golf events.

For more information regarding Green Lawnger, please contact Becker Underwood UK, 01903 732323 or e-mail info.uk@beckunderwood.com.

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Recruitment
Course Manager

As a long established and highly regarded members club, Hockley Golf Club is proud of its heritage and James Brand designed downland course near Weybridge, Hampshire.

With a new General Manager, to whom the successful candidate will report directly, the club has a Vision to realise its natural potential to be a pre eminent course in the South of England.

The club are seeking an exceptional, up and coming individual who is looking for a demanding yet rewarding role, to be part of an outstanding team.

The club will actively support such an individual with continued professional development, competitive salary, and offer the potential of on-site accommodation.

The successful applicant will be expected to stamp their own mark on the role and will be able to demonstrate:

- Proven track record as a Head Green Keeper or Deputy
- Short and long-term maintenance and renovation planning along with implementation on the ground

- Implementation of operational procedures and accurate record keeping including green performance analysis
- Strong management and motivational skills
- Keen interest in all areas of forecasting budgets and monthly budget reporting
- An ability to communicate effectively
- Machinery condition reviews, repairs and replacement planning

In addition to the above specialist requirements, strong candidates should also have core skills including:

- The ability to plan, develop and enthuse staff
- Hands on attitude to the job along with key IT skills
- Knowledge and relevant qualifications in all matters needed in the successful operation of a green keeping team

The successful candidate will be an individual driven to maximise Hockley Golf Club’s reputation and potential, and in turn seeking to enhance their own career.

Letter of application should be made with complete CV by post or email to general.manager@hockleygolfclub.com

Marc Dryden, General Manager, Hockley Golf Club, Weybridge, Hampshire SG12 1PL, Tel: 01932 713165 - Closing date for applications 31st July 2012
Assistant Greenkeeper

Royal Winchester Golf Club is an 18 hole Downland private members golf club. We are looking for a committed Greenkeeper to join our excellent hard working team. Someone who can work to, or wishes to learn, to work at a high standard of presentation.

- Qualified to NVQ level 2 and 3 with Chainsaw and Spraying certificates
- PA1, PA6
- Understanding of general greenkeeping practices
- A team player and prepared to be flexible in methods of working and hours
- Salary is dependent on qualifications and experience.
- To apply and CV, with covering letter by post to Mr Andy Barbey, Head Greenkeeper, Royal Winchester Golf Club, Avaron Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 5TG or email via manager@ro wywincheste rgolfclub.com

For full information and application details see www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/jobs

David Ansell, Course Manager, Royal Ascot GC. Winkfield Road, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 7LJ

Closing date for applications Friday 3rd August 2012

Headland Amenity is an expanding business involved in the manufacture, marketing and appropriate support of a wide range of high quality turf and amenity products to the professional sportsturf and amenity markets in the UK, Ireland and continental European.

As part of our planned growth in the UK we are recruiting an exciting new position of Technical Sales Manager (Ref: V126), to service both existing and new customers in the Central & Southern U.K. with special emphasis on Sports Grounds, Schools, and other non golf facilities. This field based professional will be able to support and develop sales of our high quality products in the U.K. turf and amenity market and contribute to new product development.

The successful applicant will have relevant experience and be highly motivated, with exceptional communication skills and good customer service. You would also be a member of our existing team of Technical Area Managers, but also be expected to act on your own initiative as well.

For further information please contact Paula Jamieson, Business Development Manager on 01243 777018 ext 305.

For an application form and job description please visit our website www.headlanduk.com and contact HR Directly on 01243 777018

Closing date: Tuesday, 10 July 2012

Interview date: Thursday, 19 July 2012

Royal Ascot Golf Club

Requires a

Deputy Course Manager

The successful candidate must possess the following attributes:

- To hold a valid Level 3, City & Guilds Diploma in work based Horticulture (or equivalent) and hold a full clean driving license to work across the three sites.
- Candidates should have experience of leading a team of ground workers, ideally within a similar environment.
- Duties will include:
  - Supervise and monitor standard of work on a day to day basis
  - Provide hands on operational support as part of the team in undertaking of green keeping operations
  - Maintain line manager responsibility for Grounds Maintenance
  - Oversee compliance with Health & Safety legislation
- For further information please contact Paula Jamieson, Business Development Manager on 01243 777018 ext 305.

For an application form and job description please visit our website www.askham-bryan.ac.uk and contact HR Directly on 01243 777018

Closing date: Tuesday, 10 July 2012

Interview date: Thursday, 19 July 2012

Assistant Greenkeeper

Grounds Maintenance Supervisor

Cheshunt West and Chester Region

Salary: Grade 7

Hours of work: 27 hours per week (days/weekending and weekends)

Contact Type: Permanent

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an experienced Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, to manage all day to day operations and teams of staff across the golf product. You will ensure that the golf courses, grass finishing pitches and other grassed areas are presented to the required standard.

The successful applicant will need to be in possession of Level 3, City and Guilds Diploma in work based Horticulture (or equivalent) and hold a full clean driving license to work across the three sites.

Closing date for applications Friday 3rd August 2012

Interview date: Thursday, 19 July 2012

Letter of application should be made by complete CV by post or email to general.manager@hockeygolfclub.com

Marc Dynidan, General Manager, Hockley Golf Club, Tawyford, Hampshire SO21 1PL. Tel: 011622 713165 - Closing date for applications 31st July 2012