JSM Challenge Cup: The Quest for Glory

Following tournaments in 2008 and 2010, JSM are once again organising a one day five-a-side football tournament to be held on 23rd May 2012.

Entry is open to all greenkeeping and grounds care staff working for organisations located in the company’s general trading area of Kent, Sussex, Surrey, South London and East Berkshire. The tournament will take the form of 10 minute matches played in four pools, which will generate the qualifiers for the knock out stages.

Managing Director, David Cole, says: “We have enjoyed two great events with Sunningdale GC winning the first on penalties in 2008, and then Pyrford Golf Club (right) coming top of a very keenly fought competition in 2010. The positive feedback from past participants and the continued support of JSM’s supplier partners means this bi-annual event is becoming a firm favourite.

Smaller organisations are encouraged to group together with others to make up a team. The day will feature a complimentary barbecue to take place immediately following the trophy and medal presentations.

Entries must be in by early May 4th and places will be limited to keep to the four pool format and time frame intact. More details and entry forms are available from JSM Limited, 0845 026 0061.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON THROUGH TO SLaLEY HALL

Royal North Devon Golf Club at Westward Ho! in Devon has won the first regional qualifying tournament of the 2012 John Deere Team Championship golf competition, organised by south-west John Deere dealership Masons Kings. A total of 18 teams took part in the tournament, which went ahead at Boringdon Park Golf Club, Plympton, near Plymouth in Devon, despite a day of heavy April showers, with BIGGA’s regional administrator Jane Jones acting as the tournament’s official scorer.

“It wasn’t just the rain,” said organiser Roy Key of Masons Kings. “Boringdon Park is up on a hill and the wind across the course made it quite a challenging day.”

Royal North Devon’s net score of 65 in the modified scramble event secures them a place in the next round. St Austell finished on 64 but knew their team format prevented them from qualifying for the final.

The Royal North Devon team – made up of the club’s general manager Mark Evans, committee member Robert Fowler and head greenkeeper Neil Crawley – will be travelling to De Vere Slaley Hall in September to play on the championship Hunting course in the national tournament final, together with John Rowe, the dealership’s Cornwall depot manager who joins the team as the fourth member.

“My training has been going well, however the heat is the main thing that worries me, as I’m pretty sure Barcelona has a little more sunshine than the West Country! It would be great if anyone could help me out with sponsorship, it really will make a difference to peoples lives.”

Although the Drought Order is still in place in many counties, as we went to print, golf courses all over the nation suffered from torrential rain, and many became unplayable.

Aldwark Manor GC, situated by the side of BIGGA HQ, proved a handy resource for these pics!