As you will have read in last month’s Greenkeepers Training Committee Newsletter, the GTC continues its work as a Trailblazer.

Apprenticeships
Good for our Business

GTC continues its work as a Trailblazer

As the game of golf continues to grow globally and becomes an Olympic sport in 2016, it is important that golf courses are maintained and managed by highly skilled professionals, and the new apprenticeship standard will provide for this need.

“We are reviewing and developing the Apprenticeship Standard for a golf greenkeeper. Over the past month, thanks to our colleagues at BGCA, England Golf and the Golf Industry Standards Authority, over 200 responses were received to determine what you felt were the skills and knowledge required to become a fully competent golf greenkeeper to be able to carry out the job,” said David Golding.

“This feedback survey was carried out to determine what you felt were the skills and knowledge required to become a fully competent golf greenkeeper. We had 260 responses from the links posted just on the GTC’s website. I would like to thank all of you who participated in the survey for taking the time to do so.

“This feedback from employers, greenkeepers and industry is essential to ensuring we provide a quality Apprenticeship.

“Analysing all the results will take a little time, but please be assured we will take into consideration all points raised. Apart from the obvious tasks and skills required to become a fully competent golf greenkeeper, there were the skills and knowledge you believe a qualified golf greenkeeper should have. Here are just some of the key suggestions arising from the survey:

- Attention to detail at all tasks involved
- Understand and appreciate the living environment
- Effective time management
- Good communication skills with members, visitors and other members of staff
- Good numeracy and literacy skills
- Computer skills
- Apart from reviewing the current skills within the Occupational Standards for a Greenkeeper and Golf Course Supervisor, the working group will also be reviewing other skills you would expect a fully competent greenkeeper to be able to carry out.

“David added: “As you will all appreciate, greenkeeping requires a very broad range of skills so it’s impossible to list every single requirement of the job. But rest assured that when we sit down and review the current standards, we will be further building on the skills and knowledge required to make that greenkeeper a great greenkeeper.”

“When the apprentices finish the programme, they will know how, why and when the range of operations are carried out, and you will have a great golf course as a result.”

For further information on Golf Greenkeeping including the Apprenticeship contact:

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Or alternatively please visit

www.apprenticeships.gtc.co.uk

Vacancy
Assistant Greenkeepers

Caversham Heath Golf Club requires 2 Assistant Greenkeepers.

- Applicants must be qualified to NVQ2 or equivalent
- Minimum 2 years golf course experience
- Competitive salary offered dependent on qualifications and experience

Please apply in writing with CV stating current salary to:

Jon Scourees, Caversham Heath Golf Club, Mapledurham, Reading, Berkshire, RG4 7UT.

or email: cavershamgreens@cavershamgolf.co.uk

Help us to develop greenkeeping skills and train the next generation of golf course maintenance practitioners.

Greenkeepers Training Committee

This month the GTC provides an update on the Trailblazer project.

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A fantastic opportunity has arisen to join the Greenkeeping team at Whittington Golf Club.

The Club is situated in the beautiful village of Whittington, Whitchurch, Shropshire, England. It is a 9 hole (Par 32) parkland course in a country setting. The club took over the course in 2013 and a new team of staff was appointed.

The greenkeeping team is looking to strengthen in order to sustain and further build on the improvements already made, in line with our course development plan. The successful candidate will have a wide range of responsibilities and be passionate about providing the best possible playing surfaces and condition of external areas to ensure we deliver memorable experiences to our members and visitors.

Working with the Club Management they must possess the following:

- Capability of operation of a full range of course equipment associated with the post.
- Experience of managing Health and Safety regulations
- Experience of managing staff, ordering and budgets
- Experience/knowledge of effective drainage on clay based courses
- Qualification to SGNVQ Level 2, aspiring to level 3 or HNC
- Familiarity with spraying applications
- Full UK Driving License.

This is an excellent opportunity for the right candidate to become part of a progressive and dynamic management team. The right candidate will further their skills and training whilst motivating others to be the best they can to in order to generate the right team spirit.

Competitive salary and benefits will be offered to the right candidate. Please forward your CV and covering letter to info@redditchgolfclub.com by 20th May, 2014.