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Chairman’s Column

Time to reflect

Once again September is upon us with daylight hours drawing in faster than we would like. This is a time when we start reflecting on the growing season that is rapidly drawing to a close. We will all assess our own and others performance and how the golf course performed throughout the season. There will always be plus’s and minus’s, the latter should always be viewed in a positive light, how can the problem be overcome or how to deal with it. The answer is likely to be further education and this is where your association can help you develop for the future.

This autumn our association will, once again, be holding a series of workshops and seminars taking place throughout the country and your educational team of Ken Richmond, Sam Collins and the educational sub committee have put together the most comprehensive educational programme to date for Harrogate week 2007, I am sure there will be something there for you all.

During this month the Toro Student of the Year competition reaches its conclusion with the final taking place at Aldwark Manor. The finalist journey started back in the spring when they were nominated to represent their college etc at the Regional Finals. Ken Richmond and his panel travelled the length and breadth of the country to interview the candidates. With each year that passes, the quality of candidates and their professional approach just gets better, making selection for the finals extremely difficult. As in all competitions many of the candidates were disappointed that they hadn’t reached the finals but hopefully they will reflect on not being selected for the finals in a positive light, as each and every one of the candidates were already winners for being selected for the Regional Finals.

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Champion of BIGGA

This month my column is dedicated to my deputy at Burnham and Berrow GC, Mick Dodd, as he reaches retirement later this month after 44 years dedicated service to the club. I know that there are still quite a few members out there who will reach the 40 plus years of service at a club but I think it will become the exception to the rule in years to come.

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- Knowledge of Health and Safety regulations.
- Knowledge of irrigation systems.
- Computer and administrative skills.
- Good communication skills.
- Good turf management.

This is an excellent opportunity for a dedicated and enthusiastic individual to work closely with the Head Greenkeeper and further their skills and training. The successful applicant will join a motivated team with high standards and good team morale.

Salary negotiable depending on experience and qualifications.

Closing date: Friday 27th September.

Please apply in writing together with C.V to: The Secretary, Thorndon Park Golf Club, Ingrave, Brentwood, Essex CM13 3RH

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**2 FULL-TIME GREENKEEPERS**

Applicants will be qualified to NVQ level 2 and hold current spraying certificates.

A competitive salary is offered dependent on qualifications and experience.

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or email to admin@deesidegolfclub.com