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Murrayfield Golf Club Limited
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The candidate should already be a course superintendent with an established track record. (3-5 yrs)

Qualified in course Management, NVQ3 or equivalent in Greenkeeping.

Good managerial, leadership and communication skills.

Ability to prepare and efficiently manage annual budget.

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Applications including full CV to,

Michael Stagnetto
Resort Manager
mstagnetto@goldeneagle-golfresort.com

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■ Proven communication skills.
■ Basic knowledge of IT.
■ Knowledge of machinery maintenance.

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Please apply in writing or preferably E-mail to:

Jane Meincken, j.meincken@burhillgl.co.uk, Burhill Golf & Leisure Ltd,
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Applications with CV to:

The General Manager
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Where Does the Time Go?

Where does the time go? I was waiting for my daughter, Summer, at school yesterday and my phone started ringing its head off. It was BIGGA HOUSE. “Hi Billy. How are you?” I’m very well, young lady,” I replied. We exchanged a few pleasantries then, Melissa Toombs, our Assistant Editor, said, “This is just a reminder that we haven’t received your Chairman’s column for next month’s magazine.” “Ooh,” I said. “What’s the absolute deadline for it then.” Hoping she would say something like, “Next week, or you have loads of time, Billy,” “Friday,” she said. “Ooh. Is it now,” I replied, “Yes,” she said. “Will that be ok, Billy?” What I wanted to say was not for this magazine and will be confined to my head but I’m sure you have an idea of what was on the shortlist of replies that I could have used, but instead I said, “No problem, young lady. “I’m sure that will be just fine and you will have it on Friday.”

So here we are again and yes the time does fly, unlike when I was a young lad waiting for something to happen. You know, like a birthday, or something special like a holiday. It always seemed like an age before anything happened and we spent our lives counting days off the calendar.

Then we grow up and become a little wiser, now that’s a debate all in itself, and we start planning things out with the short, medium and long term in mind. In some ways the innocence of youth has its attractions, however frustrating those long past days might have seemed at the time.

It’s with thoughts to the future that I might dabble for a moment. Like death and taxes there is nothing more sure than we all will become older and, yes, end our exciting lives for the benefit of you all in Greenkeeping and our guests at our own golf clubs.

So, have we planned for that time in our life when we have the freedom to take on a new challenge of something new? Well, I see some who have mastered the art of planning and securing something for the future and then, on the other hand, I see those who have found themselves in a position considerably less well off compared with the lifestyle they have enjoyed during their working life.

It’s important to put things into context here. We have evolved from a history of poor wages and living in a bed house as the norm, at golf courses associated with high end value property areas. In the most part, we couldn’t have dreamed of living, never mind renting or owning, a property there. So what’s the problem you might ask? Well, it’s kind of like me getting that call from Melissa. Just as you feel happy comfortable and safe, something unexpected which we haven’t thought of or planned for, will come along and take a huge bite out of your bum and put you in a position of having to do something about it before its too late.

In this case for me it was just a few words, but for us all as a whole it’s an important development in our lives that needs to be planned for. So I urge you all to be wise and at least give some consideration over the coming years about your future beyond Greenkeeping.

We live in an ever changing world. The days of good pensions have, in my opinion, gone for the masses and become a minority sport for those executives and the very top of the food chain. So what is the answer? Well, I am, as you know, not qualified or so clever enough to give you that advice. However, I’m sure that there has to be a viable and better way forward for us all. So please explore every avenue possible and engage your employers to take part. Together, I am sure, if well planned, managed, and with joint benefits in mind, there can be a more secure future for everyone concerned.

I made a visit to a local golf club yesterday to have a look at a new irrigation lake being constructed, with a view to doing the same at Tyrrells Wood in the near future. Having just gone through about the worst drought in 30 years here in the south east of England last year, it’s become very common that we have had to re think water storage issues if we are to be sustainable into the future.

I could talk for hours on that subject and all its ills, but another day I’m sure. The thing is I was in the maintenance base and having a coffee with the staff, who, I must say, made me feel very welcome – which without exception is the case when I meet with other Greenkeepers anywhere I travel, so thank you all for that. I am overwhelmed by the reception I have received as your Chairman.

So, Darren, you asked and here it is young man! Your name in lights take it home and keep it forever. Thanks for the time and, of course, the coffee.

It’s time to wind up and open my “E”s - another thing that has changed. Who would have thought, years ago, that you could receive and send letters almost in real time anywhere in the world. Now, that is truly amazing don’t you think?

The hardest part of me doing it here at home is getting onto the computer with the kids around, chatting with all their mates. So it has, in my case, become a late night pursuit, having spent a few hours trying to get them into bed - an art I have still to master, I’m afraid.

So were does the time go? Well, I think, mostly where you plan it to go. So have a great month, enjoy every moment along the way, engage with others and secure your future.

Billy McMillan
Chairman
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