SEPTEMBER HOT JOB

Greenkeeper

Candidates should possess drive, enthusiasm and be a good team player. They should possess or be working towards appropriate qualifications and have some experience of golf course maintenance. Salary dependant on experience and qualifications.

Applicants should apply in writing or by e-mail to the Club Secretary Shirehampton Park Golf Club, Park Hill, Shirehampton Bristol, BS11 0UL.

Further information can be found on our web-site www.shirehamptonparkgolfclub.co.uk

Course Manager

La Moye Golf Club, Jersey, founded 1902, is a championship course and the venue for many years of a PGA event, currently on the European Seniors tour.

Our resources include a modern workshop, up to date machinery and by March 2008 our industry leading replacement irrigation system will be installed.

Together with a team of 8 staff the Course Manager will be responsible for further developing our prestigious course to the highest standards.

The successful applicant will have experience in links course management together with all other capabilities expected of this post.

We offer a highly competitive salary, accommodation of a 2 bedroom bungalow, pension contribution and other benefits.

Please apply in writing, enclosing your curriculum vitae to Ian Prentice, Secretary/Manager, La Moye Golf Club, St Brelade, Jersey, JE3 8GQ

Pravets Golf and Country Club

18 Holes Parkland Golf Course

Requires an Assistant Head Greenkeeper

located 55km north of Sofia, Bulgaria Starting date: Spring 2008

Job Requirements:

Young, dynamic and flexible personality
5 years experience working as an assistant head greenkeeper
Experience bringing golf courses into play
Experience in working with large greenkeeping staff
Experience in all maintenance duties which are required on the golf course, specially Creeping Bent Greens
Experience in setting up the golf course for big tournaments
Certificates in Greenkeeping phase 2, phase 3 and H.N.C in golf course management, is a preference

The successful candidate can write his/her application to the attention of:

Terra Tour Service
67A Postoyanstvo Str
BG - 1111 Sofia
Bulgaria
Mr. Arne Van Amerongen
Harradine Golf Project Manager
E-Mail: arne@harradine-golf.com

Hot Job Criteria

Hot Job is a new feature of the recruitment section in Greenkeeper International from March 2007.

In order to qualify for the title ‘Hot Job’, a vacancy must satisfy as many of the criteria below as possible.

The vacancy with the most points by the time of going to print each month becomes ‘Hot Job’ and will be displayed prominently in both the magazine and on the recruitment page of our website.

Booking deadline is approximately 20th of each month.

- Is pay within the recommended salary scale?
- Is a training schedule in place for this role?
- Is health insurance provided?
- Does the employer make pension contributions?
- Is more than 20 days holiday per year given?
- Is a company car/vehicle provided?
- Is accommodation provided?
- Are meals provided?
- Is uniform/clothing provided?
- Is BIGGA membership paid for?
- Is paid time off given for BIGGA events (The Open, Harrogate Week etc)?
- Are staff encouraged to benefit from training/education (Harrogate Week, regional training)?
- Is leisure membership/golf membership given?

Participation in Job of the Month is strictly optional
Longcliffe Golf Club
www.longcliffegolf.co.uk

COURSE MANAGER

Longcliffe Golf Club is a progressive private members club situated on the outskirts of Loughborough, Leicestershire.

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The successful candidate can look forward to:
- Taking the lead in course policy and independence in its implementation
- Managing a willing and well qualified team of greenkeepers
- Capital budgets that allow for modern well-maintained machinery
- The support of a leading agronomist

The employment package will reflect the responsibility and high profile of the role. If you think you are ready for the challenge then we look forward to hearing about your qualifications and achievements to date.

Please apply in writing, including a full CV by 12th October 2007 to: The Club Manager, Longcliffe Golf Club, Snells Nook Lane, Loughborough, Leics LE11 3YA.

(Leicestershire)

LEES HALL

Lees Hall Golf Club Ltd

Lees Hall is an 18 hole private members club situated in parkland on the south side of Sheffield. We are looking for an experienced Head Greenkeeper or a Deputy looking for a first appointment.

Applicants should be qualified to NVQ level 3 / 4 or HNC / HND equivalent and have a minimum of 5 years experience. Salary by negotiation dependant on age experience and qualification.

Applications in writing by 1st October 2007 enclosing a full CV and references to: The Secretary, Lees Hall Golf Club, Hemsworth Road Sheffield, S8 8LL

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Applicants should ideally have obtained the following qualifications:
- NVQ level 3 or similar, PA1 and possibly PA2 and/or PA6 spraying qualifications, and should have gained at least 5 years experience in the industry. Some supervisory experience would be an advantage.

An attractive salary package based on qualifications and experience will be available to the successful applicant.

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Mark Kitching, Head Greenkeeper, Castletown Golf Links, Port Erin, Derbyhaven, Isle of Man, IM9 1UA.

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Assistant Greenkeeper
Relevant experience, Positive attitude
Enthusiastic and hard working,
Candidates with spraying experience and PA1, PA2, PA6 preferred.
Willingness to learn and undertake training.

Greenkeeping Department
The London Golf Club
South Ash Manor Estate
Nr Brands Hatch
Kent TN15 7EN

E-mail: greenkeepers@londongolf.co.uk
www.londongolf.co.uk

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or in writing marked “Confidential” to Gordon Holms, UK Business Manager, CSC Amenity, Glenearn Rd, Perth, PH2 6NL.
I had the pleasure of attending the Open Championship in July, my first for some years. The last time I was at an Open was at Troon in the late 90s, so it was with eager anticipation that I set off for the hallowed links of Carnoustie. I had given the wee ones their instructions about what they could and couldn’t do; parties were ok but not to make too much noise as to annoy the neighbours. The kitchen was bulging with every kind of food imaginable, with meals planned and contingencies for running out of anything in place, so I was happy to leave them for the week. I was up as usual in time to leave for work and, unlike usual, all the wee ones were up waiting to say goodbye to me before I left on my latest adventure, Summer was still asking to come with me and saying she would be no bother, “Honest, daddy”. Shannon being all grown up said -“See ya dad, don’t forget to bring me some shortbread back” and Billie was keen to see me out the front door so she could return to her bed.

A dilemma when travelling is always what to leave out of your suitcase. I had to be prepared for every event but it was impossible to take everything, if say, I was getting there by car. So I was packed and ready with an impressively small bag for the week and set off to the airport from Tyrrells Wood.

Travelling, as I have found over the past few months, is mostly a pain in the buttocks, as you seem to, when flying anyway, spend more time sitting around or standing in queues than you ever do on the plane. I arrived at Edinburgh having left almost an hour late - on time, how did they manage that! With a bus ride and then train to Dundee, I took the chance to ask a local how to find the University of Abertay. “That’s easy son. Just turn left as you get out of the station and it’s about five minutes up there on the right, you cannae miss it.” As she said it was on the right, but a wee bit further than predicted. I went to reception and enquired about my room and was duly told were to go and given a map. So there I was waiting and the time was ticking away. Surely someone would come along soon I thought, and open the door to let me in, and then my phone rang. At last I thought, someone has remembered I was here. It was Scotty MacCallum, “Were are you? We’re all here and waiting for you to get booked into your room.” Well, thing is I, was in the wrong part of Dundee and, in fact, at the wrong University trying to gate crash the BBC’s accommodation.

We soon headed off for the course and to have a look around the BIGGA Marquee. It was my first time at Carnoustie, so as you do, you have a wander onto the grass and see how it’s doing; I was already impressed before getting too far onto the course, by the immaculate conditions. Years of heartache, hard work, love and attention to detail had been bestowed on it. It was now almost late evening and the shadows were just falling over the course, it was truly a magnificent sight and I knew then we were all in for a real treat during The Open. Now I could wax lyrical for years about the course it was in superb condition but I would just like to pay tribute instead to a few people that made my time in Scotland more special than it could have been.

To John Pemberton and his team that organised every second of my time, ensuring I was in the right place at the right time, they have my heartfelt thanks. To Scott, Rachael, Melissa and everyone at BIGGA HQ that helped make this event tick with all the precision of the finest timepiece ever crafted. Well done to you all. Well done to all those Board members: Kenny Mackay, Tony Smith, Gavin Robson, Richard Whyman, and Jeff Mills. Also Peter Later, Peter Boyd and Bert Cross, and the Pod leaders and drivers, for your dedication in ensuring everyone was there in good time and able to perform as required. I would like, without reservation, to thank the Support Team greenkeepers from around the world who had taken holidays and time to muck in and give of their time to help rake bunkers, divot tees and fairways and do anything that was asked of them with great spirit. To you all, I can’t put into words how proud you all made me feel during the week. To the locals, you know, Walter and Caroline, Andy and Clare, George - I could keep going - no Open would be complete without the dastardly duo of Cecil and Jimmy sharing tales of the past.

But make no mistake, we were but a side salad to the main event because without doubt the main act of the week for me was John Philip and his team, ably supported by Paul, Sandy and all the Greenstaff at Carnoustie. They, in my opinion, prepared a test of golf of such quality that made, I’m sure, every greenkeeper in the British Isles very proud indeed. So well done you lot.

An event the size of The Open Championship is dependent of the services of so many people, from the professionals to the normal member from a neighbouring club, giving of their time and energy, to man a scoreboard, to move cars into a field, to marshal thousands of spectators around - it is truly an amazing thing to see. So to the R&A with another well run and successful Championship under your belt, well done and roll on next year.

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