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 S LALEY 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.

“The event was very well organized and we had a great day,” says Mark Evans, the club’s general manager. “The event was well organized and we had a great day.”

The John Deere Team Championship celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2012, having started in the US in 1987. This is the sixth time the competition has been run in UK & Ireland since the first tournament in 2002, and around 30 regional dealer tournaments are taking place this year.

Meanwhile, Appleby Golf Club recently took receipt of the new John Deere 8000E sit-on mower (right). “Turning on the tees without marking makes the job so much quicker,” said a delighted Steve Campbell, Course Manager.

BIGGA Member, Joshua Webber, is taking part in the Barcelona ‘Half Ironman’ Triathlon on 27 May in order to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

This charity is close to the hearts of many at Joshua’s club, Portmore Golf Park. His Half Ironman will consist of a 1.2 mile sea swim, a 56 mile bike ride and a 13.1 mile run. Joshua adds: “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.”
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He highlighted results of the Syngenta Golf Player Survey that had identified smoothness as the top demand for player satisfaction, with out-and-out speed the least important factor in performance of greens.

The seminars, supported by BIGGA, attracted CPD credits for members who attended the events, which took place at Marriott Dalmahoy Country Club, The Mere Golf Resort and Robin Hood Golf Clubs.

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“If the focus is on smoothness, it means that we don’t have to destroy our greens for the sake of pace. We can work on good agronomy and management that is geared around turf health, and producing surfaces that perform every day, all year round.”

The seminars’ innovative format consisted of morning presentations and afternoon practical workshops, during which professionals set up and adjustment in delivering consistent smoothness of greens was demonstrated as was the importance of balanced turf nutrition, while the problems of dry patch was also addressed.

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A green was divided into three sections, each mowed at a different clip rate (3.33mm, 2.71mm and 1.61mm) with each adjustment taking less than a minute.

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A Worthwhile Experience for a BIGGA Member

“My entire team and I attended the seminar and found the content informative and thought-provoking. Each presentation stimulated a lot of discussion amongst the attendees which was great because it gave us the views not only of the presenters but of other course managers/greenkeepers.

“It was great for my team to meet the people behind some of the companies we deal with, to interact and learn from people with authority experience. The seminars especially enjoyed the day as they were not aware of what was involved in bringing out new products and innovative solutions to the industry.”

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Chairman’s Word

National Chairman, Andrew Mellon, gives his thoughts for the month

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BIGGA will endeavour alongside the other golf bodies to represent your interests and ensure that the impact on our businesses is made clear to those in power that make these decisions.

Please feedback to HQ or myself any input on this matter, including any ideas or ways you have minimised the impact of little or no water for irrigation.

We can collate and share the information with all the members and the other golf bodies.

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The event was very well run, and all those present were a credit to the Association, commented on by the Club Captain, Richard Clifford and David Roy (CMA) and Managing Secretary of Crail Golfing Society.

This month sees the retirement of Peter Larter, who has acted as Regional Administrator for our Northern and Midland regions and been with BIGGA on and off for 16 years. He has been a fantastic servant to the membership and we wish him well.

Work has been very busy as usual, as well as looking after the course we have opened a new pro-shop and been busy sorting out our Driving Range and putting out new course signage.

I also organised a trip for a group of visiting Finnish greenkeepers, who were fortunate enough to see St Andrews, The Castle Course, Kinlochbervie, Auchterarder, Glenlochy and Ladybank. I wish I’d had time to join them, but they were overflow with praise on the condition of all the courses and the diversity of styles on offer. Thanks to Gordon Moir, Alain Patterson, Iannes Knight, Archie Dunn, Scott Fenwick & Steve Chappell and Colin Powrie respectively for showcasing British Greenkeeping so well.

At HQ Jim Croxton and his team have been busy working on and implementing the business plan agreed by the Board. This involves a period of consultation with the staff as we look at the structure and ensure that we have the best resources in place to support the delivery of the plan and ensure the success of the Association. This has taken place while we are also in the process of recruiting two replacement Regional Administrators and also continuing with the day-to-day business. I’d like to thank the staff for their excellent teamwork in managing the workload during this time.

Going forward the Association has to ensure it harnesses the necessary resources to provide you with the best support especially in the area of Learning and Development, which lies at the very heart of BIGGA’s mission in serving its members.

The methods of communicating with members are becoming more diverse and modern social media and its role is increasing. We have to ensure that the Association is capable of delivering on all these fronts and we will be increasing support in these particular areas.

In order to do this we also need to ensure that the Association operates a sustainable business model, able to fully understand and operate successfully from a commercial perspective.

The consultation will ensure we best match existing skills, knowledge and experience and identify what skills or rules we need to develop within our staff.

This is a very important stage in this process, ensuring everyone understands what their roles are, how important a part they play and focussing in on the main objectives which will ensure the Association understands and meets the needs of you, its members. We will update you more fully on this as the situation progresses.

Remember if you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me.

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Learning & Development
Sami Collins, Head of Learning & Development, with an update on education issues

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CPD
Continuing Professional Development

Are you signed up to the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) scheme?
CPD is a process that is used to maintain and enhance competence and professionalism and is achieved by accumulating credits for undertaking education and training that is relevant to your role as a greenkeeper.

The CPD Scheme is free of charge to all Full and Associate Members and offers benefits to the individual and employers alike.

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How do I add credits to my CPD record?
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Anyone wishing to enter should email them to: tom@bigga.co.uk, entering ‘BIGGA PHOTO COMP 2012’ as the email subject header.
All entries need to be received by July 31, 2012, and only BIGGA members are eligible to enter.

The BIGGA Golf Photographic Competition, back for its sixth year, creates an opportunity for members to display their artistic flair, while also earning some publicity for their club.

The winner will receive a full course profile of their club, whilst the 12 best pictures will be selected for the 2012 BIGGA Calendar.

Digital pictures need to be high resolution, at the largest size capable by the camera, as it may ultimately be scaled up to A3 print size (420mm wide x 297mm high).

Please label your entries with captions - the name of the course plus a brief description (around 10 words). It would be great if you could also tell us the spec of camera it was taken on too.

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BIGGA Members can join for a full year membership at an exclusive BIGGA rate of £29.95 (RRP £79.95). Be quick, as this offer is only available from May 9th until May 23rd 2012.

There are no catches; it is just a great deal, and an opportunity for all ‘foodies’ to save a small fortune on eating out over the next 12 months.

For more information on the tastecard visit www.tastecard.co.uk

How to purchase your tastecard

From May 9th BIGGA Members will be able to purchase a tastecard via the Members Area of the BIGGA Web site by paying online or by telephone by contacting BIGGA HQ directly. This exclusive deal is not available directly from the tastecard website.

Turfginnz Info. File (TGIF)

Last month I told you about the agreement BIGGA have secured with the Michigan State University Libraries, whereby ‘BIGGA Members’, through the Members area of the website, now have access to a vast collection of turfgrass educational material.

We have already had some great feedback; this is a fantastic resource available to all Full Members and Student Members of BIGGA who are studying at any level. To access the TGIF log in to the members area of the BIGGA website, select ‘Member Resources’ from the options on the left hand side, scroll down to ‘Turfgrass Information File (TGIF)’ and download the Getting Started Guide or just click on the link which will give you access to the file directly.

Access available to BIGGA Full Members and BIGGA Student Members.

Member Support Telephone Lines

Many of life’s demands can cause stress, especially work relationships and money problems. When you feel stressed it can affect everything you do, how you behave, how you think even how your body works.

Help is at hand; a confidential telephone helpline (your details will never be passed on to any third party) is available to all Full Members of the Association.

For 24/7 advice ring a freephone line for Greenkeepers Support Services or advice on Finance Difficulties. Tel: 0800 174 319.

A personal thank you...

Peter Larter, BIGGA’s Northern and Midland Regional Administrator is retiring on 31 May.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter from the membership department, all HQ staff and myself for being a valuable member of the BIGGA Team. We will all miss him immensely. I would like to wish him and his wife Jan my very best wishes.

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Diary of Events

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May 23rd Midland Section Event Chase Golf Club Andrew Smith email: andymarshalls@hotmail.co.uk
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A tastecard membership card gives you access to the most incredible deals at over 6,000 dining establishments nationwide. Restaurants range from La Tasca, Pizza Express, Cafe Rouge and GBR to Malmaison and everything in between! Each restaurant featured offers 50% off the total food bill or 2-4-1 across all courses even for groups of more than two diners in most cases.

BIGGA Members can join for a full year membership at an exclusive BIGGA rate of £29.95 (RRP £79.95). Be quick, as this offer is only available from May 9th until May 23rd 2012.

To become a BIGGA Member, through the Members area of the website, you now have access to a vast collection of turfgrass educational material. We have already had some great feedback; this is a fantastic resource available to all Full Members and Student Members of BIGGA who are studying at any level. To access the TGIF log in to the members area of the BIGGA website, select ‘Member Resources’ from the options on the left hand side, scroll down to ‘Turfgrass Information File (TGIF)’ and download the Getting Started Guide or just click on the link which will give you access to the file directly.

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Versatility and Multi Tasking for Open Space Jobs

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The three-year six hole renovation program is part of a continuing improvement process. James has designed some cracking bunkers and features and they will help make this a good, but fair, test for golfers. Along with the drainage, tee and path works it will enhance the whole experience for members and visitors.

The club, which celebrates its 109th anniversary this year, is a fine example of a mature parkland golf course with ancient oak trees lining the fairways. Speedcut are creating new tee, ditches, streams and ponds, improving bunkers, pathways of the course, while carrying out extensive work as part of a large renovation program at the prestigious Leatherhead Golf Club in Surrey.

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