WASTE2WATER RECYCLING

A Waste2Water Wash Pad Environmental Activity Centre is an essential part of today’s golf course maintenance facility to ensure environmental stewardship and contribute to environmental sustainability. By their very nature, golf course maintenance operations are likely to cause pollution. Routine activities including equipment replacing, chemical handling and equipment wash-off all pose a significant potential pollution risk, so it is very important controls are in place to minimise this risk. It is a criminal offence to allow certain substances including mineral oils, detergents and chemicals to enter surface drains, watercourses or soakaways, causing groundwater pollution.

Installing the Waste2Water Recycling Wash Off System removes the risk of groundwater pollution and reduces wash water usage by a massive 90%+!

In addition to providing a superb wash facility, the Recycling Wash Off system treats the potential pollutants arising from golf course maintenance operations. Equipment Wash Off, Refilling, Degreasing, Chemical Mowing and any other potentially polluting activities can all be undertaken on the pad, removing any risk of groundwater pollution arising from the activities of the maintenance facility.

Installing a Waste2Water System could not be easier, offering retrofitting into an existing area to maximise the budget. The Recycling System ensures environmental compliance, reduces water usage by a massive 90% and converts one of the worst aspects of golf course maintenance to an environmentally sustainable area! There in one can’t be bad!

We design, supply and install everything you need to create your own individual Wash Pad Environmental Activity Centre:

- Recycling Wash Off Systems
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**John Deere 3036E / 305 loader**
- Ex Demo
- 36hp
- 4WD
- £17'500

**Massey Ferguson 1528**
- fitted with out front brush
- 28hp
- 430hrs
- £11'570

**John Deere 2720 / 200CX Loader**
- 31hp
- 120hrs
- £13'000

**Kubota G1700 c/w: 48” SD deck + collector**
- 15hp
- 783hrs
- £11'750

**John Deere 3720, 45hp**
- c/w: industrial tyres, roll bar
- £11'750

**Kubota L3830D**
- 38hp
- c/w: turf tyres, roll bar
- 306hrs
- £8'000

**New Holland TN75s**
- 72hp
- c/w: cab, turf tyres
- 3353hrs
- £8'500

**Kubota L3330**
- 38hp
- c/w: turf tyres, roll bar
- 246hrs
- £7'000

**Malaysian Fargoon 528**
- 28hp
- c/w: front/back, turf tyres
- £7'500

**Wessex ATX Paddock cleaner**
- sold as seen to clear
- £1000

**NEW Honda HRX476 Hydro lawnmower**
- Ex Display
- £845 INC VAT

**Echo HC30ES single sided hedge trimmer**
- CHOICE
- £189 INC VAT

**Stihl TS400 Stone Saw**
- choice of 20+
- £4’500

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- choice of 10+
- £273 INC VAT

**Greenmech CS100, EX DEMO**
- 4” chipper
- 14hp
- £POA

**John Deere TH 6X4 Gator**
- c/w: power lift tipping kit
- 270hrs
- 2012 model
- £10'500

**John Deere HPX 4X4 Gator**
- 2011 model
- 553hrs
- £7’500

**Hayter T424**
- c/w: 5 x 30” 6 blade cylinders
- £5’750

**Roberine 900 triple mower**
- c/w: 30” cylinders
- £3’500

**John Deere 1445 out front mower**
- c/w: 60” SD deck
- £12’000

**John Deere 1445 out front mower**
- c/w: 62” SD Flex deck
- £7’500

**John Deere 1545 out front mower**
- c/w: 72” RD deck
- £6’500

**John Deere 8400 triple mower**
- c/w: 3 x 6 blade 30” cylinders
- £5’500

**John Deere 2500E Hybrid greens mower**
- c/w: 22” 11 blade cyl - choice of 2
- £12’000

**John Deere 997 zero turn mower**
- c/w: 60” RD deck
- £7’000

**John Deere 1445 out front mower**
- c/w: 60” SD deck - choice of 10
- £7’000

**John Deere 1445 out front mower**
- Power unit only (no deck)
- £3’400

**John Deere 1445 out front mower**
- c/w: 62” RD deck
- £3’500

**John Deere 2500 greens mower**
- c/w: 22” 11 blade cylinders, 26” PD
- £4’500

**John Deere 2300 greens mower**
- c/w: 22” 11 blade cylinders, 28” PD
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Recruitment

Bird Hills Golf Centre
Assistant Greenkeeper

Bird Hills Golf Centre invites applicants for the position of Assistant Greenkeeper to work within the green staff team.

Qualified to a minimum of NVQ 2 and would preferably hold PA 1, 2 and chaser course certification.

Reporting to the Head Greenkeeper a full uniform and PPE is provided with salary to be discussed at interview.

Applications with covering letter should be submitted by 22nd March 2013 via email to groundsman@birdhillsgc.fsnet.co.uk or by post to: Dave Summerfield - Head Greenkeeper, Bird Hills Golf Centre, Hawsham Hill, Berkhampstead, Herts, HP4 1SY

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HALLAMSHIRE GOLF CLUB Assistant Greenkeeper

We are looking for an Assistant Greenkeeper to join our hard working, committed team at one of Yorkshire’s finest courses. Experience is not necessary although training and education will be given. Excellent working conditions. Applications in writing please to:

Gordon Brammah, Course Manager, Hallamshire Golf Club
Sandycote, Sheffield, S9 4LA
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To apply, please send a CV and covering letter by post or email to:

Matt Short, Sand Martins golf club, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 3RQ

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Lilley Brook Golf Club, Cumnor Rd, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 4EG

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Recruitment

Headley Golf Club
Head Greenkeeper

As the oldest club in Leeds, Headley Golf Club sits proudly amongst the many fine clubs in area and the unique layout was shaped by both Harry S. Colt and Dr Alister McLean.

The Club is in an extremely positive phase at present and now seeks an experienced Head Greenkeeper with a proven track record who can bring the course to its full potential.

The successful candidate will have gained at least 5 years’ experience in the post of Head Greenkeeper at a recognised golf club and be qualified to NVQ Level III or equivalent.

In addition you will need to demonstrate that you possess all the management competences associated with modern role of the Head Greenkeeper.

An attractive remuneration package will reflect the ability of the successful candidate as well as the ambition of the Club.

Please apply in writing including your CV addressed to The Secretary, Headley Golf Club, Back Church Lane, Adel, Leeds, LS16 8DW or e-mail to manager@headleygolfclub.co.uk .

Closing date for applications 1st March 2013

HEADINGLEY GOLF CLUB

Head Greenkeeper

The Club is in an extremely positive phase at present and is looking to recruit a Head Greenkeeper for the 2013 season, for our clients Golf Course management division.

The positions are based at several locations in the middle and south of Scotland. Contracts are for 9 months commencing beginning of April 2013. Starting dates can be flexible.

Working in an environment where the main language is English and where the majority of Head Greenkeepers are from the UK or Ireland, there will be other native English speakers at all locations.

Opportunities are open to all with a genuine interest in sports turf and who are looking to broaden their horizons both on a professional and personal level.

Formal qualifications in Turf management would be beneficial.

Applicants able to assist in the day to day maintenance of either turf machinery or irrigation are of particular interest.

Applicants need to be flexible with a positive attitude to working in a dynamic environment within the requirements of a successful golfing business.

A competitive remuneration, work clothes and accommodation (free of charge) will be included in the package.

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To apply, please send a CV and covering letter by post or email to: Matt Short, Sand Martins Golf Club, Hawthorn Hill, Berkshire, SL6 3ST
Email: coursemanager@sandmartins.com
Closing date - 28 February

LILLEY BROOK GOLF CLUB
Assistant Greenkeeper

This is an ideal opportunity for a committed, self-motivated greenkeeper to join an experienced team. Applicants should be qualified to a NVQ Level II. Please apply either by email to matt@lilybrook.ac.uk or in writing to:
The Course Manager, Lily Brook Golf Club, Conventor Rd, Charford Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
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INTERACTIVE MANAGEMENT AGENCY LTD
Recruitment

The positions are based at various locations in the middle and south of Scotland. Contracts are for 6 months commencing beginning/middle of April 2013. (Starting dates can be flexible) Working in an environment where the main-language is English and where the majority of Head Greenkeepers are from the UK or Ireland. There will be other native English speakers at all locations. Opportunities are open to all with a genuine interest in sports turf and who are looking to broaden their horizons both on a professional and personal level. Formal qualifications in Turf management would be beneficial. Applicants able to assist in the day to day maintenance of either turf machinery or irrigation are of particular interest. Applicants need to be flexible with a positive attitude to working in a dynamic environment within the requirements of a successful golfing business. A competitive remuneration, work clothes and accommodation (free of charge) will be included in the package.

We are now seeking,
GREENKEEPERS (for the 2013 season). The successful candidate
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Closing date for applications 1st March 2013

Headingley Golf Club
Head Greenkeeper

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All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence. Closing date is Friday 22nd February 2013
The Back Nine

A new column for writers and members to air and share their views on golf greenkeeping topics

Logan Ferguson, Course Manager at Nøtterøy Golfbane in Norway made his regular pilgrimage to Harrogate for BTME. He tells Jim Cook exactly why the annual BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition is always a highlight on the calendar for me as it starts off the New Year in such a positive way. I first came to BTME in 1999 and since then I think I have only missed one year.

The show has always been an impressive way to showcase the tremendous technological advances in this industry. Especially the developments with the small bits like strimmer heads and bunker liners.

The machines and units will advance anyway with technology, but the advances with smaller things members at clubs tend to take for granted like bins and ball washers and tee markers is phenomenal.

Presentation on the course is 99% of this job and to see the new tools and equipment to help us do this on display at BTME is always impressive. I believe one of the biggest things about BTME is the networking. That is the part of it that is second to none.

For me it is not easy because we have a six-month season in Norway and everything is quite spread out geographically, so the networking part here is important.

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