As an apprentice greenkeeper in the 60s, David Golding remembers when a visit to STRI was the only real education an apprentice received before the colleges became involved with the more formal qualifications. Carolyn Beadsmoore, Head of Sales and Marketing at STRI, explained why they are now so heavily involved.

The STRI has been around a long time; we were actually established way back in 1929, long time; we were actually established in 1929, even before David's time! So current and valuable for the industry. The STRI has been around a long time, including 810 golf clubs. STRI have a national client base of around 2,100 sports clubs and facilities each year, including 810 golf clubs. STRI provide research and advisory services for golf clubs on their golf greens and courses.

The knowledge base from STRI’s research, along with years of practical experience from our advisory team, is what makes our training so current and valuable for the industry.

The last two decades have seen rapid growth within STRI; we currently have 75 staff, delivering our range of services across an international client base of around 2,100 sports clubs and facilities each year, including 810 golf clubs. STRI is proud to work alongside FIFA, as their strategic partner for pitch development and management, and UEFA, as their official pitch consultants and The R&A, as their official agonometrists. We are now offering specialist advice and expertise for all natural and artificial sports surfaces across the globe and in 2013 we opened our Australian research centre and office. The knowledge and expertise of our research and advisory teams are now shared through our tailored training courses for all types of turf professionals across the world.

Our courses are structured to give practical and realistic advice on developing and managing sports surfaces and developing an individual’s expertise, no matter what level of experience. We provide different methods of training through workshops, seminars, practical demonstrations and open forum discussions, as well as our annual STRI Research event in Ringlet. We are often asked to create bespoke training courses to suit a team’s needs and work closely with clubs to make sure the learning we deliver is relevant and useful for their team and individual greenkeepers.

We offer standard and bespoke training across the UK for:
- Head Greenkeepers/Course Managers
- Greenkeeping Staff
- Grounds Staff
- Parks & Grounds Managers
- Chairman of Green/Green Keepers
- Club Secretaries, Managers & Committee Members
- BASIS & PACTS for Turf Professionals

Each training course is developed and delivered by experienced staff, all with vast experience within the sports turf industry and their specialist fields. Our advisers have comprehensive knowledge on the latest research, techniques and products used to achieve quality sports surfaces and turf.

Each of our courses is reviewed annually and features real-life examples of golf courses that have seen improvements over the last few years. Our standard courses are structured over four days, with separate modules developed for each subject area, giving individuals the flexibility and choice of selecting the topics and days they are interested in. Our Chairman of Green courses are run as a one-day course, providing an overview of course management and the benefits that can be seen from specific maintenance operations.

Following feedback from sports clubs and clients we now offer regional training courses each year, across the UK and Ireland; this has helped our clients to reduce travel costs and eliminate additional costs for accommodation. All our training is quality assured by industry bodies and associations, including the GTC, with certificate of achievements presented for each training module. Individual BASIS and CPD credits are also awarded for completing STRI training modules.

Each year we receive very positive feedback on our STRI training, with 100% of individuals saying they would recommend our training to others.

And when we get quotes like the following which we received from a greenkeeper who attended last year’s training, it makes us feel very proud to be supporting the industry through our education... "I found the four day course an absolute inspiration. The content covered everything one would possibly need to know as a greenkeeper. The experts were very engaging."
GreenTek have launched their new Multi-Sarel, which they claim to be the world’s widest sarel-roller, and is ideal for busy sports facilities and training grounds. With a massive 5.4m working width, the Multi-Sarel provides rapid surface aeration for keeping heavily used fairway turf healthy throughout the playing season.

The Multi-Sarel is built on the same patented principle as GreenTek’s proven Multi-Brush and Multi-Roller. The Multi-Sarel has three separate elements, and folds out hydraulically. The picture shows the a display model which for illustrative purposes has also got one section hydraulically. The picture shows the a display model Multi-Sarel has three separate elements, and folds out hydraulically. The picture shows the a display model

For more details please contact, Marcus Oliver, Marketing Manager at GreenTek Solutions Ltd on 0113 267 6000 or email him - marcus@greentek.uk.com
GreenTek launch World’s widest sarel-roller

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Recruitment

ChilTERN HILLS Golf Club - Head Greenkeeper

Acting on behalf of our client, who is looking to recruit an ambitious Head Greenkeeper to grow a new golf course in West London. ChilTERN HILLS Golf Course has been under construction for 3 years and so far little has been played on and admired.

The main focus will be to maintain the golf course to the highest standards and project manage the construction of future playing surfaces. You will be working under the guidance of Appointed Greenkeepers and will be responsible for the entire course. You will need a strong understanding of the design of the course, be able to understand the requirements of the golfers and to maintain and improve the playing surfaces. You will also need to have a strong understanding of the construction processes and be able to work closely with the construction team.

NVQ Level 3 in Greenkeeping in Association with the Liebherr group, Current UK driving licence, PA 1, 2, 6A spray certificates, Previous experience including repair and maintenance (desirable), NPTC Chelmsford licence (desirable), good working knowledge of turf machinery (desirable). Remuneration will be based on skill level and experience. Help with accommodation can be provided.

This is an exciting opportunity for the suitable candidate to oversee the construction and manage the construction of future playing surfaces. You will be working under the management team responsible for delivering a golf course to the highest possible standard. The Club wish to recruit an ambitious and motivated Senior Greenkeeper to join the existing team. Reporting to the Course Manager, you will be part of the management team responsible for delivering a golf course to the highest standards.

The successful applicant must have at least 2 years’ Greenkeeping experience. Full UK Driving Licence. Must be able to work a flexible weekend rota.

Please apply in writing or email to secretary@beaconsfieldgolfclub.co.uk

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Roehampton Club – Course & Grounds Manager

Colt Mackenzie McNair have been engaged on behalf of the premier multi-sports club in the South East, Roehampton Club. The club is seeking a first class Course and Grounds Manager to succeed John Lockyer in heading up the golf, grounds (tennis and croquet) and gardens teams to ensure it enhances its international reputation for superb grass tennis courts and croquet lawns.

Main Job Responsibilities:

The Course and Grounds Manager is responsible for the maintenance, operation and management of the golf course and surrounding practice areas, plus 28 tennis courts, 4 croquet lawns, extensive gardens, two mini tennis courts and a children’s play area, in accordance with the policies of the Club and with all relevant legislation.

The Course & Grounds Manager is responsible for managing and maintaining the course properties, which include:

• The golf course
• Greenkeeping compound and all course and grounds equipment
• Open Spaces, wooded areas and unused acreage
• Other properties as specified in writing by the Club (currently the Greenkeeper’s accommodation)

The postholder should have the following minimum qualifications:

• A degree in Sportsturf Management
• Ideally with Master Greenkeeper status from BIGGA

If you would like to pursue this opportunity further on the basis that your skill set matches our clients brief please email Ryan McKinnia rmckinnia@coltmm.com outlining your desire for the role.

Roehampton Club

MARCH 2014

CHILTERN HILLS GOLF CLUB

www.chilternhillsgolfclub.co.uk

Assistant Greenkeeper

Founded in 1923, ChilTERN HILLS Golf Club is a Cliff-top Chalkland site comprising of a classic Frasier Simpson 18 hole Main Course & the Northcliffe 18 hole Par 3 course.

We currently have a vacancy for a career driven, reliable, hard working and motivated Assistant Greenkeeper. Ideally an enthusiastic individual with some greenkeeping experience and the ability to work as part of a team.

• A keen eye for presentation and detail
• Good team and motivational skills
• Ideally with Master Greenkeeper status from BIGGA

If this is you then we offer:

• A competitive salary, including a contributory pension scheme.
• An opportunity to be involved in presenting a Top 100 golf course
• Further training to develop you professionally and personally
• Competitive salary, overtime paid, company pension scheme, ongoing training, staff uniform & golf club membership.

Please apply in writing or email to Ryan@roehamptonclub.co.uk

Ferndown Golf Club

The premier 27-hole Heathland Golf Course in Dorset and ranked amongst the UK’s Top 100 Golf Courses is looking for an energetic, ambitious and passionate fully qualified greenkeeper. You will need a proven track record of attention to detail to further enhance our reputation for superb grass tennis courts and croquet lawns.

The ideal candidate will have, but not essential:

• NVQ 2 or similar qualification
• At least three year’s experience in golf course maintenance

The successful candidate will be expected to:

• Hold a valid NVQ level 2 in Sports turf
• Have a knowledge of modern turf machinery & maintenance
• Hold a UK driving licence
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It may be useful, but not essential to have

• NPTC Chelmsford certificate
• Current First aid certificate

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Please send CV and covering letter by email ONLY to:- shaunwhite@ferndowngolfclub.co.uk

EAST SUSSEX NATIONAL

www.eastsussexnational.co.uk

Assistant Greenkeeper

We are looking for a highly motivated Assistant Greenkeeper with a proven track record for high standards, who can work well within a large team as well as working on their own to assist in presenting first class championship courses to the highest of standards.

The successful applicant must have at least 2 years Greenkeeping experience.

Full UK Driving Licence. Must be able to work a flexible weekend rota.

Please apply by email to Ryan@roehamptonclub.co.uk

The Club wish to recruit two enthusiastic, capable and experienced Seasonal Greenkeepers.

Please apply with a covering letter and CV to wayne.vincent@cotwholdgolf.co.uk

Cotswold Hills Golf Club

Experienced team of greenkeepers.

We currently have a vacancy for a career driven, reliable, hard working and motivated Assistant Greenkeeper. Ideally an enthusiastic individual with some greenkeeping experience and the ability to work as part of a team.

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Ferndown Golf Club, 191 Golf Links Road, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 8BU

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Recruitment

Seasonal Greenkeeper
April to October (full time)
Beaconsfield Golf Club

The Club wishes to recruit an enthusiastic, capable seasonal greenkeeper to join the existing team. The position is suited to an individual wishing to develop their career gaining experience in the preparation and maintenance of a parkland golf course.

We welcome applications from Advanced Apprenticeship (Level 2) holders.

Main Job Responsibilities:
- A keen eye for presentation and detail
- Good team and motivational skills
- Ideally with Master Greenkeeper status from BIGGA
- An opportunity to be involved in presenting a Top 100 golf course
- Competitive salary, including a contributory pension scheme.
- Close working relationship with the Head Greenkeeper

Other properties as specified in writing by the Club (currently the
- Greenkeeping compound and all course and grounds equipment
- Relevant Legislation.

The successful candidate must have at least 2 years Greenkeeping experience.

Full UK Driving License.

Please apply with a covering letter and CV to wayne.vincent@cotswoldhills-golfclub.com

Assistant

Greenkeeper

Cotswold Hills Golf Club

Cotswold Hills Golf Club is situated on the outskirt of Cheltenham, in Gloucestershire and is looking for an enthusiastic individual to join its experienced team of greenkeepers.

The successful candidate will be expected to:
- Hold a basic NVQ level 2 qualification in Sports turf
- Hold a UK driving licence
- Have a knowledge of modern turf maintenance & machinery
- Communicate effectively with others
- Ensure that the course is presented to the highest possible standard
- Be a team player

Package

Competitive salary, overtime paid, company pension scheme, ongoing training, staff uniform & golf club membership.

Please apply with a covering letter and CV to Young Agent@cotswoldhills-golfclub.com

Assistant Greenkeeper

Roehampton Club – Course & Grounds Manager

The Club wish to recruit an ambitious, motivated Assistant Greenkeeper to join the existing team. Reporting to the Course Manager, you will be part of the management team responsible for delivering a golf course to the highest standards.

We welcome applications from Advanced Apprenticeship (level 2) holders.

Main Job Responsibilities:
- A flexible and positive attitude to work
- Be a team player
- Ensure that the course is presented to the highest possible standard
- Have a knowledge of modern turf machinery & maintenance
- Hold a basic NVQ level 2 qualification in Sports turf.

The ideal candidate will have:
- An opportunity to be involved in presenting a Top 100 golf course
- Competitive salary, including a contributory pension scheme.
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A new page featuring the best Tweets and Facebook posts from the industry – don’t forget to tag @BIGGALtd to give yourself a chance of being featured!

Luke Turner

oh my Minnesota is a whole new world of cold....

Sean Sullivan

8” of snow over the weekend, with another 4” to go today. Spring looks very promising. good news is that it is another day closer to next winter.

Robert Bemment

Away next round of mail at Hornsea nice and local

Robert Hogarth

2.15 pm and we have had 44mm of rain today and still raining. With spring just around the corner I believe our green keeping skills will be severely tested to get our courses back together.

Torquay Greenkeepers

On the 45th day of the year, what feels like the 46th storm of the year is predicted, so it probably comes as no surprise to tell you the course is closed

Gaudet Luce

My rain gauge is reading 206mm since the 1st February. Surely that can’t be right!! But I have a horrible suspicion that it is 8” in 14 days? Please someone tell me it’s wrong!

Steven Hemsley

February 7

Off to TPC Sawgrass.....as you do

@greenkeeping

greenkeeping@Lancastergc

Thanks to @sandra48077948 for organising tonight’s @BIGGALtd Fylde Greenkeepers get together. Also thanks to @GarstangGolf for hospitality

gregevans@gregevansmg

Well done to @EalingGolfClub’s CM @steve_haireLFC for being chosen @BIGGALtd future turf managers incentive. Great choice HQ!

Tom Evans @tommye88

So happy to be a part of The Open @BIGGALtd support team this year @Woolleyparkgolf

Phil Rowbottom

Hogan Interviewed on The One Show after driving 200 miles from Yorkshire to Somerset #tractoraid

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