

RESEARCH UPDATE

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YELLOW TUFT *Sclerophthora macrospora*

surface as dry as possible. YELLOW tuft is widespread in the USA and New Zealand, but is as yet very rare here, and consequently not familiar even to experienced greenkeepers. The term yellow tuft has been used for more than 50 years to describe certain symptoms in bentgrasses (Figure 4) for which many possible causes, such as parasite nematodes, a viral infection or a physiological disorder have been suggested. However, research in the 1970's confirmed it to be a disease caused by *Sclerophthora macrospora*, a member of the downy mildew group of fungi.



Figure 4: Yellow tuft disease

The symptoms of yellow tuft to watch out for are small yellow patches, approximately 3 cm in diameter, consisting of a dense cluster of excessively tillered bentgrass shoots with few roots, which are consequently easily pulled from the turf. These symptoms are most prominent during late spring or autumn and as the spores

produced by *Sclerophthora macrospora* can actively swim in water and infect new plants, the disease is usually found in poorly drained areas. At present, yellow tuft is considered a novelty and not serious enough to warrant any specific control measures. If you see this disease on your greens we would be most interested to hear from you.

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APPOINTMENTS

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GARDENER

Up to £181.59 including London Weighting and bonus

Can you help us to make Wandsworth the 'Brighter Borough'? We are looking for an experienced gardener to maintain our parks and to carry out the day to day maintenance on one of our bowling greens.

Hours are 7.30 am to 4.30 pm Mon - Thurs, and 7.30 am to 2.30 pm Fri. A full driving licence would be preferred but is not essential.

The Leisure and Amenity Services Department is committed to making the Council's equal opportunity policy effective. Job applicants will be considered strictly on merit irrespective of race or colour.

Application forms from Leisure & Amenity Services Personnel Section, Town Hall, London. SW18 2PU. Telephone: 01 871 6361. Please quote ref. GC/1675. C loses 17th June.

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HEAD GREENKEEPER required in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire

Do you have:
- The skills and experience in motivating and communicating with a small team?

If you do:
You may be just the person we are trying to recruit. The successful person will be directly responsible to Mike Leary, Recreation Office

- A salary up to £10,230 p.a. (Incl)

PLUS

- A staff bungalow on site
(tied tenancy agreement)

Application form an job description available from and returnable to:-
Julie Hitchcock, Leisure Services Department, Dacorum Borough Council, Civic Centre, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.
Telephone: Hemel Hempstead 0442 228505.
Closing date: 2 weeks from publication date.

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from registered disabled persons.



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APPOINTMENTS

CHESTFIELD (WHITSTABLE) GOLF CLUB

require an

ASSISTANT HEAD GREENKEEPER

Applicants must be fully experienced in all aspects of greenkeeping, soil/grass treatment, use and maintenance of machinery and ability to direct and motivate staff. Salary to be negotiated.

also

EXPERIENCED GREENKEEPER

With similar experience as the above post except soil/grass treatment and ability to control staff. Apply in writing with full C. V. to:-

**The Manager,
Chestfield Golf Club,
Chestfield,
Whitstable,
Kent. CT5 3LU**

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB

require a

HEAD GREENKEEPER

Applicants must be fully experienced in all aspects of course maintenance have a thorough knowledge of modern course machinery and be capable of supervision and control of course staff. Previous experience on a links course a distinct advantage. Salary negotiable, no accommodation is provided. Membership of the BIGGA an advantage. Apply in writing, enclosing a full C.V. to:-

**The Secretary,
Cleveland Golf Club,
Queen Street,
Redcar,
Cleveland. TS10 1BT**



PRESTBURY GOLF CLUB

require an additional

ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER

to join their team
Applicants should have some experience in greenkeeping techniques and the use of modern equipment.

No accommodation available.
Apply in writing stating age and experience to:-

**The Secretary/Manager,
Prestbury Golf Club,
Cheshire,
SK10 4BJ**

COUNTY LOUTH GOLF CLUB



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**BALTRAY, DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH
(RESIDENTIAL)**

require

HEAD GREENKEEPER

for Championship Links
Applicants must be fully experienced in all aspects of course maintenance, have a thorough knowledge of modern course machinery, supervision and control of course staff.

Salary negotiable.

Apply in writing to:-

**The Secretary,
County Louth Golf Club,
Baltray,
Drogheda,
County Lough, Ireland.**

APPOINTMENTS

DEPUTY HEAD GREENKEEPER

required at

SONNING GOLF CLUB

It is envisaged that the successful applicant will have had several years experience as 1st Assistant, will be experienced in most aspects of course maintenance and have some knowledge of machine maintenance.

BIGGA wage scale applies.
Accommodation available.
Application with full C.V. to:-

**The Secretary,
Sonning Golf Club,
Duffield Road,
Sonning-on-Thames,
Berkshire.
RG4 0GJ**

THE HONOURABLE COMPANY

OF EDINBURGH GOLFERS

MUIRFIELD, GULLANE, EAST LOTHIAN

Due to the impending retirement of the present incumbent this famous golf club invites applications for the post of

COURSE MANAGER HEAD GREENKEEPER

The successful applicant for this prestigious appointment must have a sound knowledge of all aspects of greenkeeping, with particular emphasis on links turf management. A practical knowledge of the use and maintenance of greenkeeping machinery and the ability to lead and motivate his staff is essential. He will have responsibility for the maintenance and presentation of the golf course under the direction of the captain and committee.

An attractive package which includes a 3 bedroomed, centrally heated house adjacent to the course, car allowance and other benefits commensurate with the club of this standing is negotiable.

Written application with details of age, qualifications and experience to:-

**The Secretary,
The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers,
Muirfield, Gullane,
East Lothian. EH31 2EG**

GREENKEEPER wanted

seeking enthusiastic greenkeepers to work on a 36 hole golf course in East Sussex. Will receive a vast amount of construction, grow-in and high level maintenance experience.
Send resumes to:-

**Ken Siems ,
Golf Course Superintendent,
148 High Street,
Uckfield,
East Sussex.
TN22 1AT**

ELLESBOROUGH GOLF CLUB

invite applications for the post of

HEAD GREENKEEPER

Applicants must possess relevant qualifications and be fully experienced in all aspects of modern greenkeeping and machinery maintenance.

Salary by negotiation. Accommodation could be provided.

Apply in writing with full C.V. to:-

**The Captain,
Ellesborough Golf Club,
Butlers Cross,
Aylesbury,
Bucks.
HP17 0TZ**