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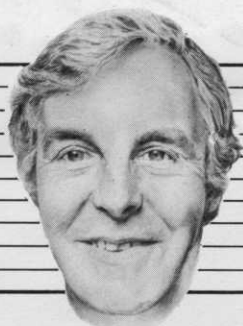
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Greenside Comment...



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Financial Crisis

Despite the huge sums of money floating around the world of golf in an ever increasing spiral, we hear of yet another plea from a deserving cause.

No, it is not the Greenkeepers asking for a living wage, but this time it is the Golf Foundation, a charitable organisation whose sole objective is to promote junior golf at grass roots level through coaching schemes at both schools and clubs.

This year they face an income shortfall of around £50,000.

Figures supplied by the Golf Foundation reveal that only 300 clubs in Britain make a contribution to the funds. That leaves some 1,700 skinflint Committees who have totally ignored requests for a donation to help not only the new generation of junior golfers without a club, but those juniors, sons and daughters of senior golfers, already with a golf club attachment.

Ask at your own club for a breakdown of the payouts made each year to the various bodies controlling the game and we guarantee you will be in for a bit of a shock. The unions and local alliances cream out a considerable chunk, though you will find some difficulty in obtaining a balance sheet.

What they actually do with the golfer's money is somewhat shrouded in mystery, though the elite in the amateur game, those dozen or so who represent the County together with the back-up administrators, live pretty well whilst in team competition.

We have of course heard it all before. If every golfer would donate just 10p then the Foundation would have £180,000 and their financial problems would be over. Most golfers if asked would donate 10p, probably more if he understood the excellent work of the Golf Foundation.

The only way this sum can be raised is to make a direct appeal to management committees. If they feel they cannot justify a sum from the annual subscription then surely someone could organise at least one competition during the season, run a sweepstake or even put a Golf Foundation swear box on the bar.

How many of us have said as we swing the club in an arthritic curve - if only I had started the game earlier?

It is too late for us, but not too late to help a youngster on the right path to golfing success.

Tragic ending to prize trip

There was a sad ending to the Houston trip for Young Greenkeeper of the Year, Huw Morgan, who heard by telephone that his father, Vivian, the Course Manager at Pontadawe Golf Club, Swansea, had died suddenly on his home course.

Huw, Head Greenkeeper at Fairwood Golf Club, had already made the most of his prize visit to Texas and was spending a final few days taking up the numerous invitations he had received to see the top courses in the northern part of Houston.

Despite a bout of "Texan Flu", Huw had participated in as many events as could be squeezed into his hectic schedule and was using his last few days to see how the best courses were managed.

We would like to extend our sympathy, to Huw and his family, in their sad loss. We know how much he was looking forward to sharing his experiences with his father on his return to Swansea.

Huw is a fine ambassador for the younger generation of British Greenkeepers and his club can be proud of him.

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