

# How can I reduce my golf course hazards?

As the owners and managers of a fine 18-hole municipal golf course, we are becoming increasingly concerned by the number of injuries being caused to groundstaff by the occasional mis-aimed golf ball.

Whilst we appreciate that the very nature of the game makes it impossible to make all work on the course totally safe, any improvement which we can make to our working practices in order to reduce such incidents would be more than welcome.

It would therefore be very much appreciated if readers could let me know as to how similar problems have been dealt with on their own particular courses, and as to whether such action has proved successful.

**S Packard,**  
Contracts Supervisor (Horticulture),  
Tamworth Borough Council, Marmion  
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## Day to remember

I would like to convey my sincere thanks to all concerned with the ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year Award held at Aldwark Manor. All the contestants were given a tremendous welcome and made to feel very important.

The Zeneca staff all worked very hard to ensure our stay was an enjoyable one and the memory of this occasion will remain for some considerable time to come. Their commitment to BIGGA and its education must be encouraged to continue well into the future.

Since being chosen as this year's winner, I have returned to work somewhat as a celebrity, receiving numerous requests for interviews and photo-sessions. I hope that next year will encourage more entrants to this great competition.

Once again, may I take this opportunity to thank all concerned, especially the Zeneca staff, the BIGGA staff and not forgetting the staff at Aldwark Manor.

**David Walden**  
1994 ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the  
Year, Yaxley, Peterborough

## 'Excellent opportunities'

I would like to bring to your attention a programme provided by the Ohio State University for young and enthusiastic greenkeepers who wish to experience working on American golf courses. The course is titled 'Ohio International and Agricultural Intern Program' and its aim is to promote the general interest of international exchange in the field of agriculture.

This program provides excellent opportunities for those who wish to further their education and also to experience the latest greenkeeping methods and techniques found in the American turfgrass industry.

I am currently involved in the Ohio States program and am serving my internship at Cypress Bay Golf and Beach Club, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I have found that the rewards can be quite substantial for those who are dedicated to the profession as I have recently been promoted to assistant superintendent of golf courses.

For anyone who is interested and for further information, I suggest they contact: Mr Michael Chrisman, Ohio Agricultural Intern Program, Ohio State University, 113 Agricultural Administration Building, 2120 Fyffe Road, Columbus, OH 43210, USA.

**Steve Holmes**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Cypress Bay Golf and Beach Club

## Some of us do care

Re: "Poor consultants". As a firm of woodland design and management consultants, we regularly visit a wide range of golf courses to advise on the planting and management of trees. Always in the

back of our minds is that the term "consultant" has been diluted by many financial service-type companies and individuals, none of whom are true consultants.

A less favourable definition might be someone who borrows your watch and then tells you the time, but my own definition is a person who is professionally qualified in their own discipline, who has at least five years relevant experience, and who offers a sound practical service.

To date, we have found that all of our work has been warmly received and appreciated by the various greens convenors, committees and greenkeepers that have sought our advice, a result of hard work and dedication to the task involved. These courses include Canmore, Bathgate, Westhill, Kingsknowe, Dunfermline, Blyth, Turnhouse, Pitreavie, Heysham, Largs, Saline, Braehead, Greenock, Baberton, Blair Atholl, Buchanan Castle, Ralston, Balbirnie and Hilton Park - and a happy bunch they are too.

I just hope that in future the word "consultant" does not raise pre-conceived derogatory ideas from your members. Some of us do care.

**Andrew Vaughan,**  
woodland consultant, Eamonn Wall &  
Co, Dollar, Clackmannanshire



## Drayton Park Golf Club

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# HEAD GREENKEEPER

Applicants should be qualified to City/Guilds (3) or equivalent, and experienced in working on established courses. Able to programme work loads, control and motivate staff.

Remuneration is negotiable.

Appointment 1st March or earliest.

Apply in confidence with full CV to:

**Hon Secretary, Drayton Park Golf Club Ltd,**  
Drayton Park, Tamworth, Staffs B78 3TN

Closing date 31st January 1995



## Worcestershire Golf Club

Owing to retirement the appointment of a

# HEAD GREENKEEPER

will be made by May, 1995.

The Club is seeking the services of an experienced greenkeeper who will be capable of leading and motivating the staff. The successful applicant will be experienced in the use and maintenance of modern machinery, including a computerised irrigation system, and will be expected to organise and carry out work programmes and maintain the course to its already high standard.

Salary is negotiable and a detached house on the course is available.

Replies with full CVs to:

**The Secretary, The Worcestershire Golf Club,**  
Wood Farm, Malvern Wells, Worcs WR14 4PP