

Usually the spotlight falls on the Course Manager or Head Greenkeeper at a Club.

Now it is the turn of those whose work often goes unheralded to star.



Name: Paul Davies

Club: Tiara Rado, Colorado, USA

Position: Assistant

Age: 40

1. How long have you been a greenkeeper?
Eight years.

2. What education are you currently undertaking?
HNC Golf Course Management, Distance learning through Elmwood College in Cupar, Scotland

3. Which one task do you most enjoy doing?
Walk mowing at sunrise and improvement projects

4. Which one task do you most dislike doing?

Cleaning ditches - we have miles of them!

5. What job other than greenkeeping might you have ended up doing?

Logistics - materials and financial resourcing

6. Who has been the biggest influence on your career?

Geoff Porter, former Head Greenkeeper of Golf Club Issum, Germany, now in India

7. What would you do to improve the life of a greenkeeper?

Give golfers a handout detailing what greenkeeping involves

8. What are your hobbies?

Golf, cross country skiing, white water rafting, travel photography, cooking and music

9. What do you get out of BIGGA?

Keep in touch with UK greenkeeping

10. What do you hope to be doing in 10 years time?

Remodeling golf courses or Superintendent

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Letter from America

The reason I write is that I saw the announcement in the February issue of the current location of Geoff Porter and his e-mail address, which was great as I'd lost contact with him. Geoff is responsible for introducing me into the profession over in Germany. His great enthusiasm and knowledge got me hooked and resulted in me running my own course and progressing to owning my own greenkeeping business in the UK.

I have recently moved to Colorado to settle down into "married life" and have been fortunate to secure a job here, albeit at assistant level. I think this could be a good way of telling all of the greenkeepers and other wonderful people I have met over the years know of my whereabouts and extend an



open invitation to contact me (or drop in!) and hear 'how it's done' here in the desert. Also, at some later date, I would like to attempt to write a short article about greenkeeping Colorado style and illustrate some of the vast differences due to our extremes of climatic conditions.

Paul Davies
BIGGA Member. 4445.

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