

Unfair criticism

Could somebody come down hard on the primadonnas that moaned about Carnoustie last week! My point is that everybody listens to those with money, (however vacuous) but the greenkeepers have no voice and are disregarded. Most unfair do you agree? The pros must know that the greenkeepers have no right of reply, but still complain about their course (which is their pride and joy) and try as might, the staff will react to criticism, and treat them as a soft target to be criticised with no comeback. They seem to have learnt well from our MPs in parliament!

Perhaps BIGGA could help by educating the golfing public/media on the subject of course preparation for an Open championship.

A lot of work and planning goes into The Open and for it to be criticised by people who only ever play on perfect courses (ie:- American courses) must be galling. Especially as these people are there for only a few short days and couldn't care less about the course during the rest of the year!

(or until they come back)

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A member of BIGGA since 1979.

Via e-mail

A BIGGA thank you

I have just graduated from a three year HND in Golf Course Management at Cannington College in Somerset and I was delighted to be awarded with the BIGGA South West and South Wales Trophy, for the 'Best Student, plus best Major Project, and a pass at Distinction.

As a member of your organisation I just wanted to say thank you very much for putting up the award for 'Best Student', as not only was this one of the proudest moments of my life so far, but also of my parents.

Although many condemn awards, I have to say that I was very flattered to receive the trophies, and had no idea before my graduation that I had been awarded with these prizes. To this end, I was wondering if you may be able to give my achievement a mention in a future issue of your Greenkeeping International magazine. It has always been my ambition to have my name printed in your magazine, and it would seal the top of a very proud occasion for both myself and my family. Not to men-

tion the college lecturers and class mates who have all been so helpful in the last three years!

I believe it can only be a positive thing, to publish winners of awards (especially those put up by BIGGA), as it can serve as a catalyst to other aspiring candidates. Certainly this has been the case for me, as I hold great ambition to one day compete for the Toro award for Excellence in Greenkeeping, an ambition I have gained purely from reading about past winners in your magazine.

I would also like to thank all the people involved within BIGGA for supporting colleges and students, certainly throughout my HND you have all been of great help and done all you can to offer advice and information.

Once again thank you for all your support, and I look forward to continuing a long and enjoyable membership within BIGGA throughout my career.

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