

Your Letters...

Questions are the Answer

Greenkeeping is not a job, its a vocation. If their salary was based on the number of hours and the amount of effort the average greenkeeper puts in, then most golf clubs would have to increase their members subscription by an amount that would probably lead to riots in the spike bar, accompanied by cries for the head of the Chairman of the Green Committee.

Sadly, the vast majority of golf club members don't have the faintest idea just how much work is involved in keeping their course in good order. And sadly, there are also quite a number who quite frankly don't even care.

And as they don't have a clue what it takes to keep a golf course in good nick, or understand that this is a year-round process, they are always the first to complain when they find the greens have been top dressed or hollow tinned.

They are also the same people who believe that it's the greenkeeping staffs job to clean up footmarks in bunkers and replace divots - after all, that what they get paid for!

I strongly believe that every golf club should have at least one evening a year when the members are invited along to a 'question and answer session' with the head greenkeeper or course superintendent.

The vast majority of golfers want to have a pride in their golf course.

Therefore, if they were better informed of the few simple things they could do to help keep the course in good condition, then they would be more than willing to comply.

Bill Robertson
Editor Golf Links magazine

Recycle and Save Lives

It occurred to me recently that many of your readers will have an old mobile phone or printer cartridge tucked away in a drawer at home or at work.

What they may not realise is that their unwanted items can benefit the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

Old mobiles and empty printer cartridges can be recycled and the proceeds will be used to help fund vital research into the early detection, diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer as well as providing support for sufferers and their families.

With 38,000 new cases of lung cancer being diagnosed each year and 80% of those diagnosed not surviving longer than 12 months, lung cancer is the biggest cancer killer in the UK.

But that's not all. Recycling is environmentally friendly too (mobile phones and printer cartridges take hundreds of years to biodegrade).

So you can help the Earth and support a very worthwhile cause too!

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www.recyclingappeal.com/roycastle or simply drop your unwanted items in the post to: Roy Castle Recycling Appeal (EL), 31-37 Etna Road, FALKIRK FK2 9EG

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