

Feature listing from August 2002

August 2002; BIGGA Golf Day; Open review; Talking Heads - Education & training; Trees; Dr Kate Entwistle; Pwllheli GC; Weather; Compact Tractors; Saltex preview

September 2002; National Championship Preview; Irrigation; Non Grass Cutters; Hawkstone Park; Careers in Greenkeeping

October 2002; Saltex Review; Golden and Silver Key Supporters; Environment Awards; Health & Safety; Sustainable Use of Pesticides

November 2002; Toro Student of the Year; National Championship; Drainage; St Andrew's Bay; Autumn Problems

December 2002; BTME & ClubHouse Preview; R&A Golf Course committee; Dr Kate Entwistle; Pennard GC

January 2003; Beedles Lake Profile; Talking Heads - Chemical Application; Rebuilding Golf Greens; Constructive Advice

February 2003; BTME/ClubHouse Review; Royal Liverpool Profile; Irrigation; Nematodes

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April 2003; Oakmere Park GC; Spraying; Golf Course Security; Bernhards Delegation; Ransomes Jacobsen Profile

May 2003; Cardrona Golf & Country Club; Poa Annuua; Rough Mowers; Mole Control; Rootzone; Green Construction

June 2003; Irrigation; Ransomes Jacobsen Scholarships; Fertiliser; Fairway Mowers

July 2003; Irrigation Water; Greens Mowers; Bent Grasses; Course Management; Rakes

August 2003; Aeration; Open Review; Saltex Preview; Waste Water; Toro Student of the Year

September 2003; Hanbury Manor; Irrigation; Disease; Integrated Pest Management; Communication

October 2003; Construction Machinery; Pay Recommendations; Saltex Review; Pesticide Legislation; Finance

November 2003; Temple GC; Trees; Environment Competition Results; Sandy McDivot; Drainage

December 2003; BTME & ClubHouse Preview; Downfield GC; Compact Tractors; Architecture; Bio-tech

January 2004; Ipswich GC Profile; Grass Seed; Environment Competition Awards; Utility Vehicles (sit in)

February 2004; Harrogate Review 2004; Tyneside GC; Utility Vehicles (sit on); Irrigation

March 2004; R&A Best Practice; Trentham Park GC; Drainage; Spraying

April 2004; Know your Rules; Tournament Preparation; Landmarks in Greenkeeping; Security

May 2004; Goodwood Club; Seed or Turf?; Biological Product Survey; Water Features; Recycling; BIGGA Environment Competition

June 2004; Fairy Rings; Biologicals; The Grove; Kubota Profile; Turf; Sand and Rootzone

July 2004; Royal Troon Open Preview; Mowing, Disease Analysis.

Work hard, play hard

Having just returned from the Open Championship at Royal Troon it struck me that the old saying "Work hard, play hard" was probably scripted for greenkeepers.

To witness the effort put in by the BIGGA Greenkeeping Support Team and Headquarters staff over the week of the event certainly made me proud to be part of the whole event. The energy, commitment and dedication to duty, not to mention enjoying themselves, was outstanding. Congratulations and thanks to you all for being fine ambassadors for our Association.



Billy McLachlan and his team had the fine layout in superb condition. The fairness and consistency of the course must prove to be a shot in the arm for traditional golf course management. No trick up of the course required and a tough test of the world's best players made for exciting television and a real atmosphere around Troon all week. Again many congratulations to Billy and his team.

For myself there were many other memories from the week aside from the golf. The opportunity to walk inside the ropes with Anthony Miller, from Lymm GC, who qualified after a play-off for 4th place at Glasgow Gailes, and who had our own Andrew Cornes (aka Squirrel) on the bag – a great achievement and one I know they both enjoyed.

Attending the Golf Writers Annual dinner along with John, as guests of Scott. Colin Montgomerie gave a superb address, full of humour and hope, while at the same time managing to get his own back at one or two of the audience. Such was his performance I was tempted to wager a reasonable each way bet on him. How easily a fool and his money are parted!

All in all a great week, and one which the organisers and our hosts, the R&A will no doubt be very happy with.

Prior to The Open my travels again took me over the pond to the USA. This time Toro were my hosts for a Turf Professionals visit as a result of the recent supplier deal signed between Toro and De Vere Hotels.

The time spent with many old friends and some new ones was a welcome break from the pressures of golf course maintenance and Toro were gracious and patient hosts. Again we managed to prove the adage that I opened with and I am sure that the rest of 'Kelly's Heroes' had an unforgettable time.

Chris Kennedy's knowledge of metals, their usage and placement was incredible and he proved all his years of experience by asking the right questions of all concerned. Thanks for your company guys and maybe we will get to Famous Dave's and Manny's again sometime.

As my companions left Minneapolis for home, my flight took me to Kansas to meet up with Ken and John,

along with officers of GCSAA in Lawrence. This was a meeting to explore the next stage toward our desired intention to work closely with others around the world.

I believe that the outcomes of these meetings will soon impact upon all our members, particularly with regard to affordable and accessible education.

GCSAA have developed a very effective communication tool to allow that to happen, and we will be testing this at some of our meetings in the coming months. Subject to the technology working as we anticipate we should then be in a position to roll out some test or example offerings to you.

It may seem that I've not spent much time at Carden Park lately, however the nature of my job allows me to work outside of 'normal Greenkeeping hours' and therefore, as Claire will tell you, when I am home I am at work if you know what I mean!

Of course this is tough for her and Cameron but I have a constant mental note to make it up to them when the Chairmanship finishes and the lobotomy reversal is complete!

We are just 10 days away, as I write, from hosting the De Vere PGA Seniors Championship for the fourth year. This is a busy time for us as we not only host and sponsor the event but do all the staging work ourselves from programmes, car parking, roping and staking to signage etc.

I am sure that my team will deliver as usual and that after all the hard work we will enjoy some play. We are encouraged this year by the addition of Sam Torrance to the field. If you can spare the time try and catch some Seniors Golf if in your area - I am sure you will be impressed at how hard they work and how much they enjoy themselves.

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