



Golf Park Noulen, Switzerland

# What a Picture, What a Photograph

The first BIGGA Photographic Exhibition produced some exceptional entries and the 2007 BIGGA calendar will feature some of the best.



Fulwell GC

The BIGGA Photographic Competition, launched earlier this year, saw a refreshingly high quality of entries from as far a field as Hanoi in Vietnam, while the ultimate winning entry was also from outside of the UK!

Judged by Alan Birch, whose idea the competition was, and Eric Hepworth, a professional golf course photographer, whose portfolio of work is second to none. Editor, Scott MacCallum chaired the panel but left the decisions to those with more photographic skill.

The winning entry came from Steven Tierney, of Golf Park Noulen, in Switzerland, with his excellent picture of Swiss hills mirrored in a lake on his course.

"I would have loved to have taken this picture myself although I wouldn't have thought to have taken it from where he did," said Eric.

"The reflection brings you into the picture and the mountains are mirrored perfectly. Steven obviously has an eye for a picture and I couldn't have taken this picture any better," said Eric.

Runner-up was a view across the fabulous Royal County Down course, taken from the new 16th tee, by Assistant Greenkeeper, Gary Crawford.

"I love the way the picture shows the quality of the work done at County Down. I also like the way Gary has captured the magnificent cloud on the left hand side of the mountains," said Alan.

Third place went to Iain Barr, of a view across his course in Largs on the west coast of Scotland, which was highly rated by both Eric and Alan.

"This is a lovely shot out over the golf course with the Firth of Clyde and mountains in the



St Mellion G&CC



Abergele GC



Cradoc

background but the picture is actually made by the golfers on the green, who catch the eye," said Eric.

Eric and Alan were extremely impressed by the overall standard but had some advice for those whose pictures didn't make it to the winners' rostrum.

"Light is very important and the best time to take a picture is either very early in the morning as the sun rises or as the sun is beginning to set. That way you get more depth to the picture and can capture some lovely shadows," explained Eric.



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Royal County Down

## FULL RESULTS

- 1st Golf Park Noulén, Switzerland  
by Steven Tierney
- 2nd Royal County Down  
by Gary Crawford
- 3rd Largs GC by Iain Barr

## CALENDAR SHOTS

- Keswick GC by Michael Branson
- St Mellion G&CC by Laurence Pithie
- Sunningdale GC by Will Bowden
- Cradoc by Stuart Ross
- Loch Lomond by Jordan Fairweather
- Abergele GC by Darren Anderson
- Wallasey GC by Lee Connell
- Fulwell GC by Mark Walden
- Fairhaven GC by Peter Simpson

"Also don't place the main focus point of the photo in the middle of the frame. Use the rule of thirds and keep the main element of the picture a third in from one of the corners. If you look at some of the famous pictures painted by the great masters you will see them using the same technique."

Several pictures which might have made it to the final 12, and thus form the 2007 BIGGA calendar, were ruled out because they had been submitted digitally and were either too small, were not of a high enough resolution, or both.

Stephen will receive a choice of any framed picture from Eric Hepworth's Collection and Golf Park Noulén will be profiled in the magazine in the forthcoming months, while Gary and Iain can choose from slightly smaller prints from Eric's extensive collection.



Largs GC



Sunningdale GC



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