



MATURE STUDENT FOUNDATION DEGREE

Dear BIGGA

My name is Matthew Tilley, a greenkeeper at Reigate Hill Golf Club, Ransomes Jacobsen very kindly sponsored for the 'Foundation Degree in Sportsturf On Line'.

You indicated, back in March 2005, that you would like to be kept informed of my progress. I am pleased to report that I have passed my final year and have successfully passed the degree with 'distinction'. My course tutor, Dr. Andy Owen, has informed me that I finished top of my year.

The Ill description of the degree is 'Foundation Degree in Science in Sports Turf', and I have been informed, again, by Dr. Andy Owen, that I am entitled to direct entry into the final year of the BSc 'Turfgrass Science' (Hons) degree.

I formally graduated on July 10 and took up a new position at Sunningdale Golf Club on July 21.

This would not have been possible without Ransomes Jacobsen's very kind generosity and I would like to thank you once again.

Yours sincerely
Matthew They

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THANK YOU

Just a quick note to thank all involved in the course preparations for the European Open 2008. A lot of work went into getting the course ready for the event and would not have been possible without the tremendous efforts made by all the volunteers. Your hard work and dedication was a credit to you and we can't thank you enough for giving up your own time and coming to join us. We really enjoyed your company and I hope you got as much out of the experience as we did. We look forward to meeting up with you all again soon.

Peter, Glenn and all at The London Golf Club

THANK YOU

Many thanks to James B Beard PhD, DA President and Chief Scientist of the International Sports Turf Institute, for donating a recently published water issue book to the BIGGA library.

Many thanks
BIGGA HQ

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Dear BIGGA

I would like to thank everyone for their kind words and tributes to Bert. I am still finding it hard to believe he has really gone. Peter and Anthony have been wonderful and have helped me so much. Billy and Chris have also been very supportive.

I am going to the orphanage that Bert and I visited on a regular basis soon. I will be taking just over £1,400 with me from donations. Sr Mariola will be able to do so much with this money, mainly to buy medication from the States for the babies with HIV/AIDS.

I am quite sure Sr Mariola will write to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity. I will send you some photographs of the children.

A big 'Thank You' to everyone at BIGGA.

Sincerely
Marie Cross

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