



1. Marriott Meon Valley GC – Looking West, by Dean McMenemy

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Some stunning photographs caught the eye in the latest Photographic Competition

The third BIGGA Photographic Competition produced a record entry and some of the finest golf course pictures would you find anywhere.

Rising to the top however was Dean McMenemy, of Marriott Meon Valley Hotel, who entered a body of work which could have produced several overall winners. However it was his simply stunning, Looking West, picture that stole the show with the low sun lighting up the trees surrounding a frosted green.

“The picture stood out as an absolutely outstanding piece of golf course photography,” said Alan Birch, judge and the man whose inspiration the competition was over three years ago.

“A very unusual picture but the photographer has made fantastic use of the late sunshine on the tree tops. A cracking picture,” said fellow judge and professional golf course photographer, Eric Hepworth.

Matthew Harris, a man who has photographed the world’s best golfers on the best courses of the world, completed the judging panel and was equally impressed by the winning entry.

“It is a stunning picture made by the way the sun lights up the trees. It’s a very deserving winner.”

Runner-up was a picture which combines great photography with great greenkeeping and was taken by Gareth Roberts, Course Manager of Hankley Common Golf Club.

The picture shows a green being cleared of dew early one morning and encapsulates exactly why so many people fall in love with a greenkeepers’ life.

Third place went to Liam Bergin, with his study of a tree on Papillion, a Colin Montgomerie-designed course in Turkey.

Nine other pictures from those submitted have been selected to make up the 2009 BIGGA

calendar. They are: Marriott Forest of Arden H&GC by Robert Rowson;

Worplesden GC, by Paul Robinson; Teeside GC by Dave Moss; Torquay GC, by Jason Brooks; Meon Valley by Dean McMenemy; Trentham Park GC by Leigh Swann; Remedy Oak GC by Lee Collier; South Essex GC by Ian Denny, and Manor House by Castle Coombe by Gian Povey.

Dean wins an Eric Hepworth print of his choice while Marriott Meon Valley Hotel will also be featured in Greenkeeper International next year. Gareth and Liam also win a smaller Hepworth print of their choice.

Thank you to everyone who entered this year’s competition. The overall standard was incredibly high and BIGGA could easily have produced a 24 month calendar based on the number of high quality pictures entered.



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3. Papillion, Montgomerie (Turkey), by Liam Bergin



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