

## A THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

#### Dear Sirs

Can I ask through your columns that golf club's reply to emails, letters or phone calls from applicants to their advertisments. I recently took time off to attend an interview at a golf club and to date have heard nothing. Of course I realise that in this age I should not expect good old fashioned courtesy - it appears that there is not a BIGGA course on manners yet! - however, there is a happy ending I have secured a job on a local course and I intend to help make it one of the best courses in the area.

A Happy New Year to all my fellow greenkeepers and happy golfing.

#### **Regards**, John Button

#### SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness that I must report the passing away of Robert Moreton, 71, on New Years Day. Bob passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side. All of us who knew Bob as a friend or as a colleague can take solace in the fact that he is now with his greatest love, his wife Valerie. His life was never the same without her by his side.



Bobs career started at Flempton Golf Club in Suffolk where his father was the Professional/Steward. He then moved on to Bishops Stortford, Ashburnham,

Patshull Park, which he helped to build, and then, from which most of you will know him, spent 20 years as Head Greenkeeper at The Berkshire, where he was highly thought of and will be fondly remembered by all.

Bob retired over five years ago but still loved to talk about greenkeeping with the enthusiasm of someone just starting their career. I personally am indebted to Bob for my career and feel very privileged to have been able to work with someone so knowledgeable for four years before he retired. All who knew him will have their own wonderful memories of Bob and the way he lived his life to the full. We will all miss a truly wonderful gentleman.

#### Chris Lomas

## THANK YOU

#### Dear BIGGA

Many thanks for everyone's generous hospitality during my return visit to Harrogate Week 2009. There was no better way for me to celebrate my 25th anniversary as a member of BIGGA than being a speaker and to be a part of the great educational sessions, exhibitions and overall festivities. I also really enjoyed the Casino Night and thanks for the invitation to have lots of fun. It was also seeing lots of old friends and to make some new friends also. The quality of the people from the UK and from the other countries that attend Harrogate Week makes it so much fun to attend. I look forward to my next return visit to Harrogate Week. Take care, best wishes and continued success to all of you.

#### Kindest regards, Terry Buchen, MG, CGCS

Please email your letters to Scott MacCallum, scott@bigga.co.uk or Melissa Jones, melissa@bigga.co.uk



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