

this is constantly reminded to me whenever a new venue is visited.

We have a lot going for us in Kent. Make the most of it.

Best of British  
Rob Holland



## Essex

Sorry about the lack of last month's news, due to an excessive workload at home and work it got missed out of my itinerary.

Cannons Brook Golf Club, back in August, and what a fine day greeted us. Warm, but not too warm, and a course that we have not played before. It was a challenge to say the least, as we had no idea of the layout. The course was fantastic condition and some of the holes were a real challenge with blind shots and trees that made you wonder if there was enough room to place the ball on the fairway (if it was there at all). A big thanks to Graham Lapwood and his team for a presentation, to be proud of. Our thanks to Cannons Brook for allowing us to play and to the catering staff for a fine meal. Also to the trade members for supporting us, with fine prizes for the raffle table. Finally to the players that made the long haul West.

Prizes went to the following players.

Overall winner and 2009 National Championship place. Nick Gates.

Div. 1. 1. Andy Cracknell; 2. Paul Hollingsway. Div. 2. 1. Stuart Rogers; 2. Ray Clark. Guest, Steve Butler. Trade, Mark Keysell. Nearest the Pin, Roy Sprong. Longest Drive, Stuart Rogers

Stapleford Abbots was our next port of call at the end of September, with some fine golf to boot. The course was really in great condition, seeing the long dry spell we have just had. Course Manager Paul and his team produced some of the most consistent greens I've played on for a long while, though there are quite a few ponds and lakes lurking out there to catch the unwary. Thanks to the Stapleford Abbots for allowing us to play and to the chef for a fine carvery.

Overall winner and 2010 National Championship place. Stuart Rogers, 40 pts

Div. 1. 1. James Lilly, 39 pts; 2. Tom Bownes, 36 pts. Div. 2.1. Mark Hollingsworth, 39 pts; 2. Malcolm Smith, 38 pts. Guest & Trade Prize, Matt Wise. Nearest the Pin, Tom Bownes. Longest Drive, Tom Bownes

Back in July I spent six very pleasant days at Turnberry, for the Open Championship, working on the BIGGA Support team. What an absolutely fantastic experience, not only being out there with some of the best players in the world. But also the ambiance between my fellow greenkeepers, not only on the Support team, but also with the Turnberry staff as well. The course was fantastic (the TV cameras did not lie). The early mornings and the long days did nothing so spoil my enjoyment, even down to the 420-mile journey each way. I was even up at 5am on the Tuesday after my return to resume my normal work (though, thank God, there was no rake propped against my office door).

Our next event is the AGM and winter team event, so make up your teams, there must be two BIGGA in a team of four. Entry forms on the web site soon.

Finally, the AGM. It's time to elect your committee, this year the Chairman and Secretary have both resigned from office due to work and family commitments, so we are looking for members who are willing to join the committee and work towards improving the section both in membership and stature. All officers of the committee are up for re-election and anyone wishing to be nominated should contact Martin Forrester no later than Monday, November 23 which will be the day that you also need to have any items that you wish brought up at the meeting, with the secretary.

Contact for Martin. 07984-867939 or mdwforrester@hotmail.com

If you do have any news for the website or for Greenkeeper International, please contact me on 07764 862 337 or via email [essexbigga@talktalk.net](mailto:essexbigga@talktalk.net)

Arnold Phipps-Jones  
Press Officer



## Rosslare Golf Club Vacancy 'Head Green-keeper'



Applications are invited for the position of Head Green-keeper at Rosslare Golf Club, Co. Wexford, Ireland.

Rosslare Golf Club is a long established private members golf club, founded in 1905, comprising 2 courses with associated practice range, putting and chipping greens. We are situated in the South East corner of Ireland in the village of Rosslare on a narrow sandy peninsula fringing Wexford harbour.

The 'Old Course' is an 18hole Hawtree and Taylor par 72 layout of 6786 yards. The 'Burrow' course, opened in 1990 is a 12 hole par 46 layout of 3956 yards designed by Christy O'Connor Jnr. Both courses are situated on typical 'links' land.

The vacancy arises due to the planned retirement in 2010 of our long serving head green-keeper. We are now seeking applications from persons who are interested in the position and can demonstrate strong abilities in all aspects of green-keeping in a 'links' environment.

The successful candidate will be capable of organizing, motivating and managing the green-keeping team and must bring a high standard of presentation to the links. Candidate's will ideally possess all relevant green keeping qualifications, will have a history of success in a similar position and will

- Be able to implement Health and Safety and other relevant legislation.
- Understand and assist in the preparation of an annual budget and manage the agreed budget.
- Motivate, manage and supervise the green-keeping team.
- Implement a plan for the establishment of a sustainable environmentally friendly course.
- Prepare and implement training plans to meet the needs of the existing staff.
- Manage and maintain the course machinery including an automated irrigation system.

The salary for this position is negotiable.

Closing Date for applications is Nov. 20th 2009

Applications in writing including a full CV to

The Hon. Secretary, Rosslare Golf Club, Rosslare, Co Wexford

Tel:- +353 53 91 32203

e-mail :- [manager@rosslaregolf.com](mailto:manager@rosslaregolf.com)

website:- [www.rosslaregolf.com](http://www.rosslaregolf.com)

## The Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh



# Head Greenkeeper

- Manage all aspects of the course and clubhouse surroundings to the highest standards (including preparation, presentation, maintenance and improvements)
- Line manage, motivate and develop training programmes for an experienced team of greenkeepers

### The Person

- Qualified, as a minimum to NVQ level 3 or equivalent in sports turf management
- Proven record in leadership and man management skills with experience of maintaining a parkland style course with typical soil conditions to a high standard
- Able to demonstrate a knowledge of basic construction methods to carry out general improvements to a golf course
- A fine eye for attention to detail

Salary and benefits will be by negotiation dependent upon experience and qualifications.

Please apply by e-mail or in writing with a full CV to: Mr Richard Fletcher, Fletcher Jones Ltd, 12 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2DP. 044 (0)131 229 7151; E-mail: [apply@fletcher-jones.co.uk](mailto:apply@fletcher-jones.co.uk)

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