

Letters



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Jimmy Richardson

Regarding Jimmy Richardson's retirement from Hexham Golf Club. I first met Jimmy at Ponteland GC in 1967. He has always been friendly, sociable and willing to help others. He is conscientious and has been a marvellous servant to both golf and the North East Section over his 41 years.

I have also enjoyed his monthly reports in the magazine. I wish you well Jimmy and thank you for your reliability.

Bruce Burnell
Eaglescliffe GC

Many Thanks

BIGGA Open Support Team

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the BIGGA Support team for all their hard work during the Open Championship.

I can honestly say that during my 19 years at Royal St Georges I have never seen the bunkers so well presented.

I was also delighted to be able to give a few of you the chance to hand cut some of the greens for me, an experience I hope you enjoyed.

On a personal note it was great for me to meet you all and I particularly enjoyed speaking to the younger members of the team, which makes me feel the future of our industry is in good hands.

Once again many thanks for your valuable assistance, it is much appreciated.

Graham Royden, Head Greenkeeper
Royal St Georges Golf Club.

Many Thanks 2

I am writing to offer my personal thanks to Ransomes Jacobsen and BIGGA and their continued support of the greenkeeping industry.

I will give you a brief insight into myself further on in this letter, but first I think it would be appropriate to say that without both Ransomes Jacobsen and BIGGA's innovative thinking and forward planning then I do not expect greenkeepers would be seen in the same light as we are today - By this I mean we are heading towards a greater appreciation by the general golf public and the way we are viewed.

As indicated at the head of this letter, my name is James Hutchinson and three years ago I was lucky enough to be given a RJ scholarship to study for an On - Line degree through Myerscough College. I am writing to inform you that I have recently completed the said degree and that I passed with a marvellous grade. I have also been invited to study for a BSc and I have of course accepted!

Since being awarded your scholarship, I have won numerous golf course related awards and I was also accepted onto the R&A's scholarship programme. The R&A's scholarship helped with funding for my second and third year's study but it was RJ's and BIGGA's initial help that set me onto this winning path. Without your backing, I may not have developed this mindset and I thank you for your foresight in developing the scholarship.

So please accept this letter as my way of thanking Ransomes Jacobsen and BIGGA for all your help and please, please keep up the super work.

James Hutchinson,
Fairhaven Golf Club.



The 2011 BIGGA Open Support Team on the 18th hole after Darren Clarke's wonderful victory