

# An early rise to the top

Craig Boath's Carnoustie shot scoops the BIGGA Golf Photographic Competition 2012

**The winner of the seventh BIGGA Golf Photographic Competition is Craig Boath's stunning early morning shot of Carnoustie's Burnside Course.**

The Head Greenkeeper on the Championship course took the superb shot at around 5.30am on a morning in July on the 5th hole of the course – a short par three.

One of the judges was golf course photographer Eric Hepworth who

was hugely impressed by Craig's picture.

"The winner really stood out.

His technique is perfect – if the sun had been any further to the right it would have been directly in the lens and caused flare spoiling the image, but the trees on the left shield the sun.

"In photography, and indeed art, we constantly talk about 'the rule of thirds' where an image is divided



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into nine equal parts by two equally spaced horizontal lines and two equally spaced vertical lines.

Anyone can go online and find out more about this.

“He’s used the rule of thirds brilliantly – the flag is right on the convergence of one of the thirds and that’s one more reason why it’s such an appealing picture.”

He also went on to give advice to greenkeepers hoping to emulate Craig and scoop the 2013 award.

“The vast majority of entries were shot in the morning light, and I completely understand why this is as greenkeepers are working on their courses predominantly in the

morning rather than the evening.

“However, I think next year it would be great to see a bit more variety.

“Sunny evenings offer stunning oranges and reds (when the weather is good!) which really bring out the best in a course visually, and I would love to see some evening shots included in the next competition if possible.”

Second place went to Trevor Mitchell, International Greenkeeper at the Diamond Country Club in Vienna, Austria, for his spectacular shot of the course.

Third place was awarded to Course Manager James Bonfield

for his sunny photograph at the Hertfordshire Golf Club.

The entries were chosen by a judging panel at BIGGA House, taking on board advice from photographic experts Alan Birch and Eric Hepworth.

Thanks to everyone who submitted a photograph, and keep an eye out for how to enter the next competition.

This time of the year offers a fantastic opportunity for some great winter photography, so why not get out on the course now and start taking some shots, in time for when the competition re-opens?



Craig Boath's stunning early morning shot of Carnoustie's Burnside Course



January



February



May



June



September



October

# The BIGGA Golf Photographic Competition 2012 - Top 12

The top 12 entries in the competition are all featured in the BIGGA Calendar 2013.

January's picture shows Celtic Manor, taken by Rhys Norville, and February features a misty morning on the 4th at Moortown Golf Club, captured by Michael Joyce.

March's photograph is the overall winner – Craig Boath's shot of the 5th at Carnoustie's Burnside course. April's image features the 14th green at Cruden Bay, taken

by Alister Matheson. May shows the 8th green at Royal Aberdeen Golf Club, snapped by Robert Patterson.

June is Stuart Hawker's photo of Castle Stuart Golf Links, and July's suitably summery shot shows the 15th green at the Hertfordshire Golf & Country Club.

August shows Trevor Mitchell's image of the Diamond Country Club in Vienna, Austria.

September's shot is by Adam Grieve showing the first green at

The London Club's International course. October's selection shows cutting on the second green at Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club – submitted by Chris Mitchell – while November is a view of Fairhaven Golf Club by James Hutchinson.

December's wintry shot shows the 18th green at Thorpeness Golf Club complete with the windmill and the famous 'House in the Clouds' in the background.

This was taken by Mark Barber.

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November



December

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Carnoustie Golf Links by Craig Boath, the winner of the BIGGA Golf Photographic Competition 2012

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List of winning entries appearing in the top 12 of the BIGGA Calendar 2013 (Number denotes the month)

1. Rhys Norville (Celtic Manor)
2. Michael Joyce (Moortown Golf Club)
3. Craig Boath (Carnoustie Golf Links)
4. Alister Matheson (Cruden Bay Golf Club)
5. Robert Patterson (Royal Aberdeen Golf Club)
6. Stuart Hawker (Castle Stuart Golf Links)
7. James Bonfield (The Hertfordshire Golf & Country Club)
8. Trevor Mitchell (Diamond Country club Austria nr Vienna)
9. Adam Grieve (London Golf Club International)
10. Chris Mitchell (Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club)
11. James Hutchinson (Fairhaven Golf Club)
12. Mark Barber (Thorpeness Golf Club)