

Assistant Profile

Our monthly look into the life of an assistant greenkeeper...



Name: Anthony Stockwell
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Club: The London Golf Club
Position: Assistant Greenkeeper
Nickname: Stocky

1. How long have you been greenkeeping? 5 years

2. What was it about the career that attracted you? I love golf and anything practical in nature

3. If you weren't a greenkeeper what do you think you'd be? Teacher

4. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why? Hand watering to try and create as consistent surface as possible

5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why? Hand watering with soggy boots!

6. What one thing - other than a pay rise - would improve the greenkeepers' lot? Further improvement in training and education for all

7. Hobbies? Spending time with my family and 2 dogs

8. Favourite Band? Supergrass

9. Which team do you support (football or otherwise)? My hometown Woking FC

10. What is your claim to fame? I beat Monty in a recent putting challenge

Sussex



The Summer Tournament was recently held at Pyecombe Golf Club, but unfortunately it was once again poorly attended. The results were... well, well, well:

1st place - Dave Allen, Rich Evans, Pete Smith

2nd place - Matt Hutchinson, Chris Ahier, D Burchell

3rd place - Nigel Everett, Pete Crossley, Mel Ward

The longest drive went to John Cole from John Shaw Machinery. It was the only fairway John found. Nearest the pin was won by Dave Hinks and the longest drive on the 9th to Larry Lamb Pearman. Well done everyone! Many, many thanks to Mark Day from Tacit who were our sponsors for the day. Once again Mark provided brilliant prizes. Our thanks also go to Pyecombe Golf Club for their wonderful hospitality and great food.

The next event will take place on Thursday, 11th October at Crowborough Beacon Golf Club with tee times starting at 11:50. The cost will be £19 per head. All enquiries should be sent to Competition Secretary, Pete Smith at pds@btinternet.com. I would personally like to welcome Pete to our section. I know he will bring some great ideas from his previous section where he was Chairman and Treasurer.

Our AGM will be held at the Dyke Golf Club on Thursday, 29th November. A nine hole competition has been organised with tee times from 12 noon and the AGM commencing at 2:30pm. Rob Hudson has arranged both the golf and a buffet tea at no charge to our members.

I would once again ask all in the Sussex Section to drop me line, ring me or email me with any news of interest to the section. Let's hear your news!

Cheers for now,

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Monday September 17. I have not been recently to the Isle of Wight but have used the time in not going to finish building my home made wooden gazebo. The builders are in making lots of dust converting our separate WC into an en suite shower room for our second bedroom and also refitting our bathroom. All donations to the make Brian's Dorking property liveable will be very gratefully received. The front garden now needs some turf so I hereby apologise to any local club that loses a small part of one of their greens, my gardener has only recently been released on probation.

That is it for this month for no-one out there in greenkeeper land has contacted me with any news but in next month's edition there will be a full report on the match between Surrey, Essex and Sussex at Lingfield Park GC and Surrey greenkeepers v the Reps at Richmond GC.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any advice or news as my Tacit mobile phone no continues to be 07879474038 or by email brian.willmott@hotmail.co.uk

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Good morning all, firstly apologies for missing last month's deadline not to be missed again! How fantastic and inspirational has the last eight weeks been with the Olympic and Paralympic games. I have never seen so many people enthusiastic and uplifted by some many sports. For me being a grown man jumping out of my seat

watch us win gold in the dressage competition unbelievable! There wasn't a dry eye left in the house when our British hero Jonny Peacock beat his sporting hero Oscar Pistorius in the 100m Paralympic final.

Back to greenkeeping the last eight weeks for us have followed exactly what we've had all year. No consistent temperature, multi weather fronts coming through - how can any of us plan end of season renovations and preparations for all our finals events! When times like these come around ie tighter budgets and not being able to prepare our courses the way we know how, we all need to stick together. Don't be afraid to pick up the phone and call your neighbouring golf club ask to borrow bits and pieces, and pick each others brains because between us we can prevail.

Team Match results

North Wales 3 South Wales 1 - thank you to sponsors Countrywide and Farmura Environmental.

South Wales 4 South West 2 - again thank you sponsors Countrywide and Farmura Environmental.

Thanks also to all patrons of the section, without your support prizes and events like these couldn't take place thank you.

Our Next Event

October 11th at Clyne Golf Club AGM starts at 11am followed by golf at 1pm. Please guys book this time in your calendars and try and support the AGM to air your views and support section golf event.

October 26th St Pierre Golf Club our inaugural South Wales Dinner and Dance will take place. Many tables have been taken by patrons and other sections - if you would like a table please contact Gareth Knight 07595988512 to reserve your place.

Many thanks for reading any news or views please contact me at any time.

Kind Regards

Peter H

Section Notes

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 by the 15th
 of the month