



Joe Dormer



Kenny (in grey jumper) and team at Wentworth

bunker on the 18th for the play-off, right in front of the grandstand. That was just amazing.

"It was great to meet the other BIGGA guys who were all really like-minded, we all had the same levels of excitement and the same focus to do a professional job and get the most from the week.

"The home greenkeeping team at Wentworth were incredibly welcoming and happy to go into great depth as they told us what they were doing and why they were doing it.

"I learnt so much, about bunker presentation in particular and the use of different rakes. The bunkers were so consistent with one inch of sand on the face and three inches

on the bottom. Each one must have played exactly the same.

"I'm soon going to be presenting a debrief to our committee on what I learnt, what I can bring back to my own course and it's all going to help my career enormously. I have to thank my Head Greenkeeper Ian Streeter for allowing me the time to go to Wentworth. I'd encourage every BIGGA member to try and get involved in opportunities like this."

Other members of the team echoed Joe's thoughts. James Briggs, Greenkeeper at East Sussex National Golf Club, said: "I had an amazing time and also gained so much from this experience.

"I met some amazing guys from other golf clubs and have kept in contact with, along with the Wentworth team who made us feel so welcome."

Phil Worth, Greenkeeper at The Mere Golf Resort & Spa, said: "Thank you for a brilliant four days at Wentworth. It was a fantastic experience and a real eye opener for me."

Kevin Armstrong, Head Greenkeeper at John O'Gaunt Golf Club, added:

"I had a fantastic time meeting some new faces and got to see some brilliant golf and a wonderful course.

"I will definitely apply again next year."

Assistant Profile



Name: Michael Llong
Age: 25
Club: Littlestone Golf Club
Position: Greenkeeper
Nickname: Bruce

How long have you been greenkeeping?
 8 years

What was it about the career that attracted you?

My dad is a groundsman and I used to go to work with him in the summer holidays

If you weren't a greenkeeper what would you be?

A farmer or a job involving animals

Which task do you most enjoy doing?

Hand cutting. The aesthetics of a hand cut green, approach or tee can't be beaten

Which task do you least enjoy doing?

I don't think there is one.

What one thing would improve the greenkeepers' lot?

To be recognised for the hard work that goes into maintaining a golf course and not just be seen as a grass cutter.

Hobbies?

Karate

Which team do you support?

England cricket team

What is your claim to fame?

With any luck being on the Assistant Profile