



BILLY MCMILLAN LAUNCHES COURSE CONSULTANCY

Former BIGGA National Chairman Billy McMillan has formed an independent golf course management consultancy, with services ranging from project management, staff training and development, and locum greenkeeping support.

With over 38 years' experience in the golf industry, he is offering help and support to any club that has ambitions to fully realise its potential in a competitive market.

Having spent many years at the forefront of greenkeeping and having also run golf clubs as a General Manager, Billy aims to bring a balance to the aspirations of Course Managers and clubs, helping to make a difference out on the golf course.

"I'm bringing something different to the table", Billy explains. "Looking at the club from both perspectives, I'm adept to change and meeting the demands of members, guests and visitors."

"Sometimes a fresh pair of eyes, constructive

feedback, and delivering practical solutions to overcome issues can make a huge difference.

"I hope to help clubs achieve a quality product tailored to most levels of available budget."

Having worked at many fine clubs, Billy has an extensive knowledge of many different course types, from clay-based to sandy heathland and everything in between, each coming with their own and sometimes very demanding issues.

He can evaluate current golf course condition and work alongside the club's greenkeeping team to help with planning for future success.

Billy is keen to take a hands-on approach and never shies away from getting involved at the grass roots to help others develop their personal skills.

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS

This year's BIGGA National Championship sponsored by Charterhouse and Kubota will be held at the superb Frilford Heath Golf Club on October 7-8, with a fantastic first prize of £500 worth of vouchers.

The two-day event will be held on the Red course, a classic heathland test. This was designed by five-times Open Champion JH Taylor, and hosts European Tour final qualifying the week before our visit. It's an authentic challenge at 6,912 yards, with fast and true greens and fairways that demand accurate drives. The stretch between holes five and nine is particularly notable, featuring a memorable par three hitting over a pond.

We've also cut the entry fee to just £90 which includes a round of golf on each day, plus lunch on both days and dinner on the Monday evening. Please note there is no accommodation provided.

To enter please fill in the application form on page 24 of this magazine, or email your details to rachael@bigga.co.uk - ensure you receive confirmation of entry by return email.

COURSE WORK STARTS AT CHERKLEY COURT

A historic site near Leatherhead has been given the go-ahead for an exclusive golf course. Plans for a golf course, luxury hotel and spa were held up by campaigners

who are objecting to the development. But after a hearing at the High Court last week a judge permitted the removal of topsoil and other works to begin.

The par 71, 7000 yard course has been designed by David McLay Kidd, creator of Queenwood, The Castle Course at St. Andrews and Machrihanish Dunes.