

WHERE DO YOU READ GI?

Jack Davies, Greenkeeper at Five Lakes Hotel Golf & Country Club in Essex, posted this terrific picture on the BIGGA Message Board, showing him reading February's GI on a boat!

Jack said: "After a spell of prolonged wet weather we now have a sixth lake lying on the fifth carry. I thought I could read February's magazine on the flood while we pumped it out – my boss was a bit sceptical of the plan though! February's magazine made a great read while I was on the water".

In what unusual locations have you read GI? Send a picture to steve.castle@bigga. co.uk and we'll print the best...

BOB'S BLOG

We're continuing to receive some excellent suggestions for blogs penned by greenkeepers across the land. The featured blog this month is Bob Meikle's at Crail Golfing Society in Fife, Scotland.

Course Manager Bob has used the blog for three years, and it features regular updates, pictures of Bob and his team working on what is one of the oldest clubs in the world.

Encouragingly, it also features on the main website meaning members and visitors alike are able to discover exactly what the team are up to – and why they're doing it.

Bob said: "I started it manly to make our BIGGA section website more relevant and up to date. Barely a day goes by without a member mentioning to me that they've been looking at it, and a lot of the complaints we used to get have stopped because people know what's happening. It helps them understand what we are trying to achieve on a regular basis by keeping them informed on what's going on-everything from basic cutting and aeration to winter projects.

"Visitors to the blog also find it informative because



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we have particular issues at Crail, such as high tides damaging the course in spring and autumn depending on wind direction. It also helps them understand what we are trying to achieve on a regular basis by keeping them informed on what's going on – everything from basic cutting and aeration to winter projects.

Check the blog out for yourself at www. crailgreenkeepersblog. blogspot.co.uk



MARATHON MAN PLANS TO SKIN COMPETITION

On April 14 Greg Skinner, Head Greenkeeper at Forest Hill Golf & Country Club, is running the Brighton Marathon.

He's running in aid of Leukemia & Lymphoma Research in memory of a good friend named Paul Glennon who died in 2012 aged 56.

Greg would welcome any donations to this extremely worthwhile course large or small – to donate and for further information please visit www. JustGiving.com/Greg-Skinner1