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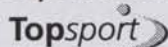
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- Head Greenkeeper
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- Spraying Certificates
- NVQ Assessors D32-33
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Looking for Head or Deputy Head Greenkeeper position in the South of England

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Greenkeeper



Knole Park Golf Club

Applications are invited for a position as an

ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER

Knole Park Golf Club seek an Assistant Greenkeeper who wants to broaden his/her knowledge base and experience on our Parkland Course.

Knole Park is a long established traditional private members club of approximately 850 members.

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Written replies with a full CV to reach the Secretary by 18 May 1999 at:

Knole Park Golf Club, Seal Hollow Road,
Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 0HJ.



FIRST ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER

Beau Desert is an Open Championship Qualifying Course set in 171 acres of Heathland situated in the heart of Cannock Chase. The Club is a member of the Heathland Partnership.

We wish to recruit an experienced Greenkeeper to work closely with the Course Manager assisting in the management of the course and having the ability to control and motivate staff.

Applicants should possess practical skills resulting from a background of work in golf course maintenance, be suitably qualified to a minimum of NVQ level 2 or equivalent and possess PA1 and PA2A Spraying Certificates. A keen interest in all aspects of golf would also prove useful.

A realistic salary will be offered to the successful candidate and in addition the Club operates a Contributory pension scheme. Accommodation is not provided.

Applications in writing, including C.V. should be sent in the first instance for the attention of:

The Admin Secretary, Beau Desert Golf Club, Rugeley Road,
Hazel Slade, Cannock, Staffs, WS12 5PJ



Salisbury & South Wilts. Golf Club



Applications are invited for the position of

COURSE MANAGER

at this very busy private members' golf club, which includes 27 holes of golf and extensive practice facilities.

The successful applicant will be computer literate and able to demonstrate the following:

- Experience in all aspects of modern golf course management.
- The ability to prepare budget proposals for the Committee.
- A sound knowledge of Health & Safety obligations and the ability to implement them.
- The ability to recruit, train, motivate, appraise and manage staff.

Salary will be negotiable, according to experience and qualifications.

No accommodation is provided.

Applications in writing, with full C.V. to;

The General Manager, Salisbury & South Wilts. Golf Club,
Netherhampton, Salisbury, SP2 8PR



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Steve Jones, Golf Courses Superintendent, The London Golf Club,
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Mannings Heath Golf Club

Requires a

COURSE MANAGER

Mannings Heath Golf Club is a privately owned golf club situated 2 miles south of Horsham. Facilities include two outstanding 18 hole courses, Tennis court and the finest clubhouse in the south of England.

The successful applicant will report to the General Manager and be responsible for the highest standards on the golf courses, with the assistance of the Head Greenkeeper and his team. The successful applicant will currently be a Course Manager or Head Greenkeeper of an 18 hole course, looking to progress to 36 holes, who is fully qualified and conversant in all aspects of course preparation, maintenance and construction techniques.

Applications in writing with full C.V. and current salary to:

The General Manager, Mannings Heath Golf Club,
Fullers, Hammerpond Road, Mannings Heath, West Sussex, RH13 6PG



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Owen Street, Coalville, Leics LE67 3DE
Tel: 01530 510060 Fax: 01530 510299

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Applications are invited for the position of

HEAD GREENKEEPER

This is an 18-hole, 6468 yard course on the Northern fringe of Basingstoke Hampshire and is a Members Owned Club. The successful applicant will be suitably qualified to NVQ Level 3 or equivalent. PA1A, PA2 and PA6 certificates are essential and the applicant will have practical knowledge of modern machinery and irrigation systems.

The position requires a hands-on working Senior Greenkeeper who will lead by example, be hard-working and self-motivated with a keen and positive attitude towards their work.

They will show good man-management and supervisory skills leading a small team whilst working within agreed budgets.

An experienced person with a proven track record is required to take our course through to maturity. Salary negotiable.
There is no accommodation available.

FIRST ASSISTANT

We require an experienced and qualified person for the post of 1st Assistant Greenkeeper.

Practical knowledge of modern machinery and irrigation systems and City & Guilds or NVQ equivalent preferred. PA1A, PA2 - PA6 certificates are essential.

Salary negotiable. No accommodation.

Please apply in writing with full CV to:

The Secretary, Weybrook Park Golf Club,
Rootsdown Lane, Basingstoke, Hants, RG24 9NT

SENE VALLEY GOLF CLUB

requires an

EXPERIENCED GREENKEEPER

Sene Valley Golf Club are seeking to employ an experienced greenkeeper. He/she should be qualified to NVQ level 2 with a minimum of two years experience.

Salary in accordance with Standing Committee rates.

A company pension scheme is operated.

Applications in writing to:

The Manager, Sene Valley Golf Club, Sene, Folkestone, Kent CT18 8BL

Closing date: 15 June 1999



FIRST ASSISTANT/IRRIGATION TECHNICIAN

is required to join a highly motivated team at this prestigious course, home of the Benson and Hedges International Open.

You will be required to maintain the workings of the Toro Network 8000 Irrigation System. Therefore, a knowledge of Irrigation Systems is essential.

You will also be asked to carry out and supervise Greenkeeping duties, so NVQ3 or equivalent and also PA1 and PA2 spraying certificates would be an advantage.

Please apply in writing to:

David Gower, Golf Course Manager, The Oxfordshire Golf Club,
Rycote Lane, Milton Common, Thame, Oxon OX9 2PU