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a. 01257 255321 b. 01282 874216 c. 01279 813574

Write down your three answers on a postcard and send your entries to:-

Know Your Numbers, Greenkeeper International, BIGGA HOUSE, Aldwark, Alne, York YO61 1UF

Entries to reach us no later than Wednesday, May 16, 2001. The first correct entry drawn will receive a stylish BIGGA Sportswatch!

The judges decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into.

This competition is not open to BIGGA staff or non-members.

Last month, Clive Pring, from Woodbury Park Golf and Country Club, certainly knew his numbers when he correctly identified all three telephone numbers.

Our congratulations and a a fantastic BIGGA sportswatch are on their way to you!









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Please apply in writing enclosing a copy of your C.V. to:

Nigel Wyatt, Contracts Director

MJ Abbott Ltd, Bratch Lane, Dinton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 5EB

experience.

The position is available from July 2nd 2001

Apply in writing with full C.V. and references to:

Mr Huw Morgan, Course Manager, Wildernesse Club, Park Lane, Seal, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 0JE.

Closing date for applications May 21st 2001

Recruitment



Invites applications for the position of

Course Manager

Milford Haven Golf Club is an 18-hole, 6,035-yard parkland course established in 1913 and constructed on an area of 120 acres. The club is situated on the outskirts of town and has spectacular views over the Milford Haven waterway. The club employs two full time greenkeepers with casual labour as required, and is equipped with a full compliment of modern machinery, which is housed in a dedicated equipment storage building.

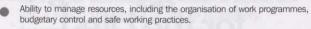
The Course Manager will be responsible for all aspects of course preparation, maintenance and presentation and will also be responsible for any on course construction including bunkers, tees, greens and other items deemed necessary. A draft contract and job description will be sent to all applicants

The successful candidate is likely to meet the following criteria:

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Fully qualified with proven practical experience, including the use and maintenance of machinery and automatic irrigation systems.

Proven track record in a similar position ,and show a willingness to provide a hands on approach.



Written applications with a full CV to:

The Secretary, Milford Haven Golf Club Ltd, Clay Lane, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire SA73 3R

Closing date for applications 31st May 2001



Technical Sales Representitive

Specialist in sports turf treatments with 60 years trading history and a excellent reputation, are seeking a Technical Sales Representative to join their existing Amenity Division

You will be required to service and develop both existing and new clients in the Hereford, Worcester, Shropshire & Cheshire areas.

The successful applicant will have previous experience in Amenity horticulture and, whilst previous sales experience would be an advantage, it is not essential.

Apply in writing to:

Mr Len Breakwell, ET Breakwell Limited, 814 Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 4BJ



ABBEYDALE GOLF CLUB LIMITED

Invites applications for the position of

HEAD GREENKEEPER

For a Herbert Fowler designed parklland course

The candidate will be fully qualified and will demonstrate a sound knowledge of the latest greenkeeping techniques.

Other specific requirements of the position will be the ability to demonstrate the following competences:

- 1. Team Leadership
- 2. Planning/Organisation
- 3. Drive/Motivation/Initiative
- 4. Problem Solving and Decision Making
- Tee and Green Construction/Maintenance
 Basic Machinery Maintenance
- 7. Budgeting Expertise

The salary will be negotiable according to the experience of the successful candidate.

Write in first instance enclosing a current full C.V. to;

The Chairman of Green, Abbeydale Golf Club, Twentywell Lane, Sheffield S17 4QA

Closing date for applications is 9th March 2001

Autoflow Systems Ltd

Require an

Experienced Sales & Design Engineer

Applications are invited for an experienced irrigation sales and design engineer. The ideal candidate will have experience of selling product, system design and installation into the Sports, Landscape and Horticultural markets.



For further information tel: 01603 759701

Apply in writing with current CV to:

Mr David Flawn, Managing Director, Autoflow Systems Ltd, Auto House, Ashtree Works, Mill Road, Barnham Broom, Norfolk, NR9 4DE

Email: flawn@autoflowsystems.co.uk

Recruitment

Southport & Ainsdale Golf Club

Require a

Qualified Assistant Greenkeeper

Applicants should have a minimum of 3-4 years experience and have NVQ Level 2/3 or equivalent.

Please apply in writing with CV to:

Head Greenkeeper, Southport & Ainsdale Golf Club, Bradshaws Lane, Southport PR8 3LG

DATCHET GOLF CLUB

Require an

EXPERIENCED GREENKEEPER

The successful applicant will be self motivated, hard working, with a sound knowledge of turf maintenance pracitices.

NVQ qualifications will be an advantage.

Apply in writing to:

Head Greenkeeper, Datchet Golf Club, Buccleuch Road, Datchet, Berkshire SL3 9BP

Sales Representative

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The area to be covered is North, West & East Yorkshire and Teeside and the candidate's ideal home location would be North of Leeds, but all applicants will be considered.

Please apply in writing to :

Clive Heginbotham Alpha Amenity Ltd • Poplar Park • Cliff Lane Lymm • Cheshire • WA13 0TD

ARKLEY GOLF CLUB

Require a

HEAD GREENKEEPER

Arkley Golf Club has a vacancy for Head Greenkeeper.

The successful applicant will be self motivated with suitable experience and sound knowledge of all turf maintenance practices. They should be an enthusiastic and hard working person, reliable and capable of working in a small team environment. Salary negotiable. Accommodation available on site.

Please reply in writing with full CV to: The Secretary, Arkley Golf Club, Rowley Green Road, Barnet, Herts EN5 3HL



EASINGWOLD GOLF CLUB 18 hole heath/parkland golf course set in the vale of York.

Applications are invited for the newly created position of

Course Manager

The working Course Manager will have overall responsibility for the course and be able to develop budgets, work schedules, course and machinery maintenance plans and have strong man management and motivational skills to lead a team of 4/5.

The successful candidate must posses the relevant qualifications, preferably HND or equivalent in Sports Turf Management but run NVQ3 with experience at supervisory level and all aspects of modern course management.

Free Golf Membership

Salary negotiable, no accommodation available.

Please apply in writing including CV to:

The Secretary , Easingwold Golf Club, Stillington Road, Easingwold, York

Closing date for applications:- Friday 25 May 2001

Recruitment



World of golf operate the UK's most successful golf centres and are recruiting for the following position...

Head Greenkeeper (Grounds/Maintenance)

Required to join the team which maintains the Range, Fairways, Short Game Practice Facility and course at our busy golf driving ranges in Gravesend and Sidcup. Conscientious self-starter, able to work on own initiative with the following essential skills: strong supervisory experience, sound turf and drainage knowledge, qualified to operate and maintain all types of greenkeeping machinery, health & safety knowledge and a full clean driving licence.

The successful applicant will be flexible and prepared to cover duties at either site, working a 40 hour week on a 5 days in any 7 rota.

Applications in writing with full CV including current salary to: Michael Crockett, World of Golf, A20 Sidcup By Pass, Chislehurst, Kent. Email: lizwilliams@ashtour.freeserve.co.uk

Greenkeeper

An opportunity to put into practice all greenkeeping skills on a 9 hole course with two woods, four ponds and a 32 bay driving range.

Must be self motivated, have hands on experience and a sound knowledge of course machinery. Accommodation could be available.

Application in writing with CV to:

The General Manager, Thamesview Golf Centre, Fairway Drive, Thamesmead North, London SE28 8PP

FLACKWELL HEATH GOLF CLUB

Flackwell Heath Golf Club is a well established 18 hole private Members Club situated near the town of High Wycombe.

To compliment our Team operating from a well equipped and recently completed purpose built Greenkeepers facility, we have immediate vacancies for the following positions.

Deputy Head Greenkeeper

Applicants for this key position should be qualified and experienced in all aspects of golf course management and the use and maintenance of modern machinery. Spraying certification is essential.

Two Assistant Greenkeepers

Applicants should possess, or be working towards, the appropriate qualifications and have a least two years experience of golf course maintenance. A mechanical background would be an advantage.

Remuneration commensurate with experience.

Applicants should apply in writing to the Secretary/Manager, enclosing a full C.V. and details of existing salary and benefits.

Flackwell Heath Golf Club, Treadaway Road, Flackwell Heath, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 9PE

MOOR PARK GOLF CLUB

Require

TWO GREENKEEPERS

We are currently seeking 2 young and enthusiastic greenkeepers to join our existing team to help maintain and develop our two parkland courses to the highest standards for National Championships, members and visitors.

Applicants should be NVQ2 qualified with some relevant experience and knowledge in modern greenkeeping practices.

The successful applicants will be self motivated, reliable and have the ability to work well with an established team.

Applications in writing enclosing a C.V. to: Stuart Bertram, Course Manager, Moor Park Golf Club, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire WD3 1QN.

NEW ZEALAND GOLF CLUB

Requires a



Applicants must be qualified to NVQ Level 2. Salary and conditions are negotiable but no accommodation. Please apply in writing, enclosing a full CV to;

> The Secretary, New Zealand Golf Club, Woodham Lane, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 3QD

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ESTATE MANAGER/ HEAD GREENKEEPER

The successful applicant should display excellent man management skills as well as being "hands-on", and should be able to demonstrate experience in all aspects of modern green keeping, (N.V.Q. Level 3 standard) as well as possessing knowledge of machine maintenance.

This is an excellent opportunity for someone who already has the responsibilities of a deputy and who is seeking their first appointment as a Head Greenkeeper.

Application should be made in writing to:

Human Resources Department, Copthorne Hotel Effingham Park Gatwick, Copthorne, West Sussex RH10 3EU

Feature listing from May '99

May '99; Security, Bude and North Cornwall GC, Spraying Regulations, Jim Arthur, The Acid Theory, Amenity Technology profile

June '99; Thorpeness GC, Millennium Bug Busting, Irrigation, Scotts profile, Company adaptability

July '99; Carnoustie, Golf Course Furniture, Spike Research, Toro profile, BIGGA Silent Auction

August '99; Viscount Whitelaw tribute; Open review; Merrist Wood; Saltex preview; Turf; Trees; Grass Cutting; BIGGA Golf Day review; Redexim profile

September '99; Slaley Hall; Tyres; Spotlight on Thatch; Elmwood College Awards; National Championship preview

October '99; The Manor House, Castle Combe; Aeration; Saltex review; Mycorrhizas; Toro Award preview

November '99; Sir Michael Bonallack interview; The Pines GC; Oil; Bunkers; National Championship review

December '99; Agronomy; Security; Environment Competition Winner; Toro Award Winners

January 2000; Greens Construction; Awkward Jobs; Sandy McDivot; Agronomy; Toro Award review

February 2000; BTME2000 review; Committed to Green interview; Rookery Park GC; Engines; Chairman's profile; Environmental Management

March 2000; Cleobury Mortimer GC; Course Furniture; R&A Conference Report; Cutting heights; Avoncrop profile; Valderrama report; Westurf preview

April 2000; Fortrose & Rosemarkie GC; Utility Vehicles; Irrigation; Seed breeding; Gem Professional profile.

May 2000; Ross-on-Wye GC; Top Dressing; Course Mapping; Compact Tractors

June 2000; National Championship preview; Spraying; World Education Conference review; Environmental Management; Mowers

July 2000; Open Championship Preview; Dougal Duguid Court Case Report; Pest Control; Aventis profile; Course Conditioning

August 2000; Open Championship review; Water Features; Saltex preview; Charcoal; Malone GC; Royal County Down; Grand Tour Scholarship

September 2000; Blowers and Sweepers; Berkshire College Academy; National Championship roundup; Gordon McKillop interview; Winter health checks

October 2000; Toro Awards Preview; Ronald Fream; Irrigation; Saltex Review; Pest Control; Woburn GC

November 2000; Grass Cutting Machinery; Clandeboye GC; Drainage; National Championship review; Leatherjacket management

December 2000; Toro Awards; Making the most of your Dealer; Budget Boosters; BTME2001 preview; BIGGA/ Bernhards CGSA delegation preview

January 2001; Communication; Tyres; Turf diseases; Kingsbarns Golf Links; Environment Competition Winner - Dyke GC; Talking Heads - Pest Control

February 2001; BTME2001 review; Winter Mowing; Irrigation; Broadstone GC; Hedges; Security

March 2001; York GC; Greens Maintenance; Meland GC, Norway; Greens Mowers; BIGGA Essay Winner; Grass Science profile

April 2001; Lightning detection; Brockett Hall GC; CGSA report; Fairway Mowers; Irrigation; Sward renovation; BIGGA Essay winner; Turf Disease



Positive attitudes

With slightly fewer BIGGA functions over the past month - with so much packed into my first three months as Chairman I do think I'm due a bit of a breather - I have been able to join with the rest of the Walton Heath team in catching up on the course work which the unbelievable weather meant we couldn't do earlier in the year. We've found ourselves returfing and reseeding the isolated areas which have been puddling up. There are areas on the course which are still near saturation point but I must admit we are luckier than some as the heathland is on a hill. My heart goes out to those members working on courses which don't enjoy good drainage after the rainfall levels we've had

We are currently in that awkward interim state on the golf course when play steps up but the weather is not quite warm enough to repair the damage caused by the increase in play quickly enough and we find ourselves slipping back a little. This has been definitely the worst

This has been definitely the worst winter I have experienced in my time in the industry and looking forward we must hope for something better than our recent summers. I know some weather forecasters have been saying we shall be in for a good one but in my experience you can't really predict what the weather is going to do much

more than a week in advance.

However I suppose the law of averages says that we are due a good one and my fingers are crossed that the sun smiles on us for the next five or six months.

With the Foot and Mouth Outbreak coming on top of the rain many greenkeepers haven't had their troubles to seek over the last few months.

It really is biting deep and the implications for many golf clubs, and BIGGA members will be severe. I've been invited down to Cornwall in the next couple of weeks on a morale boosting visit to an area which has suffered more than most and I'll be keen to offer a few consoling words to the members. For many the knowledge that the Association is there and concerned about their welfare is a comforting thought in their hour of need.

I was at the AEA luncheon in the Savoy a few weeks ago and the speaker, Jonathan Miller, a writer, broadcaster and regular columnist in The Sunday Times, was scathing in his criticism of the Government, unions and other related bodies and their handling of the situation. A small holder himself, he described the culling and burning of animals as medieval with the cost far outweighing the benefits.

It is also strange that we are told that slaughtering the animals will kill any disease they are carrying but that we are also told by other experts to beware of uncooked meat. Makes you think doesn't it.

On other matters, I was interested to read Dr Kate Entwistle's excellent article on diseases in last month's magazine. With the change in weather we can expect a lot of fungal activity and Kate's article will be a useful one to refer to when and if you get an attack. I note she also asks you to get in touch with her directly or through Scott at BIGGA HOUSE if you want any more assistance.

I'm also delighted to hear that the STRI has promised to submit more articles to the magazine on a range of subjects. The magazine is a good source on articles on problems you may be suffering from while you can always access the BIGGA Library which has a huge fund of books on all subjects available to you for no more than the cost of the return postage.

Clive Osgood

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