

Advanta Seeds

Stand: C3

Advanta Seeds will be presenting their two amenity ranges - the premium Advanta MM's, used at many leading sports venues, and the Designer range, which offers quality with competitive pricing, and is ideal for local authority customers. Many Greenkeepers use MM mixtures because of HeadStart, a treatment applied to all Advanta's amenity grass seed. By boosting germination, it helps to repair and improve playing surfaces, even when seeding in less than ideal conditions. New at BTME there will be a complete golf greens renovation guide available for all greenkeepers to collect. We also have tees and fairways guides. We look forward to seeing you on the Advanta Stand for more information. Get Ahead, Get HeadStart.

AFT Trenchers

Stand: B11

AFT Trenchers have been manufacturing trenchers for nearly 40 years, our products The AFT 45 and the Whizzwheels are all well known with turfcare professionals around the world. And we are proud to introduce the latest addition to our range of trenchers the AFT Sandbander, which quickly installs drainage slits, 25mm wide and to a depth of 250mm, filling them at the same time with consolidated sand. Even moist sand is not a problem for the AFT Sandbander. Come and see us at stand number B11.

AGCO (Massey Ferguson)

Stand: M11

Massey Ferguson has a comprehensive range of grounds care equipment ranging from high quality medium/high specification cab tractors to a wide range of petrol and diesel ride-on mowers designed to meet the needs of a variety of customers. An ideal higher horsepower range of tractors is the MF 2400 Series from 33 - 82 hp, which are ideal for golf course use on grass tyres. Lower down the horsepower range are the MF 1200 compact tractors 16.5 to 40 hp and the two new MF 1500 compact tractor models, 33 and 40 hp. The compact tractors offer maximum operating efficiency, comfort and economy for year-round work in grounds care.

Barenbrug UK Ltd

Stand: A20

At BTME 2005, Barenbrug is unveiling two outstanding new cultivars designed to achieve the best performance on fine turf. Barlady has superb fineness of leaf and excellent tolerance to close mowing. It is perfectly suited for a wide variety of applications, from very fine to heavy wear. BarKing is a browntop bent with superb winter colour and wear tolerance for golf greens.

The company is launching its new 2005 catalogue at the show. The guide to the Bar range of professional mixtures also includes advice on applications and recommended sowing rates and depths.

Bayer Environmental Science

Stand: C44

Four Bayer Environmental Science launches in 2005 Bayer Environmental Science, stand number C44, will have on display their industry leading turf fungicide, Chipco Green, now the only contact turf fungicide on the market that, unlike any Chlorothalonil

based brands, has approval for application via Knapsack sprayers. BTME will be the first trade show in the UK to platform a new selective herbicide, Nocweed, designed for managed amenity turf. The product's unique formulation means that it can even be used on very young turf. As those involved in turf management often also have responsibility for weed control on service areas such as pathways, car parks and around storage and utility areas, a new total herbicide being launched at BTME will be of considerable interest. BTME 2005 will see the introduction by Bayer Environmental Science of a new total herbicide, the first in the Amenity market for a number of years, for soft and gravel surf.

BIGGA

Stand: Q123

BIGGA was formed as a professional organisation in 1987, being an amalgamation of three similar volunteer-led national associations. It now has over 7000 members, organised into five regions and 27 sections.

Its main objects and activities are:

To promote and advance all aspects of greenkeeping.

To run the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition (BTME) and ClubHouse, the National Education Conference together with other conferences and courses for members.

To publish Greenkeeper International, BIGGA's monthly magazine, to all its members.

To promote the education and training of Greenkeepers.

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Stand: Q124 & Q125

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Greenkeeper International

Greenkeeper International has long been regarded as the market leading publication and a must read magazine for everyone wishing to keep up to date with developments within the turf industry.

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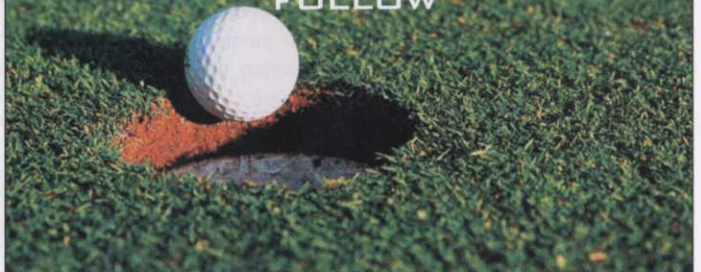

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Stand: Q61

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Eagle Promotions

Stand: A19

Eagle will be a familiar name to many visitors of the BTME exhibition. Equally renowned for scorecards and yardage guides, Eagle is the leading specialist in golf club signage for every kind of course and requirement: from the entrance, directions, information on the first tee, course maps, as well as the details on the tee at each hole.

The company provides a complete package: from surveying and advising on the precise needs around the course and clubhouse, through course measurement and yardage certification, to a comprehensive range of signage designs using only the best materials from sustainable sources.

Garfitts International

Stand: M26

Garfitts International Ltd will be present again on stand M26 and sales staff will be present to great customers new and old. The product range continues to expand and offers a greater choice to greenkeepers as a one-stop call for all their needs. Maintenance is becoming a greater part of the greenkeepers responsibilities and this can only be made easier and more cost effective by purchasing good quality products cost effectively. A visit to the stand will prove a worthwhile use of your time and a warm welcome awaits you

Hayter

Stand: C23 & C41

Hayter Limited presents a comprehensive range of commercial turf care machinery, suitable for both golf and municipal applications. Among the machines on show are the new restyled FM524 Fairway Mower, the R324T turbo powered Rotary Mower and the MT313 Tees & Surrounds Mower.

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Stand: Q120

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Stand: C40

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Stand: M13

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Ransomes Jacobsen

Stand: A23

This year's stand features new products that have been engineered to provide turf professionals with machines that really perform. From Jacobsen, there's the new **AR-3** and the **TR-3** tees and surrounds mowers. Both machines use the same chassis, with the AR-3 featuring 69cm (27") rotary mulching decks which can be used in either mulching or rear discharge mode by simply moving a deflector. The TR-3 has the proven Tri-King cylinders. The award winning **Ransomes Spider** slope mower will also be on stand. Features include 4-wheel drive and steer; 50 metres range; 500cc Kawasaki petrol engine and cutting width of 80cm.

Supaturf Products Ltd

Stand: A27

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Stand: B19

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Toro Commercial Products

Stand: M12 & M5

Toro is launching the MultiPro 5700-D, a dedicated, diesel-powered sprayer which is ideal for multi-purpose use on golf courses, sports grounds and amenity areas. Styled on Toro's Workman utility vehicle, the sprayer has a 35.5hp Kubota engine and is fitted with a generous 30-gallon spray tank. Accurate application is ensured via the hydraulic control valve, which compensates for variations in ground speed, and when turning boom sections on and off, by changing pump rpm. Also new is Toro's Fairway Groomer, which fits onto the Reelmaster 5000 and 6000 mowers to keep golf course fairways looking immaculate.

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The GTC approved college listings

As a member of the Greenkeepers Training Committee, BIGGA is actively involved in raising the Standard of Greenkeeper Training.

The range and quality of training now available means that there is a training course for every greenkeeper which should improve the quality of greenkeeping and help to produce better quality golf courses.

Golf Course Managers should ensure that their staff are trained to the highest standards, beginning by selecting a training provider that meets the criteria laid down by the GTC.

There is a clear link between education, training and economic success and if you think that training is expensive then try ignorance.

Ken Richardson

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ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE Askham Bryan, York, North Yorkshire, YO23 3FR **Contact:** Central Admissions **Tel:** 01904 772211 **Fax:** 01904 772288 **Email:** sf@askham-bryan.ac.uk **Web:** www.askham-bryan.ac.uk **Information:** First Diploma in Horticulture, National Diploma in Horticulture (Turf Option), Higher National Certificate in Horticulture (Golf Course Management): part-time study, Higher National Diploma in Horticulture (Golf Management Option) all available full or part time. Block release courses: NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping, NVQ Level 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance, NVQ Level 4 Amenity Horticulture. Short courses: FEPA spraying, chainsaw and brushcutter courses.



BERKSHIRE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE Hall Place, Burchetts Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 6QR **Contact:** Andy Williams **Tel:** 01628 824444 **Fax:** 01628 824695 **Email:** enquiries@bca.ac.uk **Web:** www.bca.ac.uk **Information:** Located in the Thames Valley, BCA has excellent resources for horticultural based training including a six-hole golf training facility opened by HRH The Duke of York. Programmes include the First Diploma, National Certificate and National Diploma in Horticulture, with Landscape Design and Greenkeeping options plus Higher National Diploma/Certificate programmes. Part-time programmes include NVQ Level 2 and 3 Amenity Horticulture, Sports Turf. Residential accommodation is available.



BROOKSBY MELTON COLLEGE Brooksby, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE14 2LJ **Contact:** Student Services **Tel:** 01664 850850 **Fax:** 01664 855355 **Email:** course.enquiries@brooksbymelton.ac.uk **Web:** www.brooksbymelton.ac.uk **Information:** Situated on the A607 between Leicester and Melton Mowbray. Programmes available include NVQ Levels 2, 3 & 4 in Greenkeeping. Work based emphasis for all of these programmes. Short courses available in Arboriculture/Chainsaw work, TDLB training and Pesticide application training.



BRIDGWATER COLLEGE CANNINGTON CENTRE FOR LANDBASED STUDIES, Cannington, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 2LS **Contact:** Steve Hasell **Tel:** 01278 655000 **Fax:** 01278 655055 **Email:** enquiries@cannington.ac.uk **Web:** www.cannington.ac.uk **Information:** National Certificate in Amenity Horticulture (Sportsturf), Certificate of Higher Education in Golf Course Management, Foundation Degree in Golf Course Management, NVQ Level 2 Sports Turf, NVQ Level 3 Sports Turf, NVQ Level 4 Horticulture (Sportsturf), FEPA Training, Chainsaw Certification, Off-Road Vehicle Certification, Greenkeeper Mechanics. Note: Certificate of Higher Education is available as a part-time option and Foundation Degree.



EAST DURHAM AND HOUGHALL COMMUNITY COLLEGE Houghall, Durham, DH1 3SG **Contact:** Ian Lacy **Tel:** 0191 375 4754 / 0191 375 4740 **Fax:** 0191 386 0419 **Email:** enquiry@edhcc.ac.uk **Web:** www.edhcc.ac.uk **Information:** Full-time courses: National Certificate in Horticulture/Greenkeeping and Groundsmanship - 1 year; National Diploma in Horticulture Turf Option - 2/3 years. Part time courses:-Greenkeeping and Sportsturf maintenance NVQ Level 2 - Day Release. NVQ Level 3/4 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance Day Release. Short courses: FEPA Modules, Chainsaw certification, Tree inspection, Horticultural Machinery, Safe Lifting and First Aid.



HADLOW COLLEGE Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0AL **Contact:** Sally Flanagan **Tel:** 01732 853162 **Fax:** 01732 853207 **Email:** sally.flanagan@hadlowcollege.ac.uk **Web:** www.hadlow.ac.uk **Information:** National award and National Diploma in Horticulture. NVQ Level 1 Horticulture, NVQ Level 2 & 3 in Amenity Horticulture in Hard Landscaping, Sports Turf and Production Horticulture. NVQ 2 and 3 Retail Operations.



HARTPURY COLLEGE Hartpury, Gloucestershire, GL19 3BE. Courses available include: National Awards, National Certificates and National Diplomas in Green Keeping and Groundsmanship and Amenity & Landscape Horticulture and Day Release training for Apprenticeships leading to NVQs in Sports Turf and Horticulture. For further information contact our Enquiry Line on 01452 702132 or visit the Hartpury College website at www.hartpury.ac.uk



MERRIST WOOD CAMPUS OF GUILDFORD COLLEGE Worpleston, Guildford, Surrey, GU3 3PE **Contact:** Joe Paulin **Tel:** 01483 884088 **Fax:** 01483 884001 **Email:** jpaulin@guildford.ac.uk **Web:** www.guildford.ac.uk **Information:** Part-time courses: NVQ Level 2 Sportsturf college day release and workplace visits/assessments at Merrist Wood and at Crawley, Level 2 First Diploma college day release, for those without qualified workplace assessors; NVQ Level 3 Sportsturf college day release and workplace visits/assessments, Level 3 National Award college day release for those without qualified workplace assessors, HNC Turfgrass Science and Management college day release over 2 years plus various short courses including BTLIA Irrigation Certificate Course, throughout the year: HND Turfgrass Science and Management college day release. Please contact us for up-to-date listings, qualifications and advice. Career Evenings held regularly at the campus.



MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire, PR3 0RY **Contact:** Wayne Roberts **Tel:** 01995 642222/642305 **Fax:** 01995 642333 **Email:** mailbox@myerscough.ac.uk **Web:** www.myerscough.ac.uk **Information:** Full time courses: BSc (Hon's) Turfgrass Science, Foundation Degree Sportsturf Science - online option by distance learning, ND Turf Science & Sportsground Maintenance: National Certificate in Groundsmanship and Greenkeeping, also Sports Turf Mechanisation option: First Diploma in Greenkeeping; Turf Science: NVQ 2, 3 & 4 Greenkeeping Management delivered both in the work place and over the internet using the colleges 'Molnet System'. Part-time courses NVQ Level 2 & 3 Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Maintenance (Day/block release or Fast track work-based training qualification). All higher education courses can be accessed on a part time basis. HNC Turf Science: FEPA Short courses. NPIC Certificates of competence in the safe use of mowers and turfcare equipment. Careers mornings monthly on Saturdays.



NESCOT - NORTH EAST SURREY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey, KT17 3DS **Contact:** Gary Stewart **Tel:** 0208 394 3220 **Email:** info@nescot.ac.uk **Web:** www.nescot.ac.uk **Information:** NVQ Levels I, II and III in Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping options). Part time Day Release. Duration: Two years to Level II. FEPA Spraying Courses. Also available - RHS General and Advanced Certificates in Horticulture. RHS Diploma in Horticulture.



OAKLANDS COLLEGE St Albans Smallford Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 0JA **Contact:** Andrew Wight **Tel:** 01727 737080 **Email:** andy.wight@oaklands.ac.uk **Web:** www.oaklands.ac.uk **Information:** Full time courses: National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management. Part-time courses: leading to NVQ Level 2 & 3 Greenkeeping, Apprenticeship Training. Evening Courses: leading to NVQ Level 4. Short Courses: Pesticide, Chainsaw.



PLUMPTON COLLEGE Ditchling Road, Plumpton, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 3AE **Contact:** David Blackmur **Tel:** 01273 890454 **Fax:** 01273 890071 **Email:** enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk **Web:** www.plumpton.ac.uk **Information:** National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture, National Award (Garden Design), First Diploma in Horticulture. Part time courses: NVQ Level 1; NVQ Level 2 in Landscaping and Sportsturf; NVQ Level 3 Landscaping and Sportsturf; NVQ Level 4. Also available are RHS General and RHS Advanced; IOG National Technical and Intermediate National Diploma. Short courses are also available for FEPA spraying and chainsaw.



REASEHEATH COLLEGE Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6DF **Contact:** Chard Spicer **Tel:** 01270 613236 **Fax:** 01270 625665 **Email:** chards@reaseheath.ac.uk **Web:** www.reaseheath.ac.uk **Information:** (Full-time) National Certificate in Amenity Horticulture, National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture with Sports Turf; Foundation Degree/ Higher National Diploma in Golf Course Management; (Part-time) Higher National Certificate in Golf Course Management; NVQ Levels 2, 3, 4 in Sports Turf plus a wide range of NPIC qualifications.

Training providers guide

Available courses guide

This guide is not exhaustive and a full list of GTC approved training providers can be obtained from the GTC. The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) are continually reviewing the approved status of training providers offering greenkeeper training courses. Anyone with a query regarding greenkeeper training should contact the Greenkeeper Training Committee at Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York YO61 1UF, Tel: 01347 838640 or visit their website at <http://www.the-gtc.co.uk>

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Rodbaston College



RODBASTON COLLEGE Rodbaston College, Rodbaston, Penkridge, Stafford ST19 5PH **Contact:** John Renshaw **Tel:** 01785 712209 **Fax:** 01785 715701 **Email:** john.renshaw@rodbaston.ac.uk **Information:** NVQ Amenity Horticulture (Sportsturf) at Levels 1-4. Part-time and flexible study options. Short Courses: Pesticides, Chainsaws and safe use of equipment.

SPARSHOLT COLLEGE HAMPSHIRE

SPARSHOLT COLLEGE HAMPSHIRE Sparsholt, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 2NF **Contact:** Ray Broughton **Tel:** 01962 776441 **Fax:** 01962 776587 **Email:** rbroughton@sparsholt.ac.uk **Web:** www.sparsholt.ac.uk **Information:** NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping Practice, NVQ Level 3 Greenkeeping Supervision, City & Guilds Phase IV Management Studies, National Diplomas in Golf Course Management and Golf Studies, National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Management. GTC: Greenkeeping Certificate, GTC: Certificate in Golf Course Supervision, FEPA: Short courses, Chainsaws. Phase IV and NVQ Level 2 are offered on block release and day release. Full residential facilities available. Sparsholt College provides education and training in the land-based industries.

The College of West Anglia



THE COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA Milton Campus **Contact:** Bob Young **Tel:** 01223 860701 **Email:** enquires@col-westanglia.ac.uk **Information:** The College of West Anglia offers a full range of courses for Greenkeepers including: NVQ Level 2 Sportsturf (Greenkeeping and Groundsmanship), NVQ Level 3 Sports Turf Maintenance. TDLB Assessors awards. FEPA, Chain Saws, MO1. Other Courses: National and First Diploma in Horticulture and Garden Design.

Warwickshire College

WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE Moreton Morrell Centre, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, Warwickshire, CV35 9BL **Contact:** Andrew Turnbull **Tel:** 01926 318285 **Fax:** 01926 318300 **Email:** aturnbull@warkscol.ac.uk **Web:** www.warkscol.ac.uk **Information:** Greenkeeping Courses: Foundation Degree Sports Turf Management (3 year part-time with the option of an HNC after two years, some distance learning units) NVQ Level 2 & 3 Day Release and Workbased Option. City and Guilds Advanced National certificate Sports Turf - A level 3 qualification, 2 year day release. BTECH First Diploma Sports Turf. Short Courses: Spraying Certificates (PA1, PA2, PA6), Chainsaw Certificate; NPTC certificates; Tractor Driving, Mowing Equipment, Turf Maintenance Equipment. All training and assessment carried out in the workplace.

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WALES

Your Letters...

Alex and Co prove there is a future in Greenkeeping

The November issue of Greenkeeper International has fallen on the doormat, and for a change I haven't turned straight to the job page, I wanted to see which Course Manager, with 20 years experience, has won the Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award. It was with great pleasure that I read the article to find the winner is a 26 year old Assistant Greenkeeper and that all the finalist seemed to be under 30 and happy to be in this industry, this the same industry that is so bad, where we get no respect, badly paid and people are leaving in droves to pastures greener. I for one think it is great to see these new faces with the desire to prove themselves against the best, and to be the best in the industry. These young men and women are the future of greenkeeping, I wish them all the very best in their chosen profession and well done Alex.

The reading of the rest of the magazine was not all as cheerful though and two points in different articles stood out as being, in my opinion, wrong. The first point was in the article by Lex van de Weerd about choosing the correct grass species for a new golf project. On the whole the article was good and made interesting reading, but the point made that it required more skill to manage monoculture greens (100% creeping bent) than it did mixed species Fescue Bent greens, to me made absolutely no sense. I think the phrase better used may have been "required different skills", as I am sure managers of good quality Fescue Bent greens are just as skilled as managers on single species greens.

The second point, that I still can't believe was even printed in Greenkeeper International, the "Award winning magazine of the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association", was made by Frank Newberry in the article

"How to apply for that ideal job". The comment in question was, "You can, and should, try applying for a job vacancy that does not exist". Not only do I think this is immoral, it actually contravenes BIGGA's own code of ethics. Number six in the code of ethics clearly states, "Members should, pursue job advancement only where vacancies arise and not at the expense of a fellow greenkeeper and abstain from any action, comment or communication not founded on truth which is likely to harm the professional reputation or practice of another greenkeeper."

This is the reason I am amazed that this part of the article ever got to print, I know I wouldn't be best pleased if some one applied for my job or came for a walk round and started telling the club how things could be improved, I'm fairly sure most other greenkeepers in the country would agree with me. And finally I got to the Chairman's Column at the back of the mag, Andy Campbell may not have the literary wit of George Brown, but I think through the year Andy has written his column and added lots of good tips for dealing with people and problems that occur on many courses around the country. It has also been reassuring to know that through a very tough year, with the crazy weather, that a complex such as Carden Park can have similar problems to any other course in Britain. I also think that through his column he has communicated what the Chairman does through his year, it's plain to me that it is not just a jolly up in a red blazer. So well done Andy on your year so far and thanks for all your hard work.

Les Howkins
Cleethorpes Golf Club

Editor's Note: Frank Newberry was certainly not advocating a policy of applying for a filled position but merely highlighting a well established industry practice of expressing an interest should a vacancy ever arise.

Bob Scott - A Sad Loss to Greenkeeping

Robert Scott, Bob, as he was known to most greenkeepers, died suddenly on Saturday October 9 2004. Bob was in his 66th year, having retired only last January.

He was a greenkeeper all his working life, serving his apprenticeship at Eastwood Golf Club, Loganswell, Newton Mearns. In his youth he was brought up on a farm adjacent to the golf club. He served on a number of courses on his way to being Head Greenkeeper at Elderslie Golf Club, Renfrewshire, where he worked until his retirement.

Bob was a golfer of note among the greenkeeping fraternity in Scotland where he lifted many trophies which still bear his name. To add to his golfing honours he won the Club Championship at Elderslie twice. As time rolled along he joined the local Bowling Club where again he showed his metal, being a winner at bowls. When he retired Elderslie gave Bob Life Membership.

Bob was a very studious and deep thinking man. It is evident that he was an exceptional person and a much loved friend judging by the large amount of mourners who attended his funeral at Woodside Crematorium, Paisley, on Friday October 15.

As a mark of respect, his bowling friends lined both sides of the entrance to the Crematorium, dressed in their Bowling Club attire. Between Bowlers, Golfers, Greenkeepers and Friends, the Chapel was crammed to capacity with twice as many mourners having to stand. The Service was conducted by a gentleman from the Humanist Society who spoke of Bob's life with many anecdotes and humorous stories.

It is always a distressing time for a family when a loved one is suddenly taken from them without achieving the promised "three score and ten". Our thoughts are with Mrs Scott and her close family at their time of deep mourning.

Cecil George
BIGGA Life Member

Bob Scott - A Great Greenkeeper, A Great Bloke

I have the sad duty of having to inform you of the death of Bob Scott who was the Head Greenkeeper at Elderslie GC for 38 years. Our thoughts and condolences go out to his wife, Jeanette, sons, Ross & Tommy, and all the other members of his family.

Bob started his career in greenkeeping at Eastwood GC before moving on to Williamwood GC where he worked under John Donnelly. The training he and other members of staff received there was obviously of a high calibre as many of the assistants that worked alongside Bob went on to be Head Greenkeepers within the South side of Glasgow, names such as Dobson, McNiven & Fitzpatrick come to mind. Bob was a keen advocate of "Best Practice" greenkeeping long before names such as "IPM" and "Best Practice" were used, i.e. minimal feeding, little irrigation, sensible cutting heights and keeping a healthy living rootzone on which grass could grow quite happily. The legacy Bob and other greenkeepers of his ilk have passed on will still be practised many years from now and I am sure that is the biggest complement I could pay a man who was a great boss and mentor.

Brian Bolland
Course Manager
East Kilbride Golf Club

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Thanks for the memories

What a pleasure it was to read of Scott MacCallum's sufferings, trials and tribulations as a young writer, when bones could suffer the pain of exposed springs in B & B's and the long and tiresome journeys to and from map references which only he in his thoughtful moments of bygone days can recall. On reading your editorial in the November issue of Greenkeeper International it brought back long forgotten memories of when I started greenkeeping in 1940. I won't mention the name of the club but, believe me when I say, at that time it was noted for being more than difficult to get membership no matter what status or wealth you had attained.

If your Dad, Uncle or influential friend put forward your name after a long period of waiting time and some very strict interrogation you might be considered eligible to join that select membership.

Needless to say this was a very wealthy club who chose their members from a long waiting list. If only they had been half as efficient in looking into the wages and conditions that their greenkeeping staff labored under!

There were two sheds, 'wooden' of course, one where the horse had been stabled in the not far distant past, and the other had been built to house the two Allan tractors, which were really just Ford T cars that had been adapted to suit the golf course by a firm called Pattisons, which many greenkeepers will still remember, who were at that time the main supplier of most golf course equipment.

It seemed to me as a young lad of about 15 years that everything on a golf course belonged to someone called Pattison, as the name was stamped or printed or painted on everything that greenkeepers used to maintain the course.

The club committee saw to it that anything to benefit the course was purchased without thought of expense. When it came to the greenkeepers and their welfare the blindfold was put on.

No water, except the 'burn', to make a cup of tea or wash your hands (soap and towels I won't mention, neither did the golf club committee).

Our toilets were the woods. Our Bothy consisted of some benches in the tractor shed with a dirt floor and the smell of oil and fertilisers which were stored in one corner, with more care than the greenkeeping staff got.

When I think back to those days, and the pittance for a wage (10/-per week), it gives me great pleasure to know the wages and conditions which now exist.

I had the privilege of selecting the Golf Courses of the Year in Scotland for the first few years of the Competition. What an experience, eye opener and insight into the effort in practical greenkeeping put into the presentation of the courses of those who entered the competition and their knowledge of what I was expecting.

I and many like me have had a great life in greenkeeping. All I can say now is to thank you, Scott, for kindling an old flame which was burning rather low! Keep up the editorials. "Lang may yer lum reek"

Cecil George
BIGGA Life Member

Environmental Winner Gracious in Victory

Thanks so much for your support and advice - I was absolutely staggered to have been presented with the BIGGA Golf Environment Award yesterday - I am so pleased for the team at Minchinhampton Golf Club, they really have worked so hard and considering that we only employ 10 full time outdoor staff (which includes me) to run the three golf courses, the work they put in is nothing short of miraculous at times. The time they make for the environment is very precious indeed.

I am fully aware that we still fall short in some areas, but we do at least know which areas need to be strengthened and where we need to re-focus. I think our next major project will be to move the composting project indoors, and to use that outdoor area as a reed bed to filter the machine wash-off water.

I'm already booked to give the presentation to the club members during January - so I will have to alter the lines I had prepared in praise of the winning club. My presentation at the South West Region BIGGA Seminar went really well, going last was a bit of a handicap but at least I was able to plagiarise one of Bob Taylor's famous lines in which he refers to "a subliminal feeling of wellbeing", my opening line was, "I have a subliminal feeling of blind panic", so thanks for that one! Happily, it soon passed - within a split second of starting to speak. I now have to psyche myself up for Harrogate - last year I felt like a rabbit in front of the headlights when I suddenly turned round and saw just how many people were in that room (and some of them quite famous too).

I have just received our second report under the EGU/English Nature funded English Golf Environmental Advisory Scheme and so again we are really pleased with our accreditation under that scheme. New hedgerows are going into the course shortly, and The Duchy of Cornwall Farm are coming to cut some of the wild flower areas for winter cattle feed.

The whole issue of the Environment is critically important to the future, so huge thanks to Bob Taylor and Lee Penrose and to BIGGA for their role in judging the competition, all the sponsors, and for your support.

With Best Regards

Paul Worster
Courses Manager
Minchinhampton Golf Club

Thank you for the support

I started my career at Langland Bay Golf Club on June 14 1983. I joined a small happy team led by Head Greenkeeper Ken Payne.

Ken started working for the club in 1967 as an Assistant Greenkeeper, rising to Head Greenkeeper until his retirement at Christmas 2000. I also worked closely with Mary Onions, First Assistant, also ladies club champion for many years, now retired.

My greenkeeping education was at Penoe College, where I completed phase one and two City and Guilds turf culture, plus pesticide spraying qualifications. When Mary retired I became First Assistant until September 2002, when I had to stop work due to ill health. In January 2003 I was admitted to hospital for six weeks. During this time, after various tests, I was diagnosed with the condition Syringomyelia/Spina Brain Hernia.

Due to a build up of brain fluid causing pressure around the skull, a shunt valve was placed in my brain to drain excess fluid away. Due to the sudden pressure drop I now have low pressure headaches. A large cyst in the spinal cord cannot be removed because of possible paralysis.

I would like to thank Ken and Jean Payne and everyone at Langland Bay Golf Club for being supportive and understanding. Also thanks to Peter Lacey for the support and advice.

Good luck and best wishes to Jim Jenkins and all green staff at Langland.

Paul Houlton

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