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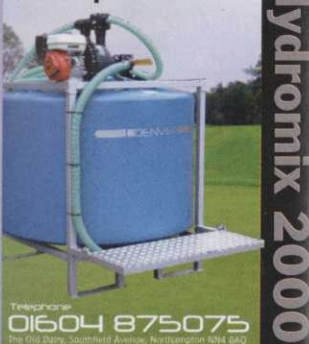
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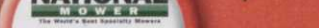
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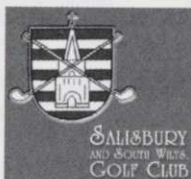
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To apply, please send a full CV to: HR Central Support, Syngenta, Jealott's Hill International Research Centre, Bracknell, Berkshire RG42 6EY, quoting ref: WHMIT/3 or email: uk.recruitment@syngenta.com

Closing date: 11th July 2006. Interviews to be held week commencing 31st July 2006.

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WORKSOP GOLF CLUB

Applications are invited for the position of

HEAD GREENKEEPER

Worksop Golf Club was established in 1914 and is a heath land course in North Nottinghamshire.

It is essential that the applicant is suitably qualified and experienced to be able to maintain the course to an exceptionally high standard and to have the initiative and motivation to work with innovation and change.

Strong management, financial and interpersonal skills are required as well as an understanding of the organisation and ethos of a members club.

The following experience/skills are required:

- Recognised greenkeeping and agronomy qualifications
- Significant course management experience
- Health and safety and COSHH risk assessment
- Spraying and chainsaw certificates
- Proven supervisory and communications skills
- Basic planning and project management skills

In return Worksop Golf Club offers the successful candidate (subject to experience and qualifications) a competitive package with the possibility of accommodation.

Applicants are invited to apply in writing together with a full CV to:

David Dufall, Secretary/Manager, Worksop Golf Club,
Windmill Lane, Worksop Notts S80 2SQ



BRAMLEY GOLF CLUB

REQUIRES A HIGHLY MOTIVATED

HEAD GREENKEEPER

Bramley Golf Club is a Private Members' Club established in 1913. It is a classic parkland golf course set in the Surrey hills 3 miles south of Guildford.

The role...

To take responsibility for the day to day maintenance/management of the golf course and its continued development.

The successful candidate will possess the following attributes and skills...

- Proven man management & supervisory skills
- Professional qualifications in at least to NVQ Level 3 or equivalent
- Full range of spraying & Chainsaw certificates
- An understanding of practical application of the requirements of COSHH
- Up to date knowledge of Health & Safety at work regulations
- The ability to prepare and work within approved budgets
- Completion of Assessors training course would be advantageous
- The ability to present the course to the highest standard

Applicants are invited to apply by sending a CV and covering letter to:

Gary Peddie - General Manager/Director of Golf,
Bramley Golf Club, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0AL

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Guidance Officer/Workplace Assessor

Sports-Turf Industry - 0.8 - 4 days per week
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The successful candidate will have excellent people and administrative skills and be willing to travel within the region. The ability to work independently with self motivation, is key to this role. A relevant qualification at Level 3 (A level or equivalent) and experience in the Sports-Turf Industry are essential.

To request a job description and application form, please contact:
Maureen Grzybowski, Human Resources Officer
Askham Bryan College, York YO23 3FR
Telephone: 01904 772277



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The successful candidate will be experienced and hold a minimum qualification of NVQ Level 2 and spraying certificates Pa 1, 2 and 6.

Competitive remuneration package.

Closing date for applications is 24th July 2006.

Applications in writing with a full CV to: Mr Greg Evans,
Course Manager, Ealing Golf Club, Perivale Lane, Greenford, UB6 8SS.

Feature listing from July 2004

July 2004; Royal Troon Open Preview,
Mowing, Disease Analysis

August 2004; Neil Thomas Memorial Golf Day;
Open review; Royal Cinque Ports; Irrigation;
Mowers (2); Saltext Preview;
Best Practice; Top Dressing

September 2004; Toro Student Greenkeeper of
the Year Preview; Ravensworth Golf Club; Turf
Disease; Royal Holloway College; Tractors; The
Greener Approach to Greenkeeping

October 2004; STRI 75th Anniversary;
Kenwick Park GC; Ecology; John Deere National
Team Championship; Best Practice; Top
Dressing; Saltext Review; Aeration

November 2004; Toro Student Greenkeeper
of the Year Final; The BIGGA National
Championship; Comrie GC; CV Advice;
Drainage; Construction; Fences

December 2004; BTME & ClubHouse Preview;
Henley GC; Grass Identification; Trees;
Environmental Winner; BIGGA Delegation;
Interview Advice; College Listings

January 2005; Sir Michael Bonallack;
Parkstone GC; Machinery Servicing; Ransomes
Jacobsen Scholarship; Recycled Products;
John Deere Team Championship; Tees;
Negotiation Advice

February 2005; Harrogate 2005 Review;
Meet the Chairman; Environmental
Competition; Tyres; Coombe Hill GC

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Drainage; Irrigation; Greens

April 2005; Augusta Syndrome; Thornhill GC;
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BIGGA Delegation; Rescue Grass

May 2005; Hellidon Lakes; Power Mowers;
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June 2005; Minchinhampton GC; Aeration;
Rigby Taylor Profile; Chemical Usage;
Top Dressing; Jim Arthur Tribute

July 2005; Loch Lomond GC; St. Andrews;
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August 2005; Ramsey GC; Open Review;
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September 2005; John O'Gaunt GC;
Drainage Special; Security; Student of the Year;
Massey Ferguson Profile

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Best Practice

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National Championship; Course Construction;
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December 2005; Harrogate Week Preview;
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January 2006; Bearwood Lakes GC;
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February 2006; Cold Ashby GC; Netting;
Chemical Fertilisers; Turf Construction

March 2006; Seed; Ride-on Mowers;
Pesticides; Irrigation; Bio Stimulants

April 2006; R&A Conference Report;
Scennie GC Profile; GCSAA Delegation Report;
Wastewater

May 2006; Stock Brook GC Profile; Spraying;
Aeration; Line Marking; Growth Retardants

June 2006; Disturbance Theory; Hand Tools;
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Chairman's Column



It's Tournament Time

During May and June I have attended three major, televised sporting events, two being very successful with the other turning into great disappointment.

The disappointing event was, yes you have guessed it, seeing my beloved Leeds United not turning up at the Millennium Stadium and getting well and truly turned over. All credit to all you Watford boys and girls out there, you may have been out numbered two to one in terms of support but you deserved the victory.

It was my pleasure to visit two of the top Tour events held in the UK within a week of each other and the weather conditions couldn't have been more different. My first visit was to Wentworth for the BMW, meeting up with our Support Team who as always presented themselves in a true professional manner.

The deluge of rain presented Chris Kennedy and his team with some severe challenges that many of us wouldn't like to face for our Captain's Day let alone a major televised event broadcast around the world. As always the Wentworth team, lead by Chris, rose to the challenge presenting the course superbly and providing a great test of golf to some of the world's top golfers.

My second tournament within a week was the Wales Open held at Celtic Manor, with the weather being a complete contrast from the weekend before as the tournament saw dry sunny weather from day one. As we all know, you can't beat a bit of sunshine to show your course off to members and visitors alike but the dry sunny weather can cause major stress to the turf and Course Managers, especially with the high presentation required for a major Tour event, as usual Jim McKenzie and his crew took it in their stride and presented the course in fantastic condition. The event also gave me the opportunity to meet up with my hosts for the day Bernhard's, who have once again agreed to sponsor a BIGGA delegation of ten to the States and it is hoped that the GCSAA will be sending a delegation to the next Harrogate week.

Bernhard's must be congratulated for the concept to broaden our members' educational horizons that will now see 80 members benefiting from their experiences on the other side of the pond. Also it was a pleasure to network with a few more BIGGA

members at Celtic Manor, unfortunately I got myself, and Glen from the London Club, lost trying to find the new holes for the Ryder Cup. At least they didn't send out the search party!

Chris and Jim had different weather conditions to cope with before and during their tournaments and both teams surpassed the test and provided the world with excellently presented courses.

The countdown is well underway for the 135th Open Championship that gets underway at Royal Liverpool after an absence of almost 40 years. The Association's good wishes go to Links Manager Craig Gilholm and his team for a trouble free Championship. Our Support Team, with a mixture of new and experienced support team members will be on hand as usual to help in any aspect of course preparation which may be required of them and of course the management of the bunkers throughout the event. I would like to express the Association's thanks to you all.

Champion of BIGGA

This month my champion of BIGGA is Warren Bevan, Course Manager at Lancaster Golf Club. With the support of his Section he has organised local educational events in his area to bring members together on a regular basis, providing an excellent networking opportunity. I know Warren also invites non-members to attend and hopefully they will realise what they are missing, not being members. I know Warren is 100% behind our Association and hopefully this recognises his work.

Richard Whyman
Chairman





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When you join you are automatically given membership of one of the 27 sections around the country. As an active member you can attend golf days and other social events on a regular basis enabling you to network amongst others in the industry. Look at the 'Around the Green' section for contact details.

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Exclusive access to the Members area of the website. Interact with other greenkeepers on the bulletin board or check out the latest recruitment vacancies in the industry. For Greenkeepers and Student Members only.