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This annual event was held in Harrogate in 2005 and will be held in Sweden next year. The purpose of the summit is to share information and ideas between Associations globally. This has led to a collective agreement on global environmental guidelines and efforts. The working draft has identified that all golf courses worldwide must protect and enhance their environmental resources to protect the wonderful game

Course Managers globally have a major role to play as Course Managers are at the centre of all the necessary efforts to protect the environment: Water management, turf and pest management, energy and waste management, design and construction and wildlife and habitat management.

Also the summit agreed a worldwide draft job description for course managers that can be adapted to each country. If you would like more information please contact Ken Richardson at BIGGA HOUSE.

During my first two months of chairmanship many people have asked me what are my goals for the Association in 2006. First and foremost I intend to Chair our Association with dignity and pride, like all the Chairman have done before me. Also I intend to support our staff who, like many greenkeepers from time to time, come under unfair criticism. Where actions do need to be taken I can ensure you that the Chief Executive will take the necessary action. So come on lads and lassies lets get behind our team.

As many of you will be aware I have been involved in our Association from the start serving on Section Committee as Chairman and Secretary and on the regional board as Chairman, before having two years out after moving to Burnham & Berrow GC. Looking back I wondered how I got involved as a then young man and came to the following conclusion that I was always proud to be a member of an Association promoting greenkeepers as professionals. With this I was prepared to offer my free time to help propel the Association forward like many of you reading this article.

I then realised that my involvement didn't just happen as I received encouragement and support from many of my peers within the Devon and Cornwall Section their support and drive was infectious. With all the pressures placed on our profession today we seem not to have time today to encourage young greenkeepers to get involved at Section level. We must find a way to encourage our industry's future to be involved creating a balanced blend, where senior members can encourage and support our young guys and girls to develop their careers both at work and within our Association. Many of these young guys and girls will then overtime filter though to serve on region and national boards.

Talking about blends, I was lucky to meet up with the BIGGA Delegation, sponsored by Bernhard, to Atlanta. Yet again credit to the selection process (never easy), as this was a true blend of greenkeepers from all over the country. All the delegation had a common aim to gather information on greenkeeping methods on the other side of the pond.

I would like to personally thank Steven Bernhard for his sponsorship over the last six years, which has allowed 60 greenkeepers to further their greenkeeping education. Also to the Bernhard team who have organised and looked after all the delegations so well.

Champions of BIGGA

Robert Hogarth, East Scotland, is my choice for this month. Robert has recently moved to Remedy Oak Golf Club from Cardrona Hotel & Country Club. He has been in greenkeeping for 19 years.

Richard Whyman Chairman

Brailes Golf ClubCOURSE MANAGER

Brailes Golf Club is a proprietary club, owned and managed by the company which built the course some 16 years ago. The Board of Directors are forward thinking and committed to improving the course to one envied by many in the area.

This is an excellent opportunity to join a team of enthusiastic greens staff and lead the maintenance and development of the course. The successful applicant should have all the necessary experience and ability to maintain Brailes Golf Club to the highest standard.

An excellent salary package and benefits are on offer for this position.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate the following;

- Recognised Greenkeeping and Agronomy Qualifications.
- · NVQ Level 3 or HNC / HND Qualifications.
- PA1, PA2 and PA6 Spraying Qualifications including knap sack and mounted sprayers.
- · Chainsaw certificates.

An in depth knowledge of:

- Sports Turf Management, Irrigation Systems, Water Management, Drainage, and strong mechanical knowledge with the ability to maintain equipment to high standards.
- · Health, Safety and COSHH regulations.
- · A proven ability to prepare and work within an approved annual budget.
- · A proven ability to prepare work programmes and meet deadlines.
- Excellent man management, leadership and communication skills are critical to the fulfilment of this role.

Closing date for applications 31st March 2006

Apply in writing along with a full CV to: Phillip Gibbs, General Manager,
Brailes Golf Club, Sutton Lane, Lower Brailes, Nr. Banbury, Oxfordshire OX15 5BB
For further information: Email: office@brailesgolfclub.co.uk Tel: 07793 050017



Head Greenkeeper

Applicants are invited for the above position at this busy pay and play golf course.

The candidate ideally would have NVQ Level 3 and hold current spraying certificates.

A good knowledge of golf would be an advantage.

Applicants should apply enclosing a current CV to: lan Warwick, Golf Manager, Fleming Park Golf Course, Passfield Avenue, Eastleigh, Hants S050 9NL

Closing Date: 13th March 2006.

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We have Assistant Greenkeeper vacancies and also seasonal positions for individuals who are hard working, well motivated and prepared to work within a team of dedicated professionals. Successful applicants will have sound practical skills and experience with a strong desire to learn and progress.

Candidates should be qualified to NVQ2 or be prepared to study towards it, whilst part of our team.

Sounds exciting?

Contact: Peter Todd on 01474 879200 or email Igcgreenkeepers@aol.com



Trethorne Golf Club, Cornwall

Trethorne Golf Club is a well established 18-hole proprietary club, situated on the Cornwall / Devon border near to the town of Launceston.

Following a recent change in ownership, the club now has the following vacancies:

Head Greenkeeper

The applicant will be a suitably qualified and experienced greenkeeper, with the ambition, imagination and enthusiasm needed to improve and develop this challenging parkland lay-out.

Strong man-management, financial and organisational skills are required, together with a sound knowledge of Health & Safety Regulations.

Assistant Greenkeeper

Applicants should possess, or be working towards, the appropriate qualifications, and have a minimum of two years experience in golf course maintenance.

Both of the above positions offer a competitive remuneration package, depending upon the level of experience.

Please apply, in writing, with full CV to: Mr Jon Grainger, Proprietor, Trethorne Golf Club,

Kennards House, Launceston, Cornwall, PL15 8QE
e-mail: jon@trethornegolfclub.com www.trethornegolfclub.com

Closing date: 31st March 2006.