



**TORO**  
**IRRIGATION SOLUTIONS**  
 Call Lely: 01480 226858 or email: [toro.info@lely.co.uk](mailto:toro.info@lely.co.uk)  
[www.toro.com](http://www.toro.com)

**Topturf**  
 Irrigation Specialists in:  
 Design, Supply, Installation & Service Support.  
 Offering Toro, Hunter, Rainbird products and Otterbine Aeration Fountains.  
 0870 8720081  
[www.ttirrigation.co.uk](http://www.ttirrigation.co.uk)  
 Toro & Otterbine Contractor of the year 2006

**25+ YEARS EXPERIENCE**



**YOURS FOR THE ASKING...**

Irrigation systems, lakes and reservoirs, plus servicing, repairs, system updates and extensions a speciality.

**TORO iss Hunter**  
**IRRIGATION SYSTEMS & SERVICE LLP**  
 Unit 34 - 35, Downton Industrial Estate, Batten Road, Downton, Salisbury, Wilts SP5 3HU  
 TEL: 01725 513880 FAX: 01725 513003

**PATHWAYS**

**Castcrete Ltd**  
**RUBBER CHIPPINGS FOR YOUR PATHWAYS**

DOES NOT distract the golfer  
 DOES NOT freeze in winter  
 Ideal for saturated soggy areas

For further information call:  
 01293 515 353 or 07768 602 420

**Cameron IRRIGATION**

Suppliers of Irrigation Equipment to Golf Courses Bowling Greens, Landscapes, Horticulture. Existing systems renovated and upgraded  
**DESIGN • INSTALLATION • SERVICE**  
 BS EN ISO 9001 Registered Company

Telephone: +44 (0) 1425 474614  
 Fax: +44 (0) 1425 471296  
<http://www.misc-irrigation.com>  
 e mail: [enquiries@misc-irrigation.com](mailto:enquiries@misc-irrigation.com)



**OCMIS**  
 bringing water to life

**Irrigation Systems**  
 Professional Design, Supply, Installation and Maintenance

Visit our new online store at [ocmisonline.com](http://ocmisonline.com)

Ocmis Limited **TORO**  
 T 0870 600 5131 F 0870 600 5132  
 E [Sales@Ocmis.com](mailto:Sales@Ocmis.com) W [www.Ocmis.com](http://www.Ocmis.com)

**PEST CONTROL**

**SCRAPEAWAY**

A New Organic Rabbit Deterrent  
 10 years in the making  
 Non-toxic  
 Biodegradable

**AVAILABLE NOW**

For further details, brochure & sample  
 Email: [enquires@swigley.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:enquires@swigley.freeserve.co.uk)  
 Website: [www.scrapeaway.co.uk](http://www.scrapeaway.co.uk)  
 Mobile 07881 782975

**Irrigation Systems**

Professionally designed installed and serviced

**North Staffs Irrigation Ltd**

Tel: 01785 812706  
 E: [NSIrrigation@aol.com](mailto:NSIrrigation@aol.com)  
[www.northstaffsirrigration.co.uk](http://www.northstaffsirrigration.co.uk)

**irritech limited**  
 Independent Irrigation Consultants

Specialising in:-

- Existing system evaluation
- System design & upgrade
- Project management

Contact Roger Davey on:  
**01823 690216**  
[www.irritechlimited.co.uk](http://www.irritechlimited.co.uk)

Visit [www.bigga.org.uk](http://www.bigga.org.uk) and check out the latest chat from the greenkeeping industry

**TIME TO TALK**  
[www.bigga.org.uk](http://www.bigga.org.uk)

**MJ ABBOTT LIMITED**

IRRIGATION SPECIALISTS

- DESIGN
- SUPPLY
- INSTALLATION
- MAINTENANCE

**RAIN BIRD**

Dinton • Salisbury • Wiltshire SP3 5EB  
 Tel: 01722 716361 • Fax: 01722 716828  
[www.mjabbott.co.uk](http://www.mjabbott.co.uk)

**OAKDALE**

**T&G IRRIGATION**

Phone: 01427 874200  
 Fax: 01427 875333

**LAKE CONSTRUCTION LINERS**

**LINERS**

Liners for lakes, ponds and storage lagoons from the UK's leading contractor

Comprehensive advice regarding design and construction of water areas

Tel: 01206 262676 Fax: 01206 262998  
 E-mail: [sales@geosynthetic.co.uk](mailto:sales@geosynthetic.co.uk)  
[www.geosynthetic.co.uk](http://www.geosynthetic.co.uk)

**PUMPS**

**ITT Lowara**

Lowara Quality Pumps & Variable Speed Drives.

T: 01297 630230  
 F: 01297 630270  
 E: [lowaraukenquiries@itt.com](mailto:lowaraukenquiries@itt.com)  
[www.lowara.co.uk](http://www.lowara.co.uk)

Engineered for life

Independent Professional Irrigation

Golf Courses, Bowling Greens, Sports, Racecourses, Gardens +++

Design/Advice Servicing  
 New Installations Service Contracts  
 Contracting System Upgrades  
 Supply & Sales PC Systems

**PAR 4 IRRIGATION LTD**

Telephone 01765 602175  
 01765 690598  
 Fax 01765 603488  
 Email: [admin@par4.co.uk](mailto:admin@par4.co.uk)  
[www.par4.co.uk](http://www.par4.co.uk)

**TORO** Area Dealer

**B T L I A**  
 BTLIA 2001 CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD

**Harrogate week**

**EXHIBITION 22 - 24 January 2008**

**BTME** BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT EXHIBITION  
 FUNCTIONAL SEMINAR PROGRAMME

**ClubHouse**

**Continue to learn**

**GRUNDFOS**

**Grundfos Pumps Ltd**  
 Grovebury Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 4TL

Tel: 01525 775450  
 Fax: 01525 775224  
 Web: [www.grundfos.co.uk](http://www.grundfos.co.uk)

Grundfos offering a wide range of quality pump solutions for all applications

**BE > THINK > INNOVATE >**

# BUYERS' GUIDE

## RUBBER CRUMB

The use of RUBBER CRUMB on grass as top dressing has been granted a PATENT in the UK and Ireland under Number EP0788301B1

### TEBBUTT ASSO. ARE THE LICENSEE

with CROWN III rubber crumb Turf Reinforcement, the licensed product

Contact Tebbutt Asso. on 01253 342003 or Fax 01253 346644 e-mail: tebbuttassociates@tiscali.co.uk www.tebbuttassociates.co.uk

## TURF

### Fineturf

Dedicated to Growing Quality Sportsturf  
 Custom Grown Root Zone Turf  
 Install n Playball Turf Tiles

Tel 01400 250796  
 Fax 01400 251606  
 www.fineturf.net

The Fastest Growing Name in Turf

## VERTIDRAINING HIRE

### PETER MANNINGTON



#### Professional Verti-Drain and Earthquaking Contractor

Experienced operator, competitive prices and reliable service  
 Tel/Fax Peter on 01580 861211 or Mobile 07850 612061  
 1 White Horse Cottages, Silverhill, Hurst Green, Etchingham, East Sussex TN19 7GA

## HYDRO SCAPE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

The Latest in Biological Wastewater Treatment

TEL: 01425 476261  
 FAX: 01425 472380  
 E-mail sales@hydroscape.co.uk

Visit Our Website:

www.hydroscape.co.uk

## TOP DRESSINGS

### Banks Amenity Products Ltd.

FENDRESS™ TOP DRESSINGS & ROOTZONES. DRESSINGS FOR FAIRWAYS AND TEES. SCREENED FENSOIL, LOAM & TOPSOIL. BUNKER SAND & PATHWAY MATERIALS.  
 01858 464346 / 433003  
 www.banksamenity.co.uk

## Tillers Turf

growers of fine turf

### Specialist Growers of Turf for Golf Courses

**Rootzone Turf for Greens**  
 Grown on USGA rootzone, top-dressed throughout the year, and mown at 6mm.  
 Predominantly bent sward

### Turf for Tees, Surrounds, Approaches and Fairways

Various mixtures including ryegrass/fescue, 100% fescue, and bent/fescue grown on sandy loam topsoil.

### NEW for 2007

RTF turf for pathways and bunker banks.  
 Tees supplied and laid, with optional precision laser grading.

Tel: 01652 678 000  
 www.tillersturf.co.uk

## MARTIN GUY DEVELOPMENTS

FAIRWAY AND LARGE AREA AERATION USING THE 'ULTRA FAST WIEDEMANN' XF8

LARGE AREA OVERSEEDING  
 BULK DRESSING  
 GOLF COURSE ALTERATIONS  
 PLANT HIRE  
 CALL MARTIN 07966 777089  
 martin@martinguydevelopments.com

## Waste2Water

### BIOLOGICAL VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT WASH-OFF SYSTEMS

ESD Waste2Water Europe Ltd.

Tel: 01782 373 878  
 Fax: 01782 373 763

E-mail: info@waste2water.com  
 Web: www.waste2water.com

## LOVIE

QUARRY & CONCRETE PRODUCTS

Producers of quality Top dressings, Specialist sands, Rootzone soils, Grit, Gravel and Pathway materials for Golf Courses, Playing Fields and Sports Pitches

Cowbog, New Pitsligo, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, AB43 6PR

Tel: 01771 653777  
 Fax: 01771 653527

## TREE MOVING

### Garstang Golf Club

#### TREE MOVING SERVICES

Call John on:  
 07718 782146

## Britain's Finest Turf & Topsoil

Tel: 0845 604 6085  
 or visit  
 rolawn.co.uk

## Rolawn

## THIS SPACE COULD BE YOURS

£630 - B&W

£756 - colour

(for 12 months)

Size: 4 x 1

Call: 01347 833800

to book your space now

## WASTE/WASHWATER TREATMENT

## ByWater

Effective wash water recovery systems for remote washing and full environmental compliance

- Competitively priced
- No drainage required
- Reduced water costs
- Low maintenance
- Clean recycled water
- Small footprint
- Indoor/outdoor option



The ENZYMATIG15 wash water recycler. Designed & built in the UK by ByWater

Tel: 01530 833469 Fax: 01530 810795  
 Email: sales@bywaterservices.co.uk  
 Web: www.bywaterservices.co.uk

## MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SOLUTION PROVIDER



## OnCourse

www.bigga.org.uk

## Lindum

taking grass a step further

20 years of golf turf experience  
 5 golf grades including high bent greens on USGA rootzone, RTF for stabilisation and drought tolerance, and new Wildflower Turf

Tel: 01904 448675  
 www.turf.co.uk

## Hydrotech Solutions

- Golf Machinery Wash Water Treatment
- Positive Filtration - Non-Biological
- 200+ systems installed Worldwide
- Simple, Low Cost Installation
- Low running Costs

Tel: 01925 758099  
 Fax: 01925 757519

www.hydrotechsolutionsltd.co.uk  
 E-mail: info@hydrotechsolutionsltd.co.uk

## WEED CONTROL

### complete weed control

- ▶ Weed Control
  - Total
  - Selective
  - Aquatic
- ▶ Moss Control
- ▶ Fertiliser Application
- ▶ Disease & Pest Control
- ▶ Grass Growth Control

Freephone 0800 783 2884  
 www.completeweedcontrol.co.uk

## Harrogate week

- The greatest choice of groundcare products & services
- Comprehensive education programme
- Careers clinic with free advice from professionals
- Everything you need in one location
- Over 200 exhibitors covering the whole industry
- New technology on display
- Invaluable networking opportunities
- Recruitment adverts in the Job Shop

It's the ONE show you won't want to miss  
 www.harrogateweek.org.uk

Visit [www.bigga.org.uk](http://www.bigga.org.uk) and check out the latest chat from the greenkeeping industry



## North Hants Golf Club

Requires

### Assistant Greenkeepers

We are looking for enthusiastic, hard working greenkeepers who are highly motivated and able to work as part of a team. Ideally you should be qualified to at least NVQ level 2, spraying certificates and chainsaw certificates would be an advantage. The successful applicants will be encouraged to undertake further training to progress within the industry

**Written applications including full CV should be sent to:**

Mark Openshaw, Course Manager, North Hants Golf Club,  
Minley Road, Fleet, Hampshire GU51 1RF

Or by email to: [coursemanager@north-hants-fleetgc.co.uk](mailto:coursemanager@north-hants-fleetgc.co.uk)



## SANDBURN HALL

Proprietary Golf Course - close to York

### ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER

*Young Course- Exciting Challenges!*

- NVQ Level 2, PA1 & PA2 qualified
- 18 hole par 72 course opened 2005
- All new machinery and equipment
- Energetic, professional team
- Great Prospects and Rewards

Please write with CV to Brian Hall, Sandburn Hall, Flaxton, York, YO60 7RB

An exciting opportunity has arisen for

## Assistant Greenkeepers

**The Selsdon Park Hotel & Golf Club**  
has recently re-launched the golf course.

During the past few months a significant amount of investment is taking place including a new fleet of Toro machinery and continual course development.

We are currently preparing to host the most important event on the PGA Euro Pro Tour Schedule The Ladbrokes Casino.com Masters in September 2007.

We are looking for ambitious and dedicated Greenkeepers to help restore Selsdon Park Hotel's golf course with the vision to become the premier golfing destination in the South of England.

**Applicants must have a good understanding of the game of Golf and a reasonable knowledge of Greenkeeping. An NVQ level II, PA1 and PA2 qualifications will be an advantage, but are not essential.**

Please forward your CV to Katrina Ellis, Human Resources,  
Selsdon Park Hotel & Golf Club, Addington Road,  
Sanderstead, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 8YA or  
[katrina.ellis@principal-hotels.com](mailto:katrina.ellis@principal-hotels.com)

## HOT JOB

## DEESIDE GOLF CLUB

ABERDEEN

### COURSE MANAGER

Deeside Golf Club is a 27 hole traditional, but forward thinking private members club established in 1903.

The successful applicant will be responsible for management of the course and its continuing development.

**Applicants should possess the following attributes:**

- Appropriate experience as an Assistant Head or Head GreenKeeper.
- In depth knowledge of turf management, irrigation, drainage & equipment maintenance.
- Recognised greenkeeping/agronomy qualifications.
- Strong supervisory and management skills.
- A proven ability to prepare and work within an approved annual budget.
- A proven ability to prepare work programmes and meet deadlines.
- Fully compliant with current Health & Safety legislation, to include risk assessments.
- A strong team leader with communication skills at all levels is considered critical to the successful fulfillment of the role.
- A keen and competent golfer or at least fully familiar with and knowledgeable about the game of golf.
- Awareness of environmental and wildlife practices.

This is a great opportunity for a committed, hands on, enthusiastic, motivated and hard working Course Manager to lead and manage a dedicated team and to work with our experienced Head Greenkeeper to further develop and maintain the golf courses.

Please apply in writing enclosing a CV to:

Club Manager, Deeside Golf Club, Golf Road, Bielside, Aberdeen, AB15 9DL

## Full Time Lecturer in Sportsturf and Horticulture

£21,411 - £31,767 per annum  
depending on qualifications

The successful candidate will assist in the development of the Greenkeeping and Horticulture unit and take responsibility for the management and delivery of HNC/HND Golf Course Management courses.

The post holder will demonstrate a sound knowledge of current Sportsturf/Greenkeeping curriculum and be in possession of an industry related qualification. A teaching qualification would be desirable. The candidate will also hold or be willing to work towards A1 & V1 Assessor qualifications.

**For further details and an application form,  
contact Elmwood College, Cupar**

Tel: 01334 658823

*Closing date for applications  
is Friday 15th June 2007.*



**elmwood**  
COLLEGE



**GREAT OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE FOR GOLF COURSE MANAGER AT ADDINGTON COURT GOLF CLUB**

Addington Court is one of the largest and busiest public golf sites within the London area and comprises two 18 hole courses, a 9 hole course and a driving range currently under construction. The club is one of 32 properties within Crown Golf's portfolio. The position offered, is an exciting opportunity to join Europe's largest golf course management company and to help further develop Addington Court as a leading public venue in the South East.

Applicants must have a proven track record to lead and work with a committed greens staff team and to help continue with a planned development program for both Downland courses. The successful applicant should have all the necessary experience and ability to maintain a high standard of condition and presentation equal to that of a private club.

Applicants for the position should have the following:

- HNC or similar plus spraying qualifications
- A sound knowledge of irrigation systems & machinery
- Knowledge of Health & Safety Regulations
- Excellent man management & leadership skills
- Ability to work within and understand budgets
- Good communication skills & IT aptitude

Salary by negotiation.

Apply in writing by Friday 22nd June with full CV to:

Laurence W. Pithie  
 Group Golf Courses Manager  
 Crown Golf  
 Blue Mountain Golf Centre  
 Wood Lane  
 Binfield  
 Berks RG42 4EX  
 or E-mail [l.pithie@crown-golf.co.uk](mailto:l.pithie@crown-golf.co.uk)



**MURRAYFIELD GOLF CLUB LIMITED**  
 Applications are invited for the position of

**HEAD GREENKEEPER**

Founded in 1896, this busy mixed Club, one of Edinburgh's most prestigious, with a parkland course situated within two miles of the city centre, requires a successful applicant to

- Deliver high standards of course presentation
  - Take responsibility for 27 holes
- Motivate and manage a large greenkeeping team
- Possess all relevant qualifications including computer skills
- Be conversant with modern equipment and technology
  - Have budgetary and financial skills
- Be aware of current Health and Safety regulations and other relevant legislation

Salary negotiable

Applications in writing with full C.V. by  
 Friday 29 June 2007

to  
 The Club Manager  
 Murrayfield Golf Club Limited, 43 Murrayfield Road  
 Edinburgh, EH12 6EU



**LOOKING FOR A CHANGE?**

The UK's leading Golf Course Construction Company requires an

**IRRIGATION CONTRACTS MANAGER**

You will be based at our Head Office in Dinton and will be responsible for the management of our golf and sports turf irrigation projects throughout the UK and Europe.

*You will have extensive experience of the irrigation industry and an in depth knowledge of irrigation systems, control systems and project management.*

*You will be fully computer literate and experienced in using Microsoft Office.*

*You must hold a full UK driving licence.*

*This is an exciting opportunity leading to a rewarding career with a well established yet dynamic company.*

Excellent pay and benefits package for this permanent position. Please contact Steve Godwin for an application pack:

Mr S Godwin, M J ABBOTT LTD,  
 Bratch Lane, Dinton, Salisbury SP3 5EB  
 Telephone: 01722 716361  
 Email: [steve.godwin@mjabbott.co.uk](mailto:steve.godwin@mjabbott.co.uk)  
[www.mjabbott.co.uk](http://www.mjabbott.co.uk) (M J Abbott Ltd is an equal opportunities employer)

## MUSWELL HILL GOLF CLUB

### HEAD GREENKEEPER

A private members club established in 1893, and situated in North London, Muswell Hill Golf Club offers an 18 hole par 71 parkland course on London clay.

The Club is seeking a BIGGA registered head greenkeeper who will:

- Have NVQ/SVQ level 3/ HNC qualifications and safety and sprayer certificates
- Be able to develop and implement a course management plan
  - Be conversant with modern and traditional turf management practices
  - Be mechanically minded and competent in dealing with machinery maintenance and irrigation systems
- Have excellent people management and communication skills

Applicants should be organised, self motivated and able to ensure effective management of both staff and resources within budget. The ability to play golf would be an advantage.

Interested candidates should send a C.V. to the Club Manager, Muswell Hill Golf Club, Rhodes Avenue, London N22 7UT or by email at [mhgclubsecretary@btconnect.com](mailto:mhgclubsecretary@btconnect.com)



MALTON AND NORTON GOLF CLUB  
Is a mature parkland 27 hole golf course with 12 bay driving range and dedicated short game facility, a strong membership and many repeat visitors year on year.

Due to the retirement of our present Head Greenkeeper in December after 39 years with the Club, we are looking to appoint his successor.

You must have a proven track record in all aspects of greenkeeping, including planning and monitoring work programmes and budgets and machinery maintenance.

You will be self motivated and lead by example as this is very much a "hands on" position. Good communication skills and the ability to lead a team of six staff will be required. Qualified to at least NVQ Level 3 (or equivalent) you must possess a sound working knowledge of Health and Safety regulations.

Salary negotiable, no accommodation available.  
For an informal discussion about the Club and the position phone Linda Gurnell on 01653 697912

Applications in writing including a full CV to

Mrs Linda Gurnell  
Managing Secretary  
Malton and Norton Golf Club  
Welham Park  
Malton YO17 9QE

Closing date for applications 11th July 2007

RECRUITMENT



ONLINE JOBS GO TO  
[www.bigga.org.uk](http://www.bigga.org.uk)

For instant online advertising please contact  
Kirstin on 01347 833 832

Part month £250  
Full month £420

The website is updated regularly with new vacancies

**GET ONLINE NOW!**



### Deputy Head Greenkeeper

Required for busy 18 hole golf centre.  
Ideal candidate must have NVQ2, PA1, PA2 & PA6 certificates and a minimum of 5 years experience in Greenkeeping.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate team leadership attributes, have a willingness to learn and a flexible approach.

Apply to:

Kate Brett [Kbrett@bhgc.co.uk](mailto:Kbrett@bhgc.co.uk)

Brampton Heath Golf Centre, Church Brampton, Northampton, NN6 8AX

### Deputy Head Greenkeeper



Chichester Golf Club is a 45 hole facility on the South Coast of England. We offer both membership and pay and play golf. We also have a 27 bay driving range, crazy golf course and golf academy.

Applicants will need to demonstrate a positive and assertive attitude, lead by example and deputise for the Head Greenkeeper in his absence.

The successful candidate is expected to have the following qualifications and skills;

NVQ level 2 or equivalent, working towards level 3

Current spraying certificates

Excellent supervisory and communication skills

Excellent machinery skills

A knowledge of Health and Safety regulations

A sound knowledge of irrigation systems

For an application form and Job Description please contact

Jo Bowry 01243 536666 or  
[Jo.Bowry@chichestergolf.com](mailto:Jo.Bowry@chichestergolf.com)

## A QUIET TIME

**My duties as Chairman have been a little quieter during the past few weeks, giving me some normality back in terms of day-to-day life at work and home. We have been very dry here in the south east with, in some cases, Greenkeepers under the cosh because of no rainfall and intense heat for the time of year.**

At Tyrrells Wood we have had only 3mm of rain in seven weeks, coupled with temperatures that would have been more akin to the summer than the spring. As if that wasn't enough to contend with we have had winds that would have blown off even the best-glued wig. So putting all these factors together it's been another tough spring with a slow start up to active growth in our part of the world.

Now that it has finally rained, thank goodness, with more rain in a week than during the past month and a half, we're off and running, with grass popping and our course doing very well. I have to thank my staff for their continued efforts they have done a fantastic job this year and have together laid the foundation of a good summer season.

We have had our second meeting with the IOG at BIGGA HOUSE and there are a few points of interest I would like to share with you on those.

Some rumours have been bandied about with reference to any discussions we have been having with our friends at the IOG. That it's a done deal, is the first one I would like to put to rest. If that were the case why would we need to continue to meet with the IOG? Our terms of reference are quite simple. We are exploring the possible merger of both organisations to see if there are any real, and I must add, tangible benefits for the members of both.

The next point is that we are only engaged in these talks out of financial necessity. Well, you would be pretty ill informed if you were not aware of the fact that, as an Association, we have had a downturn in our cash flow because of some manufacturers pulling out of Harrogate Week



earlier this year. Your Board has to consider many things during the course of a year and, yes, where the cash will come from to deliver the services you, the members enjoy, is one of them. So the honest answer is, of course, we have to deal with the commercial realities at all times and plan a safe and secure future for our Association for the here and now and well into the future.

With that said we have been aware of these commercial changes for some time and have been managing our affairs in your best interests so, in fact, the impact in reality has been much less than was forecast this time last year. There was a much better result from a well supported and vibrant Harrogate Week this year than was budgeted for. For that, you can all be very proud because, when asked for your continued support, you attended in your droves. To those trade members who placed their trust in us, they have my heart felt thanks also. Well done to all.

So, make no mistake, we are not engaged in these talks out of fear of our financial position.

Another real point that has been raised is this one - a perceived loss of identity will follow. Well, let's be honest we're all extremely proud

to be Greenkeepers and would never ever want to diminish our identity or standing as professionals. The same, I would suggest, is true of our friends within the ranks of the IOG. You can be sure of one thing. If there was ever going to be a case that we would lose standing within our chosen industry, I'm sure we would all, me included, decide not to pursue this merger any further.

As I said, we had another meeting to develop our thoughts further, with both parties now off doing lots of homework on some of the major issues that have to be understood if a merger is to be a possibility or not.

So no deal has been done and, no, we are not in these talks because of fear. Involved in these discussions are some very proud and dedicated Greenkeepers and Groundsmen who have great wisdom and vision for the future of their chosen organisation and have their respective members interests at heart. I'm sure they will conclude an honest report for everyone to consider this autumn and allow you to determine your own future. As I asked of you all in this column previously, engage in discussion and share your views at Section, Region and Headquarters and with your Regional Administrators - I have been impressed with their grasp of grass roots opinion during my term as your Chairman.

So it's a soggy Chair signing off for now until the next time. I have enjoyed my quiet time and have managed some quality time at home with the kids. Summer, age nine, had her first trip away with the school and had a ball and I have to admit it was a lot quieter at home for a day or so, Shannon and his football team won their league while if you have any tips on how best to deal with a teenage girl of 14 going on 27, they would be much appreciated!

Billy McMillan



Your next issue of GI will be with you by **July 2nd**  
Visit our website for a full archive of Bigga magazine issues at [www.bigga.co.uk](http://www.bigga.co.uk)



Open your way to a career with a world-leading agribusiness.

Syngenta is a world-leading agribusiness committed to sustainable agriculture through innovative research and technology. The company is a leader in crop protection, and ranks third in the high-value commercial seeds market. Sales in 2006 were approximately \$8.1 billion. Syngenta employs around 19,500 people in over 90 countries. Syngenta is listed on the Swiss stock exchange (SYNN) and in New York (SYT). Further information is available at [www.syngenta.com](http://www.syngenta.com).

To complete our Crop Protection team based at our headquarters in Basel, Switzerland, we are looking for a

## Technical Manager Professional Products for Turf

In this role you will develop, communicate and implement global development and technical business support strategies for turf. You will liaise with our current and future customers and influencers on all turf-related technical matters. You will further support Marketing in all technical matters relating to design, and implement a successful growth strategy for Syngenta. In addition you will design global development & technical business support plans that support the BU business plan for delivering objectives established by the PP BU leadership team. You will ensure that the development portfolio incorporates the investment needed both to support the strategic development and business plans, as well as to create new opportunities. You will also monitor and provide expert technical assessment of new technologies and competitors' products.

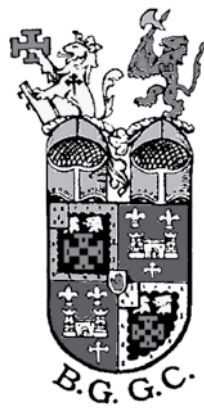
This challenging position requires a broad knowledge of the turf industry, as well as in-depth knowledge of the technical properties of crop protection (CP) products and associated turf technologies. The position also calls for experience of commercial and business concepts in the turf business.

You will be able to demonstrate a successful track record of developing technologies that resulted in value-added opportunities. You will be expected to work cross-functionally and with people from widely diverse cultures and backgrounds. You will need strong project management skills as well as the ability to analyse technical issues. Excellent communications skills in English (both written and oral) are mandatory.

Does this sound like you? If so, we look forward to receiving your application. Please send your full particulars to: Syngenta Crop Protection AG, Tobias Bossert, WRO-1010.1.01, P.O. Box, CH-4002 Basel, Switzerland, tel. +41 (0)61 323 69 92, e-mail [tobias.bossert@syngenta.com](mailto:tobias.bossert@syngenta.com).

**syngenta**

[www.syngenta.com](http://www.syngenta.com)



## Blackwell Grange Golf Club Ltd HEAD GREENKEEPER

Blackwell Grange Golf Club is a compact 18 hole parkland course.

We are seeking an enthusiastic individual who is suitably qualified (minimum NVQ level 2)

The successful applicant must have the ability and dedication to:

- Present the course and its surroundings to the highest standard.
- Apply and adhere to current Health and Safety regulations.
- Manage resources efficiently and work within budget constraints.

Salary appropriate to experience.

Apply by sending full CV with covering letter to: The Club Secretary, Blackwell Grange Golf Club, Briar Close, Darlington, DL3 8QX

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPERIENCED IRRIGATION SERVICE & INSTALLATION ENGINEERS

If you are experienced in servicing and/or the installation of quality sports turf and residential irrigation systems and are capable of working without supervision we would like to talk to you.

**Immediate job opportunities available  
within our existing field teams.**



Write to: Gary Holden Parker,  
enclosing full CV  
**ISS IRRIGATION  
SYSTEMS & SERVICE**  
34-35 Batten Road,  
Downton Business Park,  
Downton, Salisbury,  
Wiltshire SP5 3 HU

*ISS - people with over 25 years experience of installing  
and servicing quality sports turf irrigation systems...*

## ROYAL PORTRUSH GOLF CLUB

Applications are invited for the following positions:

Male or Female

### ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER

Applicants, preferably, should be qualified to NVQ level 2 in Amenity Horticulture; Spraying Qualifications would also be an advantage.

Applications,

In writing, with full C.V. to be submitted to:

Ms. Wilma Erskine  
Secretary/Manager  
Royal Portrush Golf Club  
Dunluce Road,  
Portrush, BT56 8JQ, Co. Antrim