

been dreading this World Cup as many of their regular golfers will have chosen to forego their usual golfing exploits in favour of watching football for a month. This obviously will impact on club finances (as well as the viewers' marriages) and it has been interesting to see how some clubs have tried to diversify their marketing in order to attract as many golfers as possible in order to soften the blow. Here, at Birchwood, we have painted huge St. Georges crosses on lawns outside the clubhouse (see website) and hung flags from every available post and pillar so our players can see how committed we are to their golf and football demands. It certainly seems to be generating interest locally if nothing else!

The next Kent Section golf day is only round the corner so try to get some practice in between the football matches (as you can probably tell, I would never make it as a marriage guidance expert). Our happy group of golfers shall be travelling to the North Kent coast to play Herne Bay Golf Club on July 27 (perhaps you can drop the family off at the beach first!). This is our third outing this year and the days just seem to keep getting better. It has been nice to welcome several new people to our events this year and I'd like to thank everyone for making these days so enjoyable and to all our sponsors for helping to subsidise the costs of putting on our various activities.

Nothing more to add this month but please check out our webpage for more regular news, results, player handicaps and sponsors. I hope to see as many of you as possible on the 27th at Herne Bay where we can all indulge ourselves in a day of golf by the seaside and musing over where it all went wrong for England's football team!

Best of British  
Rob Holland

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



## Surrey

Thursday June 3. Welcome to the third summer of 2010 and goodbye, I hope, to the fourth winter. My central heating has been on and off so many times this year I have now decided that as June is now here, come hell or high water, the thing stays off until November. Today the weather is glorious and although I know you are all desperate to see the rain you will have to wait until after the weekend because for Brian it is on with the shorts and with bucket and spade in hand it's back to Ventnor for a short break on the good old Isle of Wight while leaving our new controllers, David and Nick, to look after the mainland and the world.

Tim Watts is congratulated on 40 years continuous service at Puttenham GC and I apologise for not putting this in last month's edition. This means that I should have reported this month that Tim is to be congratulated on 40 years continuous service plus several months and having known Tim for 20 years plus several months I am delighted to do so now.

Mark Harvey is daddy of the month and his father, Bill, a long suffering member, sorry that should read long serving member at Epsom GC - where Mark is Head Greenkeeper - is grandfather of the month. Mark's partner, Diana Cook, is mother of the month and their baby girl Alissa, born May 19, weighed in at 7lb 2.5ozs and is just pleased to be here.

With no other news it just leaves me to let you all know that I've recently booked my August holiday and St Peter Port on the Isle of Guernsey is to be the main subject of interest in the October edition.

Brian Willmott



**John Pemberton**  
Chief Executive

**As I sit seeking inspiration for my July column I ask myself where the first six months of 2010 have gone. It's hard to believe that the Open is only a couple of weeks away when memories of a spectacular finish to last year's tournament at Turnberry are still relatively fresh in my mind.**

My hopes are pinned on a British winner, the game needs the lift that this would bring and it would be nice to see the UK get behind its hopefuls in a similar, though perhaps not quite as flamboyant, way to that demonstrated in football for the World Cup.

As you will read elsewhere in this edition of Greenkeeper International the annual BIGGA Charity Golf Day was a great success and thanks go to Q Hotels for courtesy of the course. A thank you also to those teams that entered and without whom the event would not have taken place, congratulations go to the team from Ransomes Jacobsen who were the overall winners. As always the day provided a useful opportunity for BIGGA staff, greenkeeper Members and industry representatives to network in an informal atmosphere.

The early indications for the Association's results for the financial year just finished (30th June) are positive and should produce a moderate surplus, the budget for 2010/2011 is not quite as good though and so much depends on Harrogate in particular. The bookings to date are reasonably good with 74 exhibitors confirmed and a significant number of others who say that are not yet in a position to commit. If you look at the plans on [www.harrogateweek.org.uk](http://www.harrogateweek.org.uk) you will see that we have reconfigured the four main exhibition halls and BIGGA will itself take a more prominent position. A new initiative for 2011 is to develop the environmental side of the golf club and we will be creating a zone dedicated to related products and services. If any members have contacts for potential exhibitors then please pass on details to Sue in the office, she is already working on a number of leads but a few more would always be helpful.

Finally I would like to congratulate Cecil George who is to be presented with the BIGGA Lifetime Achievement Award. For many Cecil is noted for his regular contribution to BIGGA's AGM or perhaps his past involvement with the BIGGA Open Support Team but his real claim to fame comes from the many, many years of dedication to the development of education in greenkeeping and the promotion of the job as a career. Spend time in his company and you will soon discover his passion for greenkeeping and greenkeepers and how his wisdom, knowledge and experience has touched and influenced so many people over the years. As I sit and write this it is hoped that arrangements can be made to present the award at the Open which would be a fitting opportunity.

**John Pemberton**  
Chief Executive

## Around The Green

Please send your notes to Scott MacCallum by the 5th of the month. Email: [scott@bigga.co.uk](mailto:scott@bigga.co.uk)



# Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

## BIGGA Membership Cards

BIGGA introduced photographs on their membership cards quite a few years ago, particularly for Full Members of the Association; this is for ID purposes particularly when seeking courtesy golf.

If you or a colleague is wishing to submit an application to join BIGGA don't let submitting a photograph be a barrier.

We will accept all kinds of photographs, from holiday snaps to general photographs; as long as the photograph clearly shows the applicant and we can scan the photograph from the head and shoulders. No glasses or hats please.

Don't forget you can even use your mobile telephone, of course only if your mobile has a camera feature!

Once you have taken a head and shoulders shot download to a computer and email us the photograph using your membership number and name as the file name for the photograph.

If you do not include a photograph with your application or advise us that you are sending us one then you may get your form returned to you.

If you would like some advice on sending us a photograph as an attachment or via your mobile phone (if your mobile supports this) contact Brad in the Membership Department.

## Logging on to the BIGGA Website

We've recently changed the way members access the BIGGA members' area. To log on to the new BIGGA Website members now need a password.

To improve security BIGGA members now log on to the website with their membership number and password created by the member.

If you previously used your membership number and surname you will need to create your own password and activate your account.

Select 'Don't have a password?' from the home page, next to the Log In button and follow the instructions. You will need a valid email address.

The website is an ongoing project and we will be looking to improve this on an ongoing basis, introducing enhanced features and new pages full of useful information. If you have any suggestions on what may be beneficial to include on the website let us know.

## Personal Finance Planning

Devising a personal budget is probably more important than ever right now.

A budget done correctly is the most precise tool for analysing your finances imaginable. It answers two key questions....

- Do I spend more than I earn?
- What can I afford to spend?

If you need help and advice on budget planning then members can contact the helpline, free of charge, see the reverse of your membership card for the contact number.

This is a confidential service provided to BIGGA full members as part of their membership.



## Follow us on Facebook

Search for British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association then join the BIGGA Group.



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Peter Boyd Peter Larter



Clive Osgood Jane Jones

## BIGGA welcomes the following new members

### Scotland

Scott Clark, North  
John Keller, North  
Scott Macnicol, Central  
Andrew McDowall, West  
Barry O'Donnell, West  
Richard Sharp, North  
Alexander Watson, Central  
Michael Williamson, Central

### Northern Region

William Almond, North West  
Alan Birch, North West  
James Curry, North East  
Nigel Green, North Wales  
Jonathon McGeachie, Northern  
Stephen McLoughlin, North West  
Clive Roberts, North Wales  
Luke Stone, North East  
David Thompson, North East  
Adam Witchell, North Wales

### Midland Region

Peter Allam, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Martin Allen, East Midland  
James Brindley, East Midland  
Charlie Burke, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Michael Green, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Matthew Hallam, East Midland  
Kris Hobson, Midland  
Carl Holland, Midland  
Anthony Hough, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Robert Mills, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Jean Paul Bowers, East of England  
Louis Smith, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Roger Stillwell, East Midland  
Stephen White, East Midland

### South East Region

Craig Ayton, Surrey  
David Bell, Kent  
Robert Brown, Surrey  
Steve Fidler, London  
Hugh McCusker, Surrey  
Craig Open, Kent  
Iain Tong, Kent  
Kevin Treagus, Sussex

### S West/S Wales Region

Jamal Ali, South Wales  
Andrew Frost, South Coast  
Robert Hamley, Devon&Cornwall  
Tom Hayward, South West  
Stephen Patrick, South Coast  
Natalie Swanson, South Coast



## OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

(Full Members only)

Legal Assistance 0800 177 7891  
Personal Accident Insurance 0207 560 3013  
Stress Helpline 0800 174 319  
Debt Helpline 0800 174 319



# Diary of Events

Details of your Section's forthcoming events in 2010 can be found here...

Date	Event	Venue	Contact
<b>JULY</b>			
Wednesday July 7th	North West Section Event	Blackpool North Shore Golf Club	Chris Sheehan at jsheehan@blueyonder.co.uk or 07840 706738
Wednesday July 7th	East Midlands Section Event	Rothley Park Golf Club	Andrew de Wet at biggaeastmidlands@hotmail.com or 07730 713895
Wednesday July 7th	Sheffield Section Event	Hillsborough Golf Club	James Stevens at jimmy_jams20@hotmail.com or 07738 719614
Wednesday July 14th	Northern Section v's Sheffield Section Event	Woolley Park Golf Club	Frank Stewart at 07947 401278 or James Stevens at jimmy_jams20@hotmail.com or 07738 719614
Thursday July 15th	East of England Section Event	Tydd St Giles Golf Club	Bruce Hicks at brucehicks1@gmail.com or 07931 714922
Thursday July 15th	South Coast Section Event	Stoneham Golf Club	Chris Bitten at chrisbitten@btinternet.com or 07796 887633
Thursday July 15th – Sunday July 18th	The Open Championship	St Andrews, Scotland	<a href="http://www.opengolf.com/">http://www.opengolf.com/</a>
Wednesday July 21st	London Section Event	Muswell Hill Golf Club	Matt Plested at matt.plested@hotmail.co.uk or 07818 410333
Tuesday July 27th	Kent Section Event	Herne Bay Golf Club	Rob Holland at grassyars@hotmail.com or 07870 118793
Tuesday July 27th	South West Section – Scotts Management	Marlborough Golf Club	Adam Matthews at adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk or mobile: 07732 503855
Thursday July 29th – Sunday August 1st	Ricoh Women's British Open	The Royal Birkdale Golf Club	<a href="http://www.ricohwomensbritishopen.com">http://www.ricohwomensbritishopen.com</a>
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Thursday August 5th	Sussex Section Event	Haywards Heath Golf Club	Dave Allen at d38a@msn.com or mobile: 07515 428573
Wednesday August 11th	East Anglia Section Event	Eaton Golf Club, Norwich	Ian Willett at info@thorpeness.co.uk or mobile: 07929 205398
Thursday August 12th	Essex Section Event	Benton Hall Golf Club	Dominic Rodgers at domrogers@talktalk.net or mobile: 07929 205398
Thursday August 19th (To be confirmed, subject to change)	Central Section Event	Auchterarder Golf Club. Norrie Whytock Trophy	Andrew Mellon at AMellon@Elmwood.ac.uk or mobile: 07780 995602
Saturday August 21st	South West Section Race Night	Lansdown Racecourse	Adam Matthews at adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk or mobile: 07732 503855
Thursday August 26th	BB&O Section Event	The East Berkshire Golf Club	Adam King at ajk@radley.org.uk or 01235 543119 or mobile: 07778 569158
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Monday September 13th	Sheffield Section Event	Silkstone Golf Club	James Stevens at jimmy_jams20@hotmail.com or 07738 719614
Wednesday September 22nd	East of England Section Event	Lincoln Golf Club	Bruce Hicks at brucehicks1@gmail.com or 07931 714922
Tuesday September 28th	Sussex Section Event	Copthorne Golf Club	Dave Allen at d38a@msn.com or mobile: 07515 428573

# What's your Number?

Our regular and random profile of an industry figure continues with this month's lucky number...

Mike King of Vitax gets 10/10 questions right in this month's What's Your Number...



**1. What is your position within the company?**

Sales and Marketing Manager

**2. How long have you been in the industry?**

30 years

**3. How did you get into it?**

Working for a distributor on their busy trade counter

**4. What other jobs have you done?**

I did have 3 years in a sales office before I did go on the road doing sales jobs in Horticulture and Amenity.

**5. What do you like about your current job?**

Having a chance to meet people and help move our industry forward.

**6. What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?**

Better education within our industry especial in the turf sector.

**7. What do you like to do in your spare time?**

Football coaching, fishing with my son and playing golf poorly.

**8. Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?**

Still playing golf poorly.

**9. Who do you consider to be your best friends in the industry?**

My customers

**10. What do you consider to be your lucky number?**

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# Assistant Profile

Each month we take a light hearted look into the life of an assistant greenkeeper...

If he's not larging it up with film stars and rock stars, Jack can be found at 4.30am out on the greens, raking along to the Stone Roses...

**Name:** Jack Fairman

**Age:** 32

**Golf Club:** Boston Golf Club

**Position:** Assistant

**Nickname:** Unprintable!

**How long have you been greenkeeping?**

7 years

**What was it about the career that attracted you?**

Working in the great outdoors

**If you weren't a greenkeeper what would you be?**

A rock star

**Which task do you enjoy and why?**

Cutting greens at the weekend, middle of the summer at 4.30am

**Which task do you least enjoy doing and why?**

Pruning trees. It's a seemingly never ending task

**What one thing other than a pay rise would improve the greenkeepers lot?**

Humane removal of all week day golfers.

**Hobbies?**

Poker, football, golf.

**Favourite Band?**

The Stone Roses

**Which team do you support?**

Newcastle United

**What is your claim to fame?**

I was invited to the world premier of the Jackass Movie and spent 12 hours getting wasted with the cast of the film and Dave Grohl from The Foo Fighters!



# GI

## NEW PRODUCTS

The latest products on the market reviewed

GI New Products will soon be making a comeback! Please email your press releases and photography to: [tom@bigga.co.uk](mailto:tom@bigga.co.uk)

# Greenkeeper Training



**BIGGA is actively involved in raising the standard of Greenkeeper Training. The Association is a member of the Greenkeepers' Training Committee and strives to enhance the level of education through various means, including Section, Regional and National workshops, seminars and conferences.**

The range and quality of training now available throughout the UK means there is a training course for every greenkeeper. This should improve the quality of greenkeeping and help to produce better quality golf courses to the benefit of all within the industry.

Golf Course Managers should ensure that their staff are trained to the highest standards. This begins 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 all clubs should invest in the education of their staff.



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## SCOTLAND

### ELMWOOD COLLEGE

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Full-time and Part-time National Certificate Greenkeeping. Block release/fast track and workbased learning options for SVQ Level 2 and Level 3. ILM Level 3 & 4 Management. HNC and HND Golf Course Management available both online/ distance learning and full-time/ part-time options. HNC/HND Golf Facility Management. Sportsturf Courses available. SVQ Level 2 & 3 in Landbased Service Engineering and Golf Course Mechanics Courses. Abrasive Wheel, BTLIA/NPTC Irrigation Course, Chainsaw, Tree Climbing and Rescue Techniques, Spraying and Noroso Certification/Courses.

### LANGSIDE COLLEGE

Rutherglen Campus,  
Buchanan Drive,  
Rutherglen,  
Glasgow, G73 3PF



Contact: William O'Neil  
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Email: [woneil@langside.ac.uk](mailto:woneil@langside.ac.uk)

SVQ, SGA, HNC, HND, Full time and part time courses in Greenkeeping, Groundsmanship, Golf Course Management, Horticulture, Land and Environment and Applied Ecology. Short courses for land-based industries including Pesticides.

### GOSTA TRAINING LTD

50 Brook Street, Glasgow, G40 2AB



Contact: Chris Bothwell  
Tel: 0141 556 3999 Fax: 0141 556 4999  
Email: [learn gostatraining.co.uk](mailto:learn gostatraining.co.uk)

SVQ II, III and IV also Modern Apprenticeship in Sportsturf including other options and GTC Training Manual. Attendance Day release from November March. Distance learning also available. Short courses with certification include Pesticides, Chainsaw, First Aid, Risk Assessment, Abrasive Wheels, Full Range of Machinery Courses, Manual Handling and Fire Extinguisher training. Consultancy service for Health and Safety Policy development, Site Risk Audits, Machinery Permit to Use system, COSHH and Noise Assessment.

### OATRIDGE COLLEGE

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West Lothian, EH52 6NH



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Email: [smiller@oatridge.ac.uk](mailto:smiller@oatridge.ac.uk) Web: [www.oatridge.ac.uk](http://www.oatridge.ac.uk)

Full-time National Certificate in Greenkeeping; SVQ Level 2 Sportsturf (Day and Block Release); SVQ Level 3 Sportsturf (Day Release and Fast Track); NC's HNCs, SVQ Levels 2 and 3 in Horticulture, Landscaping and other land based subject; NPTC/LANTRA short courses in Pesticides Spraying, Chainsaws, Turf Maintenance Equipment, ATVs etc; Other Specific short courses on demand.

## ENGLAND

### ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE

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National Certificate and National Diploma in Horticulture (with Sportsturf route) Foundation & Extended Foundation Degrees in Horticulture, Landscape and Garden Management or Arboriculture. All available full or part-time. Block release courses: NVQ Levels 2 & 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance. Short courses: FEPA spraying, chainsaw and brushcutter courses.



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### TRAINING PROVIDERS/ COURSES GUIDE



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.

For more information contact the GTC on: 01347 838640 or visit: [www.the-gtc.co.uk](http://www.the-gtc.co.uk)

#### DUCHY COLLEGE

Cornwall's College of the Countryside



Duchy College, Stoke Climsland, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 8PB  
 Duchy College, Rosewarne, Camborne, Cornwall, TR14 0AB

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Duchy College offers Level 1, 2, & 3 Diplomas and NVQ 4 in Amenity Horticulture (inc Sports Turf), HNC Horticulture, NC and ANC Horticulture, RHS Level 2 Certificate, FdSc Horticulture, BSc (Hons) Horticulture. We also offer Institute of Leadership and Management courses to Greenkeepers, together with workshops in Business Skills. Short legislative courses in pesticides, plant machinery, vehicles, forestry and arboriculture are also available.



### Full-time and online study

Myerscough College invites applications for Degree courses starting in September 2010.

Foundation Degree in Sportsturf

Foundation Degree Sportsturf and Golf Course Management

BSc (Hons) Turfgrass Science

BSc (Hons) Sportsturf and Golf Management

R&A Bursaries available to many students



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 or visit [www.myerscough.ac.uk](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk)

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Houghall campus is located to the east of Durham City bounded by the River Wear and the A177. The College has excellent resources for the provision of land-based programmes. Entry 2-L4 full and part-time programmes are offered in Arboriculture, Floristry, Horticulture, Sports-turf, Environmental Conservation, NPTC block and short courses on demand.

#### HADLOW COLLEGE

Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0AL



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 Website: [www.hadlow.ac.uk](http://www.hadlow.ac.uk)

Work based levels 2 and 3 qualifications in Greenkeeping, Groundsmanship and Landscaping for Apprenticeship and Fee payers. We also offer a range of short courses, for example Health and Safety, COSHH, Chainsaw use, Welding and Pesticide Application. Additionally, full and part time courses (post GCSE through to degree level) are available in horticulture and variety of other land based subjects. There is train to gain funding available subject to eligibility.

## ENGLAND

### MERRIST WOOD CAMPUS OF GUILDFORD COLLEGE

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Part-time courses: NVQ Level 2 Sportsturf college day release and workplace visits/assessments, National Certificate Level 2 Sportsturf in conjunction with IOG / NPTC, NVQ Level 3 Sportsturf on-line distance learning, Level 3 National Award college day release for those without qualified workplace assessors. Also, NVQ Level 4 Sportsturf Management, plus throughout the year various NPTC Certificate of Competence including: Automatic Turf Irrigation, Turf Maintenance Equipment, Mowers, PA1, 6 & 2, Tractors, Trimmers and Chainsaw. Please contact us for up-to-date listings, qualifications and advice on courses and funding. Open evenings are held regularly at the Campus.

### REASEHEATH COLLEGE

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Web: www.reaseheath.ac.uk

Part time, block release courses include level 2, level 3 Certificate and Diploma in work based Horticulture (Sports Turf-Green keeper). NVQ level 4 Sports turf (Distance Learning). Our work based learning group offer apprenticeships in the work place. BTEC First Diploma in Horticulture, National Diploma in Horticulture/Sports Turf option, BTEC National Diploma in Sports Performance and Facilities Management endorsed by Premier League, Football league.  
Short Courses include Pesticide application (PA1/PA2/PA6) Chainsaw operation, Safe use of mowers. Bespoke courses and overseas programs available on request. On site facilities include a commercially operating golf course, rugby, football pitches and Crewe Alexandra training grounds.

### MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE

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### SOUTHSTAFFORDSHIRE COLLEGE

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South Staffordshire College offers an extensive range of courses, full, part time and day release. Full time programmes include: NPTC Skills for Life, Level One, 1st Diploma, National Award, National Certificate and National Diploma. Higher Education programmes can be studied on a part time basis and include Foundation Degree and the Bsc in Horticulture. Work based learning is available at NVQ 1, NVQ 2, and NVQ 3 and South Staffordshire offers very extensive Train2Gain provision. Sports turf and green keeping can be studied to NVQ 2 and NVQ 3 level on a day release basis. The college offers a wide transport network to its learners as well as residential accommodation on site.

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Full time courses: National Certificate in Sports Turf Management and Horticulture. Part Times courses: WBD (NVQ) Level 2 and 3 in Greenkeeping

### SPARSHOLT COLLEGE

Sparsholt College Hampshire  
(incorporating Andover College Campus)  
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NVQ and Advanced Apprenticeships in Amenity Horticulture (Sports Turf). ND Sport – Golf Academy. Short-courses accredited by NPTC , LANTRA Or NVQ in chainsaw operation, pesticides, tree felling and clearing, arboriculture and machinery maintenance.

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# DEALER OF THE MONTH

A new series aimed at celebrating the great work done by dealerships up and down the country

## FAIRWAYS (GM) LTD

### Location and size

Glasgow, Kinross, Aberdeen and Inverness, and a sub depot at Eccles). Turnover objective for 2010 is around £8million

### Employees and size of premises

32 people split into sales 6, parts 4, service 16, accounts and MD 3, admin 3. The business operates from 5 locations with premises totalling 28,800 sq ft.

### Number of service vans

14 service vans stocked with fast moving parts. Our vans are equipped with all necessary special tooling and have a bench, vice and power tools to facilitate on site engineering.

### Brief History of Company

Fairways (GM) together with its sister companies Wiedenmann (UK) Ltd and Fairways Sportsgrounds Ltd constitute the Fairways group. Our construction company Fairways Sportsgrounds Ltd can trace its roots back to 1919 when the business was established by John Stutt who went on to build many golf courses with Braid and Mackenzie Ross. In 1991 Wiedenmann (UK) Ltd was established and now promotes a wide range of Wiedenmann products through dealers covering the UK and Ireland. In 2004 Fairways (GM) Ltd became Ransomes Jacobsen's Scottish dealer.

Initially based at Inchinnan and at Kinross on the east side of the country it was soon apparent that local service points were required and Inverness and Aberdeen depots were established. More recently a small service and grinding centre based in the Scottish Borders was opened.

We are currently building new premises at Kinross opening in November, which will enable us to expand our customer support in line with forecast sales growth.

### Key services offered

New and used machinery sales, parts supply, servicing, maintenance contracts, spot and long term hire and breakdown response and warranty work. We also tailor supply proposals to meet the individual needs of the customer; this includes initiatives covering finance, servicing and support.



### How has the dealership changed over the years?

In November 2004 we started our business from a clean sheet of paper; this has meant constant investment and change to meet the needs of the growing business. Our employees are our biggest asset and in line with our continuous improvement policy we have developed core values to ensure that our people develop and deliver on our promises. Manufacturers are bringing machines to market that are hi-tech using advanced technologies in hybrid drive systems and we will continue to provide high levels of training to all of our employees to ensure that our customers get the most from their investment.

### What would you like to see changed?

It would have been nice to see Scotland at the World Cup, maybe next time! We would like to see an intensive international marketing campaign launched to position the UK as the number one choice for the international golf tourist. We would like more promotion promoting of golf among juniors.

**To nominate a GI Dealer of the Month contact Scott MacCallum with your reasons why the dealer of your choice should be featured, writing no more than 450 words and including a decent photograph... Email [scott@bigga.co.uk](mailto:scott@bigga.co.uk)**

### Franchise(s) held

Ransomes Jacobsen (incl. EZGO, Turfco, Ryan, Cushman, Iseki and Smithco), Wiedenmann, Gambetti and Kawasaki

### Major Customers

All customers are important, a cross section from our customer list includes:

- The Roxburghe Hotel and Golf Course
- Hamilton Golf Club
- Newmacher Golf Club
- Peterhead Golf Club
- Newburgh Golf Club
- Hilton Park Golf Club
- Royal Troon Golf Club
- Castle Stuart Golf Club
- SRU Murrayfield
- Whitekirk Golf Club
- Douglas Park Golf Club
- Inverness Golf Club

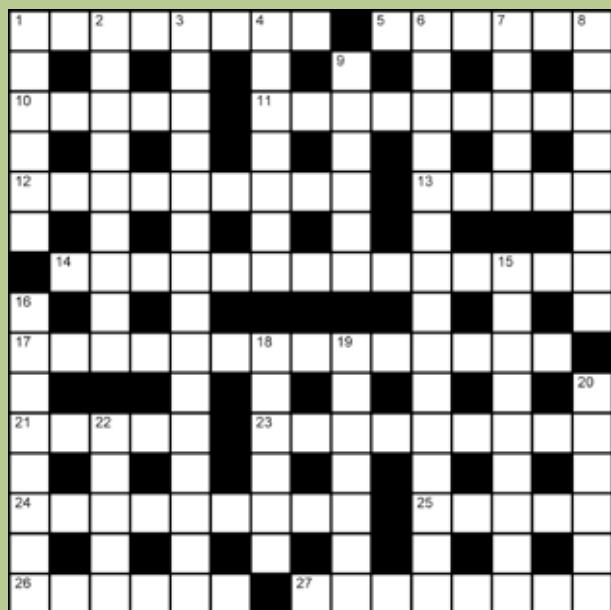




# in the shed

Our monthly puzzle page to keep you entertained when you're forced indoors..

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1 Fire-starter (8)
- 5 Zany or impulsive (6)
- 10 Musical written by Tim Rice, Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson (5)
- 11 The \_\_\_ Guards, the senior regiment of the Guards Division (9)
- 12 In religion, a place between heaven and hell (9)
- 13 The third rock from the sun (5)
- 14 Top 10 hit for The Ordinary Boys (4,4,2,4)
- 17 The first English language writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature (7,7)
- 21 Listlessness or boredom (5)
- 23 The largest city in British Columbia (9)
- 24 Approaches (5,4)
- 25 Repeat (5)
- 26 Young, affluent professional with a fashionable lifestyle (6)
- 27 Body of water surrounding the Isle of Man (5,3)

### DOWN

- 1 Take up an offer (6)
- 2 An obscenity (5,4)
- 3 German actress, star of Roman Polanski's Tess (9,6)
- 4 Italian international footballer of the 1990s - Giuseppe \_\_\_ (7)
- 6 A semi-autobiographical novel by Ernest Hemingway (1,8,2,4)
- 7 An official maker of public announcements (5)
- 8 Leverage or influence (8)
- 9 RL Stevenson's 'good' doctor (6)
- 15 Eaters of meat and plants (9)
- 16 A non-competitive sporting event (8)
- 18 Jonathan \_\_\_\_, rugby league and union international (6)
- 19 A disregarder of information (7)
- 20 Skulls (6)
- 22 US Civil Rights organisation (5)

## QUICK 'NINE HOLE' QUIZ

## St Andrews Open

1. Who won the very first Open at St Andrews in 1973?
2. Tiger Woods won the 2005 St Andrews Open by five shots but two came second?
3. Which two players in the modern era have won more than one Open over the Old Course?
4. Who says he doesn't think about his missed 72nd hole putt in which would have won him the 1970 Open more than once every few minutes?
5. Which winner's nickname was "Champagne"?
6. Which Japanese player took a nine having found the Road Hole Bunker in 1984?
7. Who took an 8 on the same hole having found the same bunker in 2000 when sitting in runners-up spot?
8. By how many shots did Tiger Woods win the 2000 Open on his way to completing the set of Major Championships?
9. Who was the last Australian to win an Open at St Andrews?

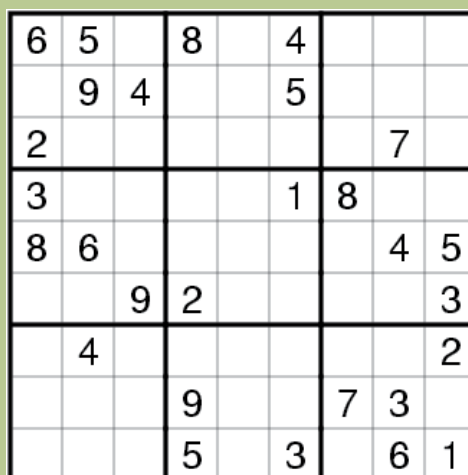
## MONSTER SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 4x4 box contains the numbers 0 to 9 and the letters A to E.



## SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 9 box shape contains the numbers 1 to 9.



Puzzle Answers on page 65

# BUYERS' GUIDE

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Repton Short Course 'Signature Island Green'.



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Greasley is currently engaged on the West-East link main being installed around North Manchester by United Utilities and Murphy Pipelines. Having completed the enabling works to ensure 18 holes remain in play during the pipeline installation at Ashton-in-Makerfield, Bury, Ellesmere and Stand Golf Clubs, work is now focused on the final reinstatement post pipeline installation. Works include extensive drainage totalling over 13,000 Linear M, Green/tee/fairway/bunker construction with rootzone amelioration to fairways and re-turfing work in excess of 70,000m<sup>2</sup>.

Many bunker refurbishment projects were carried out last winter including East Berkshire Golf Club, with the final holes due to be completed this autumn. At Longcliffe Golf Club the second phase of a three stage project was completed. More work was carried out at Farnham Park Golf Club and Panshanger Golf Complex where works are phased over a number of years. At Tylney Park new bunkers and tees were constructed together with an extensive new lake on the first hole which has greatly enhanced this opening hole.

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