



**TRILO S4 VACUUM SWEEPER ABOVE PAR AT HENLEY**

Founded in 1907, Henley Golf Club sits in Oxfordshire but is close to both Berkshire and Buckinghamshire borders, offering views of all three counties from the course. Greens Manager, Justin Robinson, has added a Trilo S4 Vacuum Sweeper to his equipment fleet and has found it to be “a year round multi-use piece of kit.”

“We took delivery this year, early in the summer, following a recommendation by a Trilo user at the Henley Regatta site,” said Justin.

“When we had the demonstration towards the

end of 2012 we realised our old machine from a competitor wasn’t really fit for purpose – even for just leaf collection that it was primarily employed for!”

Commenting on its value to the golf club Justin added, “A good plus point has been that the S4 doesn’t sit idly in the shed for any part of the year. We use it all over the course with our Massey Ferguson 4225 for the collection of leaves, care of fairways, rough scarification and debris/clippings collection.”

The Trilo S4 has a high capacity V-belt driven fan

delivering a high work rate, reliable/safe power source and the sweeping head (with hydraulically-driven brush), has a generous 1.8 metre working width.

The impeller casing can be opened at the top and includes an inspection trap in the lower section to facilitate easy cleaning.

The hand held wander-hose makes the S4 suitable for year round leaf and litter collection and also for use where access may be more limited, such as working close to kerbs, emptying bins or cleaning inaccessible areas.



## BASEGUARD SIGNAGE SOLUTION

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“BaseGuard is a great solution in every way to the age-old problem of keeping the grass under control around the signage, and I can happily recommend it to any golf club,” satisfied customer Robert Pettett of Rookery Park Golf Club said.



## Clean up your act

There’s a Trilo Vacuum Sweeper/Blower to suit all requirements to clean your open areas of litter, leaves and grass cuttings.

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# BIGGA members come together at Rockliffe

A **News Special** on the call to arms for the recent PGA English Seniors Open, held at Rockliffe Hall



**BIGGA members from across the country came together recently to help out as Rockliffe Hall hosted the successful PGA English Seniors Open.**

The team at the County Durham course was given just six weeks to prepare for the tournament and Head Greenkeeper Pete Newton knew he would need a support team to maintain the huge course which measures a staggering 7,897 yards from the back tees.

Together with Course Manager Davy Cuthbertson and Cleveland Section secretary Ian Pemberton, they appealed for greenkeepers to travel north for the week of the tournament and were delighted to receive offers from across the country.

Greenkeepers from Forest Hill, Forest of Arden and The RAC Club joined others from Matfen Hall, Close House plus other

local courses – and the team couldn't have done without them as Pete explained.

He said: "Obviously we were on a tight timescale, but I wasn't worried about the course quality as it's always at a high standard at any time of the year.

"The main issue was the amount of daylight we had to prepare the course.

"We started at around 6.30am for 9:30am tee times, and they were finishing around 4.30pm so we only had a total of five hours' light a day to work with.

"We were double cutting in the mornings and rolling to get the greens up to 10.5ft so there was a lot of work to do, but all the guys threw themselves into it.

"They were full of enthusiasm - we had rain on the Friday and I've never seen so many greenkeepers volunteer to grab a squeegee!

"The tournament was a huge success

with great feedback from the players and the PGA, and this just wouldn't have been possible without the volunteers assisting our full-time team here.

"They also gained valuable tournament experience, and I truly believe this is another example of the great industry that we're part of."

As well as help from various BIGGA members, Rockliffe enjoyed wider industry support. Reps from Tacit and Turfcare helped out as did the club's local Toro dealer Lloyds who supplied a mechanic, plus Gary Woodward from Bernhard Grinders who reground their machines prior to the Seniors Open.

Pete added: "Thanks to everyone who helped out and keep an eye out for more volunteering opportunities when the tournament returns here next August."



# Membership News

The latest news from BIGGA

**Following the Greenkeeper International survey, we've revamped the Membership pages – and we want you to get involved.**

As before, this section will highlight the many benefits BIGGA membership gives you, but will feature you, the members.

We want to hear your stories and experiences – so whether you've

found a new job through BIGGA, got help through our Legal Helpline or Lifestyle Counselling, worked at a high-profile tournament or even won a golf competition we want to hear from you!



## SIMON SAYS: USE THE LEGAL HELPLINE!

One of the many benefits available to BIGGA members is our Greenkeepers Legal Assistance Helpline which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 0800 1777891.

Simon Reardon, Deputy Head Greenkeeper at Kingsthorpe Golf Club in Northamptonshire, pictured above, is just one BIGGA member to receive excellent service after calling the Helpline. He noticed some potential issues with the club's staff handbook, which has now been improved after he discussed the matter with the Helpline.

He said: "My employers have

recently given me a change of role and subsequently updated my job description, employment contract and revised the staff handbook.

"The club manager provided me with provisional copies and asked me to take them away, proof read and highlight any queries.

"There were a few areas I considered errant (the addition of a retirement age, policy on time taken off sick, the smoking policy and a few other minor inconsistencies) so I decided to consult with BIGGA's Legal Helpline.

"I phoned 0800 1777891 and an operator took some brief details and a legal advisor

called back within the hour to take a comprehensive list of my questions.

"The same person then called back with some advice and suggestions, which I have taken back to my employers. They are now going to amend a couple of points and change some terminology.

"Having never used this particular service before, I have to thank BIGGA for including this in our membership and the legal partner for their fantastic service. I would fully recommend it to any member who needs advice in the future."



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# L&D News

The latest from the Learning and Development department at BIGGA

## BIGGA CPD GOES ONLINE

After many months of planning and launching the new CPD programme, BIGGA are delighted to announce that members are now able to claim their CPD credits online, monitor their own CPD progress and print out their own certificates. Stuart Green, Learning and Development Executive, will be showcasing this exciting new aspect of CPD at the forthcoming regional conferences.

BIGGA Chief Executive Jim Croxton said: "We are really pleased to be offering our members this facility. BIGGA have been running a CPD scheme since 2000 and it was time to reinvigorate it and improve its accessibility. CPD is about the individual and it's our strong belief that members should be able to manage their own development."

With the new software, there is no need to send in a registration



form or claim form. All members have a CPD account which can be accessed when they log into the member's area of the website. Once a member begins to claim credits they become CPD Active and their CPD credits will be automatically added to their Lifetime Transcript, which can be printed out.

CPD credits are not only available for members, but also for training providers and companies who run events. Those who register their courses for CPD will receive a unique code that will be provided to attendees at the end of the event. Once this code is entered into the member's online CPD record, it will automatically update their record.

Stuart added: "It's all about using technology to make life simpler and easier for members to engage in their professional development."

BIGGA is also making it easier to gain credits through the new CPD programme. In October's GI the Fusarium quiz was the start of six annual quizzes.

The next will be in December's edition and this time keep an eye out for the QR code. This will allow members to access the quiz using their mobile phones and tablets. Keep an eye out for an increased focus on our CPD scheme from now on!

### WHAT IS CPD?

We've devoted a section in the 2013/14 BIGGA Membership Handbook to explaining exactly what CPD is, its benefits and how you can get involved in it. Turn to pages 20 and 21 of the new Handbook for more.



**Gold Key Individual Members:**  
Steven Tierney MG, Chris Lomas MG, Andrew Campbell MG CGCS, Ian MacMillan MG, Ian Morrison, Andrew Turnbull, W J Rogers, Sam Langrick, Espen Bergmann, Nick Gray

**Silver Key Individual Members:**  
Steve Dixon, Richard McGlynn, Douglas Duguid, Jaey Goodchild, Graham Wiley, Michael Beaton, Paul Jenkins, David Barker

The funding provided by Gold and Silver Key Sponsors is used to produce training and career aids, DVDs, CD Roms, field guides and provide refunds for training fees and subsidised learning and development courses. The funding also helps support seminars, workshops, courses, the lending library, careers advice, posters and manuals.

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## FULL MARKS TO DEREK

Congratulations to Derek Fullerton who is the latest BIGGA member to be awarded a BIGGA Higher Education Scholarship, supported by Jacobsen, worth £1000.

Derek, greenkeeper at Murrayfield Golf Club, will attend Myerscough College to study a BSc (Hons) in Sportsturf Science – Second Year.

For more info visit our website and go to Education>Funding Opportunities>Higher Education Scholarship.



# National double for Gordon

A hole-in-one, a single shot deciding the winner over 36 holes of golf, glorious sunshine, low handicappers pushed to the limits – the 2013 BIGGA National Championship sponsored by Charterhouse and Kubota had it all. Steve Castle reports



**Over eighty BIGGA members headed to the Red Course at Frilford Heath Golf Club with the aim of conquering 18 holes which had held European Tour qualifying just days previously – but most failed as the tough but fair course with its slick, undulating greens provided a superb test.**

The players woke on the Monday morning to a brooding mist drifting across rural Oxfordshire – and last year's champion Oly Browning from Stocks Golf Club hit the first tee shot with some of the clouds still lingering. But these dissipated within half an hour to allow perfect golfing conditions to prevail. The official starters provided by the club was a lovely touch and really added to the sense of occasion as each competitors' name was announced, even if a few stray drives at the first betrayed the early nerves of some!

Gordon Sangster, reigning Scottish National Champion and third overall at the National at Irvine Bogside last year, was arguably the favourite heading into the tournament and showed why with a stunning two under par opening round of 70 – on a course he'd never previously played.

The plus two handicapper really hit his stride on the back nine, dropping just one shot and finishing with a flourish in the shape of three birdies.

One of the real highlights of the tournament came late on the first day, when Paul Davy from Porters Park Golf Club scored the fifth hole in one of his career on the 186-yard 9th. He said: "I hit a six-iron just short of the green, it bounced a few times and dropped in. It's always a good feeling to get a hole in one, but I had mixed feelings with this one. It's great to do it at the National and on a course like this but I'm really worried about the bar bill – it's a busy day!"

Antony Kirwan from Playgolf Colchester spoke for many of the competitors when he praised the condition of the course, and in particular the slick, undulating greens which had tested the pros the previous week and were now bewitching BIGGA members.

He said: "It's really tough, the greens are very, very quick. But ultimately it's great fun to play on a course like this and test yourself against it."

Dale Housden from Caddington Golf Club said: "I'm going to try and bring as many of the guys from Caddington across next year as possible, that's how much I've enjoyed it. The course is superb,

you have to be so accurate on the greens but that's how it should be. There's a lot of low handicappers here who want a challenge and it's certainly provided that."

The club, extremely welcoming throughout, then hosted the evening dinner, during which BIGGA Chairman Tony Smith presented Course Manager Sid Arrowsmith MG with a tankard, and complimented both the superb course and excellent hospitality. Tim Yates, Dealer Manager at Kubota, then presented the first day's prizes with Paul Davy's ace being rewarded with a bottle of champagne. The Midlands Region represented by David Grant, James Egerton, Oly Browning and Harry Larkins won the Team Championship trophy, presented to the Region with the lowest aggregate total of their four best scores.

The next morning the greenkeeping team were busy double cutting and ironing the greens as brilliant early morning sunshine gave way to a more overcast afternoon. Plus one handicapper James Dair from Toft House & Golf Course put himself right in contention for the coveted BIGGA Challenge Trophy – and £500 first prize – by carding a sensational 70 featuring five birdies. But Gordon held his nerve, securing pars on the testing final two holes to pip James by a single shot with a total of 147 – three shots

## RESULTS & PRIZES

### BIGGA CHALLENGE TROPHY - Best gross score

- 1) Gordon Sangster (Cathkin Braes Golf Club) - 70, 77 (147) £500
- 2) James Dair (Toft House & Golf Course) - 78, 70 (148) £300
- 3) Gary Burgess (Grange Park Golf Club) - 78, 71 (149) £250
- 4) James Egerton (Welwyn Garden City Golf Club) - 74, 76 (150) £150
- 5) Oly Browning (Stocks Golf Club) - 75, 76 (151) £100

### BIGGA CHALLENGE CUP - Best nett score

- 1) Daniel Scott (Woburn Golf & Country Club) - 68, 72 (140)
- 2) Terry Cheese (Sandwell Park Golf Club) - 75, 73 (148)
- 3) Alastair Higgs (Windlesham Golf Club) - 73, 75 (148)

### BIGGA CHALLENGE PLATE - Stableford Day Two only

Stewart Rogers (Orsett Golf Club) 36pts

### BIGGA CHALLENGE BOWL - Affiliate

Andrew Cornes (BMS Ltd) 87, 88 (175)

### HANDICAP WINNERS DAY ONE - Nett

- +2 - 5 David Grant (Cherwell Edge Golf Club) 67  
06 - 12 Daniel Scott (Woburn Golf & Country Club) 68  
13 - 24 Anthony Thacker (RAF Marham Golf Club) 77

### HANDICAP WINNERS DAY TWO - Nett

- +2 - 5 Gary Burgess (Grange Park Golf Club) 68  
06 - 12 Daniel Scott (Woburn Golf & Country Club) 72  
13 - 24 Lee Whyte (Bowood Golf & Country Club) 73

### NEAREST THE PIN (9th)

Day One - Paul Davy (Porters Park Golf Club - hole in one!)  
Day Two - Dan Norsworthy (The Richmond Golf Club)

### LONGEST DRIVE (15th)

Day One - Antony Kirwan (Playgolf Colchester)  
Day Two - Leigh Mordy (Knowle Golf Club)

### TEAM WINNERS - Day One Only

First - Midland (David Grant, James Egerton, Oly Browning, Harry Larkins)  
Second - South East (Jason Hunt, Ron Christie, Mark Harvey, Paul Davy)





over par overall. All the prizewinners were then presented with their trophies and souvenirs by Colin Henna, Sales Manager at Kubota,

The champion said: "It's always good to win, I played the National at Irvine Bogside last year and I think I probably drove a bit better this time round. But at this level it's just a couple of putts here and there that will make or break your round. On my first round I got on a good run on the back nine and that was pleasing.

"I'm especially happy because this is a different type of course to Largs where I won the Scottish National. Both Largs and Frilford Heath are superb, the green staff have got them in phenomenal condition. The greens here are the fastest I've played on all year, it's a tough but fair test of golf."

Sid Arrowsmith added: "It's been a wonderful couple of days and a real pleasure to host so many BIGGA members, many of whom travelled great distances.

"Having the opportunity to play golf and chat to so many green-keepers from all manner of courses across the UK and beyond was a real highlight for me."

**Dates for your diary next year**

Challenge for the title at Liphook Golf Club in Hampshire, 6/7 October 2014.

Andrew Cornes, Danell Scott, Stewart Rogers



Tim Yates, Dealer Manager at Kubota, presents champagne to hole in one man Paul Davy



Tony Smith presents a tankard to Course Manager Sid Arrowsmith

# Hurly Burghley



## PROFILE

**Name:** Dave Salisbury  
**Role:** Course Manager  
**Born:** Burton upon Trent  
**Handicap:** 14  
**Favourite sports team:** Stamford AFC  
– Dave is a director