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What's done, needs to be seen to be done

In January this year the newly formed Association of British & International Golf Greenkeepers' came into being, formed by the amalgamation of the long established British Golf Greenkeepers' Association, the southern based English & International Golf Greenkeepers' Association and the Scottish Greenkeepers. This coming together, following years of acrimony among certain members of the greenkeeping profession, was precipitated by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews in the interest of furthering the future and recognition of those men who maintain our golf courses, without whom there would not be a game to play.

Such a move was welcomed by all sections of the golf industry, the greenkeepers themselves, the controlling bodies by all sections of the golf industry, the greenkeepers themselves, the controlling bodies

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nationwide are asking 'WHEN, and so they might.'

Last month the National Greenkeepers' Tournament held at Verulam Golf Club, St. Albans, was organised by the Mid Anglia Section of the now defunct BGGA. It was a highly successful tournament, patronised by many of the active participants of previous years, in fact the majority of competitors were the 'Old Faithfuls'.

This year there was no Annual General Meeting for the new Association and greenkeeping business was confined to informal discussions in the 19th hole.

The Chairman Mr. Walter Woods did attend and said a few words at the conclusion of the prize giving, but the newly appointed Executive Director Mr. Neil Thomas did not. He was said to be moving house to Bingley where his office will be incorporated within the headquarters of the Sports Turf Research Institute.

Cautionary words of advice from many quarters warned of the dangers of rushing into the new venture. Advice largely ignored by its architects, for reasons best known to themselves.

The decisions made twelve months ago should now be bearing fruit, but greenkeepers are promises.

To bring together three distinct, separate bodies, each with its own administration, varying philosophies and regional differences requires delicate negotiation and a degree of diplomacy.

What has now been created is a vacuum. The old groupings have come and gone, and as far as greenkeepers are concerned, is not functioning.

This could have been avoided if the BIGGA had been set up as an umbrella association with three individual associations continuing to operate until the time was ripe for a smooth transfer.

Finance has never been a problem. As reported last month the R&A in a massive grant payment to various golf bodies around the world allocated £37,500 to form the new Association.

Greenkeepers are expecting positive action from their management committees, with the priorities of improved status, better working conditions, an enhanced training scheme and an agreed salary scale reflecting their contribution to the game of golf. So far, all they have received are promises.
Unfortunately the answer was not far from the truth, but one cannot do more than express sorrow that so much of the better facets of life in the province does not receive the publicity it should and that certainly goes for golf.

The reception and hospitality enjoyed over a long weekend at Royal Portrush and the nearby Portstewart Golf Clubs could not be faulted and although we were in somewhat of a privileged position, playing a team match between the golfing scribes of Yorkshire and our counterparts from the Belfast press the reaction of others from the mainland to the golfing delights of County Antrim confirmed similar feelings.

The Northern Ireland Tourist Board have what must be one of the hardest jobs in the world to convince people that Ireland is the place to go for a golfing holiday. What must be even more frustrating, is the fact, they have a product that is quite superb. Royal Portrush, regarded as one of the top courses in the British Isles hosted the Open Championship in 1951. It is the only course in Ireland to have done so and fittingly, was won by Max Faulkner. If ever a links was worthy of staging the event again, it must be here, but sadly.

Northern Ireland - A Golfing Paradise

The pictures of Royal Portrush Golf Club have been provided by courtesy of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board.
the ugly side of politics must forbid any such consideration in most of our lifetimes.

Laid out by Harry Colt in its present form it was described by Bernard Darwin a golf writer who stands tall even in the company of men such as Henry Longhurst, 'as a monument to Mr. H. S. Colt, more enduring than brass'.

Every hole is a challenge, even those that seem reachable with no more than a good drive and a pitching wedge to the putting surface. The famous 5th-hole is a case in point. It was here the ravages of the Atlantic Ocean undermined the cliff face and the green almost fell into the sea. Members and golf lovers the world over rallied round and raised sufficient money to build a retaining wall to hold the green in place.

The Dunluce Course, better known of the two at Portrush (the other is the Valley) is the favourite of Fred Daly, the only other Open Champion from Ireland. He was born at Portrush and though now in his seventies is still a far better than average player.

The Causeway coast is also renowned for one of Ireland's best known exports - Black Bush. For those who have not imbibed a 'drop of the Irish' they have a treat in store.

The distillery at Blackbush dates back to the beginning of the 17th century when a licence 'to distil whiskey' was granted by James I. It is now exported to 106 countries around the globe.

Each year in June, Black Bush sponsor the Causeway Coast Amateur Golf Tournament, played over the links at Royal Portrush, Portstewart and Castlerock. Entries come from all over the world and this year there were golfers from Canada, the USA, Australia and Zimbabwe as well as strong contingents from the UK.

The weather was not especially kind for the tournament, but to quote a phrase 'the price was right' and there was always the whiskey to provide the internal warmth.

Last month we reported the appalling accident that befell Woodcote Park's Head Greenkeeper Eric Green, when the cover blew off the box housing the control valve alongside the seventh green.

Eric is now recovering from his injuries and is well enough to take a two-week holiday with his family.

Since the events of that July evening, when Mr. Green, accompanied by his wife Carol and their daughter were inspecting the updated irrigation system installed by British Overhead Irrigation Ltd., the club have employed an independent consultant to check the scheme and an investigation has commenced by the Health and Safety Executive.

Irrigation systems as was pointed out last month can be extremely dangerous if they do not meet the exacting standards laid down by the only controlling body in this country, the British Turf Irrigation Association.

One of the leading members, Bill Hawthorn of Watermation Ltd. has commented.

The horrific accident to Eric Green, Head Greenkeeper at Woodcote Park Golf Club resulting in facial injury occurred because of a failure of the plastic nipple underneath the manual hydrant. Failures of this nature are not uncommon if this method of installation is used. For this reason many years ago Watermation devised a different method of mounting valve assemblies at the greens having the hydrant supported on a metal nipple attached to a robust metal tee, in order to withstand the mechanical loads which inevitably are placed upon the hydrant when hoses are attached.

Toro, whose General Manager Peter Roberts is Chairman of the Association, has recently published a guide entitled 'The Thinking Man's Guide to Golf Course Watering', a publication that all golf green committees should read before asking companies to submit tenders for irrigation systems.

Naturally this booklet is biased towards the Toro product as any sales literature should be in a competitive market.

Other systems, such as that marketed by Watermation, could suit a club equally as well. The club must seek tenders for the product that best fits their need within a price bracket they can afford.

What they must not do is to take the lowest price, without ensuring the system fully meets safety standards and their staff are not put in a position of danger.

We are publishing the photograph of Eric Green’s injuries, not from a sense of tabloid press sensationalism, but simply to bring home to Greenkeepers and those involved in Golf Club Management, the need to be ultra careful when dealing with water under extreme pressure.

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NEW GREENKEEPER
GOLF CHAMPIONS

Mel Guy, Head Greenkeeper at the South Leeds Club has won the National Greenkeepers News of the World Cup for the best gross score over three days at Verulam G.C. at his first attempt.

Mel, has been a greenkeeper for only two and a half years, stepping into the job when he was made redundant as a fabrication engineer.

A six handicap member at South Leeds he had often helped the club with engineering work and then made the decision to move permanently to greenkeeping. Eighteen months ago he was appointed Head Greenkeeper, but still remains a playing member at the club.

His gross score of 79, 73, 79 for a 231 total, although higher than most winning scores over the past few years was enough to get his hands on one of the most prestigious trophies in amateur golf.

Congratulations are also due to the Northern team who won the Team Championship for the first time in many years.

Backing Mel Guy were Mick Hannam from Moortown and the evergreen Don Roberts, the retired greenkeeper at Bradford's West Bowling. Their total three day score was sixteen shots ahead of the field.

It is also worth a mention that Mick Hannam, Captain of the club at the 9-hole Roundhay course last year achieved the first 'ace' of his career in a recent monthly stableford. Although he finished with 35 points, he was still nine points adrift of the winner. Not surprising to those who know the scores put in by some of the Roundhay members in the local pro-ams!

MONDAY, 17th AUGUST

1st I. Toon  Nett 65
2nd P. Fitzjohn  67
3rd G. Payne  68
4th D. Roberts  69
Over  60's  R. Pain  73

Maxwell Hart Trophy
2nd R. Thompson  73
Coming of Age Cup
3rd R. Gaits  80

TUESDAY, 18th AUGUST

36 Holes Scratch
R. S. Barker - 149
Toro U.K. Trophy

36 Holes Nett (0 to 11)
I. Toon - 130
Ransomes Cup
2nd M. H. Guy  140
Universal Cup
3rd M. Sheehan  141
Golf Illustrated Cup
4th Martin Smith  142
5th P. Fitzjohn  142
6th E. R. West  143
7th J. M. Hannan  144
8th D. Murtagh  144

36 Holes Nett (12 to 18)
D. Roberts - 138
Pattison's Trophy
2nd P. Wentworth  140
President's Cup
3rd N. Whitaker  145
Mary's Cup
4th I. Hooran  146
5th A. Parks  148
6th J. Wells  148
7th P. Malia  151
8th B. Moss  151

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(422)
M. H. Guy  D. Roberts  J. M. Hannan

18 HOLES NETT:
1st Martin Smith  65
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2nd R. S. Barker  65
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Another mish-mash of delicately balanced social, technical, historical and personal gossip from the fluent pen of you who know.

They are now in deep shock and grow wild-eyed whenever they hear the word 'golf'. The members of the British Association of Golf Course Architects still try to fit the golf course to the site, not vice versa, and hope that a simple diet and devoted nursing, accompanied by gentle repetition of this message, will restore Caradon's faith in humanity and hope for the future.

By the Plym

On the way back to Sludgecombe, Filial Pietry demanded a diversion to look at the 9 hole Elfordleigh Golf Course at Plympton. Hawtree I designed it in 1930. (A month or so previously, Filial and Grand-Filial Pietry had taken both II and III to Highwoods and puttable and not much else had happened.)

Elfordleigh was an early venture in the hotel-cum-golf course development. It did not do so well as its contemporaries, the Selsdon Park Hotel, but then Selsdon was only nine miles out of London and on a much grander scale. Nevertheless, Elfordleigh has survived its ups and downs for nearly 56 years under various owners. Now it is on a high.

There is a brand new pro's shop by the 1st tee. There are more tees and bigger tees, some stone walls holding them up to make full use of the limited space.

The site has fairly strong slopes and a stream, so you can guess the final development at the bottom of the valley. Only one guess, I'm afraid. That's right - a water hazard.

Incidentally, I looked out the ledger to see how much Elfordleigh cost in 1935. You can have as many guesses as you like for this one. The answer is £2,500. 400 times less, proportionately, I understand, than its new competitor on the other side of the Tamar, but "fings", in case you hadn't guessed, 'ain't what they used to be.'
Westward Ho!

John Davis, Secretary of the Royal North Devon Golf Club has given me a file containing his father's advisory reports on Greenkeeping Research at Westward Ho! links from 1926 until 1939, by which time, as a member of the Board of Greenkeeping Research at Bingley, he got the club to become subscribers to that developing organisation.

In view of the reaction in greenkeeping to the discovery that too much fertiliser is too much fertiliser, I skimmed through the reports to see what materials they recommended in those days. I summarise as follows:

1926  Dried Blood
1930  Malt Culms
     Fish Guano  strongly emphasised.
1931  7lbs Sulphate of Iron
     3lbs Sulphate of Ammonia to each cubic yard of compost.
     (Neither more nor less)
1932  Discontinue S/A and Sit on Greens 4,75,7,9,18.
     The rest  Sib 4 lbs
     Sib  S/A
     in 1 1/2 cubic yards compost
1933  Back to Dried Blood and Malt Culms, in compost.
1934  Poultry manure replaces Malt Culms
1935  1 cwt Peruvian Guano in 1 1/4 cubic yards compost

'What no Super?' you ask. It appears just once, in the very last report: '3/2 lbs Super-
phosphate per Green in the August dressing with Rape Meal and Sulphate of Ammonia.' Why? Perhaps I can hazard a guess.

In 1932, T W Evans PhD, AIC, the chairman at Bingley, wrote in the Journal: 'In conclusion, it can be stated that swards cannot be maintained indefinitely by a system of fertilisation with compost and nitrogenous fertiliser....'

In 1931, Evans had said, 'An occasional dressing with a complete fertiliser, providing the phosphoric acid and potash in it is very low, may be applied to greens on poor soil....' But then he continues, 'It cannot be too strongly emphasised, that the regular use of mixed fertilisers containing high percentages of phosphoric acid and potash is to be avoided....'

Who led us astray?

'Open' University

The Observer's Peter Dobereiner sounded a few alarms on behalf of the English adverb when he suggested what players' comments might be heard during pre-Open interviews. 'I am hitting it good but putting horrible' was one of them. 'I am playing solid enough but another. Alerted to the dangers, one became over-sensitive to the foibles of BBC commentators. In between 'super-shots', Tony Jacklin described one competitor as 'fortuitous' which seemed to cast an unnecessary slur on his parents who may very well have intended to have a golfer in the family. But Jacklin does at least believe in the preservation of the adverb, he said, and we will turn 'over-confident' into 'overly confident' at the drop of a hat. I think I overheard a routinely too. Time for Descartes to go to work on this as well.

Harry Carpenter turned a neat phrase when describing a par round in the wind and rain on the Friday. It 'staggered belief'. My memory of belief up to that time had been that you beggar it. Edwards would sometimes express amazement by Well, I'm beggar. This may have been a mild form of a stronger expression to which people take less exception to-day, but I still think it a shade old-fashioned. I will ask my grand-children if that traditional game called 'Beggar your neighbour' is still an acceptable pastime among the young or has been toughened up so that they stagger him now?

Belief was both staggered AND beggar'd by David Miller, writing in The Times when he described the 7th at Muirfield as 'illusory'. One knew what he meant but have you ever tried cutting a hole in an illusory green? It's easy if you have got an illusory hole-cutter.

Royal Guest

It was a pity that King Hassan II of Morocco had to cancel his golfing trip to Scotland and perhaps to the Open, due to pressure of work because of his State visit to Britain. While he was here the Press never missed a chance to score a point over his punctuality, protocol and private entertaining. There was also a good deal more about the fact that he was five minutes late for his punctuality, protocol and his being late in answering the Queen's invitation.

When the Queen went to see him, much was made of her dinner guest on the Royal Yacht Britannia. 'Beggar your neighbour' is still a good dish. It's easy if you have got an illusory hole-cutter.

P.S.

Only a month ago, I congratulated B I G A on getting an 'I' into its title because it sounded like an Institute.

Now I am not so sure.

The Chairman of the Championship Committees at the Open presentation ceremony thanked the British and Irish Golf Greenkeepers Association for raking the bunkers.

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