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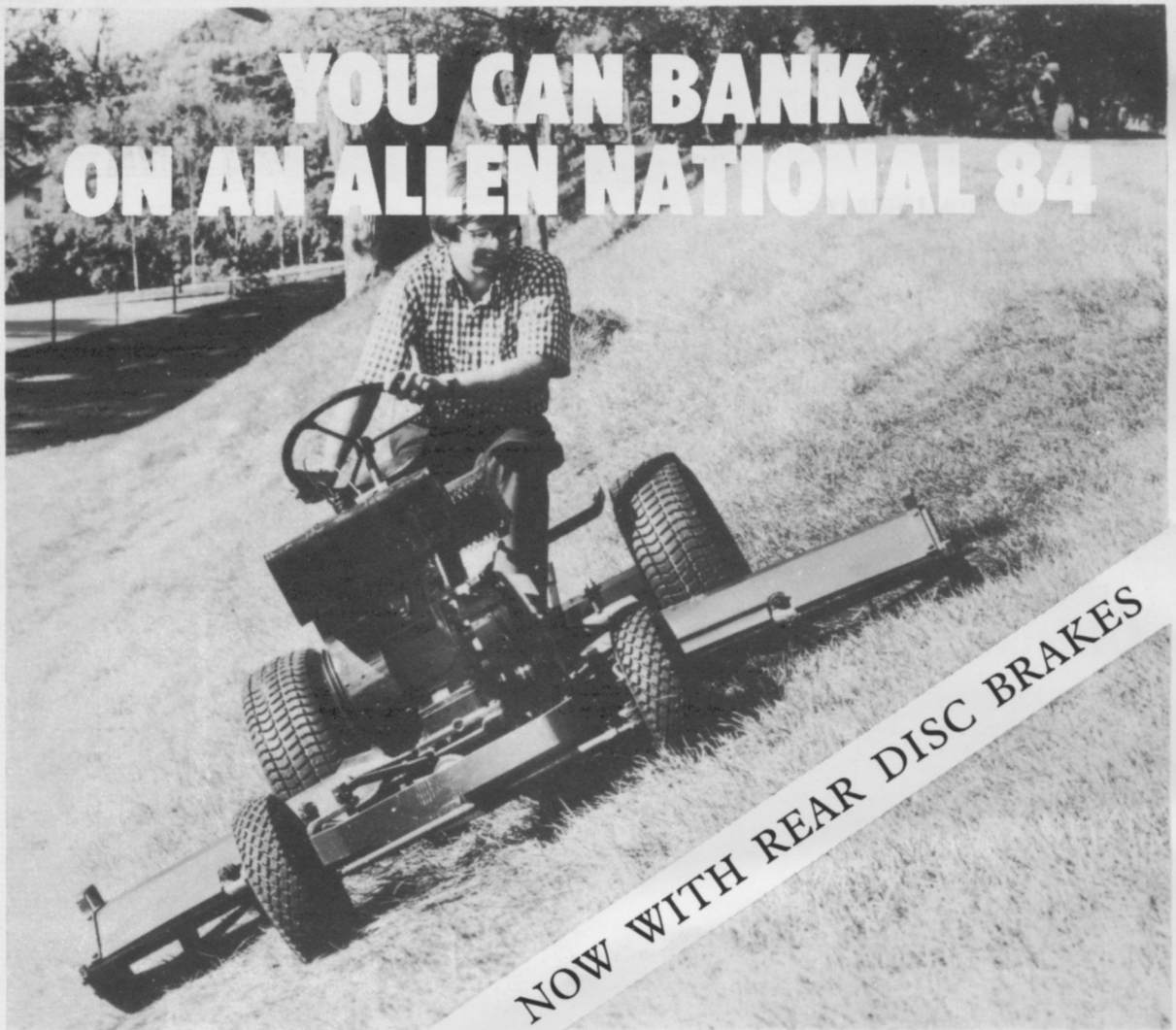
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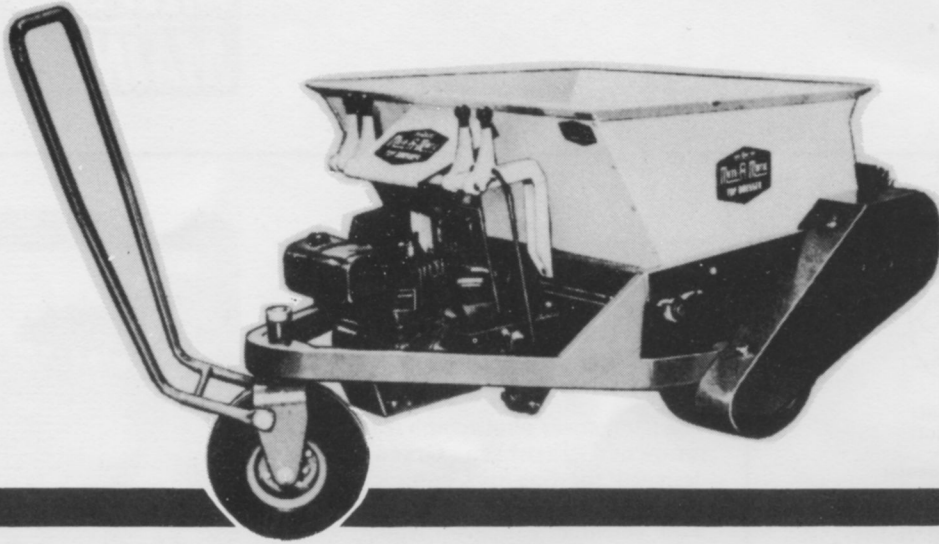
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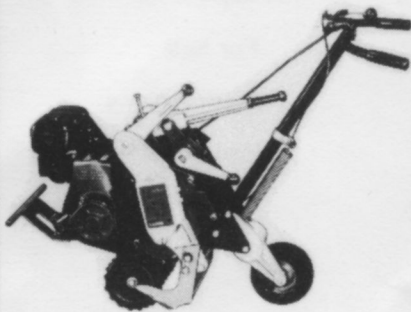


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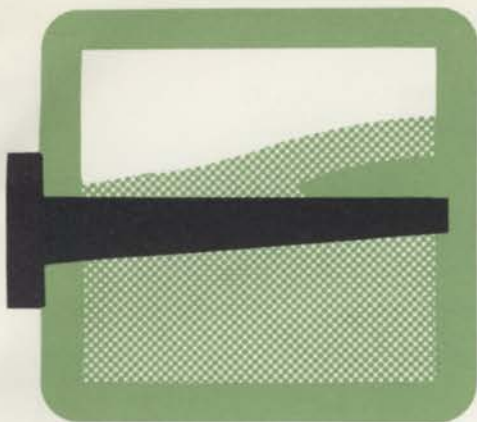
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# GOLF COURSE DESIGN

Some Personal Views on Modern Golf Course Architecture

by

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## PART 7: THE CONSTANT CHALLENGE

### THE KEEPING OF THE GREEN



Born in Scotland, 20 November 1924. Educated at Glasgow Academy and St Andrews University where he graduated BSc in maths and botany at the age of 19 — one of the younger graduates in the University's 500 year old history. Played both golf and tennis for the University. Served in the war on Operations Research with RAF Bomber Command where he soon led his own section.

In 1945 entered the golf and sports ground construction company which had been founded by his father John R. Strutt in 1919. Studied civil engineering and surveying at Strathclyde University and for the next 15 or so years, first based in Scotland then in Poole, Dorset, was responsible for the execution of many major golf and sports ground construction contracts throughout Great Britain and Ireland. Regards his early years spent travelling and working on golf course construction with some of the great golf architects of the day, people like James Braid, Philip Mackenzie-Ross and John Morrison, as being the best possible training for golf architecture.

Commenced designing over 30 years ago and gradually gave up the running of the family construction company to become a full-time golf course architect. Prefers to work on his own because of

the greater freedom this gives to pick and choose commissions and for the satisfaction of following projects personally from beginning to end.

Has worked in all countries of the British Isles, France, Spain, Scandinavia and the Middle East. Speaks French, German, Spanish and Norwegian.

Founder member of the British Association of Golf Course Architects and current Chairman. Past Captain of Parkstone Golf Club. Lloyd's underwriter. Member of the R & A and honorary member of several other golf clubs.

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The golfer of today demands as near perfect a playing surface as possible for his sport. It is certainly the job of all of us

concerned with the creation of new golf courses and the running and development of existing ones to do all we can to give him what he wants.

Fortunately, we are helped by steady developments in the past 50 years in scientific knowledge (new specifications, grass strains, weedkillers, fungicides, etc.) and, especially in recent years, the wealth of new maintenance equipment (triplex mowers, pop-up irrigation, aerating and scarifying machines, etc.) now available. Against these aids must be set the contrary factors of:—

(1) Greatly increased wear due, not only to the phenomenal rise in the number of players (and hence beginners) but also to the fact that today's new member, having waited several years for the privilege, and forked out a sizeable sum to join, plays a great many more rounds per year than was usual even 10



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years ago. Nearly all clubs I have visited are finding this a problem.

(2) Desire of some golfers to play the full course all the year round — even though, in their inner hearts, most would probably be much happier with a quicker round in the shorter, colder days of winter.

(3) Expectation of a perfect lie every time the golfer plays off the fairway — and sometimes even in the semi-rough:

This is confirmed by the insidious spread of those ghastly, ugly white lines marking "Ground under repair" which, like graffiti, are disfiguring the natural beauty of our courses everywhere. Once seen only in major tournaments I regret to see this practice spreading to club golf, often to mark only the most minor of blemishes. One eminent Head Greenkeeper, who shall be nameless, tells me he sometimes wonders if the Head-groundsman at Wimbledon spends as much time with his white line marking machine as he has to!

There is a danger, I feel, of losing some of the traditions, the spirit and joy of golf, if, in a search for perfection, we try to eliminate luck (e.g. the occasional bad lie) completely. Our forebears were not so soft! After some patient research in the R. & A.'s excellent golfing library in St Andrews, the earliest mention I could find of any formal attempt to supplement rabbits and sheep as golf's first greenkeepers was in 1866 — when golf was already some 500 years old! On that date the clubs which played on the links at Bruntsfield met and decided to hire a man "to care for the holes and turf". Thus was a new profession born.

The state of the playing surface occupies such a high place in most golfers' minds that it is invariably the first and only thing they will comment on when asked about a new course. I have just returned from a pleasant few days as guest at a major professional event on one of my new golf courses. Everyone was very kind in their praise — "Wonderful condition for such a new course," etc., etc., but only an enlightened few got beyond that to comment on the layout, strategy, shaping of the greens, bunkers and other design factors which, being permanent and fundamental, are really much more important. It is rather as if road tests of a new car referred only to the paint work and carpeting — important though these aspects are!

I hope this series will help to direct attention to some of the wider considerations of good golf course architecture. *It is essential for the average golfer to start looking beyond the turf surface if we are to get away from the spate of indifferently designed courses of the 60's and 70's and achieve a return to the standards of the golden age of golf architecture referred to at the start of this series.*

Having got that off my chest, I would like to re-emphasise the importance of skilled and knowledgeable green-keeping in golf.

A profound knowledge of agronomy should also, in my opinion, be part of the "complete golf architect's" armoury. I find that decisions affecting turf culture and future maintenance are required on almost every site visit I make.

After a degree and over 30 years practical experience, plus regular study to keep up to date with new developments, I may perhaps be allowed a few comments on the subject.

I have seen fashions in greenkeeping come and go, but the more experience I get, the more convinced do I become of the following basic home truths:—

1. *The best kept courses are invariably those where a good Head Greenkeeper (or Course Manager, if you prefer the term) is given maximum responsibility and allowed to get on with his work with a minimum of interference from the Green Committee, members and visiting agronomists, etc.*

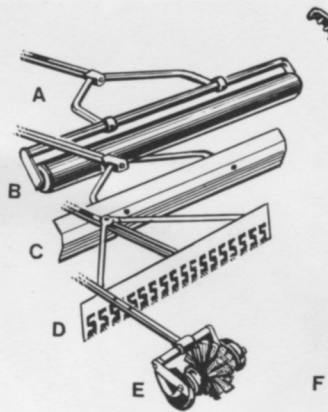
(Though the latter can have a useful part to play in specific instances.)

In other words, as in so many walks of life, *divided responsibility seldom produces the best results.*

A further consideration is that only by giving greenkeepers more authority and status can we hope to attract into turf management the calibre of men who are essential for the further development of our sport. The Greenkeeper Training Scheme, which I am proud to have played a very small part in setting up, is already doing a good job and deserves fullest possible support. It is no use building new golf courses if we have not got a reserve of men of sufficient calibre to look after them properly.

On a new course I like to appoint the Head Greenkeeper at a fairly early stage in construction so that he will understand construction problems, can act as Clerk of Works, then gradually take over

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maintenance. Most important, he will rightly be an important member of the team from the outset. "The most important man," I like to tell clients!

2. *The lack of continuity in management (new committees every few years), which is found in most British Golf Clubs, has a particularly adverse effect on the course.*

No company could survive with such constant changes in its Board of Directors. We all know of golf courses where back tees, bunkers, even greens, are brought back into play, then abandoned for several years, with astonishing regularity!

The solutions to this problem are:—

(a) Increased responsibility and authority to the Club Secretary and Head Greenkeeper (Club and Course Managers) as outlined in (1) above.

(b) Obtain from an experienced golf course architect (myself excluded, as I am making this recommendation!) what I sometimes call a "10-Year Plan" — a list of worthwhile course improvements to be carried out as and when time and finances permit. Stick to it to avoid further "Captain's Follies"!

3. *Avoid extremes of fashion in turf care. A moderate, balanced approach is likely to produce the best results in the long run.*

For many, many years, due largely to lack of funds, our courses were under fed and under watered. People are inclined to forget this. Along came a sudden affluence due to increased membership (and fruit machines) leading to the use of too much fertiliser and over use of the latest toy — pop-up irrigation systems! Now when so many golfers I meet complain of tight, bare lies, and the defensive play necessitated by fluky, hard approaches and lightning fast greens, it is probably that the pendulum has swung too far the other way. In the words of one frustrated golfer, faced with yet another bare lie, "Come back *Poa annua*, all is forgiven!"

To be serious, whilst no-one wants excessively soft, lush greens, my case for the *happy medium* and encouragement of more attacking golf in Britain was well

put recently by a leading Ryder Cup player when he said, "There will be no improvement unless we change our thinking about the condition of our courses. US conditions of reasonably watered greens and fairways will produce a better breed of golfer, not only among pros but right through the game."

4. *Some recent new golf courses have cost an unnecessarily large sum of money to construct, largely due to an inexperienced architect not getting things right at the planning stage and also playing safe by drawing up a "Rolls-Royce" or "Ferrari" specification when a good "Rover" standard would be perfectly adequate for the purpose and enable the project to be financially viable. A point too often forgotten!*

The skilled golf architect must have the confidence and experience to draw up a specification best suited to his client's real needs. For example, there comes a stage when it is quite easy to spend double on drainage and hyper-sophisticated green composts for only marginal improvement in playing conditions — and then mainly only during mid-winter months, when not a great deal of play takes place anyway.

Several recent well publicised, but poorly designed or over expensive golf courses have now failed, or are only being kept going by massive further injections of capital. These failures are a loss to golf and could, I believe, have been avoided. In some cases the person chosen to design the course should have said "No" to the site at the Feasibility Report stage, but presumably he did not want to risk losing the chance to become a golf architect!

5. *Like farming, greenkeeping is a constant battle with nature. None of us knows all the answers.*

#### Chamber of Horrors

Examples of some less fortunate "Do it yourself" efforts. How would you rate these under the test of my Golden Rules:—

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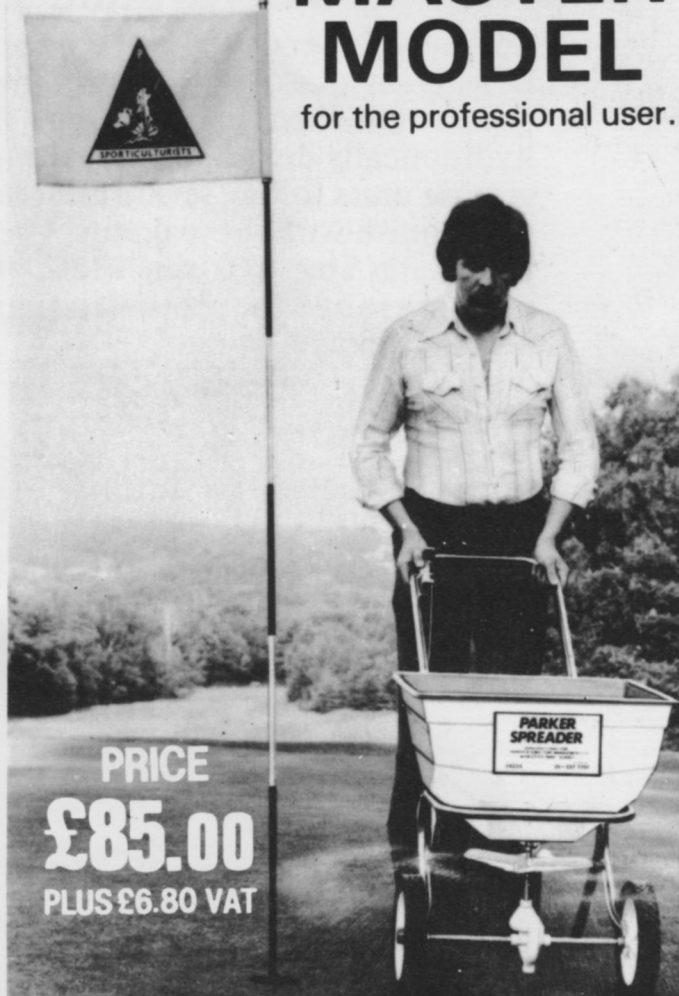
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The number of people who have been entered on to the main register — head greenkeepers and qualifying assistants — is now approaching 650 but as there are approximately 2,000 golf clubs in the country that figure represents less than one-third of the total.

Progress is being made slowly but it is worth reminding everyone that the facility of registering without taking City and Guilds examinations exists only until 31 December 1980. The success or failure of the scheme depends on two main things:

1. A strong Greenkeepers Association is essential and membership of the British, Scottish or Irish Association is now a requirement for registration. It is appreciated that not all greenkeepers are members of an association but have they been approached? Have they been invited by a member to attend a meeting? If the association is to grow some effort should be made by existing members to encourage people to join. The job is an isolated one but there is no reason why isolation should become the rule and calls on the club "down the road" should be encouraged.

In a recent article in the magazine the President made some sensible suggestions about obtaining a fully qualified service although it is outside the remit of colleges to restrict education to members only. This can be achieved by the Log Book system.

2. An awareness of the need to offer training to greenkeeping staff by the clubs. Continuing publicity is essential but as the President recently wrote one of the major difficulties is the annual election of club officials which leads at times to a lack of continuity and the development of the "them and us" situation.

The colleges who have intimated that they are able to provide a City and Guilds Phase 1 Course in Horticulture as the first stage towards the Phase 2 Turf Option to which the Greenkeepers Training Committee has agreed, are listed below. Contact should be made as soon as possible with these colleges if you have a trainee.

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Cams	Francis Jeeps Farm College, Milton, Cambridge CB4 4DB.						
Cheshire	College of Agriculture, Reaseheath, Nantwich CW5 6DF.	Phase 1 Phase 2 Stage 1 Yr 2	X X X		£24.00 £28.00 £24.00	25 Sept 1979	Before starting
Cumbria	College of Agric. & Forestry, Newton Rigg, Penrith.	Phase 1 Phase 2		X X	Under 18: £2 Over 18: £11	Sept 1979	Before starting
Derbys	Broomfield College of Agric., Morley, Derby DE7 6DN. Also Chesterfield Coll. of Tech.	Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 1	X X X		£24.40 £28.60	26 Sept 1979 25 Sept 1979	At first meeting
Devon	Bicton College of Agriculture, East Budleigh, Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BY. Also College of Further Education, Kings Road, Plymouth.	Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 1 Phase 2	X X X X		£25.30 £25.30	19 Sept 1979 20 Sept 1979	Before starting
Durham	Agricultural College, Houghall, Durham DH1 3SG.						
Essex	Writtle Agricultural College, Chelmsford CMI 3RR.						
Gloucs	College of Agriculture, Hartpury House, Nr Gloucester GL19 5BD.	Phase 1		X	£30.60	18 Sept 1979	On starting
Hants	College of Agriculture, Sparsholt, Nr Winchester.	Phase 1 Phase 2 Stage 1 Yr 2	X X X	X X X	£23.75 + ) 1 week block ) £23.25	18 Sept 1979 18 Sept 1979 20 Sept 1979	At commencement or before
London Borough of Enfield	Capel Manor Institute of Hort., Bullsmoor Lane, Waltham Cross, Herts EN7 5HR.	Phase 1 Phase 2	X X		£40 (under 18 free)	week beginning 17 Sept	Before starting
Herts	College of Agric. & Hort., Oaklands, St Albans, Herts.	Phase 1 Stage 1	X X		£25 approx under 19 nil	week beginning 24 Sept 1979	Before mid-September
Kent	Hadlow College of Agric. & Hort., Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent.						
Lancs	College of Agriculture, Myerscough Hall, Bilsborrow, Preston PR3 0RY.	Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 3	X X X	X X X	£25 approx	week beginning 17 Sept 1979 at various centres in county	Enrolment at earliest opportunity
	Wigan College of Technology, Parsons Walk, Wigan, Greater Manchester.	Phase 1 Phase 2	X X		£29 approx under 18 nil	19 Sept 1979	3-6 Sept 1979 6-8.30 pm
	The Wythenshawe College of Further Education, Moor Road, Manchester M23 9BQ.	Phase 1	X		£26.40	week beginning 17 Sept 1979	10-13 sept
Leics	Brooksby Agricultural College, Brooksby, Melton Mowbray LE14 2LJ.	Phase 1	X		£32	28 Sept 1979	At starting or previous
Lincs	Lindsey College of Agriculture, Riseholme, Lincoln LN2 2LG.	Stage 1	X		£29	2 Oct 1979	At starting
Norfolk	College of Agric. & Hort., Easton, Norwich NR9 5DX.	Phase 1 Phase 2	X X		£35 under 18 nil	week beginning 24 Sept 1979 week beginning 1 Oct 1979	Up to first week, but preferably before



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Northumberland	College of Agriculture, Kirkley Hall, Ponteland, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.			X			
Notts	College of Agriculture, Brackenhurst, Southwell NG25 0QF.						
Salop	Shrewsbury Technical College London Road, Shrewsbury SY2 6PR.	Stage 1				as previous	
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Suffolk	Institute of Agric. & Hort., Otley, Ipswich IP6 9EY.						
Surrey	Merrist Wood Agricultural Coll., Worplesdon, Nr Guildford, Surrey.	Phase 1	X		£34 under 18 nil	week beginning 24 Sept 1979	Up to day of starting
Sussex	Plumpton Agricultural College, Plumpton, Lewes BN7 3AG.	Phase 1	X		£42 under 18 nil	18 Sept 1979	Up to date of commencement
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The Training Committee has been involved in discussion with City and Guilds over the new Phase I and II scheme. The outcome is that the Phase I has been accepted as a basic course and with reservations the Phase II course also. After listening to the requirements from the industry the Committee argued for one or two changes in the scheme as developed by City and Guilds and some concessions have been obtained on the elements in the syllabus only of fringe interest to greenkeepers. The course is not full of rose-pruning as some people would have you think although there is a small element of it. The major part of the course is devoted to turf culture and machinery so that, among other things, students will be able to tell the difference between a tractor and spiker designed for use on fairways and a mounted spiker designed for use on greens and know when each should be used!

However, at the end of the three-year course a successful student will not necessarily be a good greenkeeper. So much depends on the *training* he receives at his place of work. The colleges can provide the background information to enable the trainee to understand why jobs are required. The "how" is also taught but his ability will only develop if he has proper training.

The Greenkeepers Associations are represented on the committee and any constructive suggestions will be passed on by the representatives. The Committee has every desire to ensure that the scheme continues to develop and feedback from individuals and clubs are essential. On this point colleges will be pleased to talk to the industry so why not get in touch with them. A list of colleges offering courses is published elsewhere in this issue. Apathy is something which the whole country must overcome and training is no exception. It is therefore worth using the well worn phrase once again "you only get out what you put in". Don't sit back and complain, join in and offer your comments. Salt mines are not a threat in this country except perhaps in Cheshire!

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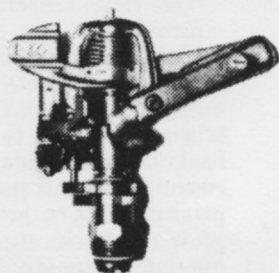
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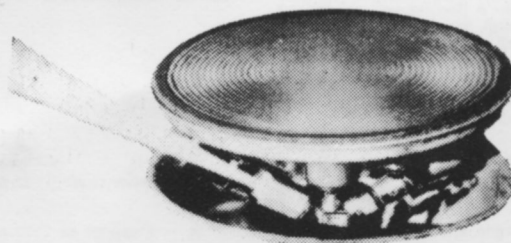
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Dear Sir,

I feel I must correct some of the statements made by J. H. Arthur, Esq in the June and July issues of the magazine where the training of greenkeepers is concerned.

The Greenkeepers Training Committee grew from the Standing Conference for Golf Greenkeeping and has been extremely active in developing the training scheme and the associated college courses. The Committee comprises representatives from relevant bodies who have the interest of golf and golf greenkeeping at heart. Not the least of the members are the golf unions who also have arranged for a great deal of work to be done at county level by Voluntary Liaison Officers. To say that the Golf Unions have lost interest is something of a slight on these hard-working people.

The syllabus for colleges has been agreed by the committee when faced with powerful arguments from City and Guilds but some concessions have been won. As with all new developments changes can be made in the light of

experience and *sensible* constructive comment and the Committee are well aware of this. However, disparaging remarks from people who have done little to help so far, are worthless.

As the course is a new one to most colleges many tutors have little experience of the requirements but it is their duty to find out from all available sources, as much as they can so they are competent to teach it. To decry their efforts to gain that knowledge seems unkind and uncalled for. Whether they can play golf or not does not prevent them appreciating the greenkeepers' needs and aims.

The syllabus originally used in the Scottish colleges was used by City and Guilds as a basis for their syllabus but developments go on, it is rare that the ideal is reached at the first attempt.

Only a little research by Mr Arthur would have enabled him to write a more accurate article — this is something the college tutors were doing! Courses HAVE been available for college lecturers at the Sports Turf Research Institute for the past two years and at the Lancashire College this past summer. All colleges were made aware of these courses and have been well attended.

There would appear also to be a contradiction in the articles — the statement in one that there is a shortage of trained and qualified men is contradicted by the statement that there is no need to teach students about basic soil chemistry such as pH measurement. As the soil is the basis from which grass derives material for growth and development, it seems to me that every greenkeeper should know all he can about it so that he can interpret what is going on.

Come off it, Mr Arthur, the Committee is well supported by the golf

unions, greenkeepers associations and the trade, and the colleges have more resources at their disposal than you seem to think.

The main enemy of the scheme is apathy and if every encouragement can be given to participating in the scheme the numbers would ensure a much better bargaining position for future development by the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

W. N. S. Bisset  
Administrator and Secretary to  
the Training Committee

## and while we're on the subject...

At a recent meeting held by the Liaison Officer to the Cheshire Union of Golf Clubs with his Advisory Panel it was proposed, providing there was promise of sufficient support, to run six evening discussion sessions in each of the two main areas of Cheshire, i.e. East Cheshire and West Cheshire. The sessions to be held at convenient golf club centres in East Cheshire in October/November and West Cheshire in February/March 1980. The sessions would be arranged by Mr Dennis Mortram, lecturer in horticulture (incidentally, an experienced golfer) through the Reaseheath Horticultural College and a small fee of £6 per head would be required by the College. If there is sufficient interest, specialist subject lecturers may be introduced. One aim is to promote discussions between Head Greenkeepers on greenkeeping problems and, in particular, lines of communication, finance and cost budgetting, problems concerning all golf clubs. Although the sessions are mainly for Head and Qualified Assistant Head Greenkeepers, club secretaries and Chairmen of Greens would be welcome. All Cheshire golf clubs will receive through their golf club secretaries fuller details but for further information please apply direct to Mr D. Mortram, lecturer in horticulture, Reaseheath College, Nantwich Cheshire, CW5 6DF or to the Cheshire Union Liaison Officer.

The above is not intended to replace the Annual Refresher Course held by the Reaseheath College for one week at the end of March/beginning of April 1980 which on each occasion has been a distinct success.

A reminder is also introduced to all greenkeeper trainees of the need to register at their respective Colleges for the Autumn/Winter day release courses leading to the City and Guilds examinations and here again all Cheshire golf club secretaries will receive through the post, further details of the College programmes.

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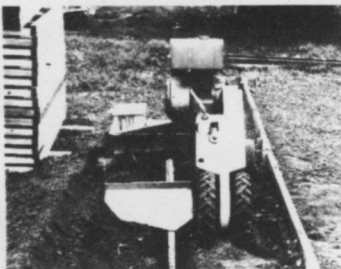
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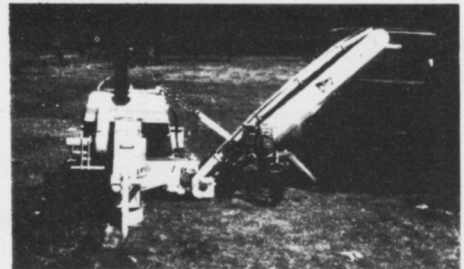


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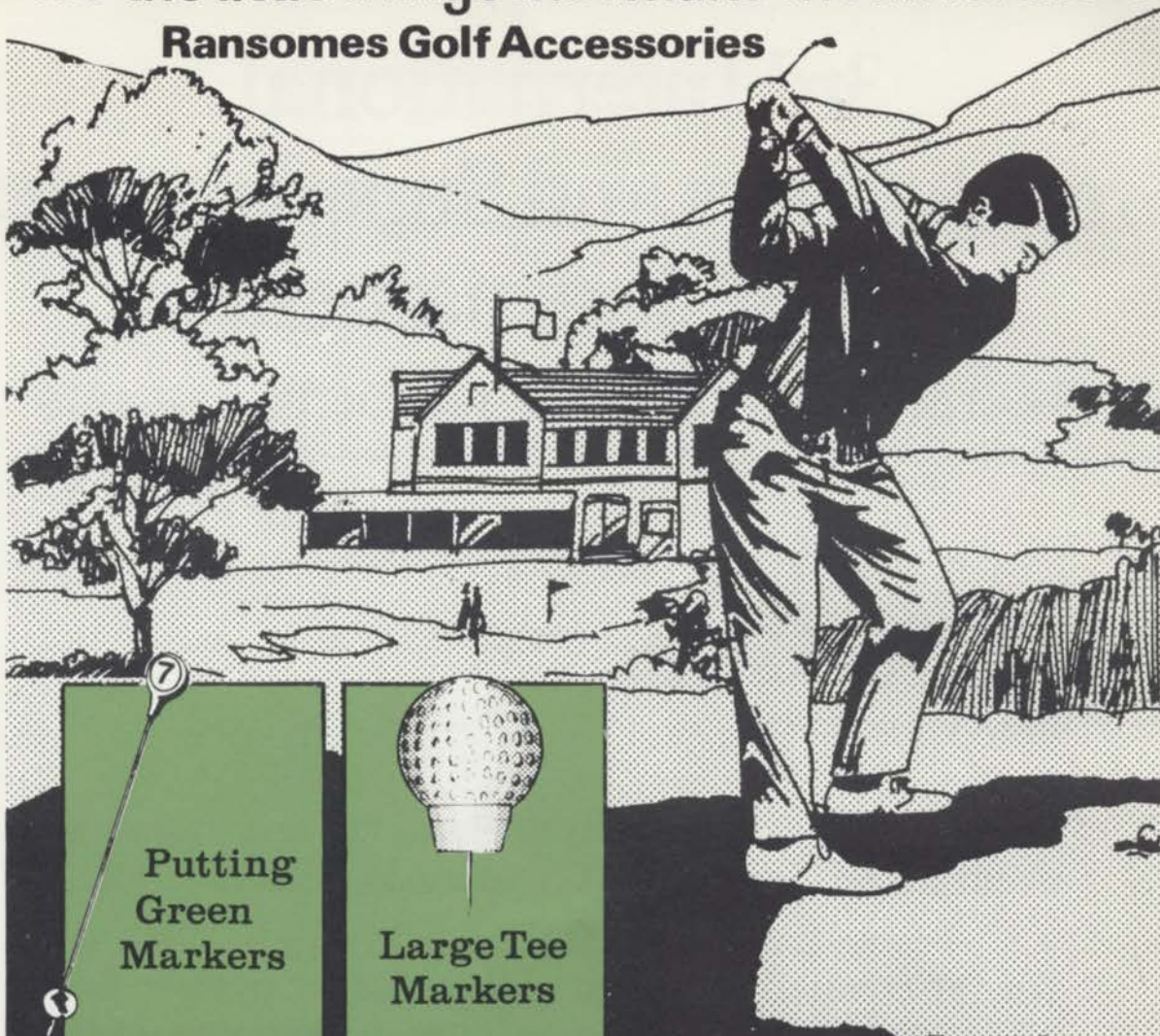
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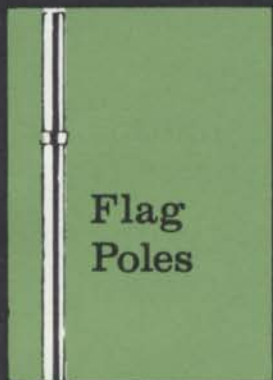
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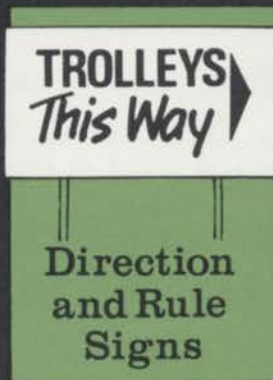
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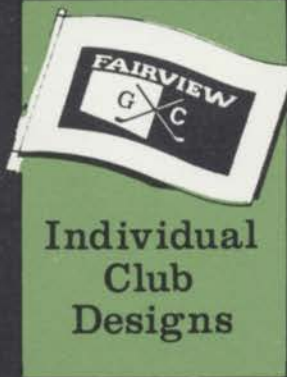
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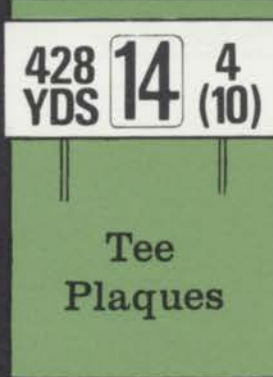
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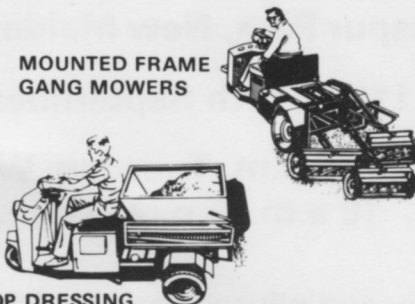
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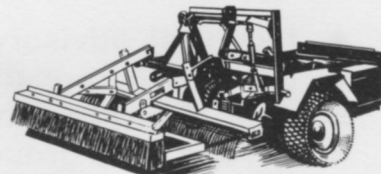
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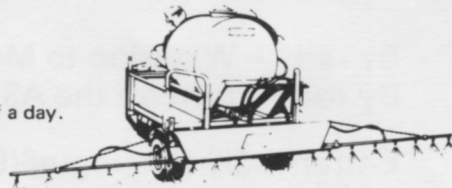
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Mr Colin Head, Technical Director of Chipmans. Subject: Golf Course Water Management — Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage.

Mr Jim Arthur, Agronomist to the R & A. Subject: Opposing Schools of Thought on British Greenkeeping.

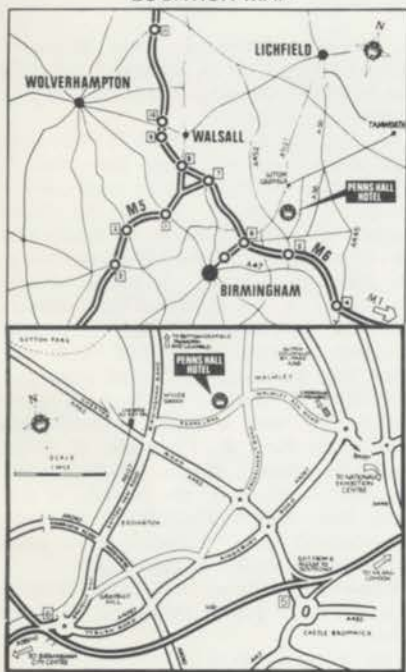
Mr Charles H. Tadge, President of the GCSAA. Subject: Green Construction — particularly the US Superintendents' specification.

Cost of attendance will be £10, covering morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and a bound copy of all papers presented at the symposium. Previous symposia organized by the Association have been highly successful and it is hoped that as many members as possible will support this year's event.

At the time of writing 26 golf course suppliers have agreed to co-sponsor the 1979 symposium and will have displays of literature and attendance staff to answer questions put by greenkeepers and groundsmen.

We publish a map showing the location of Penshall Hotel both in relation to the local area and the best possible route from other parts of the country.

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At the kind invitation of Huxleys Grass Machinery, sixty green staff were guests at the Meon Valley Golf and Country Club on Thursday, 7 June. We were welcomed by Paul Huxley, who then handed over to Mr Geoffrey Glynn-Jones, the Director of Golf, Ashton Court Leisure Group, who gave a short introductory talk about the Meon Valley project. We were then entertained by an interesting and amusing talk by Mr Jim Arthur, the Golf Course Agronomist, on Opposed Schools of Thought in British Greenkeeping... no wonder Jim sends his reports off in asbestos envelopes! After light refreshments, the greenkeepers played a round of golf, and their enjoyment of this part of the programme was marred by the appalling weather, driving rain and a thunder storm. Trevor Pipe of Hindhead GC was the principal prize winner. Our very grateful thanks to Huxleys for their generous hospitality.

The Inter-Section Match against the South West at Knighton Heath on 14 June had to be cancelled as they were unable to raise a team.

I very much regret that the following report on the Summer Invitation Meeting has to be second-hand, but it was not possible for me to attend it because of a very bad chimney fire at home that morning. I would like to take this opportunity to advise any one moving into tied accommodation to check up on which form of fuel the previous occupants used, and whether they were meticulous in keeping the chimney clean.

It was a lovely summer's day on 25 June and thirty representative pairs competed for the

Jacobsen and Parker Shields. They played a four-ball better ball 18-hole competition.

The prize winners were:

1st (45 pts) B. Forder and C. McMenemy (Southampton Municipal) — Jacobsen and Parker Shields, Holdalls (given by Section) and champagne (given by Lindsay Marshall).  
2nd (43 pts) Tim Neighbour and J. Leggott (Parkstone) — Picnic Hampers (J. T. Lowe (Longham) Ltd) and champagne.

3rd (43 pts) Ian Rickman and J. Newman (Black Swan) — Set of spoons (Jim Fry) and wine.  
Best 1st nine (22 pts) S. Barker and A. Drake (Parkstone) — Copper etchings (Huxleys).

Best 2nd nine (22 pts) P. Marsh and J. Coombs (Stoneham) — Pottery (Roffey Bros).

Nearest Pin for 3 on 18th — 7 ft 9 in Ivan Stickley (Southampton Municipal) — Putter given by Patissons.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr Eastwood who achieved a hole in one on the 16th. Mr Eastwood was given a box of golf balls to mark the occasion, and was thanked for his kind and generous hospitality at the 19th!

Eric James, our Chairman, thanked the Captain and Committee of Stoneham for the courtesy of their lovely course, and congratulated Peter Marsh and his team on its superb condition. As always the staff at Stoneham had looked after our members well and Eric expressed a special thank you to Mr Caro for the bar refreshments and to Mrs Caro for the excellent meal.

The success of the meeting was also due to the marvellous support we received from our Trade members and I would like to reiterate the remarks made by Eric at the meeting and express again our grateful thanks to Marshall Concessionaires and T. Parker & Sons (Turf Management) Ltd who made it all possible by providing the very attractive Shields, and to the local firms who donated such marvellous prizes for the "runners-up".

I would like to thank Eddie for stepping into the breach at very short notice and taking over my duties for the day. He did a great job and achieved a record profit. A special thank you, too, for the lovely bouquet which John brought home with him. Just for a moment I forgot the smoke and grime I had had to combat all day and I even managed to give a lighthearted account of the day's happenings after John had left for Stoneham and I had had to recall the Fire Brigade. By the way I have made a pact with the two local Brigades that I won't call them, they'll call me next time, so hopefully I shall be attending the Autumn Invitation Meeting at Brokenhurst Manor GC on 4 October. I hope you will be there too (entry details in last month's issue).

I did manage a fleeting visit to Alresford Golf Club on 9 July, the date of the Inter-Section Match against the Southern Section. It is my sad duty to report that we lost five to one, with two games halved. Eric James was our only winner which goes to show practice makes perfect! Our thanks to Brian Conway and staff for the very good condition of the course and to Mrs Sally Mortimer for the excellent meal she provided.

Our congratulations to Southern Section for retaining the Huxley Challenge Cup in their possession for yet another year.

Congratulations are also in order to Tom Watt, Iain Dabson and Trevor Smith. Tom is now the head greenkeeper at Newmarket Golf Club, Iain is in France at the Golf de St Germain, and Trevor has succeeded Iain as head greenkeeper at Bramshaw Golf Club. We wish you all well. Our congratulations to Maurice Salter on being promoted to head greenkeeper at Corhampton and to Michael Smith who has been promoted to succeed Maurice as first assistant.



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I would like to say a big thank you to Tom Watt for his contribution to the welfare of the Section in the past five years. I trust another of our members is prepared to step into Tom's shoes and break that awful silence which seems to descend on our audience the very instant that those magic words "Any Questions?" are uttered at our Winter lecture evenings.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome the following new members and we hope their association with us will be a long and happy one: Mr J. R. Dennis (Sparsholt College of Agriculture); Mr A. Archer (Meyrick Park); Mr M. Cupitt (Andover); Mr R. Gray (Broadstone); Mr M. Smith (Corhampton); Messrs D. Stevens, V. E. and V. W. Tier (Meon Valley); and Mr C. Tozer (Bridport and West Bay).

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The Autumn Tournament is to be held at the Coventry Hearsall Golf Club, Beechwood Avenue, Coventry on Monday 8 October, assembling for 9 am. Members wishing to play in this competition please tell me not later than the last day of September. I will assume members who play will be having meals unless they inform me otherwise well in advance.

### Note from Hon Treasurer

Members who have not payed their subscriptions already are reminded that a £1 fine will be added to their outstanding debt if they have not paid by 1 October 1979.

The Summer Tournament was played at Habberley Golf Club on Monday 9 July 1979 over 18 holes medal play. The scores and prize winners were as follows:

1st—Nett, A. Kite, 66 (Back 9) (Habberley Cup, picnic basket + Sweep); 2nd—Nett, A. Phipps-Jones, 66 (Summer Cup, head covers + Sweep); 3rd—Nett, T. Dorrell, 67 (bottle whisky); 4th—Nett, J. Borga, 68 (bottle gin); 5th—Nett, V. Smith, 70 (Back 9) (bottle whisky); 6th—Nett, M. Hughes, 70 (bottle sherry); 7th—Nett, E. K. Evans, 70 (half bottle whisky); 8th—Nett, E. Thomas, 71 (half bottle gin); 9th—Nett, A. Grazier, 71 (half bottle gin); 10th—Nett, R. Chandler, 72 (half bottle gin); 11th—Nett, R. Pullen, 73 (Back 9) (bottle sherry); 12th—Nett, A. Cutler, 73 (bottle white wine); 13th—Nett, P. Thursfield, 73 (bottle wine); 14th—Nett, J. Hughes, 74 (Back 9) (100 cigarettes); 15th—Nett, D. Dorrell, 74 (golf glove); 16th—Nett, B. Wood, 74 (100 cigarettes); 17th—Nett, D. Keen, 75 (Back 9) (bottle wine); 18th—Nett, N. Pullen, 75 (pen knife).

Visitors Competition: 1st L. Pettit, 70 (bottle wine + Sweep); 2nd G. Willington, 75 (3 golf balls).

Our sincere thanks to the following donors of the splendid array of prizes: Habberley GC, Mr

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R. Herring, Mr Webber, Mr Binns, Mr B. Broomfield, Mr A. Wall, Mr and Mrs Grealy, Vitax-Fertilisers Ltd, Cannock Fertilisers Ltd, E. T. Breakwell Ltd, our thanks and apologies to any prize donor we may have omitted to mention.

The prizes were presented by Mr R. Herring, the Captain of Habberley Golf Club, who welcomed us to the club and told us how pleased the club were to have us and hoped that we had enjoyed our day. Vic Smith, our chairman, thanked Mr Herring and the members of Habberley Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of their course and club house and for once again donating the majority of the splendid prizes for our competition. Vic offered a special word of praise to Mrs Grealy and her lady helpers who provided their usual good service and excellent meals throughout the day. After the prize givings were completed and all relative speeches had been concluded Vic asked Mrs Grealy to step forward to receive the gift of a Teasmaid from the members of the Midland section, for the effort she has put in on our behalf over the past 14 years that we as a section have been visiting Habberley Golf Club. In reply Mrs Grealy thanked all Midland greenkeepers for the lovely gift and added that she and husband John who had retired as the Club's head greenkeeper at the end of March were sincerely grateful to all of us for our generosity and valued friendship.

The Annual General Meeting was held after the completion of the Summer tournament. Officers and committee were elected as follows:—

President, Mr N. H. Russell; Chairman, Mr V. W. Smith; Vice-Chairman, Mr D. Keen; Hon Secretary, Mr A. J. T. Kite; Hon Treasurer, Mr E. V. Thomas; a committee of: R. Pullen, N. Pullen, A. Phipps-Jones, D. Ganning; Rep to Executive Committee: Mr V. W. Smith; Hon Auditors, Mr R. Pilsbury and Mr D. Morgan. Four new vice-presidents were elected: Mr P. V. Hope, Mr D. Russell, Mr P. Wyatt, Mr L. A. Heydon; from the existing vice-presidents the following were re-elected: S. Allen, E. Ballinger, A. H. Clayton, J. B. Franks, W. H. Heath, G. Hiams, R. Huntley, J. W. Jackson, C. C. Moore, D. J. Morgan, D. Parker, W. F. Paine, R. Pilsbury, A. Webber, D. J. Timson, K. Chatwin, P. Hampton, D. A. Payne, M. Walker.

The annual match against the Midland Secretaries was played on Wednesday 25 July on the picturesque Charnwood Forest Golf Course. Once again we had a wonderful afternoon's golf followed by an enjoyable and entertaining evening in good company. The Midland Secretaries kindly provided the wine which accompanied an excellent meal. Our sincere thanks to the Captain and members of Charnwood Forest Golf Club for allowing us the use of their facilities, and for allowing us to complete our games on the course without interruption.

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Greenkeepers: G. Woodward, N. Pullen 1; A. Cutler, R. Chandler 0; R. Pullen, D. Ganning 1; M. Hughes, A. Phipps-Jones 0; V. Smith, E. Thomas 0; H. Lewis, D. Shortley 1. Total: 2!.

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#### Fifty Up!

Any visitor to the STRI Golden Jubilee Event could not fail to be impressed by its presentation.

On show were over fifty trade exhibits of varying size and subjects each one gleaming — for two of the three days at least — in the June sunshine. By no means the least of these was our own Association stand manned by the irrepressible Walter Heeles and Colin Geddes.

A steady stream of BGGGA members showed up some from local spots others from longer range.

STRI must be congratulated for staging the show. The effort which had gone into its production was obvious and worthy of praise. We hope the future of the Institute is well fixed for many years hence.

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Well, by now I should think we have all recovered from our day at Royston. What a course that turned out to be. I've played 36 holes on my course and haven't felt as tired as I did after 18 at Royston, it sure sorted out the fit from the frazzle.

Things began to go wrong when I as navigator sent our car heading in the wrong direction, thereby adding about 15 miles on our trip. So what, I wasn't born to be a Sir Francis Chichester.

The day turned out to be hot and dry which seemed to make those Chiltern Hills more like Snowdonia, but I must admit to thoroughly enjoying my golf, thanks to the company I played in. Captain of Royston, Geoff Drewery, turned out to be a very mean 12 and playing off 4 was John Cullerton, a guest from Braintree, and both these players incidentally came in 1st and 2nd respectively. Well played chaps, which brings us to the winning greenkeeper. It is my duty and pleasure (delete pleasure), it is my duty to announce that the winner of the Atco Cup was none other than your friend and his Dave Jones, second was Doug Neville and third Steve Noye. How that name of Noye keeps cropping up, but nevertheless that did not deter any of us from enjoying our drinks and chats in the evening. I personally think that the Captain and his delectable wife Gillian made the evening as enjoyable as I can remember any of these evenings to be. The fact that we had about 70 miles to go home brought the day to an abrupt end.

I hear from our Vice-President John Moyce that Mr Goddard is up and about again round his course at Bury St Edmunds; that's good news. I was also told of a few changes going on around the courses in the area regarding movement of manpower, even we will shortly be saying farewell to Ron Ramsey, due to retire around October time. A B.G.G.A. member but never once has he been to any of our functions, worked all these years on a golf course, but has never played the game of golf; that must be some sort of dubious record, surely. I suppose you must associate that with seeing Blackpool without its tower, or even Morecambe without its Wise.

We welcome new members in the shape of K. S. Stearn of Spalding, Lincs.; T. R. Forrester Muir of Great Totham, Nr. Malden, Essex; R. Moreton of Bishops Stortford, Herts.; and E. J. Gould of Stanford-le-Hope, Essex. A belated welcome to you all and hope to see you all at our forthcoming tournaments.

It's noticeable some of the regular faces have been missing of late — where are you Messrs. Arbon, Plummer, etc. etc?

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On Tuesday, 24 July at Tracy Park Golf and Country Club the John Irland Pairs Trophy was played for and the following were the results:

1. B. Reeves, L. Carless, 78g—72 nett; 2. P. Cox, C. Kenyon, 96g—78 nett on the last 6; 3. D. Elliot, M. Gray, 90g—78 nett.

The prizes were presented by W. Payne, President.

May I on behalf of the Section thank Mr Seymore-Williams, secretary, for his hospitality in allowing us the use of the course and club house. Our thanks to Mr D. Elliot, head greenkeeper, and all the staff for their hard work.

We would also like to thank the trade reps for their attendance and their prizes.



## SOUTHERN

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### Match v South Coast

Our annual match against the South Coast was played on 9 July at the Alresford G.C. We would like to thank the club for the courtesy of their

course and clubhouse and the warm hospitality extended to us by the South Coast team. The course was in excellent condition and the meal most enjoyable. In welcoming us to Alresford, Eric Jones remarked on all the new faces in our team but remember, Eric, we in the Southern Section can't go on as long as you old-timers in the South Coast, anyway, some people do have work to do!! I am pleased to report that the result of the match was a resounding victory for the Southern Section by five matches to one with two halved, thus retaining the cup for another year. Next year's match will be played at Woodcote Park G.C. at a date still to be arranged.

### Congratulations

All members and friends of Archie Creese will be pleased to hear that he has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Chelsea Pensioners. Archie is in charge of the bowling greens at the barracks but still takes an active interest in our greenkeeping tournaments and indeed had a fine win in our match against the South Coast.

### Secretaries Match

Our annual match against the Secretaries is on Wednesday, 3 October at Sandy Lodge G.C. This is a 12-a-side so any member wishing to play should contact Derek Gould.

### Ransomes Trip

As reported in last month's journal this is a two-day trip on Mon. 5-Tues. 6 November, so send your name and deposit of £10 to Derek Gould.

### 1st Winter Lecture

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### Autumn Tournament

Our 1979 Autumn Tournament will be held on Monday, 8 October at Warrington Golf Club, Cheshire. My thanks to the Captain and Council of the club for granting us the use of their facilities. Entries should be sent or phoned to me by the end of the month if possible, so I can indicate to the caterer the number of meals required. As usual it will be 27 holes Medal for members and 18 holes Medal for Vice-Presidents, guests, etc.

### Annual Trip

Anybody interested in the trip to Ransomes on Wednesday, 17 October to return the following day, will they please give me a ring as numbers are very limited. The cost should be between £15-£20 per member inclusive of coach and board.

My thanks to Burrows of Leyland for offering to pay half towards the cost of the coach; when you think that the total cost will be over £250 this is a very kind gesture.

### Annual Dinner Dance

For our 1979 Dinner Dance we return to Dean Wood Golf Club, Up-Holland, members who attended the dance two years ago will remember what a very enjoyable evening it was. Once again the club have welcomed us back and I hope we can have another successful evening. More details later regarding cost but the date is set for Friday, 2 November.

### New Members

It is my pleasure to welcome some more new members to our Section and I hope their association with us will be a long and happy one: J. Bailey, Lowes Park GC; K. Barker, Ingol GC; M. P. Goodhind, Macclesfield GC; T. N. Jones, Keswick GC; P. J. Medcalf, Royal Lytham GC; T. O'Brien, Royal Birkdale GC; P. Whitby, Lymm GC; F. Wynne, Fairfield Golf & Sailing Club.

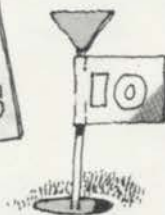
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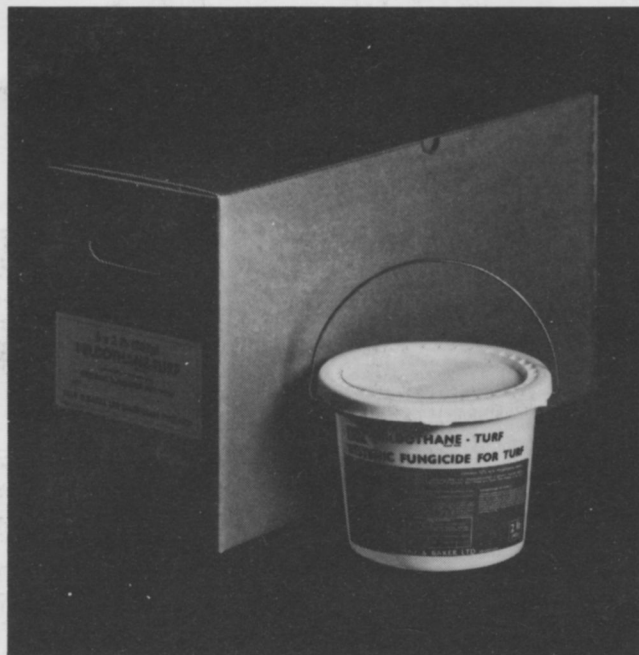
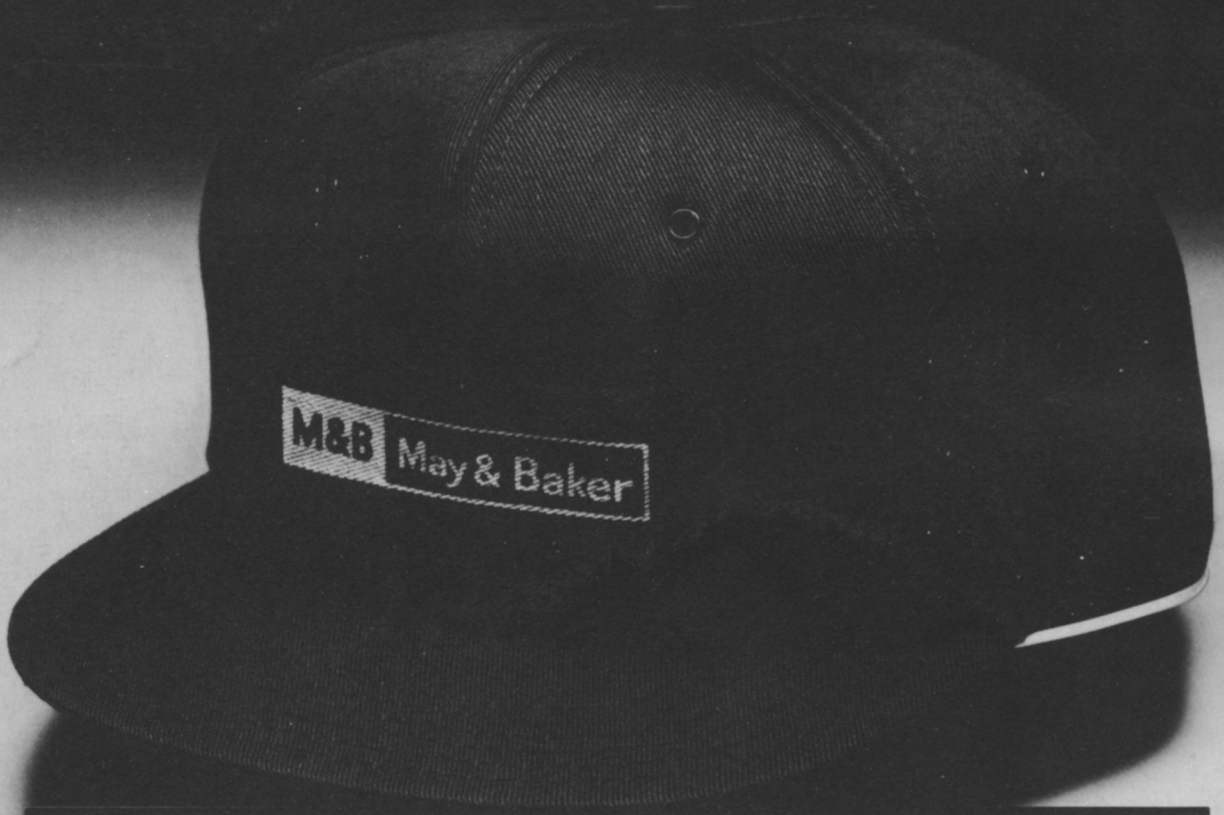
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