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## Scots and English make first real moves towards unification

As the front cover shows, much has been done to bring members of greenkeeping associations together with a meeting taking place recently at Scotsturf '83 between representatives of the Scottish And International Golf Greenkeepers' Association and the English And International Golf Greenkeepers' Association.

After the meeting, a Press release, issued by SIGGA, stated that the Scottish And International Golf Greenkeepers' Association is convening a meeting early in the New Year in Edinburgh, to which representatives of the English And International Golf Greenkeepers' Association and the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association have been invited. The purpose is to discuss matters of common interest and benefit to the greenkeeping profession and to explore the possibilities of a British association. Each association would, of course, retain its own identity, but would speak with one powerful voice on matters such as training and other important areas of concern. A follow-up meeting, to which Welsh and Irish representatives will be invited, is planned for early spring.

It is hoped that this will go some way to halt the ill-informed comment, which has appeared elsewhere, on greenkeeping associations. Likewise, a positive response will be required from all the associations when they meet—especially towards education.

Continuing on an educational theme, it is gratifying to report the response for places at *Golf Course '84* has been excellent with greenkeepers from all over the country already booked in. The participating associations have attracted a number of well-known speakers from all sections of the industry and from both sides of the Atlantic. At least 20 members from the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America will attend. The GCSAA has awarded *Golf Course '84* five continuing education units (a high number of ceus), which form the basis of the association's ongoing educational programme.

For those who have already booked into *Golf Course '84*, a full conference package including details of the programme will be mailed during January.

At the time of going to Press, the death of Frank Pennink was reported. Frank, 70, died after a determined battle against illness. He was latterly renowned for his work as a golf course architect—a subject about which he contributed several interesting articles to *Greenkeeper*—with Cotton (CK), Pennink, Lawrie & Partners.

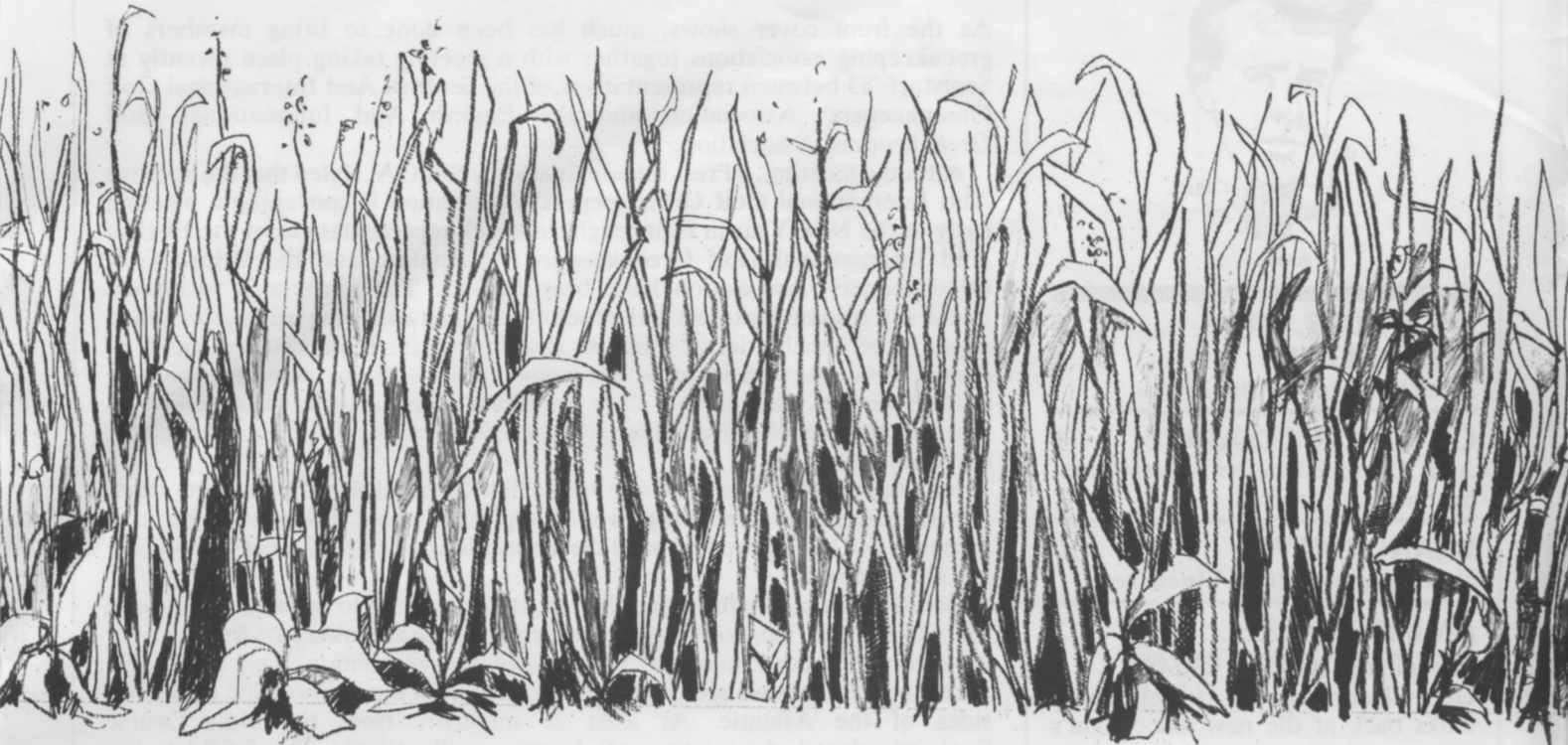
Born in Delft, Holland, perhaps a lesser-known side of a lifetime in golf was a spell as golf correspondent of the *Daily Mail* and *Sunday Express*. As a leading amateur, Frank won the English Championship twice, played in Britain's victorious 1938 Walker Cup side and appeared seven times for England.

A member of three Oxford University teams, Frank later put his clear thinking and vast knowledge of the game to use as a leading administrator. He was non-playing captain of the victorious home team in 1971's Walker Cup at St Andrews. Among numerous other appointments, he served as president of the English Golf Union and on the R&A's championship and rules of golf committees.

The Rigby Taylor photographic competition (see page 26) is open to all *Greenkeeper* readers, as well as those of other magazines in the amenity turf field. Naturally, we hope that the response from *Greenkeeper* will produce a large and high-quality entry. The first prize, provided by Rigby Taylor, is £100 worth of photographic equipment. The runner-up prize, donated by *Greenkeeper*, is a splendid hamper.

Finally, we wish all *Greenkeeper* readers a very happy Christmas and a highly successful 1984.

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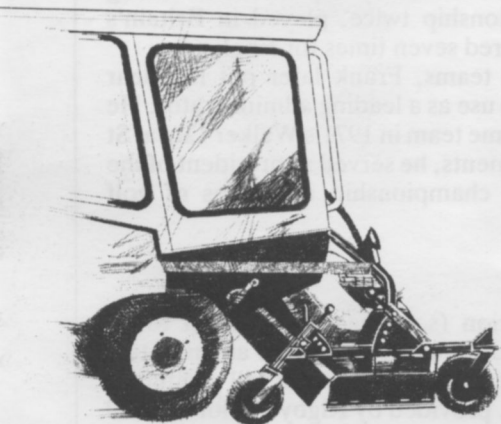


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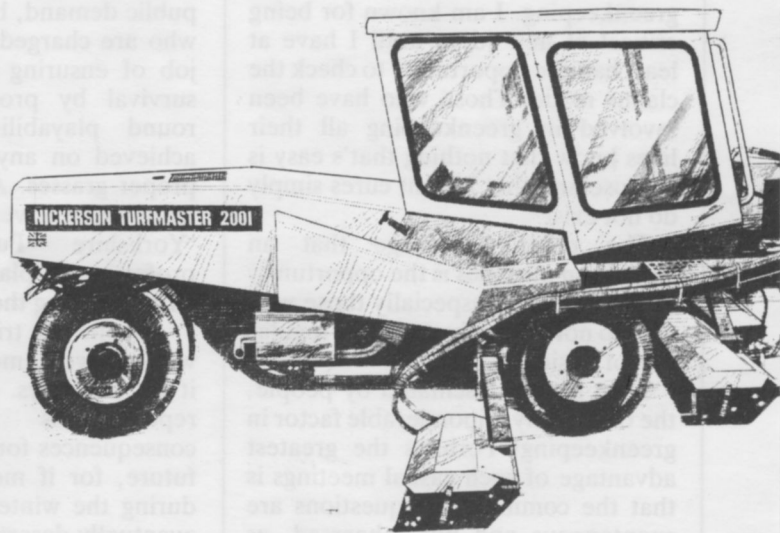


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# Products, pros and policies— as experienced by Jim Arthur

ONE advantage of exhibitions, such as the one mounted at Windsor, is that they give all concerned the opportunity to view products and machinery new to the greenkeeping industry, although, when it comes to machinery, I prefer to either visit the manufacturer or see the equipment in action at a small demonstration.

Competition is the spur to progress, with companies producing better equipment all the time—be it triplex mowers, irrigation systems, tractors or, in the very obvious case, aeration equipment, where the two main protagonists are producing machines that go deeper and deeper and, despite any comments to the contrary, this is, and always has been, essential.

There is equally no doubt that the same manufacturers take a great deal of notice of the practical use of their equipment and the considerable stimulus to their research and development programmes that is given by greenkeepers, even if it does take time for manufacturers to produce what we want!

The reverse, of course, can be true. To see 'medicine men' proffering instant cures can be vaguely amusing until they get their hands on a young man or even an impressionable older one, who may well be taken in by the glib and silver-tongued 'professors'.

There will, of course, always be things new in the world of greenkeeping. I am known for being critical of new ideas until I have at least had the opportunity to check the claims made. Those who have been involved in greenkeeping all their lives know that nothing that's easy is any use and that instant cures simply do not exist.

The other advantage that an exhibition provides is the opportunity to meet people, especially those who you do not normally see in the regular line of business.

I am always fascinated by people, the only really imponderable factor in greenkeeping! Perhaps the greatest advantage of such casual meetings is that the comments or questions are spontaneous and not rehearsed, as they tend to be on more formal occasions, such as seminars, etc. Although it is my experience that these off-the-cuff remarks do reveal

some misunderstandings, there is at least a consistent acceptance of the basic principles.

One of the biggest errors of those on the fringe of greenkeeping 'seeking the sensational in pursuit of circulation' (like the *Sun*, but with less success) is the errant belief that there are two schools of greenkeeping.

There are not—there is not even an alternative theory, let alone an alternative method. There is only the correct and the incorrect and, as I have always said, I have never laid claim to the invention of 'basic principles'.

They were there before me and they will be there after I am gone, which is why, when I am accused of being patronising towards greenkeepers, it hurts rather than irritates. I appreciate that I am often preaching to the converted. However, while we all, or nearly all, know what we want, not everyone knows how to get it and least of all those in charge of the purse strings.

Television has done much to damage our chances of success. Nobody, not even I, can say that this year's televised golf tournaments have not been exciting spectacles, with low scores made on holding, easy-paced putting surfaces, with the ball fired into the green.

This is seemingly what the professionals like and this is what the public demand, but as greenkeepers, who are charged ultimately with the job of ensuring the club's financial survival by providing all-the-year-round playability, it cannot be achieved on anything less than the proper grasses. And there would be many more adverse comments about 'Yorkshire Puddings' if the professionals played tournaments in Britain during the winter.

Anyone can trick-up a course for a week or even a month—no one can do it for 365 days. In the process, the repercussions have disastrous consequences for the club's financial future, for if members cannot play during the winter months, they will eventually desert to clubs where play is possible.

There, then, is the dilemma. Do you have a summer-only golf course and spend the rest of your time

watching the members play with their trousers tucked into their socks, or do you perhaps have the pleasure of being a greenkeeper at Sunningdale, Walton Heath, Brancaster, Lindrick, Tadmarton Heath, Fulford or many others where all-the-year-round play on full greens is the norm?

These courses come readily to mind as excellent examples of their type, but they are all on different soil types—acid heath; calcareous clay over chalk; linksland; limestone heath; limestone brash; alluvial silt, proving that the soil type has nothing to do with perfection, but correct management certainly has.

## Presentation

The real divergence in greenkeeping, the really opposed schools, have nothing to do with greenkeeping principles, but everything to do with standards and presentation. Nothing is more revealing and nothing more cynical than the closing sentence of an article, remarkable for its self-contradictory content, criticising slit tining, which states: 'However, provided putting surfaces are dry, firm, fast and true for 365 days a year, members and visitors, as well as tournament professionals, give little thought to the species of grass cover.'

Of course, they don't! But advisers and greenkeepers *should* and mostly do!

It is impossible to produce good putting surfaces on dominantly annual meadow grass greens in winter, when this short-lived, ephemeral grass is dying on its feet, dependent as it is on regeneration from seed for survival.

Neither, in the long run, can annual meadow grass, the source of all greenkeeping problems give good, long-term conditions. Greenkeepers with annual meadow grass greens can never sleep easily at night.

The great divide on course presentation is between those who want as good conditions as can be achieved all the year round and those who flirt with television cameras and earn an undeserved reputation for peaking their courses for a tournament and having lush, holding greens—even if this means playing on

(or off!) bogs all winter.

You cannot blame them for meeting an undoubted demand, but I have yet to find a tournament professional—with the possible exception of such an enthusiastic advocate of the old standards of greenkeeping as Tom Watson—who cares one iota about course condition for the other 51 weeks of the year when he is not actually playing on that course. Sadly, there are greenkeepers who play up to them and are proud to peak their courses for that week, with scant regard for the troughs that must precede and follow.

It is primarily because I will not prostitute all my training in greenkeeping to be a party to tarding up a course for a tournament, but have insisted on long-term management to produce better all-the-year-round conditions, that I have resigned as the PGA (European Tour) consultant agronomist.

It has always been my view that a course should be kept in such good order for its members all year that it could take a major championship or tournament at a few weeks notice. In fact, this view is shared by those in charge of most of the courses hosting PGA European Tour tournaments.

The original PGA advisory service was modelled on that which I provide for the Championship Committee of the Royal and Ancient, but failed—and predictably so—on three counts.

In far too many cases, courses were selected on a one-off basis by sponsors, resulting in some very odd choices. No one can wave a magic wand in a few months over a hopeless venue—especially if the tournament is early in the season. Neither can you improve courses if clubs are convinced that what they have is perfect when it palpably is not.

I have the greatest sympathy with Tony Jacklin, who pleaded after Sand Moor with sponsors, that if they must stage 'their' tournaments in northern climes, then to do so later in the year and that traditionally early tournaments such as the Martini should always be staged in the south.

To play any tournament in May on a Yorkshire course does neither that tournament nor the course any service—especially as in some years we have, perhaps, days rather than weeks of growth to recover from all the wear and tear of winter's play before the event. Surely not even the sponsors expect members to play all winter on temporaries to preserve their main greens for the professionals for one week!

The other inbuilt cause of problems



'If only those who influence the game could all be Tom Watsons.' Here the great man, five times Open champion, finds time to put a group of businessmen through their paces at the Cunard Cambridgeshire Hotel.

is that I was on two occasions imposed on clubs who did not want me and were reluctant to take my advice, which, if they did at all, they did selectively. Success in advisory work can follow only when there is trust and truth and on occasions I have had neither. Successes there have been, but significantly in the majority of cases I had already been advising the clubs concerned on a long-term basis prior to the PGA scheme and will do so again.

In fact, all the regular venues hosting tournaments have asked me to continue as their adviser—save Wentworth and the Belfry.

I feel that what we are seeing at the moment is the classic action and reaction cycle that has bedevilled golf

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greenkeeping all this century. The efforts of a few dedicated enthusiasts to restore good conditions based on firm, fast greens and tight lies, restoring the disasters induced by agricultural methods are resented by a minority of poorer players whose parrot cry is 'can't you leave the greens alone for five minutes?'

Eventually, they force an issue and out go those striving to restore traditional values and in come the farmers and gardeners! It may take a year or so, but disaster is inevitable and very expensive to reverse. Meanwhile, the course suffers and

with it the traditionalists, many of whom give up the unequal battle and go elsewhere to play their golf.

If only those who influence the game could all be Tom Watsons! Unfortunately, so many do not know one grass from another. I have seen a tremendous swing in greenkeeping techniques in the last decade back to the old standards, adopted not only (dare I claim?) by the majority of greenkeepers, but by fertiliser firms, irrigation companies and aeration engineers, producing better and better products.

Now we see the cyclic swing back to those bad old standards. I will certainly fight such heresies while I can walk a golf course and to date I do this well over 300 times a year.

Green was never great. Annual meadow grass is avoidable. It has given me vast satisfaction to have been involved in the transformation of many courses, by no means all famous or even tournament venues, and to see their superb agrostis or agrostis/fescue greens, where today you have to look hard for the annual meadow grass, yet which were previously bogs. This makes the minority of disasters easier to bear.

To sound what I hope is not a patronising note, it is with great personal pleasure that on my travels around the country I see so many courses coming right due to their greenkeepers persuading their clubs to revert to traditional methods. It just remains for us to educate the members away from television courses to ones that they are able to play with pleasure in January.

Remember Augusta is closed for six months of the year!

# Out·On·The·Course

*Gleneagles would offer a supreme challenge to any course manager.*

*John Campbell talked to James Kidd, who has that enviable task.*

## Gleneagles

The lure of Gleneagles is constant to golf tourists from all parts of the world. The famous five-star hotel and well-known courses, situated on the edge of the Muir of Ochill looking towards Glen Devon and the summits of the Ochill Hills, make a magnificent setting for this Highland golfing paradise.

Everything at Gleneagles is favourable and attractive. The prospects from the tees are an inspiration to any golfer. The gently rolling fairways are inviting and resilient and the ball sits up well on the springy turf. The courses are a golf-course architect's dream.

The man appointed recently to look after the Gleneagles complex is course manager James Kidd, 38, who is keenly aware of his immense responsibilities. He waxes enthusiastically and eloquently on the task with which he has been entrusted. He is conscious that his famous sporting domain has an international reputation and is determined to ensure the condition of the course will reflect a quality and

standard of upkeep that will be worthy of all the best traditions of Scottish greenkeeping.

James has bought a house for himself in the lovely village of Auchterarder, two miles from Gleneagles. His charming wife June does not play golf, but she knows a lot about the game and even more about greenkeeping. His son David, 15, and daughter Tracy, 12, have settled quickly in their new surroundings and became part of the local community. James believes in having the approval and support of his family and any decisions that he makes about his own career must take into account the children's opportunities for education, their future prospects and happiness.

James Kidd comes from farming stock and has the countryman's natural instinct and feeling for the needs of the land. He always wanted to work on a golf course from the day he left school and it was not long before he got himself a job as an apprentice greenkeeper at Ranfurly Castle Golf Club, Renfrewshire in

1960. Under the watchful eye and shrewd guidance of John Arnott, who was head greenkeeper for 30 years, it was there that the young James was initiated in the many complexities of golf-course upkeep. He also became a good golfer and now has a single figure handicap.

There is no doubt that his early training had a profound influence on him and he had already made up his mind that this was to be his chosen profession. He saw the opportunities that modern greenkeeping has to offer and was determined and dedicated to make the most of them.

After seven years at Ranfurly Castle, his quest for more experience dictated that he should move farther afield and, like every good man of the turf, he wanted to have a change and broaden the scope of his knowledge on different courses. He moved to Killermont Golf Club on the outskirts of Glasgow and served for a year under the leadership of Alex Pringle, who was a great stalwart of the Scottish Golf Greenkeepers' Association for many years. James eventually succeeded Alex as head greenkeeper and confesses to learning a lot from him about etiquette and professionalism in the job and the art of dealing with club committees and other officials.

James spent 12 years at Killermont and found it a rewarding experience—the Glasgow club hosted many events including the Tennant Cup, which is the oldest amateur golf competition in the world. He then moved to Kilmacollm Golf Club, Renfrewshire and remained there for four years before taking up the post at Gleneagles.

At Gleneagles, his ability as an administrator and a highly experienced greenkeeper should prove invaluable to the 23 men who look after the four courses. There is a high volume of play during the season and the main problem is coping with



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The attractive new Glendevon course at Gleneagles.

the resulting compaction. He believes in good supervision and encourages a regular feedback of reliable information from the staff on all aspects of the maintenance programme.

James is well aware that successful operation of any golf course depends on effective organisation, sound budgeting of funds, efficient management of labour and equipment and keeping accurate records of all operations and costs. The plan of management is the same in any part of the country, whether the course is private or public. Differences only occur in details of operation and these are due to variations in course design, standards

of quality and finance.

He thinks that the main challenge in course upkeep is often due to the elements and a good course manager has to rely on his own experience and technical ability to get the work done whatever the weather.

### Dedicated

He has always been dedicated in his efforts to raise the status of greenkeeping and has been involved with SIGGA for the past ten years where his eloquence in debate and ability as an administrator has made a valuable contribution to the affairs of the west section. James sees the role of the association as educational and

being able to offer professional guidance on employment, wages, pensions, health and safety and raising the standards generally for the benefit of the profession.

James would like to see a register kept of all manufacturers and companies listing the products and services they have to offer. This information would be available to all SIGGA members whenever it was wanted. He believes correspondence courses in greenkeeping and golf club management should be offered to those who are interested in making the job a full time career. He thinks the introduction of hydraulics and high work rate machinery with

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In the shadow of the Ochill Hills, the 2nd green of the King's course.



# Branch News

## South Wales

Notes by Dennis Archer

Increasing support for our new association was shown by the number of entrants to the August golf meeting at Pontypool Golf Club, Gwent, when 17 members and guests competed for

the SISIS Tankard over this testing hill course.

Despite fine weather and good conditions, local knowledge ruled the day with scores in the 70s being returned by Pontypool members and guests, who took the first three places. Nevertheless, a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all, followed by

an excellent meal and social.

Many thanks to the captain and greenstaff of Pontypool GC for the use of the course and club facilities and to Colin Frost, representing SISIS, for bringing along such a splendid engraved glass tankard.

Results: 1st—SISIS Tankard, Allan Beard, Pontypool GC; 2nd—Golf Bag, Brian Roberts, Pontypool GC; 3rd—Pen Set, Andrew Clark, Pontypool GC; 4th—Golf Glove, Neal Carter, Whitchurch GC and 5th—Golf Ball, Phil Thomas, Newton Mowers.

Arrangements for a full programme of educational and social events up to December, 1984 are well under way and a copy of the programme will shortly be sent to all the members and clubs in South Wales.

Meanwhile, dates for your diary are: December—Christmas dinner and dance at the Hotel International, Rhoose. Details and prices will be sent to all. January—AGM. Demonstrations by Sachs Dolmar (Chainsaws) and lecture by Martyn T. Jones on sand-based constructions (part two). February—Irrigation by Toro on behalf of the BTIA.

More Branch News on page 12...

## It Pays To Use Greenkeeper!

Golf Landscapes of Brentwood, Essex has made Steven Richardson head greenkeeper of its new course at Cobtree Manor, Maidstone, Kent. Steven, previously at New Mills Golf Club, Cheshire and Burhill, Surrey is an EIGGA member and serves on the Surrey branch committee. He takes charge of maintenance at the new course immediately, working under a Golf Landscapes/Maidstone Borough Council contract, with a view to bringing the new grasses up to a playing condition for opening next August/September.

• This appointment was initiated through an ad in *Greenkeeper*—the most widely read magazine in the industry. Be sure to contact Kay Moss on 025 55 7526 for all appointments, sales and wants and display advertising.



Presentation of the SISIS Tankard. Left to right: Allan Beard (Pontypool), Colin Frost (South Wales rep for SISIS) and Bruce Jamieson (Royal Porthcawl), chairman of EIGGA's South Wales branch.

## London

Notes by David MacIndoe

Our autumn tournament was held courtesy of Bushey Hall Golf Club. Many thanks to them. Once again, the turnout was down on the original figure. I must point out that a lot of hard work and organisation is needed for these competitions and members should make every attempt to inform D. Low (branch administrator) whether or not they intend to attend. The 28 who did were rewarded with one of the best golf days I can remember.

Thanks, Tom, for a superbly conditioned golf course. As for the food, words would not do it justice. Many thanks Amy and Roe. Thanks also to Ken, Peter and Allan from Parkers and Bob from T.H.S. for coming along and providing some very nice prizes.

The prizewinners were: Morning—(1st) D. Low, (2nd) D. MacIndoe (3rd), B. Geddes. Afternoon—(1st) D. MacIndoe and J. Merrieman and (2nd) A. Low and A. Panks.

The AGM—hopefully in conjunction with a top class lecture or two—will be held at Aldenham Golf Club at the end of February. Details to follow.

If any member is in need of advice

please contact the administrator or myself. After all, the aim of EIGGA is to improve the greenkeeper's lot, with the board of management seeking to help greenkeepers help each other.

By now, everyone should have seen details of the EIGGA conference at Cambridge—*Golf Course '84*. I hope no one is put off by the cost. Remember, better education will result in better wages and a higher standard of living. So, make sure that your form is in the post as, at the time of going to press, there are only a few vacancies.

## Surrey

Notes by Alex Armitage

The Surrey autumn guest invitation meeting was held at Worplesdon Golf Club recently. We thank the club for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse. Our thanks also to Brian Turner and his greenstaff for a course in excellent condition and to the steward and the catering staff for a most satisfying meal.

Results: 1st—B. Turner and P. Stokes; 2nd—H. Brown and L. Butler; 3rd—J. Liddington and S. Leeper, and 4th—J. Jennings and W. Cooley.

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## Sussex

The weather was warm and sunny, with very little breeze, when Sussex greenkeepers challenged the county's secretaries recently at Mannings Heath Golf Club. Once again, the greenkeepers emerged as victors by three matches to two.

Jimmy Coote, captain of the secretaries, said: "The only time I see the trophy is when I present it to Lionel Harris, my opposing captain." Well, Jimmy, better luck next year!

Our thanks go to the Mannings Heath club and Jimmy Coote, the host secretary and to head greenkeeper Dennis Ayling and his team. The course was in excellent condition.

Final thanks go to the bar and catering staff for the first-class evening meal.

We are pleased to welcome Ken Barber into Sussex. He is the newly appointed head greenkeeper at Crowborough Beacon GC.

Jon Allbut, technical manager of Synchemicals, recently gave an evening lecture on the Use Of Sprayers And Calibration, but questions from the audience took the lecture on to a wider range of topics. Thank you, Jon, for a very informative evening. It is refreshing to see someone so enthusiastic about their subject.

Evening winter lectures are held on the first Tuesday of the month. All EIGGA members from any branch are welcome at the venue—the Ugly Duckling, Haywards Heath, Sussex. Phone Crawley 25301 for information about the section.

## Kent

*Notes by chairman Peter Wisbey*

Despite testing wind and dry conditions, three 69s were returned in the morning medal round of a successful autumn meeting at Herne Bay Golf Club. A. Weller of Shoreham had the best back nine. C. Maston of Swanley Olympic finished second, followed by N. Stapley of Darenth Valley.

If anything, the wind was stronger after lunch when a stableford was played. Results: K. Noble, Darenth Valley, 33 points; N. Stapley, Darenth Valley, 32 points and P. Sharp, Dartford, 31 points. Guest prizes were won by P. Farmer and B. Johnson. Thanks to all at Herne Bay for making the day an enjoyable one.

## North-West

*Notes by A. Campbell*



From left to right: Bill Lawson (branch chairman and course manager of Heswall GC), Terry Adamson (branch golf administrator), Rhuddlan GC captain and Andrew Campbell (branch administrator).

The North-West section of EIGGA held its first autumn tournament recently at Rhuddlan Golf Club, North Wales. Nearly 40 greenkeepers, trade members and guests competed for the Ellesmere A.G. Trophy and numerous other prizes. Sincere thanks go to our trade friends for their support.

Prize winners were: Gross—1. P. Pearce—Helsby, 79, 2. T. Adamson—Wrexham, 79, 3. R. McVicar—Branston 79. (Scores decided on second nine). Nett—1. F. J. Cripps—Abergele, 67; 2. R. Janovskis—Worsley, 71; 3. F. Allsop—Branston, 74. Guests' prize nett—1. N. Hitchin—Helsby, 64; 2. J. McColl—Rhuddlan captain, 66; 3. F. Allsop—Branston, 75.

Thanks go to Mrs Gregory who provided a lovely meal for the 44 who

sat down to dinner. No tournament report would be complete without thanks to the officers of Rhuddlan Golf Club for making us feel so welcome, to the catering and bar staff and, last, but certainly not least, to our own Phil Davies and his staff for their hard work. Surely, gents, nothing can be as rewarding as the many compliments you received from colleagues and employers alike? The committee was especially grateful to David and Danielle Jones for their attendance.

The November lecture will be held at the City Arms on Wednesday, November 23 at 7.30pm. Members will be sent a branch newsletter shortly.

The end of the year sees the North-West branch having grown from just six greenkeepers, through an inaugural meeting at Chester in June, to a final total of 80 members.

On the way, the branch has completed its first golf tournament, which was a resounding success. The hard-working committee, led by chairman Bill Lawson, has laid the foundations for educational seminars, lectures and further golf/social occasions in 1984.

The branch has been well received by members of the trade and golf clubs alike and looks forward to furthering these friendships during the New Year and in the years to come.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the committee, of thanking everyone who has helped us during the past six months, particularly Mr and Mrs David Jones, and also to wish all members and friends a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Thanks also to Paice and Son, T. Parker and Son, Rigby Taylor, David Craig and Pattissons and Sparfax (Alan Philips) for donating prizes.

Forthcoming events include: December 7 at 3pm—18-hole, par-three Christmas competition at North Foreland GC. This will be followed by dinner, then a lecture by Jim Saunders of the Canterbury Horticultural College on sprayer calibration with special reference to the Cushman. February (date to be arranged)—one-day seminar at Broome Park Golf and Country Club by Dr Peter Hayes and other members of the Sports Turf Research Institute staff. The topic will be course construction and management.

Further details of all dates from either P. Wisbey (Thanet 28512) or J. Atkins (Whistable 266089).

# An incredible first year for EIGGA

*is recounted by general administrator Danielle Jones*

AS 1983 draws to a close and EIGGA approaches its first anniversary, it's nice to look back to see how much has been achieved. I am encouraged by the progress the association has made and am firmly optimistic that we can achieve even more in 1984.

The association was launched quietly on January 1 and the new venture's success relied heavily on the initial support of those in the greenkeeping profession.

The response was overwhelming. So many of you decided to 'throw in your caps' with EIGGA that we quickly became a thriving organisation, with people who wanted to be active in membership. This meant that we were able to hold our first annual conference, in Brighton, as early as April.

That was a great weekend, which neither I, nor the board of management, will forget. The lectures and discussions were stimulating and delegates held lively debates over drinks in the evening!

After Brighton, it was back to work and, with so many ideas having come out of the conference, it was clear there was much to be done. The next step was to organise the second annual conference. *Golf Course '84* will be held at Trinity Hall, Cambridge—a very distinguished and appropriate setting for a major educational conference. Facilities for seminars and lectures are first class and Trinity Hall provides excellent accommodation while having a reputation for a high standard of cuisine.

*Golf Course '84* is being widely advertised and booking forms have already been sent out with the October issue of *Greenkeeper*. Booking forms can also be obtained from me at national headquarters. Please book quickly as over half the places have already been taken.

As the association felt that all branches of the industry should work together, it was decided to ask other organisations to participate, including the British Association of Golf Course Architects, the British Association of Golf Course Constructors, The British Turf Irrigation Association, as well as several notable individual speakers.

Furthermore, the USA will be represented by a team of speakers headed by Jim Prusa of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America and Bill Bengeyfield of the USGA Greens Section.

*Golf Course '84* will be spread over four days, from April 12-15, and will cost EIGGA members £147 (including VAT), which covers full board, all seminars and lectures.

There has been some concern expressed about the cost of attending *Golf Course '84*, mainly that many greenkeepers will not be able to afford the fee, which is prohibitive for young greenkeepers and apprentices.

When the cost is broken, it works out at £36.75 per day, which is not excessive when you realise it includes bed and breakfast, morning coffee, lunch, tea and dinner and all classes and lectures.

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The educational sessions will, of course, be of a very high standard, with some classes culminating in written exams.

It is obvious that *Golf Course '84* will be a major event in the golf greenkeeping industry. As with any educational course, it is to be hoped that golf clubs will recognise the benefit of paying for their greenkeeper's attendance. After all, it is the clubs that will reap the benefit in due course.

As to the criticism that young greenkeepers will not be able to attend *Golf Course '84*, it is true that the content will be aimed mainly at more experienced personnel, such as course managers, head greenkeepers and first assistants and it would not be feasible to suggest that every golf club should pay for its entire greens staff to attend.

However, an EIGGA educational roadshow will tour the country next October for five days visiting five different locations throughout the country. The one-day seminars will be open to all members of EIGGA and will feature classes and lectures

by experts in various branches of the industry.

It is felt that this opportunity will give young greenkeepers the chance to broaden their education, while keeping costs to a minimum. These seminars are presently under discussion and will be advertised nearer the time.

As most of you are probably aware, the EIGGA management training course was put into operation this year—a comprehensive postal course, covering all aspects of golf course management, staff control, budgeting, etc.

Unfortunately, the response has been slow. The course is set in six units and their successful completion leads on to the club management course. Both courses are open to head greenkeepers, course managers and first assistants.

Even though golf greenkeepers are continually faced with the need to raise the status of their profession and make themselves recognised as professionals in their field, there are relatively few people taking the course. Meanwhile, golf club professionals, who are, of necessity, under pressure to branch into all aspects of club management, including course management, have their own club management course, which has been well subscribed to.

If you are interested in finding out more about the EIGGA management training course, write to me at national headquarters.

Since the association was launched, many branches have been established throughout the country, including those based in Surrey, Sussex, Kent, East Anglia, London, South Wales, the North West and the East of England, which was started recently with a meeting at the Fox Inn on the A1. This was followed by a Jim Arthur lecture at Stoke Rochford Golf Club.

If you would like to be put in contact with your local branch administrator, write to me at national headquarters, which is now based at 2 Golf Cottage, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP3 8UG.

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## First Year For EIGGA Continued...

hope for many more new members in 1984. Those of you who have already joined the association will receive a renewal notice shortly. Upon receipt of your subscription, you will be issued with a new credit-card-style membership card.

I would urge that all subscriptions be paid as close to January 1 as possible, preferably before that date, as, by doing so, maximum insurance coverage can be gained and administration costs kept to a minimum, with the saving of reminder notices.

As agreed at this year's AGM, full membership for 1984 will be £15; apprentice membership, £12, and trade membership, £20.

Membership of EIGGA is not restricted to greenkeepers and trade representatives. Golf club members, greens chairmen and secretaries (who have an open-minded and genuine interest in the care of fine turf) are also encouraged to join EIGGA as club members.

We believe that the 'us and them' situation between greenkeepers and golf clubs can only be broken down by the two sides getting together at social and educational events, thereby developing a deeper understanding of each others' problems.

I should mention that any golf club paying for its greens staff to join EIGGA *en bloc* can deduct ten per cent from the total.

Following EIGGA's successful representation at the IOG Windsor show this year, it has been decided that the association should have a stand at the 1984 show, giving the board of management a chance to meet members on an informal basis and hear ideas, opinions and criticism first hand.

A timely reminder that EIGGA merchandise makes ideal Christmas presents. All garments are of a high quality and feature the EIGGA emblem. Lambswool pullovers are available in wine, camel, bottle green and navy and are priced £14, which is a lot less than you would pay for a golf sweater of comparable quality.

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## An Open Letter to EIGGA Members From Association President Jack McMillan

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the association for electing me its first president. I consider it a great honour and will make every effort to see this association prosper and grow.

This year's conference at Brighton was first-class. There were many fine speakers and the opportunity to share experiences and laughter away from the hall. I am sure many lasting friendships were formed.

Next year's conference at Trinity Hall, Cambridge will be a bit more of an adventure, as we will be sharing the conference with other associations concerned with the golf industry. While I would agree that, due to the cost, some younger members may find it a bit difficult to attend, I do not see that as a reason for not going ahead with what seems to be one of the most progressive exercises for some time—namely getting all those concerned with the preparation and presentation of golf courses together under one roof. Sadly, the numbers for Trinity Hall are restricted to 120, so book your place now.

The board of management is presently looking into the possibility of putting together a group of the better academics in the turf industry to visit the various branch areas in 1984.

I would like to say how nice it is to see so many of our members now wearing association blazers and ties. At a recent talk at Moor Park Golf Club so many were easily recognised as a result. I am sure this cannot but improve the image of the greenkeeper to the golfing public.

Again, I had occasion to spend a couple of days on a visit to the SISIS plant at Macclesfield and was delighted to see so many people wearing EIGGA ties. You may not recognise the face or indeed know the name, but you identify right away with someone who has the same purpose and interests. A common bond is shared from the start. Of the number of greenkeepers there, most were members and during the time we were there, Bill Lawson and Norman Pearce recruited a further new member for the North-West branch.

The 'I' in the title of this association stands for International. Might I suggest that we open our minds and become truly international and become prepared to liaise, explore and investigate anything that can be of help to us all? We may all be rightly proud of our individual nationality, but I feel it is of primary importance we are reminded that we are all greenkeepers.

Greenkeeping in this country is at a turning point. More and more demands are being made on the courses we prepare. I have, over the years, been privileged to have shared in the training of many fine young head greenkeepers of today. I have always told them that in time their position in golf would be greatly improved. I feel that time is now much nearer. There are now many materially rewarding positions available to young greenkeepers prepared to improve their knowledge and ability.

Those on the board of management and the trustees, who had the foresight to realise that EIGGA would work, with hard work and enthusiasm have made it do so and are to be commended. I intend to give them my support in making an association that will be attractive to other greenkeepers and will be considered by this country's golf club management as being a reputable and responsible body. Our wholehearted thanks go also to general administrator Danielle Jones, without whose hard work we would not have achieved the measure of success we now enjoy.

In January, I am off to the GCSAA International Turfgrass conference and show in Las Vegas. I will tell you all about it when I come back.





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**J.D. McKean,**  
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# NEWS AND VIEWS

## AYRSHIRE SECTION—By Duncan Gray

THE Ayrshire Section Autumn Outing was held on Tuesday 27th September by kind permission of Ballochmyle Golf Club.

On a beautiful day, an excellent turn out of just over 40 members and trade enjoyed a round of golf, good food and good company in convivial surroundings.

A heavily laden prize table was cleared by the following:-

### Prize List

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2nd Class Winner	T. Parker (West Kilbride) 70
2nd Class R/up	M. Power (Troon Municipal) 72
3rd Class Winner	H. Little (St. Nicholas) 74 (B.I.H.)
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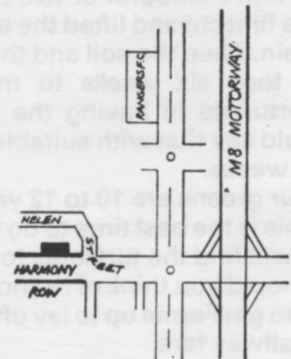
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MANY members have commented on *Greenkeeper's* October editorial leader, which mentioned the exclusion from the Greenkeepers' team for the Kubota Challenge of members from the English And International Golf Greenkeepers' Association. Quite rightly, S.I.G.G.A. members wished to know why their Association had also been omitted.

All has now been corrected and S.I.G.G.A, too, has received an assurance through Peter McEvoy that all Greenkeeping Associations will be included. Some strengthening of the side from Greenkeeping would seem to be required as the Secretaries won the three-cornered contest this year.

Members will also be pleased to note that a complete and up-to-date address list has been submitted to *Greenkeeper* for inclusion in the magazine's computerised address/ mailing list. This will mean that all members should have no difficulty in receiving their copy and that none will be returned with 'Gone Away' stamped on them.

Will any member who moves please make sure he advises the General Secretary at Gleninver, 84 Neilston Road, Uplawmoor G78 4AF.

All members will be receiving all ten issues of *Greenkeeper* in 1984, so if you have any items for publication in the magazine's S.I.G.G.A. News and Views section, please ensure they reach editorial co-ordinator Jimmy Kidd at Heatherlea, Cloan Drive, Auchterader, Perthshire. Copy should be posted in time to reach Jimmy by the first of the month preceding the date of publication.



## Out-On-The-Course Continued...

interchangeable units has revolutionised much of the work in greenkeeping and the role of the course manager has become much more technical and complex, demanding a high degree of professional skill and mechanical ability.

James says that when complaints are received about the condition of a course, which may be justified, club officials should be kept informed about steps being taken to remedy the situation. All complaints, no matter how trivial, should be dealt with diplomatically and tactfully.

James Kidd is a man brimming with ideas and he has some definite views about his profession. He is a firm believer in education as a means of raising the status and improving the image of the greenkeeper. He is also public relations minded and feels that much of the course manager's prestige comes from knowledge and education.

He acknowledges the fact that it is the course manager who must make club members aware of the importance of a greenkeeper's work, its scope and complexity. That is why education is so important, for it is the most effective means of demonstrating professionalism.

His advice to young men who want to make a career in greenkeeping is to always be inquisitive and not to be afraid to ask questions, no matter how silly they may seem, for this is the only way to learn. James Kidd has proved that setting targets and having goals is the way to succeed.



Course manager James Kidd (caricature by John Campbell).

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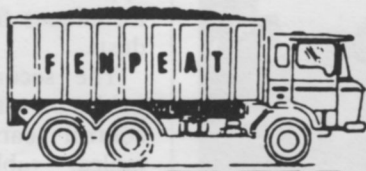
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Team Toro (pictured below), consisting of Eddie Yates of E.A. Yates and Howard Swan of Golf Landscapes, both Toro distributors, together with *Greenkeeper* publisher Michael Coffey, had

the good fortune of partnering Carl Mason who, while not having one of his better rounds, made certain the team fully enjoyed its day.

Team Toro was managed by Peter Roberts, under the careful eyes of Toro managing director Philip York and other members of Toro's distributor team who were present.

At the gold sponsors' eve-of-play cocktail party, the team had the opportunity of discussing the new St Mellion course, described as on the way to being the best spectator course in the world, with its designer Jack Nicklaus.

Jack can be assured that his many friends in the UK will be watching St Mellion's progress with keen interest.

## Complete Reference To Chemicals

The *Directory Of Sports And Amenity Turf Chemicals*, produced jointly by the British Agrochemicals Association and the Sports Turf Research Institute, provides comprehensive details of insecticides, fungicides and herbicides that have been cleared by the government's Safety Precaution Scheme.

A foreword by Michael Chance, chairman of the National Turfgrass Council, is followed by chapters on the registration of pesticides in the UK; the correct choice of proprietary products to overcome specific turfgrass problems; safe handling, storage and disposal of chemicals together with a guide to product labelling and advice on safe application and accurate calibration techniques for liquids, granules and dusts.

The second section has tabular guides on turf fungicides; products to control earthworms and insects, moles, rabbits, rats and mice; herbicides for selective and non-selective treatments and growth retardants.

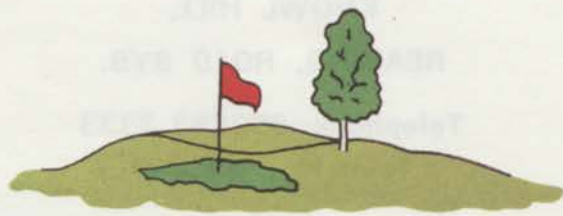
The booklet also includes a handy list of companies, with addresses, phone and telex numbers, and the names and job titles of key personnel; a glossary of terms and, finally, some suggested reading.

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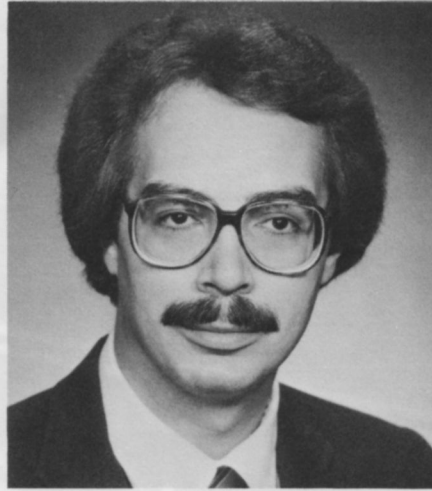
Perfect Seeds—the new marketing and distribution company founded by David Smart—has established its first major supply and distribution arrangement with Steetley Minerals.

The two companies have cooperated in the introduction of Steetley's new Gold Key and Silver Key ranges of amenity grass seed mixtures. Further information from David Smart on Shaftesbury (0747) 4877 and 51201.

David Smart's first catalogue *Perfect Turf Seed, Spring 1984* details varietal descriptions, species characteristics, trials results data, mixtures developed for specific purposes, seed quality, mixture use recommendations, a mowing height comparison chart and seed rate comparison table, together with notes on wild flora and reclamation.

A complimentary copy of the new booklet, may be obtained from Perfect Seeds, The Annex, Milland House, 53 Breach Lane, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 8LF.

John Schilling has been promoted to executive director of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America. Schilling, who became associate executive director in May, has worked for the GCSAA since 1978. He replaces James McLoughlin, who resigned earlier this year.



John Schilling.

A 15 minute film in sound and colour of the new Hydromain Seventeen, showing the system's versatility on the turf or hard porous surfaces, is now available on loan for lectures on Super

8 or video cassette. Local SISIS reps will be pleased to show a complete programme of films by appointment. Interested parties should contact G.A. Argo at SISIS Equipment (Macclesfield). Tel: 0625 26363.

The National Sports Centre at Crystal Palace has a new synthetic sports surface installed by Maxwell M Hart, specialist in the provision of synthetic surfaces, sports equipment and maintenance supplies. The installation involved constructing, on virgin grass, a 109m by 68m Maxisport 3 pitch and training area.

Work on the site involved a full drainage system construction of a stone and bitmac base, security fencing and floodlighting. In addition, the complete area was lined for multi-sports and all relevant goals, nets and posts were included in the installation.

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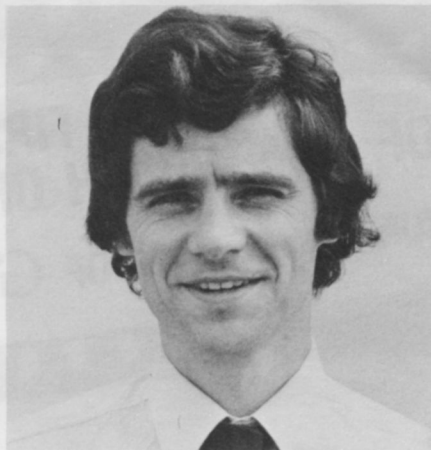


Cameron Irrigation, UK subsidiary of the RIS division of Australian company James Hardie Industries, has become a division of Wright Rain, the irrigation and slurry handling subsidiary of Birmid Qualcast. Under the terms of the distributor agreement with Wright Rain, RIS has ensured that all products will continue to be available and fully serviced for UK customers. RIS will keep its worldwide policy of developing and manufacturing irrigation products for sale through its specialist distributors. Supplies to the UK will be maintained from RIS factories in Italy, France, America and Australia. In addition, the Cameron range of products will continue to be manufactured in the UK by Wright Rain.

Rodney Dunn has been appointed sales office manager of Supaturf Products. He joins the Peterborough-based company from the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, where he was cultivar trials officer responsible for assessing new turf grass varieties for use in amenity turf.

Dr Dunn studied at the University of Sheffield, where he obtained a BSc

in botany and then won a four-year post-graduate award with the University of Essex and Rothamsted Experimental Station to study the growth and dry matter yield of two grasses. He was awarded a PhD in plant physiology on completing the study in 1981. He is 30 and a professional member of the Institute of Biology.



Rodney Dunn.

Jacobsen's annual award for its 1983 top dollar sales distributor in Europe was won by Marshall Concessionaires. Marshalls beat distributors

from 15 other European countries to win the award for the third time.

A cheque was presented to director Lindsay Marshall at the end of a European conference in Germany by Jacobsen president John Dwyer.

## Marshalls On The Move

Marshall Concessionaires is moving its Brackley, Northamptonshire, operation to a new building, now under construction, on a company-owned site near the group headquarters at Romsey, Hampshire. The move is scheduled for completion by the end of December.

Besides being 20 per cent larger than the present facility at Brackley, which is leased, the new location will give Marshalls closer links with computer and other specialist services available at Romsey.

In a letter to dealers, director Lindsay Marshall said that, in addition to effecting economies necessary to match today's economic climate, the company's operation overall will be strengthened by the move.

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The competition is open to all Groundsmen / Greenkeepers in either private or public employ\*.

The staff, their families; agents and distributors of Rigby Taylor Limited are exempt from this competition.

All entries must be submitted to the appropriate publication as indicated on the entry form who will judge the best entry submitted and the runner up.

The copyright of all entries will automatically pass to Rigby Taylor Limited who will produce and distribute a full colour calendar for 1985 using the six winning entries (one from each of six publications) together with suitable captions.

**The final closing date for entries is 1st September 1984.**

*\*In some cases it may be that public service employees are ineligible to receive awarded prizes. In such an instance Rigby Taylor Limited will verify the position with the appropriate Local Authority. Should any awarded prize be unacceptable it will be donated to a charity of the winners choice.*

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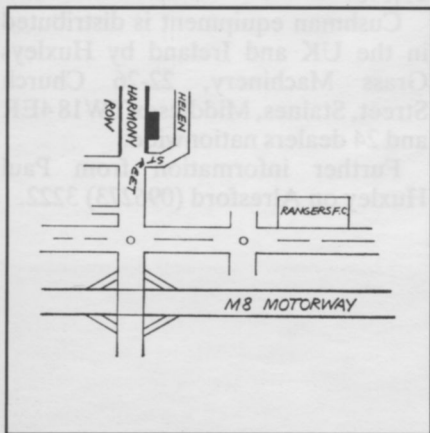


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## Growing In Glasgow

Richard Aitken (Seedsman) has moved to new and larger premises at 123 Harmony Row, Govan, Glasgow G51 3NB. Tel: 041-440 0033. Richard Aitken Jnr said: "The new premises will allow easier access to main delivery routes, as well as increased storage space for our greater volume of trade."

• See Glasgow location map below.



## Read All About Rigby Taylor



A catalogue and product guide covering the complete range of materials and equipment available from horticultural and turf care specialists Rigby Taylor can now be obtained from the company's Bolton headquarters or from Guildford-based Rigby Taylor (South).

With each section colour-coded for easy recognition, selection and ordering, the 64-page guide (printed by the Harwich Printing Company)

contains information on everything from analyses and application rates for all chemicals, fertilizers and composts to full descriptions of equipment, such as wheelbarrows, line markers, spreaders, flags, tennis nets and plant pots.

Although all details are included in relevant sections within the new guide, additional literature is also available on Rigby Taylor's recently-introduced Mascot range of chemicals for fine turf and amenity grassland. Comprising selective, non-selective and residual weedkillers in liquid, granular and showerproof formulations, plus moss and clover killers and Duramark white-line, turf-marking paint, all Mascot products are manufactured in the UK to Rigby Taylor formulations.

To obtain copies of the new literature, contact Rigby Taylor, Victoria Works, Garside Street, Bolton, Lancashire BL1 4AE. Tel: 0204 389888 or Rigby Taylor (South) Limited, Unit 7, The Riverway Estate, Peasmarsh, Guildford, Surrey GU3 1LZ. Tel: 0483 35657

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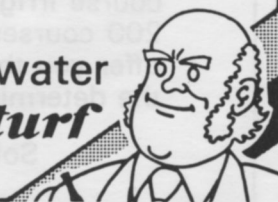
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## Joint Seminar Success

Essex companies Kings of Coggeshall and the Brentwood-based May & Baker environmental products department recently held a highly successful turf care seminar at Warley Park Golf Club.

With some 98 representatives attending from local authorities, golf clubs and bowling clubs, the morning session was devoted to new developments in the chemical field, including May & Baker's new generation grass-growth regulator Mowchem.

Warley Park club chairman Bert Greene spoke of his youth training scheme, which has so far introduced 20 youngsters to the skills of greenkeeping. The scheme has been organised by the club in conjunction with the Manpower Services Commission and local companies, including Ford, May & Baker and Wraithrain Irrigation.

The afternoon was spent contesting the now traditional May & Baker/King's Golf Tournament. Winner of the prestigious title and trophy was Bob Pinkerton from Rochford Golf Club. The trophy was presented by 1982 winner Roy Gould of Bentley Golf Club.

## Cutting, Collection And Delivery Made Easy . . .

Operators of the Cushman Front Line with rotary mower attachment can now collect, carry and dispose of all grass, leaves and paper cut or picked up by mower blades by using the Cushman Front Line grass caddy.

Mounted at the right-hand side (viewed from the driver's seat) of the Cushman power unit, the grass

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The design of the Cushman 60in rotary mower deck and blades, developed specially for use with the grass caddy, eliminates the need for a separate impeller or vacuum system to transfer material into the hopper. When full, contents can be disposed of cleanly and effortlessly. This is achieved by using the Cushman Front Line's hydraulic system to activate a hydraulic ram beneath the hopper.

Extending the ram by single lever movement from the driver's seat, tips the hopper up and over. The hinged

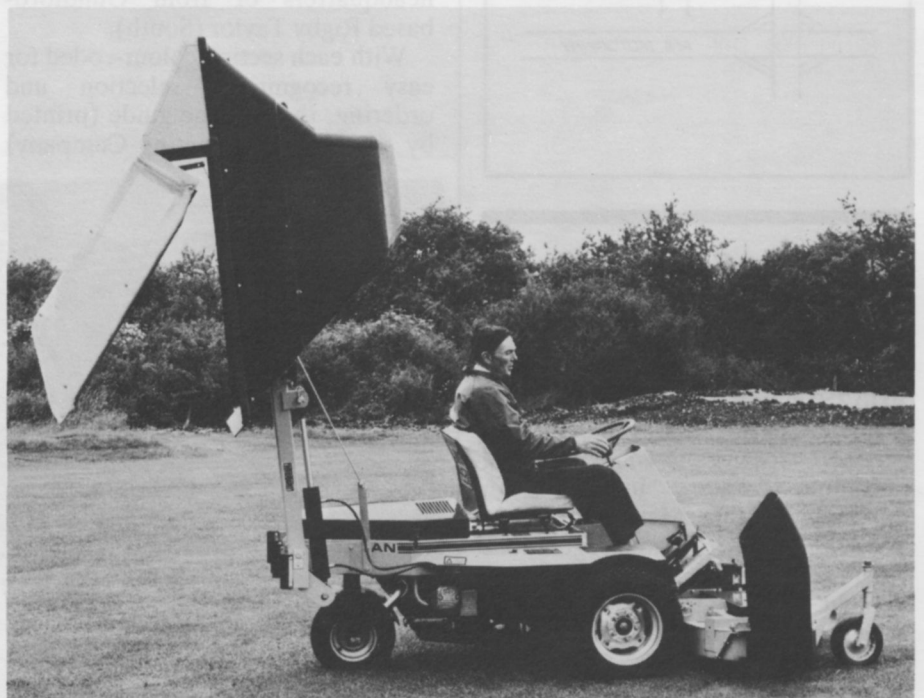
lid opens and the contents are discharged. The operator then moves the hydraulic control lever in the opposite direction and the ram closes, returning the hopper to its grass-collecting position.

Maximum dumping height is 4½ft, providing adequate tipping clearance over the sides of a pick-up, trailer or skip container.

Price of the Cushman grass caddy for use with the front line power unit and rotary mower attachment is £975. The special 60in cutting deck costs £1,195.

Cushman equipment is distributed in the UK and Ireland by Huxleys Grass Machinery, 22-26 Church Street, Staines, Middlesex TW18 4ER and 24 dealers nationwide.

Further information from Paul Huxley on Alresford (096273) 3222.



Hydraulic tipping for the Cushman grass caddy's hopper allows contents to be emptied by single lever control from the driver's seat. Fully raised, the hopper will clear pick-up, trailer or skip sides up to 4½ft high.

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## Classic Tale Saves Bob Hope

Brouwer mowers came to the rescue when wet weather bogged down conventional trailer mowers at Moor Park just 24 hours before the start of the Bob Hope Classic. "We had half an inch of rain that day and it had been a wet week all round," head greenkeeper John Edwards said. "The fairways were soggy and we were cutting very messily."

John called in Turners of Wheatly, who had seen a demonstration of Brouwer mowers a few months previously. Within an hour, Turners delivered a Brouwer five gang mower and put it to work despite the wet conditions. When the Classic began the following day, all 18 fairways were immaculate and stayed that way with the Brouwer mowing steadily, twice daily, in the still wet conditions.

"We were very pleased with the results the Brouwer gave us and we needed to be. Poor mowing would have reflected on the club's high reputation," John added.



John Edwards (second left), head greenkeeper at Moor Park, and John Cockburn, depot manager of Turners at Watford, are seen with the Brouwer five-gang mower.

"Brouwers are power driven mowers operating directly from the take-off of the tractor," Eddie Trigg, chairman of Turners, said. "The

mowers normally in use at Moor Park could not cope with the wet conditions. With a Brouwer you just hook it up and away you mow!"

## New Licence Agreement

Golf Landscapes and E. A. Yates (Sandbach) have announced the signing of a further three year licencing agreement for the British rights for the Prunty Mulqueen construction technique. The patent is jointly held in Ireland by J. P. Prunty and the Agricultural Institute of Ireland.

The technique, embodied in the PM Green and PM Pitch in Britain, is a sand-based construction, combining a free-draining surface with intensive underdrainage, without using a stone carpet. Such a profile gives playing performance akin to a links course for almost all weathers.

Since the technique was brought to Britain, interest in its development has been widespread. Research plots are already laid down at Writtle College, Essex, and Myerscough College, Lancashire, and the first PM Greens were built at Shaw Hill Golf and Country Club, Chorley, Lancashire, when Golf Landscapes rebuilt the course.

PM Greens are also to be found at Davenport Golf Course, Cheshire, where a total greens reconstruction programme is underway, and at the Ruxley Golf Centre, Orpington, Kent.

The technique's extension to golf is proving particularly successful where considerable savings, up to 50 per cent, can be realised over traditional reconstruction methods.

## Jacobsen Reduces Parts Prices

Jacobsen has announced substantial price reductions on 130 parts. The reductions, which are effective immediately, average 11 per cent. This follows the completion of a total review by Jacobsen of its parts pricing policy, which has already had the overall effect of either holding down prices or, in many cases, reducing them.

Marshall Concessionaires recently gave dealers the annual report on parts availability. It showed that the company met 95 per cent of all stocked parts orders in full.

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## Yanmar To The Rescue

The high-power, low-weight combination of a Yanmar YM 184 four-wheel drive compact tractor coupled with Supa-Turf low ground pressure tyres, is claimed to have saved the temporary closure of the Chester-Le-Street Golf Club, Durham, in the wet spring conditions. "The course would have closed itself if it were not for the Yanmar," David Heads, head greenkeeper, said.

Existing higher weight conventional tractors caused severe rutting when used with the club's five-gang mower. After a demonstration, the Yanmar was purchased to overcome the problem and is now used for all fairway mowing and greens maintenance including spiking with a rear-mounted SISIS spiker.



Further information from John Croft Machinery, Roall, Kellington,

Goole, North Yorkshire. Tel: 0977 661700.

## See It First In New Paper

An informative free sheet—*AGMA News*—is being published by the Amenity Grass Marketing Association, Beeswing House, 31 Sheep Street, Wellingborough, Northants.

The editorial policy will be to keep the membership up-to-date on the association's work, detailing new technical information and progress in the amenity turf world. *AGMA News* will appear quarterly and will be sent to members free of charge.

The first issue (September) contains interesting features on Turf Grasses And The Environment, Achieving The Best Results From Your Seed Specification and two 'go carefully' items—Buyer Beware and Did You Really Get What You Ordered? The next *AGMA News* will include an article entitled Poa Compressa—The New Wonder Grass?

Also recently published are AGMA's Varietal Merit Ratings for 1984. All listed varieties have been proven, under practical conditions, to be capable of forming quality turf.

## Activities At Elmwood

Demand for the head greenkeepers' supervisory course has been so great since it commenced two years ago that Elmwood College, Cupar, Fife, has hitherto been unable to accept all applicants. Next year's course will run from February 6-10 and early application is advised.

The greenkeepers' conference (now in its fourth successive year) will have a slightly different format in that delegates will be given longer to look round the machinery exhibition and, in addition, it is hoped that a series of machinery demonstrations will be staged. The 1984 conference will be held on Wednesday, March 21.

Full details from M.L. Taylor,

Head of Horticultural Department, Elmwood Agricultural and Technical College, Carslogie Road, Cupar, Fife KY15 4JB. Tel: Cupar 52781.

## Ransomes On The Up

A group statement for the half year to June 1983 from Ransomes Sims and Jefferies was published recently.

In his chairman's statement, Mr H.A. Whittall reported: 'The improvement shown in the group's affairs in 1982 has continued during the first six months of 1983 with sales up by 8 per cent compared with the first half of 1982 and profit before tax nearly double that of the comparative period.'

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# Windsor round-up. . .

## Jim Beats Them All!

Twenty-year-old Jim McGill, a trainee groundsman at the University of Bath, is the 1983 IOG Young Groundsman of the Year. As part of his prize, Jim has been invited to attend the 1984 convention of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America in Las Vegas. This prize has been donated by Marshall Concessionaires. His other prizes include an engraved trophy, a library of reference books, briefcase, cash travel award, lunch in Las Vegas and attendance at one of the institute's practical training courses.

Runner-up is 21-year-old Denis Bloomfield, a groundsman with the Duke of Kent School in Ewhurst, Surrey.

The other finalists were Peter Rees, David Lynn, David Renouf, Barry Collins and Paul Moore.

Almost 400 young people took part in the competition, which is designed to encourage a greater interest in groundsmanship as a career.

## Young Groundsman Goes Dutch

Denis Bloomfield, 21-year-old groundsman at the Duke of Kent School in Ewhurst, Kent, visited Holland recently as one of his prizes for finishing runner-up in the 1983 Young Groundsman of the Year competition organised by the Institute of Groundsmanship.

As guest of plant breeders

Mommersteeg International, Denis visited the sports turf trials and sports facilities managed and maintained by the Dutch authorities at Papendal and the trials grounds and laboratories operated by Mommersteeg at Vlijmen.

Another young groundsman in the group, led by Mommersteeg's Michael Perkins, was Hugh Heron from Scotland, who won the major prize in a competition organised by the Mommersteeg distributor Stewarts of Edinburgh.



Twenty-year-old Jim McGill tries out the latest Jacobsen Turfcart DW 220. Jim won the Young Groundsman of the Year competition and, thanks to Marshall Concessionaires, a trip to America for the GCSAA annual convention. Jacobsen, which Marshalls represents in the UK, will entertain Jim during his visit.

## Britain's Young Groundsman of the Year

The Institute of Groundsmanship would like to thank the following companies for supporting the annual competition by sponsoring prizes:

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The Golf Course Superintendents'  
Association of America  
Hyett Adams  
Marshall Concessionaires  
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## ANNUAL GREENKEEPERS' CONFERENCE

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21st, 1984**

If you received details from us through the post for Last Year's Conference, you will automatically receive them this year.

If you are not on our Mailing List, please write in to: Conference Organizer, Mr. M. L. Taylor, Elmwood College, Cupar, Fife, KY15 4JB. Tel: (0334) 52781. Conference details will be sent out in JANUARY.

## NATIONAL TURFGRASS COUNCIL JANUARY WORKSHOP

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tube and workshop report.

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## Scot Wins Master Brain '83 Title

Duncan McNab of Sports Turf Services of Newbridge, Midlothian, is the May & Baker Master Brain. He narrowly beat three rivals to take the crystal bowl trophy and an all-expenses-paid, ten-day trip for two to the GCSAA conference and exhibition in Las Vegas next February.

Runners-up Alan Waterston of Supaturf Products, Chris Sharp of Maxwell M. Hart and Glen Hardcastle of Trident of Compstall each received a crystal rose bowl.

Richard Fry, manager of M&B's environmental products department, said: "Master Brain '83 accomplished what it set out to do, to encourage distributors' representatives to expand their knowledge of the product range and other matters related to the fine turf and amenity industry. The ultimate winner, however, will be the users who will benefit from the knowledge gained by those who entered the competition."

All finalists received a Master Brain certificate, as will all entrants who completed the series of question papers leading to the final.

## Winners At Windsor

Prize winning stands at the IOG annual international exhibition were:

- Group 1. (Stand areas up to 60sq m).  
 1. British Seed Houses.  
 2. Charles Lawrence (UK).  
 3. W.W. Johnson & Son.  
 Highly commended. T H White Engineers, Sports Turf Surfaces and Rock UK.

- Group 2. (Between 60 and 120sq m).  
 1. Maxwell M Hart  
 2. Villiers Mag Engines  
 3. AL-KO Britain  
 Highly commended. Toro Irrigation and D.W. Tomlin.

- Group 3. (Between 120 and 240sq m).  
 1. Ferrari UK  
 2. Rigby Taylor  
 3. Technamotor Sp.A.  
 Highly commended. Omark UK, SMP (Landscapes) and Victa (UK).

- Group 4. (Over 240sq m).  
 1. Homelite Division of Textron  
 2. Hayters  
 3. Wickstead Leisure  
 Highly commended. SISIS Equipment (Macclesfield).



Leslie Grout, the 1981 BBC Mastermind and 1982 International Mastermind champion, congratulates Duncan McNab.



Skill, speed and patience, not to mention a steady hand, were the prerequisites for winners of the May & Baker Mowchem Challenge at the IOG. Contestants had to steer a radio-controlled model lawnmower round an 80ft course avoiding eight obstacles. The fastest time each day won a set of garden furniture worth over £100. Each entrant received a May & Baker golf cap. The overall winner over the three days was I. Wherrell of Hampshire, who recorded a time of 25 seconds.

## Golden Jubilee For IOG

Next year, the Institute Of Groundsmanship celebrates its 50th anniversary. To mark the event, the institute will hold a banquet at the Goldsmiths' Hall, London, on Tuesday, January 10—the date of its foundation in 1934.

The institute will honour its president W.H. Bowles, head groundsman of Eton College for almost 50 years, and other founder members.

There will be a number of guest speakers including the Lord Charteris of Amisfield; Dick Jeeps, chairman of the Sports Council; Cliff Morgan, head of BBC TV outside broadcasts, and David Welch, director of leisure and recreation of the City of Aberdeen.

Banquet tickets are now available from the IOG at £25 per person, which includes a champagne reception, four-course dinner, wines, port/brandy and coffee.

## Chance To Pocket A Prize

At the IOG show NJB Mowers launched its 1984 promotion for the range of Lawnboy Mowers. The theme of the promotion is 'billiard table lawns that dreams are made of'. NJB Mowers gave away a half-size billiards/snooker table in a prize draw at the end of the show.

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# Appointments

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## **HEAD GREENKEEPER**

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Due to the retirement of the present postholder in March 1984, we intend to appoint a successor from 30th January 1984.

The Head Greenkeeper is responsible for a magnificent 18-hole municipal golf course and the surrounding parkland, totalling 250 acres. Extensive experience in greenkeeping and man management is essential and preference will be given to applicants with formal training in fine turf care. A service farmhouse is available if required.

**Application forms and further details are available from the Chief Executive Officer, Town Hall, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 1DP. Tel: Chorley 65611 Ext. 225. Completed forms should be returned by Wednesday, 14th December, 1983.**

CANVASSING OF ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL WILL DISQUALIFY.

**LAHINCH GOLF CLUB**  
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## **HEAD GREENKEEPER**

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# Appointments

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Applicants must possess a sound knowledge of modern turf management techniques, the use and maintenance of modern greenkeeping machinery, with the ability to motivate and lead staff.

Salary to be negotiated, commensurate with experience. No accommodation available.

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*Tel. Farnborough 540638*

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*Applicants must have proven ability in course maintenance and modern machinery and the ability to direct staff. Salary negotiable.*

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*The Secretary,  
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**SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**HEAD GREENKEEPER**  
18-HOLE MUNICIPAL COURSE

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