Linda Exley is yet another to join the growing ranks of females in greenkeeping, having been appointed assistant greenkeeper at Northwood GC, with specific duties and responsibilities for the upkeep of ornamental areas. Linda has a solid background in horticulture gained first at Askham Bryan College and backed with many years of teaching horticulture as an occupational therapist. Greenkeeper International joins with her many friends in the London section of BIGGA in wishing her good fortune.

Greenkeepers in the north east are over the moon following Tony McLure’s recent outstanding victory in the Lytham Trophy, a classic event widely though unofficially recognised as the British Stroke Play championship. Tony, a greenkeeper at Whickham GC, received the top class field with his masterful play over Royal Lytham and St Annes, scoring 72,70,77,73 in always blustery conditions for a brilliant 292 total. Tony has long been a major force in county scoring 72,70,77,73 in greenkeeping at Whickham GC, wowed the top class field recognised as the British Stroke Play championship. Tony, a great favourite, is always in sparkling order and we heartily endorse the verdict, whilst saluting John Philp, a highly talented course manager.

We were delighted to read in ‘Golf World’ that John Philp’s championship links at Carnoustie has again been voted ‘Number One Course in Great Britain’. Carnoustie, always a great favourite, is always in sparkling order and we heartily endorse the verdict, whilst saluting John Philp, a highly talented greenkeeper manager.

Arne Van Amerongen, latterly with John Philp at Carnoustie, has joined Brian D Pier- son (Contractors) Ltd as course manager for their new Hampworth Golf & Country Club project on the edge of the New Forest. Arne’s desire to increase his overall knowledge of the golf industry prompted him to join Pierson’s, thus adding construction skills to his already extensive greenkeeping knowledge. The 18 hole Hamp- worth course will be open for play in mid-1994.

Ian Harrison, BIGGA’s most recent champion and current holder of the accolade ‘IC Premier Greenkeeper of the Year’, is a man who knows more than a thing or two about greenkeeping. Not surprisingly, his new-found fame has brought him just rewards and he has left Darlington GC following some two decades of greenkeeping in the north-east.

His new task as course manager takes him to the propri- etary-owned Mendip Spring GC, a 27 hole complex in Som- erset that includes an 18 hole facility with enough water (eleven acres in total) to float the QE II, plus a nine hole par three. His many friends will surely join Greenkeeper International in wishing Ian and his family good fortune in this delightful part of Merrie ol’ England.

Called upon to identify 10 more or less common turf dis- eases, Andrew Jenkins, Southernndown GC, was the only greenkeeper to return a 100% correct quiz paper at the recent Westurf trade show. Most ‘near-miss’ entrants confused two similar though differing types of fairy ring. Andrew’s winning entry won him a magnum of champagne.

Matt Williams (Midlands section) wrote to advise us of his new status, that of greenkeeper at The Belfry, which came fairly swiftly after his redundancy from Moor Hall GC. He gratefully acknowledges Peter Woodward’s help and that of Dean Cleaver in bringing the matter to our attention via ‘Around the Green’. We wish him well.

The Kubota 18hp G1900S ride-on was presented to Charr- tide Park GC are winners of a Kubota ride-on mower won at the annual Kubota Draw organised by the Golf Foundation – a charity established in 1952 to promote and develop golf for young people.

Rachel Semlyen has been hired by BIGGA as PR and marketing consultant. The appointment follows Rachel’s success in handling press coverage of the BTME. According to BIGGA’s executive director, Neil Thomas, “the appointment shows we understand the value that good PR can give to the professionalism of the Association. Rachel Semlyen and her Associates have the experience and skills we were looking for to assist us in our future development.”

Rachel was marketing director of Rolawn for five years. Contact her on 0904 606355.