Richard makes it nine for MGC

Richard McNabb, who has been greenkeeping for more than 20 years, is the ninth Master Greenkeeper.

The 43-year-old American, pictured receiving his award from John Millen, is currently working as golf course superintendent at the 103-year-old Palmetto Golf Club in South Carolina. He moved to this 16-hole exclusive private club, which is maintained by six staff, after a couple of years at St Margarets in Dublin. This is where he heard about BIGGA and started working towards the Master Greenkeeper Certificate.

"I thought it would be a great achievement," he said. He flew in from a seminar in New York, stayed two nights in Harrogate and then went on holiday to Jamaica.

Prize guys

Prize winners in our BTME competition, Nigel Buxton, assistant head greenkeeper at Cavendish GC, and Stuart Hogg, assistant course manager at Fortrose and Rosemarkie GC, are congratulated by BIGGA's executive director Neil Thomas.

On a lighter note

"A consultant is someone who knows 50 ways to make love but doesn't have a girlfriend." - Jim Moore of the USGA

"I believe a green should be like a woman - it should be rounded and well contoured; it should be firm but still receptive, but of course it should be free from all fungal diseases and thatch." - George Brown, course manager at Turnberry.

"My wife figured why there aren't so many women superintendents - they're too damn smart." - Jim Moore of the USGA.

Chairman's message to all BIGGA members

Many thanks to our members who attended this exciting event. Your support is very much appreciated.

May I invite all our members to make an early diary note for next year's presentation - January 22-26 1996 - again in Harrogate. I can assure you of a rewarding learning experience.

- Barry Heaney