Don’t fall foul of change in law

I have felt it important to write with some important information which should be of interest to BIGGA members.

New Regulations regarding Special Waste became law on September 1, ’96. These new Regulations are of great importance to premises occupied by a Club, Society or Association. They affect you if you use pest control, especially if you put down liquid or granular insecticides. The terms and conditions apply to premises with a floor area exceeding 25 square metres or which is not used wholly or mainly to accommodate a private motor vehicle. This last point also raises questions regarding storage.

The Regulations allow for “clean” empty containers to be treated as commercial waste. The definition of “clean” however is very complex and will vary according to the active ingredient. United Nations research shows that even after “30 washings out” the containers are still contaminated. Plastic containers absorb their contents and therefore it is unlikely that such container can be “clean”.

The Environmental Agency and Health and Safety Executive are the enforcing bodies of the Regulations, not the Environmental Health Department of your Local Authority. Never remove or deface the label from the pesticide or any container, it is illegal and the contractor should refuse to accept any unmarked container. There is only one sure and safe way – dispose of your containers as Special Waste, then you are guaranteed that you have complied with the law.

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with members and trade. Having decided to stand down as administrators after this year’s Westurf it was nice to have a warm sunny day – like the very first year – to remember it by, and to make it complete we were overwhelmed by the kindness shown to us. Our thanks go to all the people who contributed to our presentation.

In my new capacity we hope to find time to visit all Sections and therefore keep in touch with many of the friends made over the years. Meanwhile we wish the Region and our new Administrators continued success.

Gordon and Marion Child

Please contest this proposal


It is with regard to teeing areas and it is proposed that, with effect from 1 January 2001, all distance points shall be positioned on tees so that they are not less than four yards in front of the rear of the tee. This is in place of the current two yards and my concern is that on small medal tees, or tiger tees, where, because of the topography of the land (or other reasons, SSSI etc) you would be unable to extend the tee size and this would place even more wear on the front of already overused tees.

While it may not be a problem on more recent designed/con- structed courses we certainly have a number of Medal tees, as I am sure other well established courses have, that only measure eight to 10 yards from front to back and to lose that two yards is losing up to 25% of the tee area.

Also to have to remeasure the course and provide new distance markers could prove an expensive operation for no great apparent benefit. I would hope BIGGA as a body would consider lobbying the Council of National Golf Unions to abandon this proposal and retain the status quo.

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