**Students aim for architects award**

An international line-up of students has designs on becoming the winners of the 2001 Toro Student Golf Course Architect Award, and the associated Barenbrug Award.

The nine students from Belgium, Chile, Slovenia, Germany and Croatia as well as the UK are studying on the two-year Diploma Course in Golf Course Architecture - organised by the European Institute of Golf Course Architects (EIGCA) - at Merrit Wood College, in Surrey.

The award was launched in 1999 in recognition of the important role played by golf course architects in the creation of quality golf courses around the world. All the final year students have presented a written and verbal dissertation to the judges on their diploma course thesis, as well as design ideas, detailed drawings and costings for a new golf course.

The judging panel comprised David Williams, Ken Moodie and Martin Gillett, representing EIGCA; external examiner Nigel Raud, dean of environmental studies at Herriot Watt University and Edinburgh College of Art; Bruce Jamieson, representing Toro and Paul Johnson, of Barenbrug.

David Williams commented: "The diploma course is extremely competitive and has attracted students from many different backgrounds, from all over the world. The relatively small intake allows for constructive discussion among the students and enables them to share valuable skills".

**Lastec UK Ltd**

Lastec, Inc., a division of Wood-Mizer Products Inc., has opened a factory branch in the UK. This branch "Lastec UK Ltd" can be found at Court Lodge Farm, Kenward Rd, Yalding, Maidstone, Kent ME18 6JP.

Lastec are the manufacturers of the Articulator Range of rotary mowers for the golf and amenity turf industry. With its patented belt drive system the Articulator range gives an excellent finish to grass cut from 25mm to 10mm over flat or undulating ground.

Lastec UK will be selling its range of Articulator rotary mowers through a network of dealers and its own salesmen. For demos, sales or spares please contact the Operations Manager John Millen on 01622 812103

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**Carden hosts Sportsworld Educational Event**

Sportsworld Amenity held its second Annual Educational Seminar at De Vere Carden Park at the beginning of April. Seventy delegates comprising of Greenkeepers, Secretaries and Club officials enjoyed presentations from Tracey Maddison of BIGGA, Peter Jones, Duncan McGilvary and Brian Butler.

Mathew Burrows, proprietor of Sportsworld Amenity also gave a short presentation outlining his aspirations with regard to customer service and educational support for the industry including the continued development of the day’s event.

Photo shows left to right: Brian Butler, Terry Adamson, Mathew Burrows, Bill Lawson, Tracey Maddison, Duncan McGilvary, Peter Jones, Trevor Helm, Andy Mardle, Dave Raman, Andy Campbell MC and Mike Whitehouse.