ALLAN MCDougALL

The Greenkeeping Fraternity, both north and south of the border, was shocked by the recent sudden death of Allan McDougall at the age of 44, especially as it was only months since he buried his father, Bob. Both Allan and Bob put a lot into the Association, particularly in the early days of BIGGA, supporting Tournaments, seminars and other events.

Allan’s career started under Jimmy Kidd, at the Glasgow Golf Club (Killemont), before taking up the position of First Assistant at Cowder Golf Club. He then moved on to become head man at Eastwood Golf Club before progressing to Stirling Golf Club. His next move was to Sandwell Park in the midlands before heading to Northern Ireland and Roe Park Golf Club then returning to take up the position of Course Manager at the Royal Mid-Surrey, which he enjoyed so much. No matter where he worked he made friends and we shall all miss those “catching up” moments at BTME. His life enriched many people’s lives. We should not cry because it’s over but smile because it happened.

He shall be missed by his friends, many from home and overseas, who attended his funeral, including The ‘Machrie Misfits’ of which Allan was President this year.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his wife, Janette, and his family, Mandy and Bobby, who is carrying on the family tradition of greenkeeping, as well as his mother, Jean, and brother, Donnie.

ROLawn

Anyone passing close to one of Rolawn’s turfing nurseries may be staggered to see the giant 21 gang mowers being used to cut the fields. Developed and built by the company itself the mowers fold up onto a manageable road using size, but expand when working to be able to mow 60 hectares per day, which is the equivalent of 60 football pitches.

AU REVOIR BEN

Ben Petitjean, Sales Manager Barenbrug UK, is to return to his native country to take up the position of Commercial Director of Barenbrug France. He will be responsible for the commercial policy of the company in consumer, amenity and forage product groups.

Ben joined Barenbrug UK in July 1996 as Area Manager for the Midlands and East Anglia. Quickly mastering the English language, he soon built up a loyal customer base throughout his trading area.

“During the last few years, Ben has taken on overall responsibility for our amenity business,” says Paul Johnson, Managing Director of Barenbrug UK. “He and his team have increased our market share across the board substantially.”

“All Ben’s colleagues wish him every success in his new post, and, as he is staying within the Barenbrug Group, it is very much a case of ‘au revoir’ rather than ‘goodbye’.”

PASSES ALL ROUND

Two members of the BIGGA Headquarters staff have joined the growing band of staff who have attained the European Computer Driving Licence.

Education and Training Manager, Ken Richardson, is pictured with Rachael Foster and Gemma Lee with their qualification certificates.

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