In 2005 we made history introducing ‘it’.
In 2010 we made history again introducing ‘them’.

Here comes the sun

With Summer Time now officially upon us we can look forward to longer days and lighter evenings, but if you are in large portions of this country you may well be enduring the headache of water restrictions.

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While we are supposed to live in a country of moderate climate the occasions when weather seems to be playing a part are increasing, although the until Climate Change lobby will say that a few years of hotter temperatures and higher or lower rainfall is nowhere near enough to indicate a true change.

I must say it has been strange, living in an area where we have had a decent amount of rain, listening to the weather men and women beginning their forecasts by saying: “Those of you looking for rain are going to be disappointed.”

The last major drought caused havoc within the industry with many courses suffering as a result and supplies of water being sought from some quarters.

In effect it is no different from a householder using water he has gathered from his own water butt, but it is all about perceptions isn’t it?

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Looking at variable speed pumps and what you can do to ensure efficency in your use of an irrigation system. The spotlight will undoubtedly fall on golf and any use of irrigation – irrespective of whether it is water from your own harvesting efforts or a licensed borehole – will draw adverse comment from some quarters.

I would like to add to the many tributes that have already been paid to Scottish Regional Administrator, Peter Floyd, who retires at the end of this month. He has become a friend to many, as well as a colleague, and has been the main point of contact with BIGGA for hundreds of Scottish based members.

Peter. Enjoy your retirement and keep that superb handicap of yours down as long as you can.

Scott MacCallum

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*2003/0500 E-Cut Hybrid Fairway Mowers received the prestigious 2010 KESO award.