In a follow up to last month’s article in Greenkeeper International on the Valderrama Declaration and the Committed to Green Foundation, Scott MacCallum travelled to Dorking to meet David Stubbs, and discuss the issues surrounding Committed to Green...

**THE DAVID STUBBS INTERVIEW**

**Greenkeeper International**: Can you tell me about the Committed to Green Foundation and why the decision was taken to move on from the European Golf Association Ecology Unit?

**David Stubbs**: I see the new Foundation as a seamless progression from the original Ecology Unit, which had been going for the last six years. It started as an in-house environmental advisory unit within the European Golf Association, essentially to help the golf authorities gain a proper understanding of environmental issues and how best to deal with them. We first developed an Environmental Strategy for Golf in Europe (published 1995), and this led on to a pilot project on a sample of courses from all over Europe, with a view to setting up an Environmental Management Programme for golf.

Early on we received vital support from the European Commission, which enabled us to take the programme forward and establish what is now known as Committed to Green. In the course of time, it was felt by our main funding partners - the R&A, European Tour and EGA - that the best way forward for Committed to Green would be on an independent basis. A key concern is credibility. If golf is to gain public acceptance as an environmentally friendly activity, we need a clear, credible system to demonstrate what is being achieved. An in-house green label would not make sense.

The new Committed to Green Foundation will, therefore, be an independent, not-for-profit trust, based in the UK but with a pan-European remit. We are in contact with the Charity Commission to try to obtain Charitable Status. Although our environmental and educational goals are generally accepted as charitable, to confine our activities purely to golf courses would not be. A charity has to offer general benefit to the public as a whole, and golf is too narrow a field.

As it happens, over the last few years there has been an increasing debate within other sports about environmental issues. In some circles there is talk of a European green label for sport. Given all we have already done in golf, I think it is essential that we are active players in this growing debate. It will give our Foundation the necessary wider scope, and for golf it should ensure that the game remains at the forefront of future developments in this field.

**GI**: Within the Foundation are there mechanisms for consultation with people who are working within the industry like greenkeepers?

**DS**: The Foundation is run by an independent Board of Trustees. We certainly plan to set up some form of consultative forum, whereby interested parties - funding bodies, industry organisations, environmental groups, etc. - come together to discuss current issues, to help us develop our strategy and action programme. I see this as an advisory commission, but very important in guiding our work. It should certainly include greenkeeping representation.

We also have a Technical Working Group to discuss the nuts and bolts of the Committed to Green programme. This started under the Ecology Unit and is basically for the National Ecology Officers who are employed by their respective national golf federations. These are not strictly ecologists, some are, but others come from more agronomic backgrounds, and some are in fact ex-greenkeepers. Their role is to develop golf-environment projects in their country and this means regular contact with greenkeepers on the courses they visit. Our group meetings usually involve the greenkeeper from our host site.

**GI**: It doesn’t sound as though there are any formal arrangements for anyone from the greenkeeping profession to contribute to those meetings?

**DS**: That is fair comment. My feeling is that through the original pilot projects, the continual work of the National Ecology Officers and liaison with clubs already signing up to Committed to Green, we have had considerable input from the greenkeeping profession. There is no way anyone can say we have ignored greenkeepers, but I do accept that this has not been apparent at a formal association level and I suppose that is where the problem is perceived.

One important principle I am keen to maintain is that all formal contact between the Committed to Green Foundation and the greenkeeping profession should be via FEGGA. We are a European programme and we need to be able to communicate with greenkeepers at that level. When FEGGA delegates come to our meetings - such as the recent Valderrama Summit - they are representing all 22 national greenkeeper associations, including BIGGA. We are doing exactly the same with the golf architects.

In future, therefore, we will certainly be happy for FEGGA to participate...
The Valderrama Declaration reads as follows:

Golf is a game rich in tradition and heritage, which owes its origins to nature. The first golf courses were formed entirely by natural elements and the game evolved to fit what nature provided.

However, like in many other sports, the pressures of modern life have tended to move the game away from its natural origins, as courses have increasingly become concentrated near to large population centres. Moreover, the growth of the game has spread golf far beyond its original climatic region, which has led to the need to confront new challenges in the field of course design and construction, and the management of turfgrass and water resources. The television image of manicured perfection reinforces the risk of golf becoming more and more disconnected from its natural environment. This is having a fundamental effect on how the game is played and perceived.

Golf has an enormous global following. It has the capacity to motivate and inspire. At the same time, when pursued without the limitations of a guiding environmental ethic, it can impact severely on ecosystems and communities. Golf is both influenced by, and exerts an influence on, the society and the natural environment in which it takes place. By drawing on its traditions and values, golf has therefore a remarkable opportunity, and a responsibility, to play a positive role in moulding the attitudes and goals of the world in which we live and to set an example in environmental stewardship.

Over recent years the golfing bodies in the USA and Europe have achieved a greater understanding of the environmental aspects of golf course construction and management. By using science as a foundation for research and education programmes in the areas of turfgrass management, sustainable development and environmental protection, it has been possible to develop initiatives and partnerships for the benefit of golf, the environment and people.

These actions represent long-term commitments embodied in the philosophy of a ‘Green Games’ ethic: a combination of environmental stewardship, economic efficiency and social responsibility, which together form the cornerstone of the international sporting community’s Agenda 21. By subscribing to this ethic, and by continuing to support the principles and practices of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program and Committed to Green, the golf community declares its commitment to sustainability and respect for its natural heritage.

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DS: I do not see Committed to Green as necessarily being greenkeeper-led. The whole concept is to involve the club as a whole - that is the only way to achieve lasting improvements. Across the different management categories I expect the bulk of the practical work to be done by the greenkeepers but not exclusively so. The focus is more particularly on wildlife and natural heritage aspects whereas the full Committed to Green programme is meant to be a fully integrated plan including aspects like communication, education waste management and energy efficiency. In this way the Charter is an essential intermediate step in the process along the Committed to Green path for Scottish clubs that choose to go this route.

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GI: What has been the response since you were launched? How many clubs have registered within the UK?

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GI: How does the Scottish Golf Course Wildlife Charter fit into Committed to Green?

DS: Committed to Green is a flexible structure, able to accommodate different national approaches. We have a common entry point (i.e. registration) and everyone eventually works towards a common goal (i.e. full recognition at European level). How they get there will depend greatly on the focus and support provided at national level. In this respect the Scottish Charter fits perfectly into the system.

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Wood and many more. So no way is there a preponderance of big name clubs. In Scotland, clubs like Linlithgow and Kilmacolm are very much at the forefront of the initiative.

On the other hand, it is important to have the tournament venues like Valderrama and The Belfry involved. They are in the public eye and they set examples to the rest of the golfing world. Indeed they should arguably be leading the way in environmental management. If you are right that we do not want any small clubs to be put off.

GI: What is the cost of getting enrolled?

DS: There is no enrolment charge. The real cost is mental strain in terms of getting people, the Committed to Green Team, to think about environmental matters. Any real expenditure should be for things they would have done anyway to improve the course, not simply to get a green award. I just hope that by thinking green, people will find better solutions to management problems; ones which enhance the golf playing experience, improve the environmental quality of the course and make for more efficient management.

GI: The other comment you hear is that it is held up by some organisations and individuals as a good cause and is purely in existence for reasons of political correctness.

DS: I don't think the golf authorities would have spent all this time and energy in developing Committed to Green if it was purely a PR exercise. I really don't understand such sentiments. If people truly care about golf and want to see the game continue to develop, they must recognise that environmental concerns have to be addressed in a proper, professional way.

We are also getting significant recognition from respected environmental groups and individuals such as WWF and Jonathon Porritt. They are not going to stand by and let golf get away with lip service, so we have to deliver.

GI: When do you think there will be a flow of clubs coming through and completing the programme?

DS: We are still working on the final recognition criteria but I hope that we can get an initial batch of fully certified clubs within the next year or so. It does take time. Bearing in mind your previous question, it would be disastrous if we rushed things through just to claim some numbers, without having everything in place. Credibility is the key; we need accepted Environmental Performance Indicators, we need a pool of experts around Europe to help with verification, so nobody can turn round and say it is some kind of internal fix.

GI: So when do you think you'll be going around making presentations to clubs which have completed the programme?

DS: It would be nice to peg the presentations to some major event, so we get all to the golf media. We had Committed to Green at the 1997 Ryder Cup, so maybe next year's matches at The Belfry would be a good target.

GI: What was the purpose of the Valderrama Summit?

DS: This needs explaining because I think there has been a few misunderstandings about it. The Valderrama Summit was primarily a joint meeting between the USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Committee and National Ecology Officers and the European Commission Environ-ment Directorate, on the same platform as the Presidents of the USGA and EGA and the Secretary of the R&A. This does not happen every day and was a unique chance to get them to agree a joint statement on common principles and goals relating to golf and the environment - hence the Valderrama Declaration.

Given how only a few years ago WWF was so sceptical about golf, I feel this was a fantastic achievement and an exciting development. It is one which the golf industry as a whole should be supporting.

GI: The fact that it was initially a USGA committee meeting perhaps answers the comment about there being an American bias.

DS: There was no American bias. Those comments in last month's Greenkeeper International were ridiculous - they were inaccurate and offensive. The Summit had a well balanced programme focusing on issues, not a comparison between countries. Technical research has been predominately American - that is a fact - so there was more emphasis on American research but when it came to practical matters like nature conservation and Committed to Green, then there was ample input from European participants.

GI: Although there was an under representation of European greenkeeping?

DS: There were two FEAGGA delegates there out of a total of about 35 Europeans. Indeed we had bent over backwards to get as many European greenkeepers were represented, so I am disappointed to hear such comments.

GI: How do you greet the news that member Associations of the World Wide Fund for Nature and the Committed to Green Declaration.

GI: Any other comments you'd like to make?

DS: Just to say I think we are all working towards common goals, and despite recent difficulties, I very much hope that the greenkeeping profession will get behind Committed to Green, so we can work together.
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West

Welcome to this month's news. Firstly I must apologise for the lateness of these notes and events, due to mis-scheduling. These items failed to materialise in the latter part of 1999.

The Autumn outing at Windyhill GC on 22 September was played on schedule. The day's weather started in sunshine, but as the time we teed off, the clouds gave way to broken spells of sunshine, although the wind was a tough breeze! A low turnout on the day with only forty three entries returned. Nevertheless some good golf, and some erratic golf, was returned. Nevertheless some good


Second: T. Hindmarch, Cowal GC. Longest drive went to S Bearsden, GC 96-13 (83). The prize went Rigby Taylor/Killermont v Crow to the Clubmaster, Andy Falkner, and on the Committee?

staff for having the course in great Wood, with Rigby Taylor/Killermont nament. Two teams gave a few days' none other than Jim Smith. Well

GC, for arranging his team so well Killermont v Souters. Into the final minute. After the preliminary rounds notice of cancellation and on the day Kilbride/Pollock and Rigby Taylor/Scottish Bodies turned out representing coun-

complex. We wish you all the best in your new post, Robert, and hope everything goes well for you.

Well wishes and every success to 'Tighnabruaich' for his appointment at Cathcart Castle GC.

Stuart Taylor will be trying to arrange an 11-a-side match against the Central and Northern Section on a Saturday in April. All interested should contact Stuart Taylor. Once again, please send me any information you have regarding anything! Well, just about anything. 

Iain MacLeod

Central

Here's the news you have all been waiting for! The number of the first winning ticket in the Club 2000 draw is No. 00247 and the lucky ticket holder is A. Brown, from Auchtarder. A cheque for £20 is already in the post. The winner of the February draw will be in next month's magazine.

On the new members front we welcome Sharon Laurie, from Elie Golf Club, to the Central and Northern Section's membership. Sharon was a very distinguished character, well liked by all who knew him. He was a very prominent greenkeeper and was always very active within our Association, even after his retirement. On behalf of the Argyll Section I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Harry's family.

I hear. Any news please call on 01505 683278

Iain Barr

East

Well I hope everyone had a good start to the new Millennium and you are looking forward to the year ahead. The start of the new season is only a matter of a few weeks away so hopefully it will be a good start one. The Section held its annual dance at the start of December and Eric Anderson provided the entertainment. It was a great success and everyone who was there. Hopefully we can get a few more along this year as numbers have dropped over the last couple of years. The Grand Draw was drawn at the dance and the top prizes were won by 1. TV/Video, name unknown, but it was a friend of Peter Omiston, Uphall Golf Club, 2. CD Miki hi-fi, Richard Mullen, at Royal Golf Club, 3. A car, which was won by various other people, names can be obtained from Craig Pennycuick, Social Convener. A decision will be made soon if this is to continue this year. Well I hope you have any ideas about the dance/grand raffle, or anything else.

At the last committee meeting various items were discussed and the following was decided, so here comes another boring old

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going on in the Section, drop me a line or give me a call on the usual numbers. Come on, let’s hear from you because it’s your section.

People on the move this month are yours truly. I am on the move to take up the position of Head Greenkeeper at West Linton Golf Club in January and I am looking forward to this as it will present a marvellous challenge and I look forward to working with the new team who have a very progressive attitude and a large membership.

What makes it more exciting is working at a club that has former Masters and British Open Champion Sandy Lyle as a member. Having been at Swanston GC for nearly nine years, I must say I have had a great time over the years and have made a lot of friends in the Club. I would like to thank the Captain, Secretary, committee and all the staff and members for making it a very enjoyable time. I would like to wish the club all the best for the future and may it go from strength to strength. I will be back regularly for a game, so hopefully I’ll see you all then.

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Back to the golf and despite the bad weather, there was no effect on the course. Everything is still good value for the day. Thanks go to the head handicapper pencil for you, be sure to follow.

The committee would like to thank Jeremy Duffield and Peter Barlow for their work and time during their years at Swanston GC. They have done so much for the club and members wish Donald all the best in his retirement.

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President, bestowed as a life member and co-opted back on to the committee, which clearly illustrates how valuable he has been and continues to be to our Section. All at Sheffield would like to thank him for his council over his many years as President and wish him and his family all the best for the future.

Out with the old and in with the new as they say! Congratulations to Barry Heaney, Past Chairman of our association on his appointment as President of our Section. Barry has been the hub of the Section for many years and in being appointed as President will ensure he remains integral to the continued development of our requirements.

Congratulations also to Alan Sumson on his appointment as committee member.

Alan, who works at Wortley Golf Club, is seen as an enthusiastic and active individual who will no doubt benefit our Section.

We would also like to welcome some new members to our Section. They are Andrew, Allerton GC; Adam Kendall, Brough GC; Andrew Billings, Brough GC; David Creaser, Brough GC; and Darren Thomas, Rothley Valley GC.

Finally, two dates to put in your diary. The President’s Day tour will be held at Wheatley Golf Club on Tuesday May 9th tee off at 1.30pm and the Annual Tournament is at Matlock Golf Club on Monday 10th July tee off at 1.30pm.

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April. Please contact Gary Edwards. Finally, welcome to one new member - North Wales

North Wales

A meeting was held on January 4 to decide that at our annual golf events the prize and trophy structure will be Greenkeeper members can win trophies and prizes, golf related only can win prizes and, as an appreciation of the trade, trade members will now have trophies to play for at each of our events donated by the Section. I hope it will be to everyone's satisfaction. Entrance fees will also be pegged to the same cost as last year and a review taken to see how much it has eaten into our funds at the end of the year. The annual North Wales - North West match will take place at Hazel Grove GC around the 20th April. Please contact Gary Edwards. Gary is also in discussion with Peter Leyton to see if the South Wales Section about a match around June - July to be held at a mid Wales venue. Again, any interest, get in touch.

Remember our spring tournament and regional qualifier is on April 5 at Frodsham Golf Course.

The annual College Seminar is on Wednesday 23rd February. Confirmed speakers are Bob Taylor, Conservation: David Stansfeld, The Role of the Agronomist, and my own Chairman of Greens, Jim Weir. A full itinerary will be sent to all clubs. Please try to get chairmen, secretaries, captains etc. interested. There's a lot happening out there and golf clubs need to know. The event will be chaired by Mike Cole, President of the WGU.

On March 22 we have a lecture again at the college on the rules of golf and the greenkeeper and noise levels. Please come along, free to members, £1 to guests. Starts 2.30 - 4.30 pm.

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East Midlands

This year's Christmas Tournament was held at Gkn Gorse GC on Thursday December 9. The day was fine and dry, but with a very strong cold wind making conditions very difficult. The format for the day being a Singles Stableford Prize. However, some very respectable scores were returned.

The winners were as follows: Category 1. Jeff Dickerson, Leen Valley, 30 pts; 2. Adi Porter, Greetham Valley, 28 pts; 3. Richard Barker, Kirby Muxloe, 28 pts. Category 2. 1. Gavin Robson, Lingdale, 27pts; 2. Mark Bindley, Kirby Muxloe, 27pts; 3. Jamie Bedford, Birstall, 25 pts. Trade & Associate. Pete Fell, Airtrics, 30 pts. I would like to thank Glen Gorse GC for extending courtesy of their main greens and very well presented course, not forgetting the steward & Stewardess for a fantastic Christmas meal. Next year's Tournament will be held at Oakmere Park GC, on Thursday, December 7 2000.

I would also like to thank all those who kindly took their time to fill in the recent questionnaire. The results of which will appear in next month's article.

Finally, I have now got my own e-mail address, so if any member should need to contact me via Email, the address is as follows: Antony.Bindley@beebo.net

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