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Continue to Learn with BIGGA at Harrogate, in January 2002, when the National Education Conference and Workshop Programme runs alongside the extended BTME Exhibition. The formal conference is presented in a new format to allow delegates maximum flexibility to gain the most from their visit. The BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition Seminars provide an opportunity to mix the exhibition with a range of Seminars allowing all delegates the opportunity to Continue to Learn. New for 2002 will be the Golf Club Show Education and Training programme which is aimed primarily at Golf Club Owners, Golf Club Secretaries and Chairmen of Green. This programme incorporates the very successful Running Golf Courses in the 21st Century, run jointly with STRI, with a range of seminars. Both programmes are open to all delegates, although members of BIGGA receive preferential rates. The Key Note speaker is Roger Black and this Session is free to all delegates. Finally, the very successful Careers Clinic will run alongside BTME.

National Education Conference
Monday 21 January and Tuesday 22 January, The Majestic Hotel, Harrogate
- Causes and Prevention of Turfgrass Stresses: Dr James Beard, President and Chief Scientist, International Turfgrass Institute
- Global Warming and the Golf Course: Keith Weatherhead, Cranfield University, John Bradwell, Turf Seed UK and Augustine Gaude, Turf Seed UK Ltd, Ruth Mann, Turfgrass and Plant Pathologist, STRI
- Redesign and Reconstruction of Golf Course Features: Jim Moore, USA Green Section; Brian Pierson, Golf Course Constructor; Donald Steel Group, Golf Course Designers
- Preparation for Winter Play: Ed McCabe, Course Manager, Brokenhurst Manor GC; Arthur King, Brokenhurst Manor Golf Club; George Sheils, Consulting Agronomist

Workshops
Monday 21 January and Tuesday 22 January, The Majestic Hotel, Harrogate
- Golf Course Design 1: Environmental Management; Emergency First Aid: Running Golf Courses in the 21st Century, All workshops run concurrently with Conference Sessions

BTME Seminars
Wednesday 23 January, Spa Royal Hall, Harrogate International Centre
Keynote speaker: Roger Black M.B.E. represented Great Britain at the highest level in the world of athletics, both as an individual 400 metres runner and as a member of 4 x 400 metres relay team.
- Seminar topics are as follows:
  - Bunker Renovation, Biological Disease Control, Higher Education in Sportsturf - MSc, 24 Staff, 18 Holes and a 6 Month Season, A Career in Greenkeeping, Germs, Gadgets and Inventions, Sulphur Burner Technology, Is It Right for You?, Preparing for the Ryder Cup in 2005, Designing the Future with Strategic Planning, Turfgrass Management, Training and Professionalism go Hand in Hand.

Golf Club Show Seminars
Wednesday 23 January, Majestic Hotel

Two Exhibitions
Running the Golf Club Show alongside the well established BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition is an exciting new concept which will enable golf club industry personnel of all disciplines to research and meet their product and service needs under one roof at the Harrogate International Centre. As such, visitors will be well rewarded for attending an event which enjoys a unique atmosphere and continues to be eagerly anticipated by exhibitors, delegates and visitors alike.

Banquet
The weeks events are rounded off on Thursday 24 January by the BTME/Golf Club Show Banquet, which is open to delegates of both shows. Returning to the Majestic Hotel, the Banquet stars the comedy duo Brahns and List supported by the Nightjars.
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Gaining Control

Duncan McIlvair’s article in last month’s magazine under the heading “Should we lead or should we be led” has already produced exactly the type of response he requested.

He ended the piece by urging you to respond and show the ‘powers that be’ within the golfing world that we are ready and willing to take on the responsibility necessary to ensure not only the efficient management of our golf courses but our own futures.

As I write, the November issue has only been with you a few days but we have seen, by our standards, that we are ready and willing to take on the responsibility necessary to ensure not only the efficient management of our golf courses but our own futures.

However, Duncan’s point was also about how to get to that ideal state of affairs and how do qualified professionals persuade golf clubs that they should be given a freer rein to get on and do the job.

As one of the correspondents says, “we wouldn’t tell an electrician how to wire a house or a mechanic how to fit a new engine.”

The difference in golf, however, is that while an electrician and mechanic have one right way to do a job and many wrong ways, in greenkeeping there is a perception, rightly or wrongly, that you can choose from a range of approaches. That brings “opinion” to the table and, let’s face it, everybody has one.

The Course Manager has, therefore, to persuade the Green Committee that his opinion carries more weight than that of the collective group of club members who make up that Committee.

Put it another way. The Committee can feel that, unlike on issues such as wiring houses or fitting engines to cars, its opinion on matters agronomic is worth hearing. Of course that, in the vast majority of cases, is nonsense and a typical case of “there’s one perception, rightly or wrongly, that you can choose from a range of approaches. That brings “opinion” to the table and, let’s face it, everybody has one.”

The Committee can tell a Course Manager about a broken sprinkler head, or a litter bin which has not been emptied for weeks, it can then make the jump to wondering if the agronomic welfare of the course is also being similarly “neglected.”

One of the answers, therefore, is not to give a Committee any ammunition. By beating the committee to the punch on what might be otherwise regarded as the small things, it might ultimately give you more freedom to look after the more important issues.

I hope this doesn’t come across as a case of teaching egg sucking methods to mothers but more a case of adding a few personal thoughts to the interesting insights raised by Duncan.

Have a superb Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Scott Macalum
Editor

Gentleman’s dinner a big success

The average golf club might have about 20 Members in the Spikes Bar when a proud golfer returns from his round having scored a hole-in-one. Not so for John Cook, the Chairman of Greenkeepers Club, who chose the 153 yard par 3 17th hole at Walton Heath Old Course for his magical moment. On this occasion however there were 100 golfers plus another 20 guests ready to enjoy the evening banquet and entertainment at the South East Region’s Gentleman’s Dinner.

Needless to say, in keeping with tradition everyone enjoyed a drink with John in the form of an after dinner brandy.

The event should have happened last March but had to be postponed due to the Foot and Mouth epidemic but the Region was indeed fortunate that Walton Heath Golf Club could accommodate us later in the year. With very wet weather on the Saturday and Sunday things were looking very doubtful. Neighbouring courses had been closed due to the rain but Clive Osgood, Mick Haynes and their Staff did a tremendous job in having ready the golf course without having to consider the opinion of the powers that be within the golfing world.

The golf was incredible. The ‘Shullockie Putter’ was won by James Seisun, Highgate Golf Club, with a unbelievable 42 points playing off 8. A full list of prize winners who received their prizes from Walton Heath Captain Peter Souster after first enjoying a superb banquet and after dinner entertainment from Bob Webb were:-


Happy retirement to Claus

Claus Detlef

Detlef had done for his many friends in BIGGA, and went on to become its European basis and as Chairman of the German Association he worked unceasingly to that end.

His efforts came to fruition in March 1996 with the formation of the Federation of European Golf Greenkeepers Associations. Claus was the guiding light behind this Association and went on to become its Chairman. Greenkeepers throughout Europe have much to thank him for as today there is a close unity amongst greenkeepers and their Associations.

At the recent German Greenkeepers Association Conference in Dortmund, BIGGA Chairman, Clive Osgood expressed the Association’s appreciation of all that Claus-Detlef had done for greenkeeping and greenkeepers. In making a presentation to him on behalf of his many friends in BIGGA, Clive thanked him and wished him a very happy retirement.

Turf industry recovers

According to the Turf Growers Associations 11th market survey, carried out during the summer, members are well-placed to meet this demand over the coming year, having recovered well from the flooding of autumn 2000 and the cold, wet start of 2001.

Autumn and spring sowings are largely in balance with crops heading towards maturity at sufficient levels to meet projected sales during 2002.

However, the survey shows that a market slowdown was being anticipated by members with sowings planned for this autumn leaning towards prudence.

According to TGA spokesman, Graeme Forbes, events occurring in the USA and Middle East since the survey was completed have heightened concerns also of a global slowdown and even a recession.

"Any fall in consumer confidence is likely to have a knock-on effect on the house building market, which is a key outlet for cultivated turf," he commented.

"Clearly turf growers will be watching home and world events closely as they go through the winter and approach the spring sowing period."

New man for Reco

Reco has appointed a specialist demonstrator for the Kioti range of compact tractors launched at SalteX this autumn.

David Brood has a degree in agricultural engineering from Harper Adams College and previously worked in the European export department at Renault Agriculture.

He has practical experience of tractor operation, including shop floor assembly, servicing, in-field operation and dealer product training. He will be available to demonstrate Kioti tractors and provide detailed training to dealers and end-users as part of Reco’s support for its range of ground care equipment.
A call for regulation

Donald Steed reiterated his call for regulation of clubs and balls at the sixth American Society of Golf Course Architects International Golf Conference held in St Andrews recently.

During the same conference in 1997 he had urged the lawmakers to exert tighter control on the manufacture of clubs and balls, and suggested that the lawmakers consult with architects on the subject.

At St Andrews this year, he reminded Society members, who include 150 leading North American golf course architects, of his earlier statement and what has happened in the interim.

"In those four years, the advance in the realms of the manufacture of clubs and balls has perhaps been more dramatic than in any other four-year period in the entire history of the game. There is no wish to be over dramatic, but there is a definite fear that the situation is riding out of control," he said.

After its latest St Andrews meeting the Society declared that there should be a "line drawn in the sand soon" or technology could render many courses obsolete.

SGM Masterclass

The latest innovations on the newest models of Textron machinery were unveiled to greenkeepers and officials from 90 top golf courses at a recent Scottish Grass Machinery Fine Turf Masterclass.

The open day followed a recent announcement by SGM that it had sold 100 Jacobsen fine turf mowers, in deals topping the £3 million mark, in the past 12 months. SGM estimate that the sales of Jacobsen equipment accounted for 55% of all fine turf equipment sold in Scotland last year to top courses including the Roxburghie, Royal Burgess, Arddrie, Alloa and Blairgowrie.

The event was split into three fine turf areas where specialists in tees, fairways and greens had the opportunity to exhibit the latest innovative designs. Ian Bridges, Regional Manager of Textron, demonstrated the new Greensking VI greens machine, which is the lightest mower in its class due to the resourceful use of metal and components.

The day ended with an opportunity to participate in the machinery driving competition and the chance for delegates to perfect their golf swing with John Caven and Neil Marr, from Meldrum House Golf Club. Each delegate left with a computer-generated profile of their golf swing.

"The day was one of our most successful open day's yet. Again, Textron had a great range of new products and it was a good opportunity for our customers to meet with the experts," said David McIntyre, Managing Director of Scottish Grass Machinery.

Satellite operation

To extend the areas serviced by their existing specialist distributors, Sovereign Surf has set up a number of new satellite operations to supply turf and grass seed.

Mill Race Nurseries, one of the largest wholesale nurseries in the South East of England, and Sibleys Green Nurseries based at Thaxted operate under the umbrella of Sovereign's distributor Crowley Turf. Significantly extending the area previously covered, clients from Harlow, Bishops Stortford, Braintree, Chelmsford and Colchester right out to the East coast can be serviced.

"This move is part of our on-going expansion plans designed to double the business in five years. It provides experienced agents who can promote our turf and seed to landscapers, local authorities and sportsturf managers," said Steve Williams, Sales Manager.

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St Andrews Bay

Sam Torrance, Europe's Ryder Cup Captain has opened the Torrance Course at St Andrews Bay the £50m golf resort, spa and conference centre, his first ever course design.

The 7020 yard, par 72 course set on cliff tops overlooking St Andrews will be joined next summer by its sister course the Devlin providing 36 holes of true championship golf.

"I've been asked to design courses previously and said no, but it's only once in a lifetime that you get asked to build a course with such a dramatic setting - especially at St Andrews. This time it had to be yes," said Sam.

The £7m design is part of the exciting new resort that opened earlier in the year, the vision of Don Panoz, an American pharmaceutical magnate. St Andrews Bay is the first European property of Chateau Elan Hotels and Resorts.

"Our investment has been significant at St Andrews Bay and our next phase of development is on schedule including the Devlin course. Although this year has been a difficult one for the entire UK tourism industry, we've developed a product and level of service that provides a point of difference to both the business and leisure sectors," said Don.
Allen Power open day

Allen played host to nearly 200 dealers and their salesmen in a recent series of demonstration days in Scotland, the north and south of England. The first day at Murryshall Hotel and Golf complex near Perth was well attended by dealership representatives from all over Scotland and the far north of England.

The entire range of Allen equipment was at the disposal of dealer sales personnel to test and try the machines in a variety of demanding situations.

Also in attendance from the suppliers was Mark Barnett from Honda who went through the new engines and Tim Mitchell from Friedly Robotics who manufacture the Robomow robotic mower recently taken on by Allen.

The culmination of the road shows came at Blenheim Palace, near Oxford. Over the two days 100 dealers and their staff had the Allen range presented to them against the stunning background of Blenheim.

Try the Samuel Ryder Cocktail!

Celtic Manor has developed a cocktail in honour of the club’s successful bid to host the Ryder Cup in 2010. The 2010 might well have appealed to seed merchant, Samuel Ryder, as it is produced with ingredients which are based on grasses and herbs.

They include Zubrowka vodka, each bottle of which contains a blade of Bison Grass; Pikesville Rye Whiskey, and Galliano, the famous Italian herbal liqueur in a distinctive bottle.

Preparation
25ml Galliano
25ml Zubrowka Bison vodka
25ml Pikesville Straight Rye Whiskey

Preliminaries
Stirred not shaken over ice. Chill the glasses and shaker with ice and drain when ready for use. Add ingredients to shaker and stir vigorously for 30 seconds then strain into glass.

Presentation
Garnish with the tip only of a sprig of fresh mint and a 1cm twist of lemon, preferably organic.

Support boost for Hydroscape

Simon Squires has joined the Hydroscape Group as the company’s UK Technical Support Manager.

Simon’s brief covers all technical aspects of the Hydroscape Group’s distribution interests, ranging from Toro golf irrigation products, Otterbine Barebo (water) aerators, Global Atmospherics electrical storm warning systems to Sweetwater International sulphur burning units.

Simon recently worked closely with St Andrews Links Trust officials as Contracts Manager responsible for the second phase of the £940,000 irrigation update of the Old, New and Jubilee courses, completed in May of this year.

Prior to that, he managed phase one of the St Andrews project, involving irrigation for approaches, greens, tees and fairways on the Eden, Balgove and Strathclyrum courses which was completed within budget and ahead of schedule, in 1999.

“We are delighted that Simon has become part of our team. He will fulfil a key role in providing technical support for the complete product range which we, a national distributor, are marketing in the UK and Ireland, unaided by many other industries that employ professional, well-trained managers to manage their major asset, and then expect them to be told by committees and members how to manage this asset and, of course, if this asset is in poor shape then it’s the manager’s fault.

In answer to Duncan’s question we should, of course, lead. We are well-trained professionals who have been trained to understand how our courses should be managed. But we need strong minded greenkeepers who have a sense of tradition and of what is right, who want to lead and if they are not out there already then managers from other professions will eventually end up managing many golf courses with dangerous implications. These managers will have no sense of tradition and will undoubtedly change the face of British golf.

As greenkeepers we need good training and first-rate leadership to help us in these difficult times. Where this comes from is the real question.

Golf clubs also need to look at themselves very closely too, as their aspirations for their golf course are far too often wide of the mark and against what is traditionally right. We live in an "environmentally friendly" world yet many clubs want to produce a totally artificial environment instead of a natural course that enhances it.

First and foremost we, as greenkeepers, need to come to the front and lead the way forward. We then need our members, committees and professionals to leave us to do what we do best, without having to pandering to them and work our management around them.

They are the ones who need educating. Who does that is the next question...
Professional concern

I would like to thank Duncan for having the guts to stand up and say what he believes and to air his views in public.

I have spent most of my greenkeeping career working on the continent except for three years when I returned to work in the UK at one of Duncan's average members' clubs. All I will say is that the politics at this club caused a constant fight between me, trying to do my job as a professional, and amateurs trying to tell me what to do. We had four Club Secretaries in two years! I am not saying that all members' clubs are like this but I believe that, after talking with many colleagues, the majority are.

I talked with a leading consultant who advised me to return to the continent. His reasons were quite clear. The greenkeeping profession has come so far in the last 15 years but the committees has not changed for the last 30 years and herein lies the problem. So where does that leave us. Good Course Managers become disillusioned and yes many are leaving the industry. Last year a drainage company advertised for a contracts estimator. I talked with the Managing Director of this company and he asked me what on earth is going on within the greenkeeping industry. He informed me that 70 Course Managers had applied for the vacant position. Need I say more?

We have a choice in life. You can either accept your present position or do something about it. In my case I left my club in the UK and am now working in Scandinavia where I am treated as a professional and allowed to exercise my abilities and management skills that I have acquired over the last 27 years.

So what is all this nonsense about golf professionals and interested club officials wanting to get involved in greenkeeper training?

Where were these people 20 years ago when we as an industry were educating ourselves as they did not want to know? As for greenkeepers not wanting to take on the demanding role of training here is one greenkeeper who did the opposite.

When I worked in Switzerland there was no greenkeeper education system at all and no contact between the greenkeepers themselves. The greenkeepers learned their profession by making mistakes and learning from them. I brought all the greenkeepers together by organising the first Swiss Greenkeepers' Golf Championship, and followed this up by organising education days at my club. I then helped create the Swiss Greenkeepers Association and set up the first ever greenkeeper education programme in Switzerland with David Golding, CPC using the Level 2 Training log book that we had translated into French and German. I did all this without any help from golf professionals or club members. I did all this for the love of my profession and to help my fellow colleagues and the end result is better maintained golf courses for the Swiss golfers and a greenkeeping profession that is now recognised by the Swiss Golf Association, with a far higher profile for greenkeepers in their country.

So after 15 years of going forward do we now need amateurs telling us what to do? Do these people not realise that if there is a problem today that they are the ones who have created it? What are golf club committees afraid of? It really is quite simple. You employ the best Course Manager that you can, give him the budget, staff and materials how to wire a house nor would they tell an electrician to fit a new engine. Greenkeeping is a very professional job with lots of skills.

We must lead. Not be led.

Well done, Duncan.

Harrow Blackshaw, Assistant Greenkeeper
Onneley GC, Staffs

Run by committee

With reference to Duncan McGilvray's article in last month's magazine, I feel that the issue is a very complicated one. As a greenkeeper of nearly 30 years I think that while we still have an industry that is run by mainly well meaning amateurs we have got a problem. Committees change too often and they don't have the right credentials to do the work that they put themselves up for, and there's the problem.

However I feel that will change as they become aware of their responsibilities in law. We are already seeing the shift in secretaries from the retired RAF types to the ex banking men and women.

Only when the present private members' club structure changes will any of us be allowed to take on the responsibilities that we crave and know we can do.

It will happen but it will be legislation which will force the issue in the average members' golf club.

Dave Goodridge, Head Greenkeeper
Denbeigh GC

Redexim clarification

I enjoyed the piece in the September issue about the Barged Golf Club, but I think the writer must have had trouble reading his shorthand.

I was somewhat bemused by the statement "the course uses a Wiedemann verti-drainer" as there being no such animal. VertiDrain is a Redexim Trademark and while it has been used as a verb over the years the name cannot be used in conjunction with Wiedemann.

The piece of equipment used at the Barged Golf Club is indeed a Redexim VertiDrain, and is verified by turning the page and finding a picture of our machine in storage on a pallet!

While pleased to see our machine featured, I wonder if there is some way you could clarify the situation regarding the VertiDrain name and the correct company that manufactures it.

David Jenkins, Managing Director
Charterhouse Turf Machinery Limited
Bernhard’s ten to hit Orlando

Was it really a year ago, I thought, when my diary showed the October week allocated to the selection of the second BIGGA Delegation in association with Bernhard & Company? A year since we selected the ten BIGGA members to visit the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association Conference and Show in Vancouver? What a memorable event that had turned out to be, greatly benefitting our delegates who have since passed on their experiences in a number of both formal and informal ways to fellow greenkeepers. It was a pleasure, therefore, to hear from Stephen Bernhard of the success of the visit from his company’s perspective and of his wish to support a second Delegation, this time to the 73rd GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show in Orlando, Florida.

The itinerary looked daunting and the geography considerable, with the five BIGGA Regions to be covered in five days but with much to be gained - not only for those selected but also for the runners-up who will be associated with their trips to BTME 2002 in recognition of their being worthy representatives of both Section and Region. It is not only the candidates who gain but also those who undertake the interviews.

From my own viewpoint, I interviewed 23 members during the week and again this year that proved to be a valuable learning experience. I feel sure, also, that both Stephen and Sam McLean learnt much from the exercise. Two Regional Board representatives joined each Regional Panel. I was ever present while the interview process has again been thoroughly enjoyable experience. Above: Flashback to last year’s Bernhard’s delegation to Vancouver, Canada

The Delegation

Midland Region
Philip Gates - Trentham Golf Club
David Winterton MG - Maidenhead Golf Club
Northern Region
Tony Smith - Huskisson Hall Golf Club
Patrick McAteer - Nefyn Golf Club
Scottish Region
Ronnie Burns - Kilmaronock Golf Club
Jim Paton - West Kilbride Golf Club
South West & South Wales
Ivor Scoones - Long Ashton Golf Club
Jeff Mills - Taunton & Pickeridge Golf Club
South East Region
Ian Willett - Thorpeness Golf, Hotel & CC
Tony Dunstan - Mill Hill Golf Club

Above: Flashback to last year’s Bernhard’s delegation to Vancouver, Canada

Bernhard’s Managing Director, Stephen Bernhard, explains his thoughts behind the scholarships

Earlier this year Bernhard & Company were delighted to host 10 British greenkeepers to represent our industry by attending the Canadian National Turf Show in Vancouver. The visit was a great success, new friends were made and the connection between the British and Canadian greenkeepers was strengthened.

Bernhard’s are delighted to again take the initiative in further developing this relationship with international greenkeepers by sponsoring another group of ten BIGGA members to travel to the GCSAA National Show in Orlando next February.

The interview process has again been enlightening. As before, many personal views have been expressed by candidates. Certainly the need for more effective local communication has become widely felt. Education is being asked for but at a local level and with greater involvement from suppliers. Bernhard’s embrace this view.

We believe that involvement of this type in the British industry and sharing knowledge and experiences of our American customers, will boost standards of working practices and knowledge of participants on both sides of the Atlantic.

As the world is moving again into a cycle of economic constraint, we will all need to become more effective. That will mean working smarter and with greater flexibility. By hosting events of this type, Bernhard’s enjoy the opportunity to listen to what our colleagues in the industry are saying, learning how best to help them by supplying grinding equipment that also works smarter and meets the real needs of the market.

During this trip to Orlando, visitors will enjoy an opportunity to see a totally different type of “destination golf experience”. Hopefully the information that they gather will be disseminated to their colleagues at home, for that is the objective of this venture.

Bernhard’s feel that it is essential, this year, that each BIGGA Region and every individual Section ask the locally selected representatives to spend some time with members sharing the experiences of the trip during an evening presentation.

Once again, we have a varied and interesting group of British Greenkeepers who will represent our industry in Orlando. Bernhard & Company are proud to be the sponsor and wish all those travelling an interesting and thoroughly enjoyable experience.
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  - Euan MacDonald, North
  - Craig MacKay, North
  - Kevin McCole, Central
  - Alexander Stevens, West
  - Graham Sutherland, West
- Northern region
  - Lee Fletcher, N West
  - Scott Paris, Northern
  - Lee Richardson, Northern
  - David Robinson, Northern
  - Andrew Stacle, N West
  - Kyle Stocker, N West
  - Andrew West, Northern
- Midlands region
  - Harold Blackshaw, Midlands
  - Graham Blum, Mid Anglia
  - John Button, Mid Anglia
  - Philip Byers, Midland
  - Benjamin Cumberland, E Midland
  - Maxwell Fuller, BIRKO
  - Chris Garrett, Mid Anglia
  - John Gower, Midland
  - Richard Hawkins, Midland
  - Aaron Peers, E Midland
  - Jonathan Poole, E of England
  - David Seals, E Midland
  - Harry J Stanley, E Midland
  - Stephen Turnipridge, E Midland
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  - Gregg Hall, Kent
  - Neil Kortasis, London
  - Sean O’Connell, Sussex
  - Jason Sarnas, Sussex
  - Michael Schiers, Kent
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  - Andrew Wool, E Midland
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