tion. Last but not least our thanks must go to Perranporth Golf Club for allowing the Section use of their facilities and all their staff who made our day run so smoothly.

As usual January brought an exodus of greenkeepers from our counties to attend the BTME show held in the lovely town of Harrogate. With the BTME show seminars and conference offering so much in education many members decided to travel independently. The Region’s coach departed from Fingle Glen on the Monday with videos on board to keep members amused on the long trip North. Most of the Region’s members were able to stay in the same hotel, which created an excellent atmosphere.

The show itself just seems to get better each year and is now one that you can’t afford to miss. Many members attended the Amenity Technology evening which was just buzzing with greenkeepers from all over the world.

Congratulations must go to our Regional Administrator, Paula, and Stuart Ashworth, of Amenity Technology who had organised the Supaturf meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, March 20.

Richard Whyman

For a quality, precision cut, take a ride on one of our quality, precision-engineered machines. Toro’s Greensmaster® ride-on greens mowers are renowned for their superb finish, reliability, productivity and ease-of-use. And it’s quality that lasts, for they also have a reputation for durability and a high residual value. Now, a new improved Greensmaster® is available - the 3250 with a larger, more powerful engine to give even higher productivity. And if it’s a pedestrian mower you require, our classic Greensmaster 1000 greens mower is just one of a superb range guaranteed to build your reputation for quality greens.

Simply telephone on 01480 226800 and we’ll arrange for a local dealer to contact you.
WIN!

THIS EXCLUSIVE JACKET

Don't miss your chance to win this fantastic jacket worth £60 in our exciting new Buyers' Guide competition in association with Allen Power — 'THE TURFTIME TEASER'.

Entry could not be simpler! Listed below are a series of clues relating to ONE company featured in the ever popular Buyers' Guide. Take care to look through all the products and services shown and write down the name of the company which you think you have the correct clues refer to.

WHO ARE WE?

1. We offer cost effective solutions
2. Backwards, our telephone number reads: 607218 58710
3. Our name is a clue to where we are based

Write down your answer and jacket measurement on a postcard and send your entries to:

TurfTime Teaser, Greenkeeper International, BIGGA HOUSE, Aldwark, Alne, York YO61 1UF

Entries to reach us no later than Monday 18th March 2002. The first correct entry drawn will receive an exclusive squall jacket.

Bio-Technology

Thinking about a biological programme?

First ask a biologist

Thatch Reduction
Disease Prevention
Fine Grass Growth

Tel: 01372 456101
www.symbio.co.uk

Bunker Rakes

BUNKER RAKES

MEMBERS STRONG TRADITIONAL SHAPE
1 to 24 - £2.95 EACH
25 to 49 - £2.75 EACH
50 to 100 - £2.50 EACH
(15" WIDE COMPLETE)

Flag 95p
Hole cups 2.50
Flags from 95p etc.

Grasskeepers/Distributors - FREE SAMPLE

FAIRWAY PRODUCTS
Unit 8, Park Industrial Estate, Burn Lane, BURSTON, NR13 6UJ
Tel: 0161 763 7060

Drainage

Keep your greens OPEN ALL YEAR!

- Revolutionary new method of opening greens
- Fraction of the cost of traditional drainage

Recent contracts include: Market Drayton, Trentham, Chester and Sandfield Golf & Driving Range

Design, installation and maintenance service

Tel: 01257 553521 Fax: 01257 553527
Appley Bridge, Wigan, Lancs.

DUNCAN ROSS
LAND DRAINAGE
Limited

COTTON & DOWNES
CONTRACTORS

Sportsturf Trenching Machines
Gravel Banding
Full Drainage System Design

01986 798888
www.cottonanddownes.co.uk

MJ ABBOTT
QUALITY LAND DRAINAGE
Limited

DESIGN’S INSTALLATION
PRIMARY SYSTEMS
SAND SLITTING
GRAVEL BANDING

Dinton • Seshbury • Witton SP3 5EB
Tel: 01722 716361 • Fax: 01722 716828
www.mjabbott.co.uk

NORTH STAFFS IRRIGATION LTD

DRAINAGE

Consulting: Watering/Drainage Specialists

E-mail: NorthStaffs.Irrig@btinternet.com

North of England: 01782 212550

www.mjabbott.co.uk
British Turf & Landscape Irrigation Association

"Quality by Association"

Our aim is to ensure you have the best possible irrigation system so we constantly monitor, maintain and raise the standards of our members. For a full list of members contact David Halford

Tel/Fax: 07041 303130
Website: www.btlia.org.uk

M. J. Abbott Limited

Irrigation Specialists

- Design
- Supply
- Maintenance
- Installation

Dinton • Salisbury • Wiltshire SP3 5EE
Tel: 01722 716361 • Fax: 01722 716328
www.mjabbott.co.uk

T&G Irrigation

Golf Course and Sports Turf Irrigation since 1984
oakdale.uk.com
info@oakdale.uk.com
Phone: 01427 874200
Fax: 01427 875333
Design, installation and maintenance

York & Martin

Golf Irrigation Consultants

Speak to Europe's most experienced, independent consultants for objective, unbiased advice, before deciding

York & Martin
PO Box 1792 Forthbridge Hants, SPG 7YD, U.K.
Tel: 01243 652087 Fax: 01243 652281
E-mail: sales@geosynthetic.co.uk
www.geosynthetic.co.uk

Lake Construction/Liners

Liners for lakes, ponds and storage lagoons from the UK's leading contractor
Comprehensive advice regarding design and construction of water areas

Tel: 01206 262676 Fax: 01206 262598
E-mail: sales@waterproofingservices.com
www.waterproofingservices.com

WATERPROOFING SERVICES

POND & LAKE LINING SPECIALISTS

CONTACT US ON
TEL/FAX: 01249 655339
MOBILE: 07768 836316
EMAIL: info@waterproofingservices.com

Golf Course Supplies

M.J. Abbott

Irrigation Suppliers

Established 45 years
ONGAR, ESSEX
01277 890274

Pearl


Grass Machinery

Large selection of new and second hand Turf Maintenance Machinery in stock.
FREE DELIVERY IN UK.
Warranty given. Also interested in purchasing surplus machines.
Tel/Fax: 01829 733432
Mobile: 07778 063418

March 2002 Greenkeeper International 43
FOR SALE

Scottish Greenkeeper, age 34, with 15 years experience, including 4 years as a Deputy Head Greenkeeper, seeks exciting and challenging position. Currently employed in construction and maintenance of new links course. Fully conversant in Greenkeeping methods, construction, drainage, irrigation and machinery. Qualified to SVQ level 3. Spraying certificates PA1, 2A, 6A; JCB certificate; supervisory and training skills.

Tel 01278 782207

You can email your classified advertising and recruitment copy requests to:

sales@bigga.co.uk

Scottish Greenkeeper, age 34, with 15 years experience, including 4 years as a Deputy Head Greenkeeper, seeks exciting and challenging position. Currently employed in construction and maintenance of new links course. Fully conversant in Greenkeeping methods, construction, drainage, irrigation and machinery. Qualified to SVQ level 3. Spraying certificates PA1, 2A, 6A; JCB certificate; supervisory and training skills.

You can email your classified advertising and recruitment copy requests to:

sales@bigga.co.uk

THE WISLEY GOLF CLUB

wish to recruit an

ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER

The Wisley is one of Britain's premier Private Courses. An exclusive 27 hole members club designed by Trent-Jones Jr., and situated in delightful Surrey countryside.

The successful applicant will be self motivated with suitable experience and a sound knowledge of all turf maintenance practices. They should be an enthusiastic and hard working person, reliable and capable of working happily within a large team environment.

Salary negotiable, commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Please apply in writing with full CV to:

The Course Manager, The Wisley Golf Club, Church Farm, Wisley Lane, Wisley Surrey GU23 6QL

THE WISLEY

WIN!

Don't miss your chance to win this fantastic jacket worth £60 in our exciting new Buyers' Guide competition in association with Allen Power 'THE TURFTIME TEASER'

THE WISLEY

PYLE AND KENFIG GOLF CLUB

require a

DEPUTY LINKS SUPERINTENDENT

Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club is a championship links course situated on the Bristol Channel with panoramic views across to Somerset and the Gower Peninsula. During 2002 the club will co-host the British Amateur Championship and stage the Welsh Stroke Play and Welsh PGA Championships.

Applications are invited for the above position from dynamic professionals seeking to advance their career by gaining championship links experience. Applicants should already hold a supervisory position, although links experience is not essential.

Strong man management skills and an enthusiastic positive nature are a prerequisite for this position. Communication skills are also vitally important as you will be required to make presentations to the golf club committee from time to time.

Experience of modern machinery and PC operated irrigation systems are required, plus NVQ Level 3 and PA1, PA2, and PA6 spraying certificates.

We offer excellent working conditions, plus a competitive salary package.

Applications in writing plus a curriculum vitae to:

Raymond Hunt, Links Superintendent, Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club, Waun y Mer, Kenfig, Bridgend CF33 4PU

Closing date: 29 March 2002
**LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB**

Has a vacancy for an

**ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER**

We currently have a vacancy for an experienced Assistant Greenkeeper to join the existing team on our established 36 hole links complex.

Salary according to age and experience

Applications in writing with CV by 10th March to:-

The Secretary, Littlestone Golf Club, St Andrews Road, Littlestone, New Romney, Kent TN28 8RD

Tel: 01797 363355

---

**WYRE FOREST GOLF CENTRE LTD**

Requires a

**HEAD GREENKEEPER**

Applicants should have a good working knowledge of turf and machinery maintenance, irrigation and personnel leadership.

Applications in writing with full c.v. to

Simon Price, General Manager, Wyre Forest Golf Club, Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY11 7EX.

Telephone: 01299 822682

---

**REDBOURN GOLF CLUB & DRIVING RANGE, ALDWICKBURY PARK GOLF CLUB & BROCKLEY HILL GOLF PARK**

have opportunities available for both

**QUALIFIED GREENKEEPERS AND ENTHUSIASTIC TRAINEE GREENKEEPERS**

Ideal opportunities for qualified greenkeepers looking for a career move into a forward thinking group. Excellent opportunities also exist for trainees with either partial training or no training to obtain their professional qualification financed by the company.

C.V. and letter of application by 25th March 2002 to:

Mrs L Flitton, P.O. Box 376, Redbourn, Herts, AL3 7ZX.

Email: enquiries@redbourngolfclub.com

Fax: 01582 794362

---

**OAKLAND PARK GOLF CLUB**

require a

**FIRST ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER**

Applicants should have a minimum of 3 years experience and be currently working towards or have NVQ Level 3. Also must have spraying certificates PA1, 2, & 6.

Must be hard working and a good team member.

No Accommodation.

Salary negotiable.

Applications in writing with full C.V. to:

Mr Perry Harvey, Course Manager,
Oakland Park Golf Club,
Threehouseholds, Chalfont,
St Giles, Bucks, HP8 4LW
Recruitment

READING GOLF CLUB

Assist applications for the post of

ASSISTANT GREENKEEPERS

We are looking for two staff to join the team in maintaining this established, well-equipped 18 hole private members golf course. Experience and qualifications to NVQ Level 2 would be an advantage. Consideration would be given to a part-qualified applicant and further training would then be given.

Salary negotiable, depending on experience. A pay review pending on Committee on Greenkeepers Salaries and Conditions of Employment recommendations.

Consideration would be given to a partially qualified applicant and further training would then be given.

Salary negotiable, depending on experience (pay review pending on Committee on Greenkeepers Salaries and Conditions of Employment recommendations).

ACCOMMODATION may be available for the right candidate.

Please apply in writing, including full CV to:

The Head Greenkeeper, Jim Sutherland, Reading Golf Club, 17 Kidmore End Road, Emmer Green, Reading, RG4 8SG.

HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB LTD

ASSISTANT COURSE MANAGER

Must have minimum 5 years experience. Qualified to NVQ Level 2/3 along with PA1, 2 and 6 spraying certificates. Applicants must be enthusiastic and hardworking. Salary negotiable according to experience.

TRAINEE GREENKEEPER

Full training will be given to NVQ Level 1, 2 etc. Salary negotiable according to age and experience.

For both these posts apply in writing with full CV to:

Ian Somerville, Course Manager, Heaton Moor Golf Club, Muschideth Road, Heaton Mersey, Stockport, SK4 2NX

THE NORTHWOOD GOLF CLUB LTD

Invites applications for the post of

FIRST ASSISTANT

The successful candidate must have a proven track record in Golf Course Management with a minimum of 3 years experience. You must have a high level of self-motivation with the ability to lead a varied but committed team in the absence of the Course Manager.

Minimum qualifications of NVQ Level 3 or working towards the equivalent, with experience in the use of all sports turf machinery: PA1, PA2 & 6 Spraying Certificate is essential.

Experience in the use of modern computerised Irrigation Systems would be advantageous.

This private 18 hole parkland course which is over 100 years old, offers a good, challenging working environment with the possibility of accommodation and a good remuneration package.

Applications in writing, including full CV and salary expectation to:

Mr S. Lally, Hastings Golf & Country Club, Beauport Park, Battle Road, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex, TN37 7BP

Stoke by Nayland Golf Club is a 36 hole complex situated on the Essex Suffolk borders between Colchester and Sudbury. Built in 1972, the club has over 1200 members plus a busy Hotel and Society green fee usage.

A vacancy exists for a Head Greenkeeper to have full responsibility for the maintenance of one of the two courses. Whilst experience and at least NVQ Level 3 is expected an aspiring first assistant who is looking for promotion could well be considered. Candidates would also require the following skills.

• Have experience in all aspects of course management
• Have a practical knowledge of the latest equipment
• Experience in the construction of Tees and Greens
• The ability to prepare and control a course budget
• Possess good man management skills

Salary will be negotiable and limited accommodation is available.

Applications should apply in writing with full CV to:

Derek Howe M Inst. GCM, Stoke by Nayland Golf & Leisure, Keepers Lane, Leavenheath, Colchester, Essex CO6 4PZ

Tel: 01206-262836 Fax: 01206-263536

E-mail: info@golf-club.co.uk Web site: www.stokebynaylandclub.co.uk

March 2002 Greenkeeper International
INTELLIGENCE IS A HARD COMMODITY TO MEASURE. THEY SAY THAT EINSTEIN FOR ALL HIS WISDOM DID NOT POSSESS THE MENTAL FACILITIES NECESSARY TO BOIL AN EGG, OR CHANGE HIS CLOTHES. THIS IS QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE WHEN YOU COME TO THINK OF IT. HOW OFTEN HAVE WE COME ACROSS PEOPLE WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF BRAINPOWER BUT NO ACTUAL ABILITY TO THINK? WHY ONLY TODAY I WAS LISTENING TO OUR VENERABLE HOME SECRETARY ON THE RADIO COMMENT ON THE NATIONS LATEST CRIME FIGURES. "THEY ARE LOWER" HE SAID, "BUT NOT LOW ENOUGH". BRILLIANT, AND AT WHAT STAGE ARE THE CRIME FIGURES DEEMED TO BE "LOW ENOUGH"? THEN THERE WAS THAT UNFORTunate CONTENTANT ON MASTERMIND WHO COULD COPE WITH MAGNUS MAGNESSON'S FIRST QUESTION AS TO WHAT HIS NAME WAS BUT WHEN ASKED TO DIVULGE HIS OCCUPATION, WAS TOTALLY STUMPED.

THE MEASUREMENT OF INTELLIGENCE, IT IS SAID, CAN BE USED TO CATEGORISE THE HIERARCHY OF LIFE FORMS, WHILE INTELLIGENCE ITSELF, CAN BE DESCRIBED AS DEGREES OF CONSCIOUSNESS. LET ME EXPLAIN. THE MORE CONSCIOUS ONE IS, THE MORE INTELLIGENT ONE BECOMES. SO AT THE LOWER END OF THE SCALE OF LIFE, WE HAVE SINGLE CELLED ORGANISMS AND SURROUNDINGS BUT ARE UNABLE TO EXPERIENCE THE PROCESS OF THOUGHT AND SIMPLY UTILISE THE LIMITED INFORMATION GATHERED ABOUT THEIR ENVIRONMENT, AS A SURVIVAL MEANS. SOME OF THOSE OLD GOLF CLUB SECRETARIES, WOULD BE THE EQUIVALENT IN OUR PARTICULAR WORLD. THEN WE COME TO THE SLIGHTLY HIGHER FORMS OF LIFE TO BE FOUND IN THE ANIMAL KINGDOM. THESE HAVE ALL THE SENSES INTACT AND ARE ABLE TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THEIR SURROUNDINGS AND CARRY OUT A DEGREE OF CONSCIOUS THOUGHT, ALTHOUGH OFTEN LACK THE FACILITIES FOR EMOTIONAL RESPONSE. THEY ARE ALSO REMARKABLY ADAPT AT LEARNING PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOUR AND OF COMING TO INTELLIGENT CONCLUSIONS BASED ON INCOMING INFORMATION. THEREFORE A COW WILL SIT IN THE SHADE ON A HOT DAY, OR A CAT WILL HIDE ITSELF IN THE UNDERGROWTH READY TO POUNCE ON ITS UNSUSPECTING PREY.

UNFORTUNATELY, EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT ME THAT THE AVERAGE GOLF CLUB COMMITTEE DOES NOT ALWAYS ATTAIN SUCH LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS. CORRECT CONCLUSION BASED ON GATHERED DATA, IS NOT SOMETHING THAT IS AUTOMATICALLY ARRIVED AT. NOW I KNOW THIS IS A HORRIBLY CONDESCENDING STATEMENT TO MAKE AND I DO RECOGNISE THAT SOME OF OUR COMMITTEES ARE HIGHLY PROFICIENT, BUT I WILL ENDURE TO BACK THIS STATEMENT WITH SOME OF MY OWN EVIDENCE GATHERED IN A LIFETIME OF WORKING AMONG THEM.

TAKING THE CROWNED HOLE SYNDROME SO POPULAR AMONG COMMITTEE MEN AS AN EXCUSE FOR THEIR MISLED THREE FOOT PUTTS, EVEN THOUGH THEIR PUTTING STROKES OFTEN INVOLVE A TWITCH OF SUCH HORRIFIC VIOLENCE THAT DIVERT REPLACE-MENT IS REQUIRED. THE CROWNED HOLE PHENOMENON IS, THEY ASSURE US, DUE TO OUR INABILITY TO USE A BOARD TO CHANGE THE HOLES.

NOW WE ALL KNOW THAT THE REAL REASON FOR CROWNED HOLES IS THAT WHEN THE TURF IS WET AND SOFT IN THE WINTER, GOLFERS WILL ALL STEP APPROXIMATELY SIX INCHES AWAY FROM THE HOLE TO RETRIEVE THEIR BALLS. SOME OF THEM VINEGAR THEIR PUTTING STROKES TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT THEY VEER OFF THE HOLE MATRIX. THIS HAS THE EFFECT OF ELIMINATING ALL CLAIMS ABOUT HOLE LOCATION ON THE PUTT, AND SUCH A PATTERN OF BEHAVIOUR SHAPES THE HOLES INTO A CROWNED STATE.

THE PROBLEM WITH SUCH SIGHTS IS THAT THEY ARE UNWELCOME AND OFTEN THE RESULT OF PATHETIC EFFORT, BUT ARE TOTALLY UNCONSCIOUS TO THE OFFENDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS. EVEN AFTER EXPLAINING IT TO THEM YET AGAIN, THEY APPEARED NOT TO GRASP THE FACT THAT THE CAUSE OF THE HOLES BEING FLAT ON THAT OCCASION, WAS THAT THEY WERE THE FIRST PERSON TO PLAY ON THEM. I HAVE NOW RESOLVED THE ISSUE IN TRUE TRADITIONAL GREENKEEPING FASHION, BY THE DEPLOYMENT OF MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND HOURS OF HUMILIATING THE COMMITTEE. THIS HAS HAD THE EFFECT OF ELIMINATING ALL CLAIMS ABOUT HOLE LOCATION ON THE PUTT, BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN THE END OF THE PROBLEM, AS CROWNED HOLES NOW APPEAR MORE LIKE "BLEEDING CONCRETE" BUT RARELY ABOUT OUR INABILITY TO CHANGE THE HOLES CORRECTLY.

"YOU'RE FOLLOWING US AROUND ON PURPOSE AIN'T YOU?" IS ANOTHER CRY THAT GOES UP WHEN WE UNFORTUNATELY MEET WITH THE SAME GROUP OF GOLFERS, ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, WHEN ENGAGED IN THE EXECUTION OF OUR DUTIES. NOW THE LOGIC BEHIND THIS ACCUSATION IS SOMEWHAT BOWELING TO US, BUT A COLLEAGUE OF MINE ONCE ENLIGHTENED ME ON HOW OUR LADY GOLFERS BECAME CONVINCED THAT ALL GREENKEEPERS WERE GUILTY OF MAKING THIS THEIR SOLE OBJECTIVE IN LIFE.

Another classic that committees have managed to wind me up with on several occasions, is that of holding important events on a Monday. Is it just myself, or have we all looked in the club fixture list only to find a pro-am, or a Ladies' Invitational, or a Seniors' Open starting on a Monday morning?
Amazingly they passed a resolution at their AGM that on ladies' days, the greenkeepers had to mow the greens by starting at the 18th hole and then work their way back to the 1st. This, they concluded, would result in ground staff never interrupting their game. With the full backing of the secretary, I am delighted to say that my colleague did indeed carry out the ladies' wishes to the letter of their law. Predictably enough, the result was utter chaos and apparently the embarrassment of the ladies was something to be treasured. Needless to say the lessons in communication have been well and truly learnt.

Actually the aforementioned colleague of mine, told me of another classic example of golfing lack of consciousness. He was one morning checking the irrigation system, by putting the full greens pop-ups on a two-minute cycle and then racing around the course, taking note of any faults in the system. He got to one green just before the sprinklers were due up, only to find that a two ball was putting out. He rushed onto the green and politely informed them that they needed to vacate the area immediately, or they would get very wet indeed. He repeated the warning but one particular golfer simply looked up at him with a look of contempt and then proceeded to stand back over his putt. At this point the sprinklers came on with one of them aimed directly at the golfer. With true British stiff upper lip, he stood up, stared at my colleague and slowly walked over to him, only for the sprinkler to follow his every move. He eventually arrived at his destination in a condition of complete saturation at which point the sprinkler shut down.

"What's your name?" asked the sodden golfer through clenched teeth. My friend found it difficult to reply due to the fact that he was focusing all of his attention in the avoidance of wetting his own underpants, albeit via uncontrolled laughter.

Another classic that committees have managed to wind me up with on several occasions, is that of holding important events on a Monday. Is it just myself, or have we all looked in the club fixture list only to find a pro-am, or a Ladies' Invitational, or a Seniors' Open starting on a Monday morning. Have they stopped for one second and asked themselves how we are supposed to get everything double cut, raked and changed in the couple of hours of daylight available. I have even come across them making the brilliant decision of bringing onboard the full shotgun start, just to make things doubly impossible for us.

Finally, let me relay to you, a story that came from a Course Manager friend of mine, who has plied his trade in a particular coastal resort that will remain nameless for reasons of possible litigation. Now several of the golf clubs in this place, let me tell you, have particular Course Manager was working away with the rest of his team on a hole, when he noticed someone observing them from up in the woods. He thought nothing of it but the next day, the same person was once more going down upon them. This continued for a week or so, before curiosity finally got the better of the Course Manager and he made his way up the hill to confront this strange human being.

"Can I help you" he asked. The reply, when it came was somewhat disconcerting.

"I'm the new Green Chairman. I've been watching you and there are going to be a few changes around here". With this thought in his mind, my friend made his way back down to the rest of his staff to inform them of the distressing news. The Green Chairman continued to observe them for quite a few days after this, until finally the day arrived when he made his way down the hill to make his pronouncement to the Course Manager.

What awful observations had he made, thought my friend, as he saw him marching towards him. Would this be cards on the table time, had he made a fiendish discovery that would prove incompetence, would there be some impossible demand made, would he harass them all with the results of this despicable time and motion study. No, instead the Green Chairman asked, "How do you cut the greens?" "What do you mean?" asked the Course Manager. "Well, when you cut them, do you go up and down, or around and around?"

Sandy McDivot.
Head Greenkeeper: Sludgecombe Pay and Play.
Richard Barker enjoys a roller coaster experience at the GCSAA Conference and Show in Orlando

Having just unpacked my bags after BTME it was time to pack them again and off to the States for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America show in Orlando.

Early on Sunday morning (February 3rd) I met with Neil and Tracey, as well as Andy White from Oatlands College - Andy was on the trip as lecturer of the GCSAA's President, but more on that later. Some 11 hours later we had arrived in Florida. The Americans rate this very highly in every season. On speaking to them each one had a marvellous time, we certainly are. So with the week nearly over we could reflect on what was a successful week for BIGGA and all that attended and start to prepare ourselves for the long trip home, while Andrew Pledger and Huw Morgan continued their adventures in the States.

Upon reaching our own shores there were no surprises, it was still cold and damp. My golf course is certainly very wet as I am sure yours are, but looking ahead Spring is not a million miles away so we all have a few more weeks to complete those winter programmes and look forward to some better weather and a good season.

Chairman

GK BARKER

Richard Barker

50 Greenwood International - March 2002

Feature listing from March 2000

March 2000; Cleobury Mortimer GC; Cutting: Bahn; BTME Conference Report; Cutting heights; Avoncrop profile; Valderrama report; Westurf preview
April 2000; Fortress & Rosemarkie GC; Utility Vehicles; Irrigation; Seed breeding; Gem Professional profile.
May 2000; Ross-on-Wye GC; Top Dressing; Course Mapping; Compact Tractors
June 2000; National Championship preview; Spraying; World Education Conference review; Environmental Management; Mowers
July 2000; Open Championship Preview; Davidstow Court Country Club; Course Control; Avena profile; Course Conditioning
August 2000; Open Championship review; Water Features; Sattes preview; Charcoal; Melodee GC; Royal County Down; Grand Tour Scholarship
September 2000; Blowers and Sweepers; Berkshire College Academy; National Championship round-up; Garden Monthly interview; Winter health checks
October 2000; Toro Awards Preview; Routine Maintenance; Salters Review; Pest Control; Wolburn GC
November 2000; Grass Cutting; Machinery; Clidebank GC; Drainage; National Championship review; Least jacket management
December 2000; Toro Awards; Making the most of your Book; Budget Boosters; BTME2001 preview; BIGGA/ Bernhards CGSA delegation preview
January 2001; Communication; Tynie; Turf diseases; Kingsbarn Golf Links; Environment Competition Winner - Dyke GC; Talking Heads - Pest Control
February 2001; BTME2001 review; Winter Mowing; Irrigation; Bicester golf GC; Hedges; Security
March 2001; York GC; Greens Maintenance; Medien GC; Sattes; Greens Mowers. BIGGA Essay Winner - Grass Science profile
April 2001; Lighting detection; Brocket Hall GC; CGSA report; Equipment; Irrigation; Swade renovation; BIGGA Essay winner - Turf Disease
May 2001; Foot and Mouth Disease Special Report; May - BIGGA National Scholarship; Bunker Sand; ATVs; Renfrew profile; Fineturf Genetics; BTME2002 countdown; Electric powered machines
June 2001; Stoke Park Club profile; Stuart Cagle MGC, Tractors; Leaf Spot; Take All Path Construction
July 2001; Royal Lytham profile; Tee Mowers; Fertilisers; Green Grasses; John Deere profile; Sandy McDuff; College Leasing
August 2001: Aeration Survey; Machrie GC profile; Rough Mowers; Salters Preview; Pro Enland Cango - environmental research; Hayler Profile; Ponals; Open Championship preview; Toro Student of the Year profile
September 2001: Ryder Cup preview; Cheltenham Grange; Drainage; BIGNA National Championship preview; Sandy McDuff; Machinery Maintenance; Soil Analysis; Wild Flowers
October 2001: Major Award for Walter Woods; Royal Portrush GC; Portree tartan GC; Irrigation; Soil biodiversity; Leaf collection systems; Sportscapes preview; Salters review
November 2001; BIGGA National Championship review; Environment Competition; New Sward Renovation Awards; Previews; Cutting regimes; Dyke GC
December 2001; Toro Award Winners; Southern Galles GC; BTME preview; Special report; The New Season
January 2002; Walton Heath profile; Greenkeeping in Denmark; Moving materials; A first for Andy Campbell; New products
February 2002; Harrogate 2002 Review; Unicage; Castleton GC; Trees; Recycling; TurfFax profile; Barn Owl special report

Richard Barker enjoys a roller coaster experience at the GCSAA Conference and Show in Orlando

Stateside experiences

Having just unpacked my bags after BTME it was time to pack them again and off to the States for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America show in Orlando.

Early on Sunday morning (February 3rd) I met with Neil and Tracey, as well as Andy White from Oatlands College - Andy was on the trip as lecturer of the GCSAA's President, but more on that later. Some 11 hours later we had arrived in Florida. The Americans rate this very highly in every season. On speaking to them each one had a marvellous time, we certainly are. So with the week nearly over we could reflect on what was a successful week for BIGGA and all that attended and start to prepare ourselves for the long trip home, while Andrew Pledger and Huw Morgan continued their adventures in the States.

Upon reaching our own shores there were no surprises, it was still cold and damp. My golf course is certainly very wet as I am sure yours are, but looking ahead Spring is not a million miles away so we all have a few more weeks to complete those winter programmes and look forward to some better weather and a good season.