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Looking forward to a new challenge

I must first thank you all for giving me the opportunity of being your Chairman for the coming year. It’s a great honour for me personally and I promise you my best efforts in representing your Association during the coming months.

Taking over the reins during a very successful Harrogate Week was for me a very proud moment in my Greenkeeping career and this I promise you! You have my voice and full support in anything that may benefit and progress the profession of Greenkeeping within the golfing world.

Taking on this role would not have been possible without the help of many people and I would therefore like to take a moment and say a special thank you to firstly my employer Tyrrell’s Wood Golf Club, its Board members and staff for their continued support during the coming year.

To Richard Whyman, firstly for asking me as his Vice Chair and having seen close up his unselfish dedication and enthusiasm during the past year as your Chairman. He will I’m sure be a hard act to follow. So it’s a heartfelt thank you, Richard, for all that you have done for us all - time to relax a wee bit and enjoy some well earned time with Denise without the phone ringing off the hook and I’ll see you at the next board meeting (yes we will still make use of him for another year).

I am delighted to welcome on as my Vice Chairman, Kenny Mackay, Kenny is Director of Golf Courses & Grounds at The Belfry and I know will make a good Vice and, mark my words, a “great” chairman in 2008.

Then there’s my family, my rock. You know those special people that make everything worthwhile. The first test was Harrogate and I returned home to a tidy house with the washing all done and up to date and no reports of any parties that upset the neighbours. So with everyone’s help I look forward to the next year filled with pleasure and challenges in equal proportions I’m sure.

I mentioned another successful Harrogate – not just words I might add. It was truly wonderful to see so many people there and enjoying themselves during the week. Our exhibitors seemed to enjoy meeting with you all and exchanging views and doing business at the same time. We do have a very friendly way of conducting ourselves so well done you lot. The highlight for me was seeing some of our Greenkeeping Gods singing their hearts out and wriggling in and out of their chairs after the banquet for every chorus. It was an amazing thing to see believe me. One thing! I never in my wildest dreams thought that so many people knew me – Wow was that a humbling experience with everyone saying hello and wishing me well for the coming year. When you become Chairman they give you a list, things to do, where to be and stuff. Well, we must work on that list for next year, or it may have been me, because I was running (yes, hard to believe, I know) between places only to find out I was in the wrong place at the wrong time but, hey, it keeps me fit I suppose.

We have to thank John Pemberton and his team “your staff” for all their hard work and professional dedication for putting on such a great show because the whole week was by anyone’s standards a resounding success, so well done everyone at BIGGA HOUSE.

It’s with great sadness I would like to mention the untimely death of Ray Day, Course Manager at East Sussex National, board member and a man who worked tirelessly for you all at Section, Region and Board level for many years. I know he will be badly missed by Greenkeepers and friends up and down the country. Our hearts and thoughts are with his wife Jill, and their two boys. On a personal note I will miss his cheery smile and warm welcome every time we met.

I look forward, with your board, to an exiting year and would like to pay tribute to your board as a whole – an enthusiastic, dynamic and hard working team that give of your time for the benefit of you all in Greenkeeping at the grass roots.

So I wish all the members a safe successful and happy year, and I’m sure you will rise to any challenge asked of you and, as your Chairman, I’m proud to represent you as you are an amazing bunch of individuals that I am very much looking forward to meeting and sharing some time with over the next year.

Billy McMillan
Chairman

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