ISEKI CLEANS UP AT CASTLE HOWARD

WHEN your stately home has over 200,000 visitors a year and such diverse areas of ground as woodland, lakes, a walled garden and an arboretum covering just under 100 acres and very rare species of plants, trees and shrubs from all over the world, keeping it all neat and tidy is no small undertaking.

Such is the task allotted to Brian Deighton, Grounds Supervisor at magnificent Castle Howard in North Yorkshire, who has recently taken delivery of two Iseki Tractors. The two new units, a 33 horsepower TA 530 with its unique shuttle gearbox and a 22 horsepower TU 320 have a large part to play in Castle Howard’s grounds operations, and adaptability to a lot of different tasks. This was one of Mr Deighton’s main criteria for choosing Iseki.

The two tractors purchased from Iseki dealer F.G. Adamson and Son have been allotted many different tasks, for the TA 530 this includes loading compost and moving top soil around the estate and in their thriving plant centre as well as tidying up after the visitors using a trailed sweeper collector.

Whilst the smaller TU 320 is fitted with Iseki’s stylish safety cab and has both a rotary mower for scrub cutting around the woodland areas, and a Huxley 3 gang cylinder mower for more manicured areas of lawn around Castle Howard.

In addition the newly stocked-ed lakes and banks will be cut using Iseki’s adaptable Hedgecutter which acts as both flail mower and hedgetrimmer, another adaptable machine for the estate environment.

Castle Howard is certainly one of North Yorkshire’s biggest tourist attractions and a thriving estate. The estate enterprises also host many conferences and events in its magnificent grounds. With these latest additions to their fleet, Castle Howard’s grounds could not be in better hands, dedicated grounds staff and adaptable tractors from Iseki we see to that.

CAR COMPANY SIGNS UP TOUR PROFESSIONALS

A major car leasing company making a welcome return as sponsor on the WPG European Tour with a deal to supply cars to six top women professionals.

Cowie Interleaching (Midlands) first sponsored professionals on the Tour in 1985 when they supplied cars to girls in the Baume Mercier team. Now they have agreed to do the same for England’s Caroline Griftins, Claire Waite and Sarah Duhr, Ireland’s Maureen Garner, American Meredith Marshall and Australia’s Anne Jones.

Mr Joe Fianagan, the Tour’s Executive Director, said: “The use of a car is vital to a touring professional and will make life a great deal easier for these girls.”

ALL-TICKET WALKER CUP

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HE 1991 Walker Cup match, which will be played in Ireland for the first time, will also be the first match of the series on this side of the Atlantic to be all-Irish.

When the British and Irish amateurs face the Americans at Portmarnock on September 5-6 next year, the daily attendance will be limited to 12,000 spectators.

The tickets, priced £10 per day for adults and £5 for juveniles, will be distributed mainly through the Golf Union of Ireland and 80 per cent of the allocation will go to Irish Golf Clubs.

SHAW BET HANDICAP

WHEN golff-crazy Dave Shaw tried to gain a handicap he stymied. When he attempted to join a golf club in his home town of Harrogate, Yorkshire, he was out of bounds. They were all full and refused to accept him.

So in his desperation 42-year-old Dave splashed out £650 on a 420-mile round trip to play in the Western Isles of Scotland and returned with his prize.

Dave, an aerial photographer, hired a four-seater Cessna and flew north with his clubs to join the Machrie Golf Club which has no waiting list and where the combined joining fee and annual subscription adds up to £100.

Dave took with him golfing pal John Warner, an 11-handicap member of Harrogate, to mark his card and after three rounds achieved a 16 handicap.

McEvoy steps down

PETE McEvoy, arguably Britain’s greatest ever amateur, has decided not to compete in any more major events this year and may even consider retiring from competitive golf.

The 37-year-old, who played a key role in Great Britain and Ireland winning the Walker Cup in Atlanta last August, competed in the recent international against France and that may prove to be his swansong.

This shock move comes as McEvoy is struggling to find the time to compete at the top of the amateur game with his sports marketing company consuming. He also wants to spend more time with his family.

BUSH’S NEW WEAPON

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S President George Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle have shown an interest in a new, apparently devastating, weapon by ordering two of them. The lethal device apparently fires straight, long and true, if you ask Jack Nicklaus, Ray Floyd or Jumbo Ozaki, who all used one at this year’s US Masters.

The new Bridgestone J’s handground metal woods with graphite shafts have shaped the hottest golfing property in America since Augusta’s last craze. Jack Nicklaus’ big-headed putter in ’87, President Bush and Vice President Quayle have placed their orders through the Congressional Golf Club in the hope of beating the rush.

CHARITY CHALLENGE

A celebrity challenge match featuring double Masters’ champion Nick Faldo raised nearly £20,000 for two Hertfordshire-based charities.

Over 550 spectators attended the fun matchplay event at East Herts Golf Club, Ware, to watch Faldo and comedian Jimmy Tarbuck lose 2 and 1 to Walker Cup star Peter McEvoy and Ted Dexter, chairman of the England cricket selectors. The money raised will be split between the St Albans Church Urban fund and the East Herts McMillan hospice, which is based in Welwyn Garden City, Faldo’s home town.

PGA official David Wright refereed the match, Faldo played off plus four handicap. McEvoy plus two, Dexter three and Tarbuck six.

ROSEMARY’S RECORD

WHEN Rosemary Reed (Willesley Park) beat Jennifer Perkins of the host club 5 and 4 at Rothley Park to win the Leicestershire county championship for the sixth time, she created a record.

Mrs Reed has now won at least one county title in each of the past five decades. She won the Lincolnshire championship three years in a row from 1959 before her marriage, while her other successes in the Leicestershire championship came in 1967 and ’68, in 1978, ’81 and ’83.

Next year Mrs Reed, who is in her mid-fifties, will have been playing county golf for 40 years.

FLYING DIVOTS

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