

SHOOT OUT BIRDIE FOR BRUCE

IN a thrilling finish to the Jacobsen National Greenkeepers Tournament, Gerald Bruce playing off a handicap of 4 birdied the first hole in a sudden death play off on the testing Hunstanton links to win himself a trip to the United States.

Three players tied on 36 pts after the regulation 18 hole final, in which area winners from all parts of the country and sections of BIGGA took part. Instead of the normal countback, the prizes were sorted out in a play off, with Alan Paterson (2nd) and Andrew Toomey (3rd).

The winner had an edge over the other contestants for until recently he was assistant to Hunstanton's Head Greenkeeper James Reed.

Needless to say the course was in fine condition with fast greens. Not surprisingly the majority of the equipment at Hunstanton is Jacobsen a coincidence not lost on the competitors.

All the contestants were well looked after by their hosts, with first class accommodation and an enjoyable meal in the clubhouse, after the tournament during which Chris Smith, Jacobsen's UK Manager presented the prizes.

Finalists:-

Raymond Day, Chris Kennedy, Arthur Williamson, Allister Connal, Elliot Small, Alan Paterson, Gerald Aycliffe, John Lawton, Paul Loffman, Peter Woodward, Jim Russell, Ian McMillan, Chris Jones, D. Searles, Steve Mason, G. Plain, H. Middlebrook, S. Wooley, R. Wood, R. Plain, S. Wood, Gerald Bruce, David Lucas, Mr. Richardson, Andrew Peal, Mike Wilson, John Hoplains, Peter Howard, R. Willars, M. Danvers, David Collins, C. Marvin, A. Toomey.



Chris Smith of Jacobsen congratulates Winner Gerald Bruce

BIGGA JOINS NTC

September's NTC business meeting saw the unanimous acceptance of the British and International Golf Greenkeeper's Association's application to join the Council and seek representation on its main body.

Howard Swan, NTC Chairman, commented "I am delighted that the new greenkeeping association has decided to join all the industry's other bodies on the Council and to show its support for us in our growing role as the umbrella organisation. I understand that in the short time BIGGA has been formed it has attracted almost 2,000 members, without trade involvement, which is remarkable achievement worthy of much congratulation. With such strength behind it, and under Executive Director Neil Thomas, I look forward to BIGGA's contribution to the future working of the NTC, which will be of important significance".



Standing: Philip Wentworth (North Hants GC), Richard Barker (Longcliffe GC), Mike Sheehan (Capt) (Mere G&CC), Ivan Toon (Moor Hall GC) Sitting: Edwin West (Broadstone GC), Ray Howlett (Cheshunt GC), Melvin Guy (South Leeds GC), Neil Whittaker (Woburn GC).

IN this years **Kubota Golf Challenge** on October 12th and 13th at the Belfry, the greenkeepers swept all before them, for their third successive victory.

Young and fit, for the most part, they brushed aside the less athletic stewards by six matches to two in the semi-finals before overcoming the guile of secretaries in the final. The margin was 5 1/2 to 2 1/2 and the greenkeepers were always in control, losing only the last two matches. Well done our team!

NORTH WEST SECTION SUCCESS

BIGGA invited the S.T.R.I. Roadshow to Reaseheath to a packed audience of 120 Greenkeepers in the College lecture theatre, S.T.R.I. staff gave a riveting series of lectures. The proceedings were chaired by Mr. Brian Moss the Chairman of the North West Section BIGGA, and the proceedings organised by John Lowry, the education chairman of the section and his committee. Invited guests included Mr. Peter Dutton of the English Golf Union, Mr. Roger Robinson, President of the Cheshire Golf Union, Peter Wilson, Chairman of the STRI and the Greenkeeper Training Committee and Dr. Frank Harkins, the Cheshire Golf Unions representative on the Reaseheath liaison committee. The event was sponsored for student involvement by the Cheshire Golf Union.

The programme for the day included, golf course drainage, construction of a golf green, turf diseases and maintenance problems associated with fairways, bunkers, trees greens and surrounds.

FOR THE RECORD

Proper credit was not given in the Face to Face feature in October. Rodney Foster gave his talk to members of the BGGGA in November 1986 at a seminar at Moor Allerton Golf Club, organised by the Northern Section. Our apologies.