

NOTEBOOK...

Wentworth Winner!

GOLF LANDSCAPES of Brentwood, have been awarded the contract, valued at nearly £1million, for the construction of the South Course at Wentworth.

The contract will be under the supervision of Martin Gillett, one of the company's specialist contract managers, with close liaison with the two directors Peter and Bob Dunning. Work is due to commence in mid-March with completion planned for October this year.

Kevin Munt, Wentworth's course manager, and a BIGGA Board of Management member is 100% behind the choice of sand-only construction for the greens and with the decision to turf them with "Inturf" rather than seed. Having had the third green on Wentworth's West Course rebuilt with this method of construction, Kevin is looking forward to having one crew working on 18 greens built of the same medium, which will require a totally different maintenance programme to the existing courses.

ED's note: A feature on the South Course at Wentworth will appear in next month's the Golf Course. Also there will be an article by Mike Canaway of the STRI on the R & A funded research programme for pure sand greens.



Supervisory roles for students

ELMWOOD College provides a complete range of courses for the greenkeeper - starting with the first year apprentices and going right through to those suitable for the head greenkeeper and course manager.

The students pictured above have just attended the 1988 one-week Supervisory Management course, which includes such topics as role of the supervisor, communications, labour profiles, accounts, stock control, conditions of employment and associated legislation, staff motivation, budgeting, new pesticide legislation, public speaking and interviews.

The course, now in its sixth year, brings in several external speakers, experts in their field.

Mike Taylor, head of the horticultural and greenkeeping department at Elmwood has

asked us to express his thanks to the following for their support: John Souther, managing director, Souters of Stirling; Jimmy Neilson, head greenkeeper, Murrayfield Golf Club; Walter Woods, links supervisor, St Andrews and chairman of the college's greenkeeping advisory committee; Jimmy Kidd, estates and golf course manager, Gleneagles; Joe McKean, member of the college greenkeeping advisory committee; and Cecil George, head greenkeeper Lenzie Golf Club and Scottish education committee representative for BIGGA.

On the Sunday prior to the commencement of the course, Walter Woods gave a conducted tour of the Old Course at St Andrews. It is hoped that for the 1989 course there will be a visit to Gleneagles golf course and estates.

THE British Turf Irrigation Association has just produced a second edition of *Your Guide to the BTIA*. The first edition was very well received after it appeared in July 1986.

Now, in the second edition, the Minimum Standards have been made more detailed and wider in scope. This will help everyone specifying or ordering an irrigation system.

As Dr. Peter Hayes, Director of the STRI, says in his Foreword, "Irrigation is a complex technical subject, and those who install new systems, or have existing ones upgraded,

do not know all the questions to ask or the points to check. In this booklet, the Association commits its members to making adequate provision for all essential features of a system, and provides for action by the Association if anything remains unsatisfactory afterwards."

The Standards now deal not only with golf greens, tees, but also with fairways, with bowling greens and other sports turf areas, and even with landscape irrigation. There are several sections of useful formulae and figures to make it easier to

follow the calculations and technicalities in specifications

All this is accompanied by information on the Association itself: the qualifications which its members have had to demonstrate, the conditions of work and code of ethics they follow, and the Association's guarantee to take action in case of any dissatisfaction with a member's work which remains unredressed after due complaint.

The guide, available at £2.50 post free, from the Secretary, BTIA, 3 Ferrands Park Way, Bingley, W. Yorks. BD16 1HZ