

gel, granule and hand held applicators to water.

This major achievement means that for the first time there is a truly national network of contractor staff from a single company covering the important aquatic weed market in Great Britain.

Elmwood students visit Gleneagles

Recently a one week course in Supervisory Studies for greenkeepers was held at Elmwood College. This year there were 20 students on the course from throughout the UK, from Islay and Inverness to Woking.

Apart from a full programme of study including topics such as staff motivation, budgeting, communication, interviewing techniques and public speaking, the students had the opportunity to be shown round the golf complex at Gleneagles by Mr Archie Dunn, Head Greenkeeper on the Kings Course. The students were also addressed by external speakers from the greenkeeping world including Alistair Connell, Estates and Golf Course Manager, Cawdor Golf Club, Bishopbriggs and John Philp, Head Greenkeeper, Carnoustie Golf Club, Carnoustie.

The group are shown in the photograph



with Mr A Smith, (extreme left) Senior Lecturer in Horticulture and Course Tutor.

Improving the approach

However lovely the venue potholes in the approach roads, through roads and paths spoil the whole effect and give rise to complaints and possibly claims for personal injury or damage to vehicles.

Yet unsightly and dangerous as such potholes are; their repair has to wait on suitable weather, on being able to shut the area for repair, on waiting for enough holes to warrant calling in a contractor.

Now however permanent repairs which completely blend with the road surface taking an average of 3 minutes each can be effected by unskilled labour to any type of breakdown in tarmac/asphalt, in any weather conditions using only a broom, shovel and a British product Emcol Instant Road Repair without even having to close the area. Packed in 25kg buckets with a storage life of 10 months this product is applied cold with no mixing, cutting out, tack coats or rolling except for large overlays.

Formulated by Emcol International Ltd of Bristol and manufactured in 35 locations in 25 countries overseas, Instant Road Repair is available throughout the UK (carriage free) in quantities from two packs to truck loads.

Basingstoke Golf Club to be sold

At an Extraordinary General Meeting held by the Basingstoke Golf Club Ltd, on Wednesday 29th March, the voting members present resolved by 335 votes to 47 "That the company's existing golf course and premises shall be sold and the company shall acquire in its place two new 18 hole golf courses with ancilliary golfing facilities and such sale and purchase shall

be on the best terms reasonably obtainable by the board of directors."

This decision confirms the rumours and happenings of the past 12 months during which time several offers have been received for the 105 acres 18 hole golf course. The board has appointed the residential and leisure divisions of chartered surveyors Humberts to act on their behalf in the disposal of the course and the acquisition of an alternative site, probably south of the M3 motorway, upon which can be placed two 18 hole courses and a modern club house.

The fact that these momentous decisions can be considered by the existing Membership, is brought about by the strong possibility that the 105 acres course will be included in the second alteration of the North East Hampshire Structure Plan due for publication in the near future. Basingstoke requires 4500 houses and Hampshire County Council in its recommendations to Nicholas Ridley, Minister for the Environment, have suggested that these be provided as an extension to Basingstoke Town between 1991 and 2001.

Provided that a suitable site for the relocation of the existing Club can be found, the development of the 105 acres could receive the support of the planners.

Humberts partners, Jeremy Blanchard and Nigel Talbot-Ponsonby, are in contact with interested developers.

Course measurement changes

A change in the regulations now allows clubs to set the par score for every hole on their course effective from 1st April.

The Council of National Golf Unions have included the revised regulations among a number of modifications to the standard scratch score and handicapping scheme introduced in 1983.

Previously only length had been the criteria for deciding par. A par three hole measured up to 250 yards from the competition tee marker to the centre of the green, a par four between 251 and 475 yards and a par five 476 yards and above.

Under the new rules a par three cannot be longer than 250 yards, but a par four can be in the range of 220 yards to 500 yards. A par five can be set from 440 yards upwards.

The revision does not affect the standard scratch score of a course, but does allow clubs to adjust par to take account of the terrain between tee and green and the normal prevailing weather conditions.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

17th-23rd JULY, 1989

If you wish to assist with bunker-raking and other duties at Troon, please forward your name and address to the Executive Director as soon as possible with an indication of the dates on which you are available. Please note that assistance is needed for the practice days as well as the four Championship days.

Preference will be given to those members who can make themselves available for the whole period.

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Members should note that this will be held at **The Lyme Regis Golf Club, Lyme Regis, Dorset** from 14th - 16th August 1989.