

MANAGEMENT

new fourth green from scratch on ground previously in the category of scrub, as well as remodelling another.

Ninety-six loads of rooting mix went into the area, pulled across the course by tractor and trailer. It was sown at the beginning of October with an 80/20 fescue/bent mixture rather later than planned because of bad weather, but now in its third year is developing a thick and healthy sward.

Although Baildon has a Green Committee, David said he is given almost a free hand to maintain and develop the course as he sees fit. The club have adopted a very liberal attitude to the work carried out and have the utmost confidence in the ability of his management and the skill of his greenstaff.

They also subscribe to a sound progressive policy for greenstaff education and training and are to be commended for what Hannam believes is a very healthy attitude, unlike some clubs who still remain ignorant or apathetic to the professional development of their greenstaff.

One of his staff, Scott Thompson,

holds a full City and Guilds certificate in greenkeeping, another Stephen Gardner an ex-YTS student from nearby Otley golf club, is on the first year course at Shipley College. His first assistant Nick Faram has been at Baildon for 13 years. All are encouraged to attend greenkeeping lectures and exhibitions.

David's new role within the Association as Regional Administrator is expected to be even more time consuming than that of Northern Section Secretary. There will be more meetings to attend, greater distances to travel, particularly because his kingdom extends from Merseyside to Teeside, and South Yorkshire to the Scottish Borders.

Asked how he saw his new job developing, David said his predecessor David Golding would be a hard act to follow, but he did have some new ideas which in time he hoped to implement.

His primary objective would be as a link between member and management, feeding views from the five Sections through to Headquarters. Meanwhile he still had the bunkers around the tenth green to finish as soon as it stopped raining.

OBITUARY

Mr John Field, one of the most respected members of the golf course distributive industry died at the end of January after a short illness, aged 66.

Among the mourners at his funeral were many friends from the world of golf, including greenkeepers, business associates, fellow members of local golf clubs as well as a large number of personal friends and relatives.

As a young man John represented Franks Keeps an old established firm supplying golf and sports clubs in the South East. Later he joined Maxwell Hart, becoming their Technical Sales Manager a position he held for many years.

Through his association with greenkeepers he became closely involved with the BGGGA attending local lectures and tournaments, taking an organizing role each year at the National Tournament, where his service proved invaluable.

As a mark of the Association's appreciation he was appointed a Vice President at National level as well as a Vice President of the Southern Section.

After a lifetime associated with golf courses it was inevitable he would take up the game, joining his local club, Langley Park. His wife Audrey also shared his interest and they shared many happy hours on British courses.

John will be sadly missed by his wife, son and daughter as well as the many friends he made through the game of golf.

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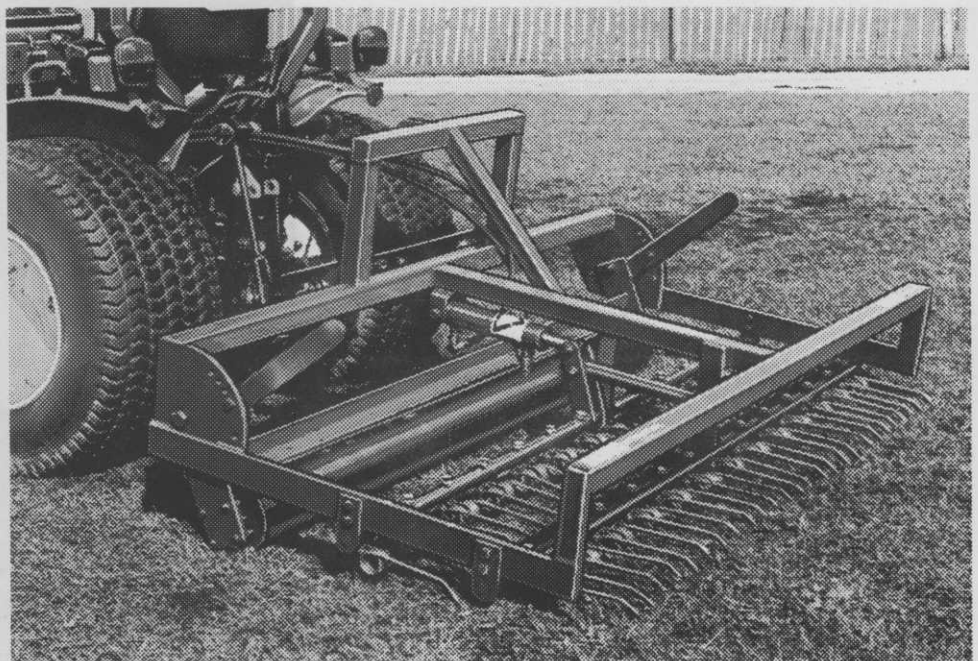
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