

CLIPPINGS

By The Mower

Top job for Yorkshire Greenkeeper

Colin Geddes, one of the country's most respected greenkeepers has been persuaded to leave his native Yorkshire to take on a prestige job in Hertfordshire.

He followed his father as head greenkeeper at Moor Allerton, when the club sold off their original 18 holes for housing and moved the course to nearby Wike. It was here that he became the next door neighbour to Peter Alliss and the beginnings of a continuing family friendship.

Initially he was the liaison consultant between the club and the contractors when the Robert Trent-Jones course, with its sand based greens, was laid out in the late 1960's, taking over as head greenkeeper in 1970.

Colin moves into his new challenge on 12th June, again in a liaising role between the owners of a new luxury hotel complex, incorporating an 18 hole golf course built in the grounds of Hanbury Manor just outside Ware.

He tells me, the course designed by Jackie Nicklaus, the "Golden Bear's" eldest son is being built by Southern Golf to a high standard and his job over the next three years will be to set up the course and train a crew.

The Geddes family have been connected with golf ever since Colin's father became involved with Dr Alister Mackenzie in the mid 1920's as a golf course construction foreman. Two brothers are greenkeepers another became a professional golfer.

And keeping another unique happening in the family, both Colin and his father served as National Chairmen of the BGGA.

SISIS return to Cavendish Club

SISIS Equipment of Macclesfield will again be returning to the heart of the Peak District for their invitation golf day on Tuesday 20th June.

This popular event sponsored by the Cheshire based machinery manufacturers will be an 18 hole stableford competition played at the Cavendish Club at Buxton.

Cavendish is one of the few English courses where they cater for two sports - golf in the summer and a ski run in the winter.

British Students to take part in American Seminar

Jacobsen, based in Racine, Wisconsin have invited two turf management students from Britain to take part in their College Student Seminar at the company's headquarters at the end of May.

This is the first time in the 21 years the programme has been run that it has taken on an international flavour.

Those making the trip are Chris Harvey from the Lancashire College of Agriculture and David Williams from Norwood Hall.

Later in the year Jacobsen's will sponsor a four day College Student Seminar in England when leading golf course and ground care managers will present papers and chair discussion groups.

Course managers of Europe getting together

A move has just been announced by a number of managers working at top European golf courses to form a new organisation. It is understood that membership will be restricted to managers and head greenkeepers. Further information on the new organisations and application forms for membership are expected to be released shortly.

William Lawson choose top steward

The 1989 Golf Club Steward of the Year Award sponsored by William Lawson's Scotch Whisky has been won by David Forshaw of Lymm Golf Club.

Fry leaves Supaturf

News has just been released that Richard Fry has resigned from his position as a director of Supaturf. His is to spend more time developing his own company, Marketing Link Associates and Farmura, a company in which he is a share holder.