

CLIPPINGS

By The Mower

Memorabilia

Malone Golf Club near Belfast celebrates its Centenary in 1995 and among other activities planned to mark the event, the Council of the Club propose to commission the production of a Centenary Book. While much information is already available from Club records, undoubtedly much else of value must exist, so the Council is anxious to commence preparation of the volume.

If any of our readers possess, records, correspondence, photographs or any form of memorabilia, the Secretary Manager, Malone Golf Club, 240 Upper Malone Road, Dunmurry, Belfast BT17 9LB, would be most grateful.

Good wishes

It was very pleasing to see former ICI Professional Products Manager, Keith Cleverly, making a tour of the Windsor Show Ground last month.

Keith has undergone two serious operations since his promotion, which took him away from the ICI headquarters at Farnham last year, but reports indicate he is making steady progress.

Although still on the "sick list", we hear he has been taking his golf clubs for a round at the delightful home club at Blackmoor.

Good wishes are extended for a complete recovery from former colleagues and his many trade friends.

Goodbye Cornelia

Congratulations are also offered to another former ICI manager in the same division, Miss Cornelia Norris. Now Mrs. Dyball, she tied the nuptial knot in June amid great celebrations and then announced she would have to resign as her new husband John had been offered a job in Munich. Bubbly Cornelia, a science graduate from Lancashire had been in the Professional Products Division for four years after a stint at the Research Station at Jelotts Hill and will be greatly missed by the ICI team.

Wentworth opinion

Government Minister Lord Young is not one of those who is objecting to the Japanese involvement at Wentworth. Quite the contrary.

Arriving back from Tokyo, where he had been accompanying Mrs Thatcher on her business boosting trip, Lord Young says "By using European and Japanese capital we can raise the standard of the club to the highest international level, whilst maintaining control in British hands."

He goes on to say that he knows Wentworth well and as a golfer he feels strongly that the sport needs modernising and our approach to the game needs updating.

No objection to that as long as we are not going to import the Japanese custom of five hour rounds of golf, with a break after nine holes for lunch.

STRI annual report

The STRI have had difficulties with the Annual Journal this year, due to problems at their Dewsbury printers. The bulk of copies have been despatched to some 5,000 recipients, but until they receive the reprint there may be a few customers who are still waiting.

Director, Dr. Peter Hayes in his report says advisory work on golf has increased by a further 17% this year on top of the 20% reported in 1988. There has also been a marked increase in fees for constructional work, one of the major projects being the supervising of the new South Course and 9-hole courses at Wentworth.

Ticket only

One of the outstanding successes at the Ryder Cup was the policy of restricting spectators to a ticket only entry. This ensured only those who played the game gained entry and although there was natural voluble partisan support, it was also fair, with equal recognition to the Americans.

The "Clippings Editor" was told by his daughter, that the atmosphere was fantastic, the crowds well behaved and polite, she had no difficulty in seeing the action and Tony Jacklin shook hands. Not a bad day out on a complimentary ticket!

Tired old course

A correspondent to Golf World has complained that the Old Course at St. Andrews was in a disappointing condition when he played there in July.

He said there were sweet papers on the course, empty cans in the Swilcan Burn, weeds in the bunkers and lack of grass on the fairways and greens.

The first two complaints can be laid squarely with the golfers themselves. As for the others, the weather has much to do with the lack of growth and our moaner suggested the solution on upkeep himself. Instead of allowing continuous play from dawn 'til dusk, give the staff a couple of hours in the morning without interference from the golfers.