## BREENSIDE COMMENT

### **OUT AND ABOUT**

# STEWARTS NAME NEW TEAM

Widespread business diversification during the past two years has led to the creation of a new senior management team at Stewart and Company, the Edinburgh-based turf management specialists. "As we move into the 1990s Stewards have become Scotland's leading turf management suppliers, sportsground contractors and growers of Inturf," said Greame Forbes, Stewarts managing director.

Ken Waddell (bottom) relinquishes his position as Sales Manager to become the company's new General Manager, and Alan Miller (below), previously Stewarts Area Manager for the East of Scotland, is promoted to Sales Manager.

"The development of Stewarts in recent years has been encouraging for all involved with the company but we are keenly aware of the importance of close day-today management which Ken and Alan will be able to provide," said Mr. Forbes. In addition to his role as MD of Stewards, Mr. Forbes is also a director of Inturf.





#### COMPULSORY COMPETI-TIVE TENDERING ADVICE FOR PUBLIC GOLF COURSES

Anticipating the impact of Compulsory Competitive Tendering in 1991, which will mean public golf courses being put out to private tender, Golf Course Management (Europe) Limited is launching a special service to advise local authorities.

From its base in Richmond Park, Surrey, it's associate company Golf Course Management (Richmond) Limited, on behalf of the Department of the Environment, runs the two public courses in the Royal Park. G.C.M (Europe) Ltd. will advise on all aspects of the government act particularly with regard to maintenance. They can recommend on the provision of better facilities such as extensions from 9 to 18 holes, par 3 courses, driving ranges, enlarged clubhouses and golf shops.

The G.C.M.(E) Ltd, service covers planning, development and construction, funding if necessary and management and financial consultancy role.

Gilbert Lloyd, G.D.M.'s Managing Director, said "With over 20 years experience in helping local authorities develop their golf facilities, we believe we can improve both the quality and profitability of any public pay-as-you-play golf course".

#### S.T.R.I. TEST OF 'KNOTOUT'

Winter research by the S.T.R.I. has been conducted on Synchemicals unique product KNOT OUT, a residual herbicide for the control of germinating weeds on areas of newly sown grass.

S.T.R.I. applied KNOT OUT at the manufacturers recommended rate and field tested for possible adverse effects on seed germination and seedling establishment on a range of 30 turfgrass cultivars, commonly used in the renovation of sports turf, including ryegrass, fescues, bents and smooth-stalked meadow grass.

Seed germination was not impared on any turfgrass cultivar following treatment with KNOT OUT when a direct comparison was made with the untreated control.

Neither were there any apparent differences in rooting between the KNOT OUT treated and the control plots.

These independent tests confirm the findings of studies in the UK and the United States of the high degree of tolerance of turf grass species to ISOXABEN.

#### SISIS IN SCOTLAND

John Yeates is the new Area Representative for the West of Scotland. John a keen sportsman from a farming background and has worked in agricultural engineering and forestry.

The East of Scotland Area Representative is Les Westwater who also has an agricultural engineering background, and was previously with A. J. Bowen.

The SISIS Centre in Scotland at Falkirk will continue as the base for this expanded team, serving as demonstration, service and spares supply depot for Scotland.

Keith Vertigan has returned to Cheshire to take up the appointment as SISIS Northern Regional Manager with overall responsibility for Sales and After Sales Service.

#### PERSONALISED BUNKER RAKES

Club names can now be printed on the header panel of the attractively designed new Prorake bunker rakes. As an optional extra a courteous reminder about raking bunkers, and repairing pitch marks can be incorporated.

"Prorakes are popular with members, according to Ralph Pickering secretary of Stoke Poges."Even the pilferage factor seems to have been eliminated."

Rakes cost £4.95 each, plus printing costs to individual club specification and logo. Further details from Robin Hunter B.D.P. Ltd. 0990872321. Boundary House, Lady Margaret Road, Sunningdale SL5 9QH.



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