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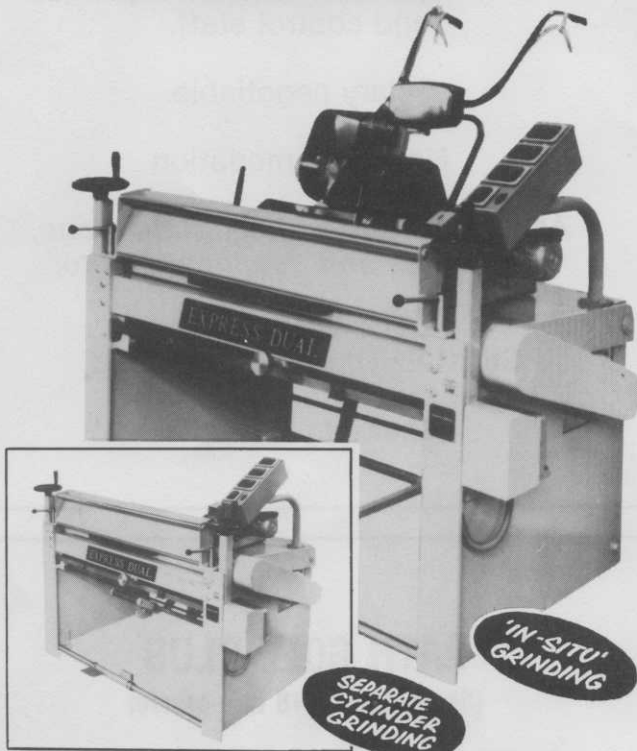
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Berkhamsted Greenkeeper returns to his first course to win the Jacobsen Tournament

The third annual Jacobsen National Greenkeepers' Tournament played over the Hunstanton links in Norfolk last month again produced a nail biting finish with three players tying on 36 Stableford points.

The winner, first assistant Gerald Bruce, a four handicap golfer at Berkhamsted made sure of the trophy at the first extra hole in the play off by sinking his putt for a birdie at the par four first hole.

The two others in contention, Alan Patterson (11) an 18 year old apprentice greenkeeper from Powerfoot, the delightful seaside course on the Solway Firth and Andrew Toomey (13) Head Greenkeeper at the Rochford Hundred Golf Club in Essex needed three extra holes before Patterson emerged as runner-up.

For Gerald Bruce, his triumph was the more memorable because Hunstanton was the course where, under the tuition of Head Greenkeeper Jimmy Reed, he served his apprenticeship before moving to Berkhamsted to become the first assistant. The son of a police inspector at Kings Lynn, Gerald's success has delighted the members of his new club.

His greens, naturally, cut with the latest diesel Greensking fitted with the Turf Groomer, were like putting on polished glass. Certainly the fastest greens any of the competitors had seen this year. Over dinner Jimmy said he was cutting at 3/32nds, every day during the summer, but might raise the cutters slightly and reduce the mowing to three times a week as the winter progressed. If this is his greens maintenance programme, then for this course it cannot be faulted.

At the presentation dinner in the Hunstanton Club House, Jacobsen's General Manager for the UK, Mr. Chris Smith, said it was the company's intention to continue this tournament which has proved so popular both in the preliminary rounds and at the final. "It is our intention to make everyone a winner with Jacobsen" he added.

Gerald Bruce, in addition to his trophy and voucher for £100, has been invited to represent greenkeepers from all over the country at the GCSAA Convention to take place in Houston, Texas in February 1988. He will also be able to participate in the series of seminars, lectures and debates, which are part of the seven day programme in conjunction with the largest indoor turf exhibition in the world.

If he takes his golf clubs with him there will certainly be an invitation to play some of the excellent courses outside Houston, that is if he has the time to fit in a round between a host of other invitations likely to come his way.

This year the Jacobsen final produced a number of new faces among the competitors as well as a few 'old stagers' and no disrespect is intended to Bob Plain, and Gordon Payne! Once more the luxuries of the Caley Hall Motel were made the available to all the players kept in strict order by mine host the hospitable Clive King, whose stature and girth is a living example of the delights of fine living.

Breakfast at the Caley is only surpassed by the dinner at night, closely followed by the entertainment to suit all tastes.

The Captain of Berkhamsted Golf Club, Mr. M. J. Howard, has issued his congratulations to Gerald Bruce in a letter to members and wished him well for his forthcoming educational trip to Houston, Texas.

The Jacobsen final has now become an established fixture over the demanding Hunstanton course, where the hospitality and welcome to greenkeepers nationwide could not be bettered. The club professional, John Carter ran the tournament from start to finish with a degree of organisation to match any major golf event. The course was presented in immaculate condition by Jimmy Reed, despite torrential rain over the previous three days which many thought would make the links unplayable.

About the author:



DAVID STIRK has been a collector of golf clubs and a student of golf history for forty years. As a player he was runner-up in the British Senior's Championship and twice won the Devon Open Championship. His previous publications (in collaboration with Ian Henderson) include *Golf in The Making*, *Royal Blackheath*, and *The Complete Golfer*.

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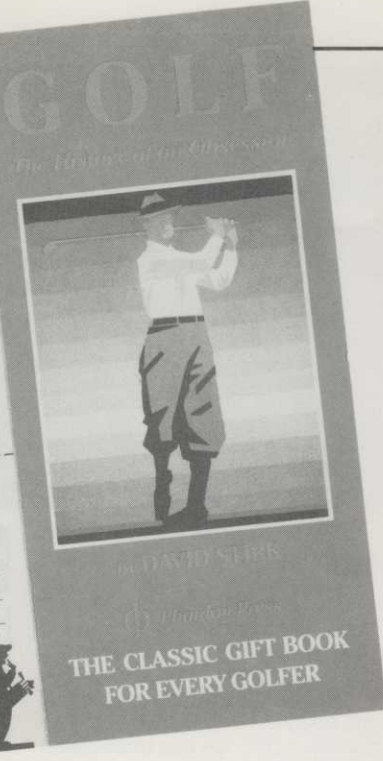
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Among my most treasured possessions is a book entitled 'Golf in the Making' by David Stirk and Ian Henderson, published in a limited edition in 1979 and printed by Lund Humphries in Bradford.

At the time I was working in the printing industry and over several months saw this 332 page book put together. It is a complete history of the game of golf from its earliest beginnings to around the start of the first World War, with pages and pages of the most detailed research, into not only the game itself, but the development of the clubs and balls and the personalities of the earliest exponents of the game.

Now, nineteen years later, David Stirk, one of the leading historians of golf, is the author of a magnificent new book entitled 'Golf - The History of an Obsession'.

This time, David Stirk has reviewed the game from its commencement in Scotland or maybe Holland, perhaps China, though it is doubtful whether one country of origin had any influence on the other. This beautifully illustrated reference book takes golf through to the present day touching on clubs and balls, fashion changes for both men and women golfers, the growth of tournament golf embracing Tom Morris, father and son and of course the great Triumvirate, Vardon, Braid and J. H. Taylor. Finally the author discusses the Modern Game, the continuous year long, world-wide round of activity, with its megastars earning millions, supported by the hard working 'bit players', never likely to make a fortune but able to earn a comfortable living by graft, dedication and living out of a suitcase.

The book concludes with a chapter on the modern courses

with superb double page colour illustrations of Turnberry, Cypress Point, Pebble Beach, Augusta and one of St. Andrews from the air, showing the course completely surrounded on three sides by the sea fringed by the most inviting stretch of golden sand any Thompson Holiday Guide would be proud of.

David Stirk, FRCS is a West Country Surgeon and a member at Westward Ho! He has twice won the Devon Open Championship and was runner up in the British Seniors Championship. As a student of golf history and a collector of golf memorabilia, no one has better qualifications to produce such a fascinating study of the game.

A quote from the opening chapter perfectly sums up the author's reasons for writing the book and the reader's justification for buying it.

"I have always been fascinated, not only by the game itself, but by the history of the sport. Given man's propensity for throwing, rolling and kicking balls, and hitting them with several bats, rackets, clubs and cues, the development of the notion of hitting a small stationary ball across turf, with a stick, for fun, was inevitable".

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Huw Morgan and Laurence Pithie (extreme left and right) with T.V. Star Jimmy Jewel, from the award winning T.V. play 'Arthur's Hallowed Ground', the story of a cricket groundsman protecting his wicket from the threat of vandals.

Greenkeepers Win Trip to Houston

More than 100 people attended the Institute of Groundsmanship's third annual Education and Training awards ceremony held in the main library of the Reform Club in London's Pall Mall on Friday 30th October 1987.

Although more than 40 awards were made, highlight of the evening was the announcement of the winners of the 1987 Groundsman of the Year competition, organised by the Institute, sponsored by Scottish Agricultural Industries plc. Greenkeepers won the two top prizes of a trip to the GCSAA Convention in Houston in February.

Winner of the Young Groundsman of the Year title was 21-year-old **Huw Morgan**, Head Greenkeeper of Fairwood Golf Club, Swansea. He received a framed certificate, engraved crystal whisky decanter, as well as the top prize of an all-expenses-paid trip to Houston, Texas.

Winner of the Master Groundsman of the Year competition was **Laurence Pithie** (35), Golf Course Manager of the Minchinhampton Golf Club near Stroud, and runner-up in last year's competition. He received a similar prize.

Twenty-one year old Huw Morgan has been at Fairwood for two years and is responsible for the maintenance of the 147 acres parkland course, along with his staff of four.

Married, he enjoys all sports, but especially golf and football, and he is also a keen gardener.

His father, Vivian, is Course Manager at the Pontadawe Golf Club.

Laurence Pithie (35), has been at his club since 1981 where he is responsible for two golf courses: one, on National Trust land, has to be run without any of the aids of modern sprays and chemicals, but at the other Mr. Pithie is free to use whatever modern devices the budget will allow! On this New Course Laurence has undertaken a number of major construction projects during 1987, including the addition of a lake.

Married with two young children, he has a famous next-door neighbour. The Minchinhampton Club borders on the estate of the Princess Royal at Tetbury. His hobbies and interests include, playing golf, badminton, football, travel photography and stamp collecting.

During his 1970-72 apprenticeship he gained all four City & Guilds certificates in greenkeeping, and last year successfully completed a correspondence course in golf course management.

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APPOINTMENT



ROGER DIX,
General Manager at
Monro Horticulture Limited

General Manager appointed at Monro Horticulture Limited

Monro Horticulture Limited, created from the combination of Fyffes-Monro Horticultural Sundries Limited and Kenneth Wilson Horticulture, in February this year, has appointed Roger Dix as General Manager.

Roger Dix joins Monro Horticulture Limited after seven years with J. W. Chafer Ltd. the Doncaster based company specialising in liquid fertilisers, chemicals and crop spraying machinery, where he was a director. Previously with the agricultural division of ICI, at their Millbank headquarters he also worked in Africa.

Commenting on his appointment as General Manager, Roger Dix told *Golf Greenkeeping*, "Monro Horticulture occupies a highly respected position in the industry. The enlarged company has several exciting developments in hand, which will bring many benefits to our customers and contribute to Monro's future growth and prosperity".

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New 3-wheel Drive Triplex from Triplex

Greenkeepers can now get 3-wheel drive on Jacobsen's Tri-King 1471. The new option gives golf course managers better traction and manouverability for improved performance on slopes and in wet conditions.

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The new 3-wheel-drive option - together with other options such as 5- or 10-blade reels, grass catchers, grooved or solid front rollers, front micro-height adjusters, and traction wheel weights - lets greenkeepers set up the machine to match their conditions.

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