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GREENSIDE COMMENT

COMMUNICATION IS A TWO-WAY OPERATION

The regular readers of this magazine will notice certain changes to the type faces and sizes in this month's issue as well as a widening of the column widths with the inclusion of a centre rule. All designed to make the journal more attractive to the eye and easier to read. It is the publisher's constant aim to produce an informative, well produced publication for the members of the BGGGA, with a balanced content of news about your own section activities, current products and services obtainable from manufacturers and dealers, news about people, particularly those who come into direct contact with our readers and articles about greenkeeping, both the practical aspects and the theory. In this respect we are fortunate to have two of the best informed writers on greenkeeping matters in Martyn Jones and F. W. Hawtree, contributing on a regular basis.

The turf care trade also supply regular information on product development, appointments and promotions of their staff, as well as the technical and economic reasons why their equipment is better than those of their competitors.

Section secretaries also make their regular contribution of news and events in their areas, mostly typed in double spacing, we are pleased to say! But if there is a part of the monthly journal that can be said to be missing it is the constant stream of 'Letters to the Editor'.

Whenever the editor meets members at golf tournaments, shows or seminars he is asked to lend an ear to an important issue. Why not put these issues in writing? If you have some important points which require airing then your magazine is the place to do it. There is bound to be someone who will agree and certain to be someone who doesn't.

As long as letters contain a name and address the editor will respect the writer's wish for it not to be printed or given to anyone else. So come on you shy and bashful greenkeepers - Let's be hearing from you about the current topics of the month.

Our most sincere congratulations must be extended to Derek Ganning and his greenkeeping team at the Belfry. All who visited the course have commented on its superb definition, the immaculate greens and fairways and above all the transformation that has been achieved in such a short time.

The only touch of sadness was the death of George Herrington on the Tuesday prior to the start of the Ryder Cup. George prepared the course at Lindrick when the British Team last won the cup in 1957 and many said he made a significant contribution to the Team's success by producing a British course in pristine condition.

Derek Ganning prepared an American style course to equal anything they can produce in the States.

Who will ever forget that eagle putt from Sam Torrance on the 18th to clinch victory? Never has the atmosphere been so electric on a golf course.

NEXT MONTH:

F. W. Hawtree visits the Pau

Martyn Jones explores more on American Greenkeeping Methods

The International Tournament Report

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The 18th green at the Belfry, one of the most famous holes in Britain was brought to perfection, helped by the mixtures of Steetley Vitax.

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