

P.G.A. Boss Colin Snape resigns.

In a surprise statement at the end of October, it was announced that Colin Snape, The Executive Director of the Professional Golfers Association had tendered his resignation.

The P.G.A. Board of Directors, which now includes Peter Alliss met at Apollo House and made the announcement in the absence of Colin Snape. He was said to be on holiday in Yorkshire at the time.

Snape, believed to receive a salary worth £50,000 a year, has led the professional golfers since 1972, improving their status and increasing the finances from £40,000 to over a million pounds in fourteen years.

One of his first moves on taking office was to reorganise the regional structure replacing part-time secretaries with full-time organisers, to develop professional tournaments and regulate the appointment of assistants with special emphasis on setting minimum standards for training.

Prior to the announcement rumours of his pending departure had been circulating in the golf world for some weeks, cutting links with not only the P.G.A. but the W.P.G.A. He took over

the management of the Women's Golf when their tour sponsorship support had dropped to such an extent it was in danger of total collapse and built the prize money up to £750,000 this year with an estimated £1,000,000 for 1987.

No reasons have been given other than a short statement to the effect that Mr. Snape is likely to seek interests in other fields. He will be staying on at the Association's house within the Belfry area until June of next year.

On two occasions he was behind moves to bring the Greenkeepers into the overall P.G.A. set-up, the first time in 1981 and again last year when representatives from the B.G.G.A. were invited to Apollo House to discuss proposals, which would give them a headquarters at P.G.A. headquarters a full-time Secretary, a joint magazine and an alliance between the two professional bodies in club golf.

Following an alternative proposal from the R.&A. to help greenkeepers set up their own professional organisation if they were prepared to amalgamate, the P.G.A. offer was rejected.

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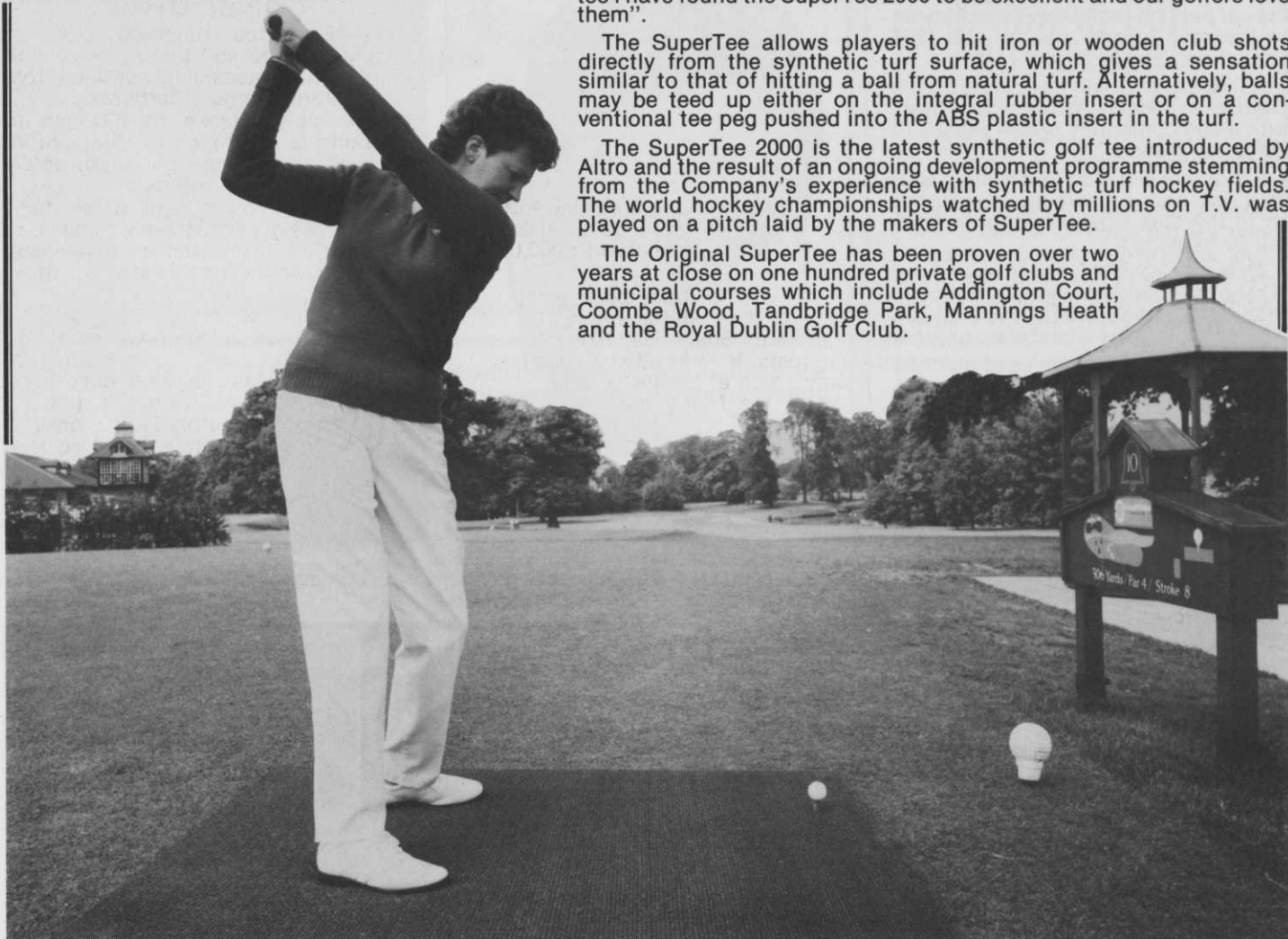
The Belfry Golf Club, venue for the Ryder Cup Competition, has purchased the new SuperTee 2000 synthetic turf tees for each of the 18 bays in their driving range and for occasional use, when necessary, on the tees of the two golf courses.

Commenting on the choice of SuperTee 2000 by The Belfry, Head Greenkeeper, Derek Ganning said, "We want our driving range to have the best synthetic surfaces available, as like real turf as possible. Similarly, for the golf courses, when conditions demand a temporary tee I have found the SuperTee 2000 to be excellent and our golfers love them".

The SuperTee allows players to hit iron or wooden club shots directly from the synthetic turf surface, which gives a sensation similar to that of hitting a ball from natural turf. Alternatively, balls may be teed up either on the integral rubber insert or on a conventional tee peg pushed into the ABS plastic insert in the turf.

The SuperTee 2000 is the latest synthetic golf tee introduced by Altro and the result of an ongoing development programme stemming from the Company's experience with synthetic turf hockey fields. The world hockey championships watched by millions on T.V. was played on a pitch laid by the makers of SuperTee.

The Original SuperTee has been proven over two years at close on one hundred private golf clubs and municipal courses which include Addington Court, Coombe Wood, Tandridge Park, Mannings Heath and the Royal Dublin Golf Club.



Pictured here is Altro's Golf Consultant, Joan Smith, who plays the Ladies' professional golf circuit, driving from the SuperTee 2000 at the famous 10th hole at The Belfry.

PESTICIDE CONTROL REGULATIONS

Delegates at a one day workshop called by the National Turfgrass Council have expressed concern over the timing of training and certification to meet the demands of legislation for the new Pesticide Control Regulations.

The final date for all commercial operators using pesticides to be fully trained and awarded certificates of competence has been set by the Ministry as 1st January 1989 and because approved courses to cater for large numbers of operators requires considerable planning and organisation many of the 200 delegates believed the industry could not meet the legislation requirements.

The first stage of the new Act came into effect on 6th October and over a period will require all those storing, selling and applying pesticides to be fully trained in their use and hold a certificate of competence.

Initially the Act will affect suppliers and distributors and those sub-contractors mainly concerned with local authorities who apply pesticides on commercial contracts.

So far the regulations do not require greenkeepers applying pesticides on their own courses to hold certificates, but as the Act was passed as 'enabling legislation', the Ministry of Agriculture can issue new regulations as they see fit.

The current regulations lay down fairly stringent conditions for the storage of chemicals. Decanting into unmarked containers and supplying pesticides to others not in the approved labelled pack also offends against the Health and Safety Acts.

Visits to golf courses and the greenkeepers' sheds previously the responsibility of Ministry of Agriculture Inspectors has been transferred to Environmental Health Officers working for the local authorities. They can bring prosecution proceedings for those who still adopt unsafe practices, under the Health and Safety Legislation.

In time all golf courses will be required to provide secure brick built storerooms for chemicals, protective clothing and adequate washing facilities.

NEW PRIZE DONOR TO GOLF

In order to forge closer links with an important sector of its business, Hayter has recently participated in two golf tournaments.

Hayter presented the second prize in the Eagles Scottish Garden Machinery Golf Tournament which took place in September at Rosemount Golf Club, Blairgowrie. Open to manufacturers and retailers in the garden machinery trade, the tournament has become a popular event which has been held annually since 1974.

In England, the British Golf Greenkeepers North West Division Autumn Tournament took place on 13 October at Pleasington Golf Club, Blackburn. The event was sponsored by Burrows G.M. Limited of Leyland, Lancs, who presented a trophy to the winner.

A prize donated by Hayter was won by Andy Peel, an apprentice greenkeeper employed at Trafford Borough Council at the William Rowe golf course.

EXTRA CAR PARKS FOR WINDSOR NEXT YEAR

Traffic chaos at peak arrival times during the three day Sports & Leisure Exhibition at Windsor this year has forced the IOG organisers to improve the car parking facilities and entrances to the race course site for the 1987 Exhibition.

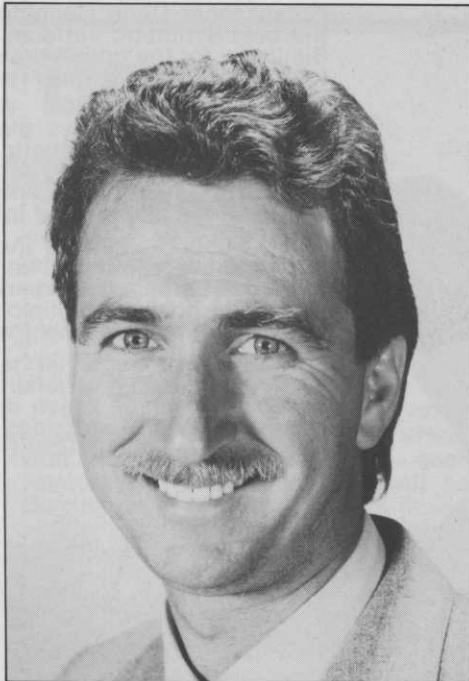
A new car park will be opened on the Windsor to Maidenhead road for visitors with a complimentary coach service to the show ground.

Exhibitors will also be provided with their own car park with direct entrance on to the site. Coach and lorry parks will be extended.

This year vehicles moved in and out of the site without much difficulty despite the single line traffic over the only bridge into the island showground.

September dates have been planned for the next five years but if the Exhibition continues to expand an eventual move to a Midland venue with better access must be the logical progression. For next year's exhibition a further 3,000 sq. metres of stand space has been made available with twice that amount added to the demonstration areas.

APPOINTMENTS



John Mullins
(Midlands)



John Stott
appointed Marketing Manager at
Rigby Taylor

TOP TURF FROM DEREK EDWARDS

Inturf, the new company launched by Derek Edwards, previously with Rolawn, have harvested their first crop of fine cultivated turf from the firm's Pocklington Nurseries.

Pocklington on the edge of the Yorkshire Wolds, between York and Hull is said to be an ideal growing area for turf because of the fast draining sandy soil.

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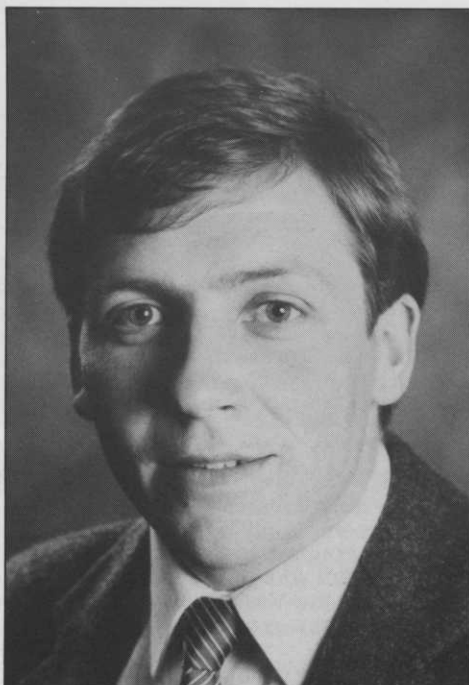
BILL PILE JOINS DON HUNT

Bill Pile, Downes Crediton's Course Manager for the past nine years has left the club to join Don Hunt's company as a sales representative and adviser for fine turf surfaces.

Previously first assistant at Exeter, Bill decided at the time when in the words of the song 'Life begins...' to accept an offer to change direction and so far he is thoroughly enjoying the experience.

We hear he is prepared to continue as Devon & Cornwall Secretary - a bonus to the Editor as his notes are always immaculately typed and arrive on time!

Bill left Downes Crediton on a high as it is reliably reported that Tommy Horton said his greens were the best the Pro circuit had played in Britain all year.



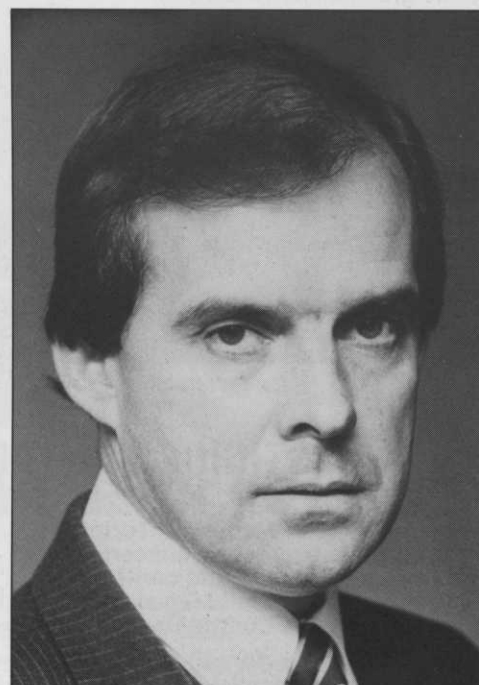
Patrick Taylor
(North of England)

SUPATURF APPOINT NEW REPRESENTATIVES

Two new field men have joined Supaturf Products. John Mullins in the Midlands and Patrick Taylor in the North of England.

The new appointments mark the start of a further expansion phase in the growth of the company and an increase in their marketing activity.

Mr. W. H. (Bill) Heath, and Mr. Fred Cox, Technical Adviser have both retired from the Company.



Robert Beedham
joins Rigby Taylor Board as
Financial Director

MORE CHANGES AT RIGBY TAYLOR

Rigby Taylor the Bolton based fertiliser manufacturer have appointed two new staff following a complete management restructure earlier this year, when Derek Phillips retired to be succeeded by Bernard Hedley as Chairman and Richard Lawrence, previously with May & Baker left the company and subsequently acquired an interest in Trident of Compstall.

The two new recruits are John Stott, who becomes Marketing Manager and Robert Beedham appointed Financial Director.



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B.G.G.A. HOLD EXECUTIVE MEETING AT YORK

Section representatives met at York last month to discuss the voting both at regional meetings and through the postal ballot on the two resolutions concerning the amalgamation, of the three greenkeeping bodies.

As reported last month 80% of the total voting, were in favour, but the Committee were disappointed by the low poll despite the ease of ballot with a pre paid card.

Sections have already notified the Secretary concerning various points in the Constitution which will need clarification or amendment and a further meeting of the B.G.G.A. Executive has been arranged for Birmingham in November.

The Chairman, George Malcolm expressed concern over the lack of manning for the B.G.G.A. Stand at the Windsor Exhibition.

Next year will be the 75th Anniversary of the Association. The intention is to hold a Dinner to mark the occasion. Details of the date and venue will be announced later.



MOOR ALLERTON SEMINAR FOR NOVEMBER

A one day Seminar at Moor Allerton Golf Club, Leeds on Thursday 20th November has a line-up of speakers guaranteed to hold the attention of delegates.

Greenkeepers themselves will present a series of short papers and no doubt be closely questioned, but the named speakers all earn their living off the course though that does not mean their contribution will be any the less interesting, informative and dare we say - controversial.

Author and past Green Chairman at Lindrick, Nicholas Park makes a return visit to Moor Allerton following his winter lecture to the Northern Section.

Editor of Golf Monthly, Malcolm Campbell can encompass the whole golfing scene and he will be supported by Norman Bey, Philip Wharton from the Yorkshire Union and Rodney Foster a past captain of the Walker Cup Team.

The total seminar fee is £15.00 to include lunch, plus a set of follow-up notes to be mailed to delegates later.

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