



## The Learning Process Goes On

A recent head greenkeepers' supervisory course at Elmwood College, Fife, attracted 23 students. Organised by the college and supported by SIGGA, three students travelled up from England, while another came from the Channel Islands to attend.

A varied programme was offered, ranging from the role of a supervisor, health and safety, conditions of employment, report writing and budgetting to public speaking, which doesn't come easy, but can be mastered with practice.

As might be expected, not all the subjects offered met with complete approval, but it's a fact that something appearing irrelevant at the time can prove useful later on. However, we are waiting for written comments from students and these will be taken into account when preparing next year's programme.

SIGGA feels that this type of course is extremely useful and will continue its involvement.

*Joe McKean,  
SIGGA General Secretary.*

## The 1985 Kubota Golf Challenge



This year's Kubota event takes place at The Belfry on October 17-18. It is now a four-cornered match with a team from The Association of Golf Writers entering the fray. Each association is responsible for selecting eight players. The timetable is:

### Thursday October 17

Arrive at midday; practice round, 1pm; team photos, 5.30pm; cocktails, 7pm and dinner at 7.30pm.

### Friday October 18

Breakfast at 7pm; semi-finals, 8am-9am; buffet lunch, midday-2pm; final and third-place play-off; 1pm-2pm; cocktails, 7pm and dinner/prize-giving at 7.30pm. Departure is after breakfast on Saturday.

## Central

A one-day seminar was held at Dunfermline GC recently and, due to tremendous interest, a limit of 130 had to be put on the number of places available.

A good cross-section of greenkeepers and club officials was in attendance when Dr Peter Hayes, David Boocock, Roy Woolhouse and

Gordon Macadam of the STRI gave an insight into the many aspects of golf course work. This was followed by a lively question and answer session. Thanks go to the STRI for providing such excellent speakers and to Dunfermline GC for the use of its clubhouse.

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Hertfordshire, Middlesex and north and west London who have not been notified about events in the area should contact me so that I can check the mailing list.

*David Low.*

## East Anglia

People on the move lately include Dick Scott, who left Cottessey Park to go to Thorpness and then left Thorpness. Mick Clark has been promoted

to head greenkeeper at Gorleston—we wish him well.

Congratulations to Dave Jones are in order for the first part of the Diary of A Greenkeeper (January/February). I thought it was first-class—even I could understand it!

Diary dates for this year's golfing events include: May 15—Bungay (if the clubhouse is finished); June 19—Newmarket; August 6—Cambridge Hotel; September 6—Purdis Heath and October 16—Maylands (to be confirmed).

*M. Lathorpe.*

## North West

Heswall Golf Club was the venue for a talk by Nick Park on Greenkeeping And How It Affects The Golfer, which was illustrated by some fine slides of historic golf courses.

The 73 members and guests enjoyed a question and answer session with Nick and Eddie Park. My thanks go to both speakers who travelled from Sheffield to provide a memorable evening. Thanks also go to the captain and council of Heswall GC for use of the clubhouse.

*Bill Lawson.*