



## From National Headquarters

After an initial approach by the PGA at the Open Championship, discussions are taking place regarding a proposal made by the PGA to form a new greenkeeping association, to be known as the Golf Greenkeepers' Association, based at the Belfry. Similar proposals have been made by the PGA to SIGGA and the BGGGA and a joint meeting at the Belfry is planned for early November.

T. Parker & Sons generously donated a fertiliser spreader to support the EIGGA's attendance at the Open Championship. The spreader has since been sold to a bowling club and the proceeds placed into the association's funds. Our thanks go to Peter Simpson of Parkers for the company's much appreciated and continued support.

## North West

Members are reminded that the branch's one-day autumn seminar will be held at the Reaseheath College of Agriculture, Nantwich. By now, members will have received a newsletter giving the timetable and programme of events. Please support the organising committee and, more importantly, improve your own knowledge.

Members are asked to contact the chairman Bill Lawson on 051-648 4047 if they have any constructive comments to make on the discussions presently taking place with the PGA.

Kevin Wroe, head greenkeeper at Rhuddlan Golf Club and his assistant Keith Berk, would like to hear from members in North Wales interested in setting up a branch of EIGGA. Kevin can be contacted on 0745 591140.

The North West welcomes Dave Lucas and his assistant,

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## A Letter To The Greenkeepers Training Committee...

Dear Mr Coffey

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the training scheme and I would answer, referring only to England and Wales, as follows.

a) The Greenkeepers Training Committee prefers block-release rather than day-release and this forms the basis for approved colleges.

b) There are four approved colleges at the moment - Askham Bryan College, Askham Bryan, York; Cheshire College, Reaseheath, Nantwich, Cheshire; Plumpton Agricultural College, Lewes, East Sussex and the Somerset College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Cannington, Bridgwater, Somerset.

c) Modification to the syllabus takes place on a regular basis, but major alterations are likely to result after consultations with the City and Guilds.

d) The Greenkeepers Training Committee has formed an education sub-committee to handle consultation with the City and Guilds.

The committee appreciates that there is no direct action it can take if other colleges wish to offer courses, but it wishes to

see prospective trainees channelled to the approved colleges in England and Wales. W.N.S. Bissett, Administrator and Secretary, The Greenkeepers Training Committee, York.

Dear Mr Bissett

In order, once again, not to contribute to misleading information, can you please clarify the GTC's position on education at colleges now that we are starting a new academic year? Can you please confirm:

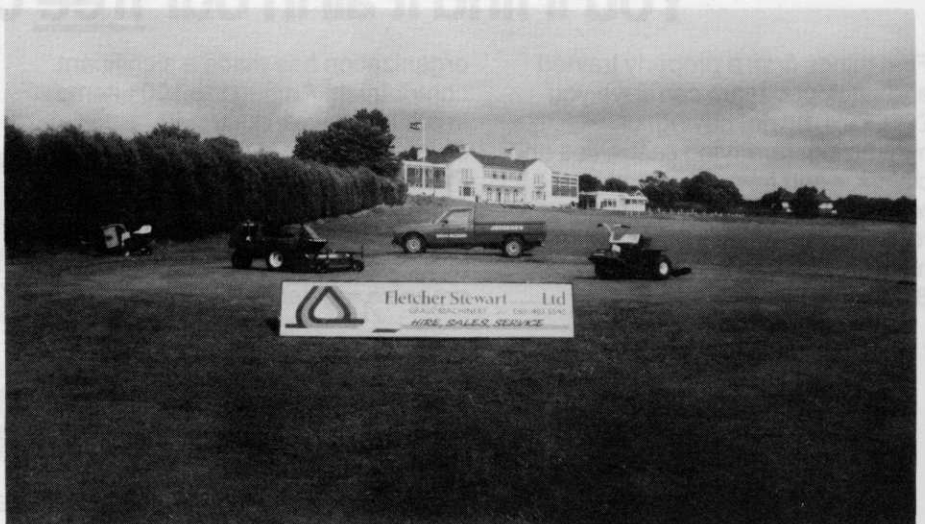
- a) That the GTC is backing block-release courses?
- b) That there are to be five approved colleges and name them?
- c) Whether there is to be any modification in the syllabus?
- d) If so, under what authority?

As you will appreciate, there is considerable interest from our readers in what the GTC recommends, although I equally understand several other colleges are going ahead with block-release courses for Phase III.

M.W.A. Coffey.

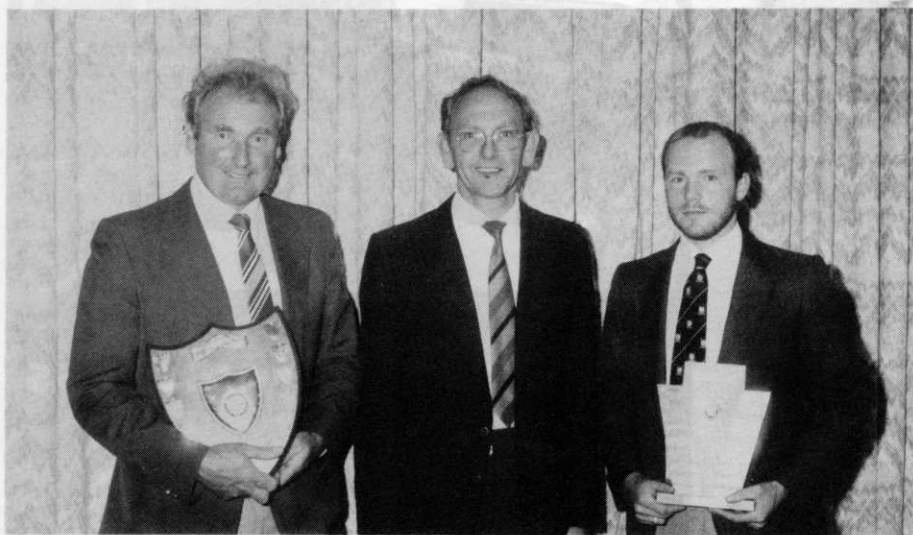
## Heswall Selected For Stockport Company's Show

Fletcher-Stewart (Stockport) chose Heswall Golf Club, near Chester for a two-day display and demonstration of Jacobsen and Ryan machinery. Many EIGGA members boosted a good attendance from clubs and local authorities in the Wirral area. The company can be contacted on 061-483 5542.



Heswall's clubhouse provided a magnificent backcloth.

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The two qualifiers from the East Anglian heat of the Jacobsen sponsored tournament held at the Cambridgeshire Hotel were George Newson (left), head greenkeeper at Felixstowe GC, and Jon Barnard, first assistant greenkeeper at Theydon Bois GC. They are pictured with David Holmes (middle), area manager of Jacobsen Textron. George and Jon now go on to try and win a trip to the States, courtesy of Marshall Concessionaires.

formerly of the Old Thorns Golf and Country Club, who are constructing a new golf course in the Macclesfield area.

Phil Davies, who was the head greenkeeper at Rhuddlan GC and treasurer of the North West branch, has been appointed technical representative by Joseph Metcalf for North Wales and Cheshire. Best wishes and good luck, Phil, in your new position.

*Raymond Hunt.*

## East Anglia

The branch's first sponsored tournament took place at the Cambridgeshire Hotel recently – the Jacobsen Shield was sponsored by Jacobsen Textron via its dealers and over 50 attended.

George Newson had a gross 81 to take the main prize and J. Barnard had a net 69 to win the Marshall Trophy. Mick Lathorpe returned a net 71. First and second guests were H. Southwood (69) and A. Elvin (70), both of 11.

Our thanks go to young Eddie and the lads for a well-kept course, the hotel management for the hospitality and the trade boys, especially Ken Stern, for their effort.

Lastly, I must mention Mrs John Young, who donated a cake for

one of the prizes. John is making progress after a long illness and it was good to see him out and about again.

*Mick Lathorpe.*

## London

As usual, the sun shone for the evening's golf at Northwood, a rare event last summer! Congratulations to Michael and his staff for the course's excellent condition.

The results were: scratch to 12 – J. Hill 38 points, D. Stenton 37 points and A. Lewish 32 points; 13 to 28 – J. Jay 30 points, T. Low 29 points and A. Coghill 29 points.

Prizes were donated by T. Parker & Sons, Kings of Coggeshall and Maxwell Hart. Best wishes to branch member John Teixeira who has qualified as an EIGGA representative for the Kubota Challenge at the Belfry this month.

Two dates for your diary – there's a visit to Lely Import at St Neots on October 22 and the dinner-dance takes place on November 15. The dinner-dance is not restricted to members, so bring some friends as it is an ideal occasion for meeting people, away from golf and the golf course.

*David Low.*

## Surrey

The Surrey members would like to thank Sunningdale for allowing the branch use of the superb New Course for the McMillan Trophy.

It was a great honour to be able to play such a magnificent course in such superb condition and, in this respect, our thanks go to Jack McMillan and his team.

The Stableford competition was played over 18 holes and the winner was D. Lenham, while G. McNiven and P. Dawson finished second and third. Nearest the hole on the 17th was D. Jones.

In addition to the usual prizes, J&B donated several bottles, which were gratefully received. Our thanks to Henry Lorimer and Malcolm Withycombe for their support.

Finally, please do not forget the one-day seminar at Wentworth on Wednesday November 27 and remember your club secretaries and greens committee members are welcome. The charge for the day is £9.

*M. Hale.*

## Book corner...

**Restrictions imposed by water boards on mains supplies do not apply to private water supplies, which can also be obtained at a fraction of the cost of mains water. Therefore, *Finding Water* by Rick Brassington could lead to significant financial savings for many golf clubs, especially those that rely on their own springs, wells and boreholes.**

**The book examines who needs a private water supply, how much water is available and how to obtain the right amount from a source. There are also chapters on building new sources, water quality and treatment, water rights and the law, together with advice on which jobs can be tackled by non-specialists, when experts should be called in and how to maintain a water system once it is installed.**

**The book concludes with advice on further reading, useful addresses and a glossary of technical terms. Priced at £7.95 (including postage and packing), *Finding Water* is available from Rookery Books, 12 Culcheth Hall Drive, Culcheth, Warrington, Cheshire WA3 4PS. Tel: 092576 6754.**