

BONUS ISSUE

Greenkeeper is pleased to be able to include with the issue a reprint of Nicholas Parks series of articles on the "Management of British golf courses" which appeared last year in Golf Monthly. The series received such wide acclaim and created such interest that the Royal & Ancient through the Greenkeeper Training Committee commissioned the reprint in booklet form. For those who have not read the articles they will be fascinating and for those who have seen them before the booklet will become an invaluable addition to their reference library.

CONFERENCE CALL

EIGGA's annual Conference still has places available for all greenkeepers, secretaries, chairman of Green Committee's, etc. During the three days there are over twenty-five speakers covering a wide range of topics, they include some fourteen greenkeepers as well as Peter Wilson of the English Golf Union, Jim Arthur on behalf of the R & A and Sir Rex Hunt guest speaker at the dinner. The cost for members is £112 including full board and accommodation and daily attendance is possible at a cost of £25 per day, so if you have not yet booked a place phone Danielle Jones on 0291 424235.

CHAIR CHANGE

Michael Chance has retired after five years as Chairman of the National Turf Grass Council. His successor is Howard Swan whose main aim is to see "that in the not too distant future the NTC will come up with a research programme for the benefit of the Turf Grass Industry as a whole".

TORO SCOTTISH CONNECTION

With a view to increasing their sales of irrigation equipment in Scotland, a second Scottish Dealer — Stewarts Sportsground Construction Limited, Dalkeith, Edinburgh, have been appointed by Toro Irrigation Limited.

From a commercial point of view, this development will increase the penetration of Toro Irrigation equipment in Scottish markets, where many systems, especially those using impact-drive sprinklers, installed in the seventies, are now in need of updating.

"We did lose our reputation for product reliability in Scotland for some time" admitted Peter Roberts. "But we know from experience gained over the past decade in other parts of the UK, that Toro gear-driven sprinklers and Toro designed Irrigation systems are now probably the best available."

GREENKEEPING PANEL

The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews has announced the formation of four advisory panels to monitor the use and distribution of its external funds. The panel on Greenkeeping comprises of D. H. Loudon, K. Almond, R. T. Robinson, J. H. Arthur and P. Wilson, the R & A advise that the panel's role is an advisory one, although they will oversee how the funds donated for research, education and the new amalgamated Greenkeepers Association are spent, they will not act in these areas, but report back to the club.

IRISH ADVICE

The fifty or so golf clubs in Ireland that have received advice over the years from Jim Arthur are now to be visited by the STRI. Dr. Peter Hayes who was based in Ulster will cover the north, whilst Stuart Ormondroyd will visit clubs in the south, reports and advice will be given on a joint basis. Mr. Arthur will continue to act as the R & A's consultant agronomist to the Championship committee as well as advising many private clubs in England, Scotland and the Continent.

Irrigation Distributorships Available

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