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Front cover: The Jubilee Course at St Andrews is to be rebuilt, as part of the Links Managements redevelopment plans. Pictured are Brian Pierson the golf course contractor, Donald Steel the architect and partners Sandy Sinclair and Johnny Salvesen.

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BIGGA, PATIENCE IS ITS OWN REWARD

The greenkeeping profession is about to come of age. 1987 will go down as an historic year for all, from apprentices to golf course managers.

A few months ago, the old Associations, for the second time this century, voted to amalgamate into one proud body, bound by the objectives of promoting *all* aspects of greenkeeping and collaborating with any body or association with which there may be a common interest.

To this end the collaboration with the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews to achieve the formation of one united Greenkeepers Association for the whole of the United Kingdom has been most amicable.

It is at this moment in time however, that the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association Board of Management requests extreme patience and support from all existing officials and members. To arrive in haste at decisions affecting the future of BIGGA would be foolish. Chairman, Walter Woods and his Board of Management are very aware of the responsibilities placed upon them and wish to inform you of the progress in all matters of obvious interest to the readers of *Greenkeeper* and members of the greenkeeping profession in the UK.

The search for a General Administrator to handle the affairs of BIGGA is almost over. More than 100 applicants were received for the position, these were vetted by appointed consultants Messrs Crew Butler Ltd., from a job description drawn up by the Board. Those short listed were finally interviewed by a sub committee and the announcement of an appointment is imminent.

The new Administrators main responsibilities will be, to run the Associations day to day affairs, develop education and training, arrange conferences, trade shows and tournaments, to liase with all other professional bodies, and above all to assist members.

The Board feel that this is an exciting appointment for the whole of the greenkeeping industry and trust that the Administrator will receive assistance and support from all concerned.

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HOLIDAY COMPETITION RESULTS

In the March issue we ran a holiday competition in conjunction with C.M.W. Equipment Company, the golf course accessory & furniture manufacturers. Congratulations to our following readers who have won prizes:

£500 HOLIDAY VOUCHER

K. J. Barber, Head Greenkeeper,
Crowborough Beacon Golf Club

PORTABLE COLOUR TELEVISION

Jeffrey Drake, 1st Assistant,
Salisbury & South Wilts Golf Club

MICRO-WAVE OVEN

Peter Robinson, Head Greenkeeper,
Knebworth Golf Club