

Surrey

The branch wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude for all the hard and tireless work by Danielle Jones on behalf of EIGGA. We feel it a great loss that Danielle's expertise and enthusiasm could not be used in the new association and wish her the very best for the future.

Special thanks also to Alec Bradshaw, past chairman of the Surrey branch, for putting in a lot of time and effort organising branch affairs. We wish Alec well and hope he has a good golfing season.

Congratulations are in order for Paul Pearse, who will now take up the position of head greenkeeper at Staverton Park Golf Club. Paul has been the branch administrator for the past 18 months and has done a magnificent job dealing with correspondence, organising golf events, etc.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul for all he has done and hope he and his

wife enjoy the new appointment.

Congratulations also to Kevin Munt, who takes over from Gerry Coley as course manager at The Wentworth Club.

The Surrey branch wishes Gerry all the very best in his retirement.

Golf dates: August 7 - Sunningdale GC, McMillan Tankard, September 24 - Leatherhead GC, McGillvary Shield, October 28 - Laleham GC, Autumn Tournament and December 22 - Effingham GC, Turkey Trot.

Members should note that the date for the Cresta Cup is June 1 and not June 2 as instructed on entry forms.

Winners of the 1986/87 Huxley Bowl are S. McMillan and P. Pearse, who defeated M. Lower and A. Davy.

The new address of the branch administrator is The Bungalow, Hankley Common Golf Club, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey.

Jim Russell, Branch Administrator

David G. Allan Oils sponsor a Young Greenkeeper Of The Year Award in association with the Langside College, Glasgow. This year, the award went to Gordon Irvine of Turnberry Golf Courses based on his college results as a final-year student.

Sales manager Don Hamilton said: "We will continue to encourage young greenkeepers via our award scheme and film shows based on maintenance and lubrication of greenkeeping equipment."



George Brown, Turnberry courses manager and greenkeeper Gordon Irvine (middle) are pictured with Don Hamilton, sales manager of David G. Allan Oils.

London

First, it is my pleasure to welcome to the branch two new members, George Whitley, head greenkeeper at West Herts, and Derek Lithgow, head greenkeeper at Bushey Hall. We hope their appointments will be long and happy.

Following the April committee meeting, Derek Mason resigned for personal reasons and I would like to thank him for all his help over the past three years. I am pleased to welcome Brian Anderson of Pinner on to the committee and I am sure he will be a great asset to the branch.

At the same meeting, I was appointed temporary administrator until the next AGM. I can be contacted on Northwood 24737. David Low has stepped down as administrator due to pressure of work and family commitments.

I feel sure that all members would like to pay tribute to David for all his tremendous work since the branch was founded four years ago.

You will have been informed about the committee's decision to hold monthly branch meetings starting at The Capriole Room, Park Farm, Northwood on June 5 at 7.30pm. This offers members and their families an opportunity to meet socially and I hope we have a large turnout for this function in support of the event's organisers.

I also look forward to meeting members at the Bushey Squash and Golf Club at 4pm on June 18 for an evening match followed by a pie and a pint at the very reasonable cost of £4 per person. Please notify me by June 5 if you wish to play.

The autumn meeting will be held at North Middlesex Golf Club, Friern Barnet Lane, N20 on Tuesday October 6 at 8.30am, the cost of which will be decided later.

Finally, we would like to send our condolences to the family and friends of George Pearce, who died recently aged 79. George retired in 1981 after 45 years of loyal service on the greenkeeping staff of Muswell Hill Golf Club.

Norman Exley