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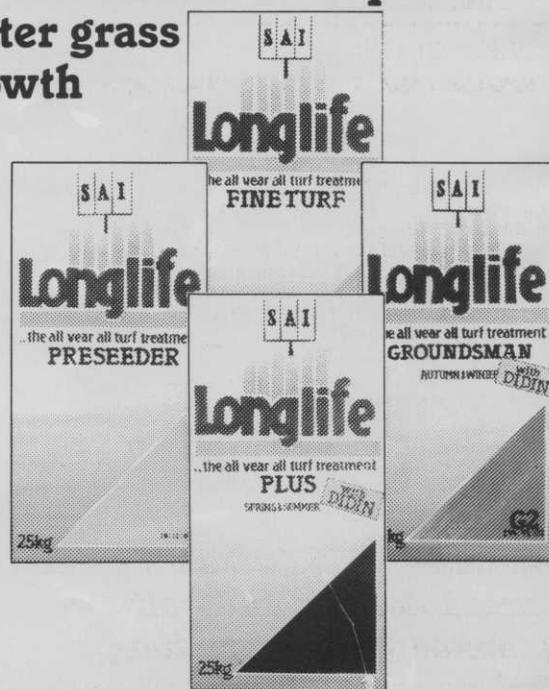
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Greenkeeper wishes all trade representatives and golf greenkeepers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous - as well as united - New Year!

BIGGA is born

The following press release was issued by the Board of Management of the BIGGA

The first meeting of the appointed board of management of the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association took place in York on 19th November 1986.

Elected representatives from the disbanding Associations EIGGA, SIGGA and BGGGA in conjunction with assistance from the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews held constructive discussions on the foundation of this new Association which effectively comes into being on 1st January 1987.

Walter Woods, Links Supervisor, St. Andrews, was unanimously elected first president of BIGGA, Jack McMillan, Course Manager, Sunningdale Golf Club Vice Chairman, elect.

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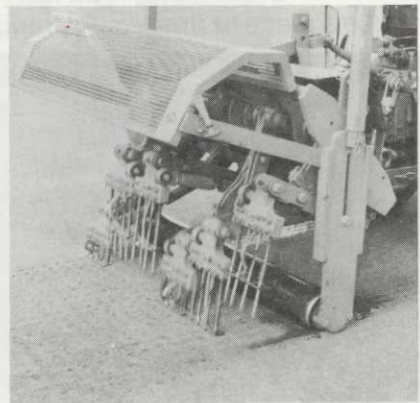
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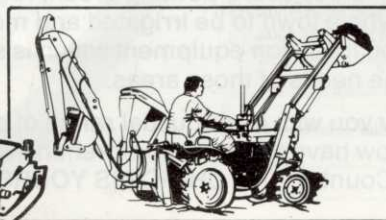
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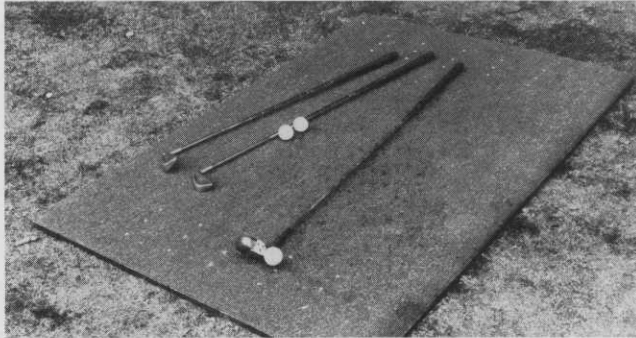
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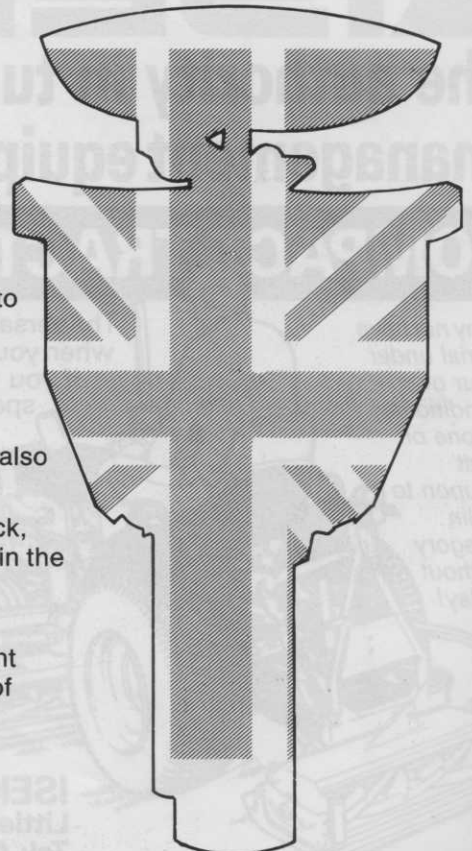
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Dear EIGGA Members...

By now, you will all be aware that EIGGA's membership has voted to amalgamate with SIGGA and the BGGGA to form one united association. I was pleased to see that a good proportion of our members took the trouble to vote on the proposals, although it was not a 90 per cent return as reported in some quarters. I only wish it had been.

Nevertheless, of those who did cast their votes, 86 per cent were in favour, so there seems to be little doubt as to the general wish for unity among greenkeepers.

Over the past few months, I have listened to all the arguments for and against the proposals and I can appreciate the feeling on both sides. I believe the right decision has been made and now it is up to all concerned to make sure this new venture works and works well.

It really is an exciting landmark in greenkeeping and, with one association representing all greenkeepers, there is enormous potential for improvement and progress.

Of course, we can't expect instant results in all areas and we will need to rely on the excellent team representing EIGGA on the new association's board of management. They are Bill Lawson, former EIGGA chairman and a dedicated worker, who has done so much for our association; Kevin Munt, EIGGA's first chairman and now a trustee of the association; Dennis Ayling, president of EIGGA for the past two years, and Raymond Hunt, a member of EIGGA's board of management and South Wales branch administrator.

All have given a great deal of themselves to EIGGA and I can assure you that the interests of our members are safe in their hands.

The first meeting of the new association's board of management is to be held sometime this month (November) and many im-

portant issues will need to be decided. I hope that the board, in its wisdom, will reconsider the new association's title. I feel the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association (BIGGA) lacks dignity and is as cumbersome as the names of the original associations. This is only a small point, I know, but a view shared by quite a few.

1986 has been a very positive year for EIGGA. The national conference exceeded all expectations in terms of attendance and proved even more successful than 1985. Our thanks go to Warwick University, who looked after us so well throughout the event. Plans are already in hand for the 1987 conference, which will, of course, be held under the banner of the new association. Sadly, we are unable to book Warwick University again, but an alternative venue has been secured and delegates will not be disappointed.

The conference will be held on the weekend of April 10-12 at the Redwood Lodge Hotel and Coun-

try Club, Bristol, Avon. Redwood Lodge is a superb venue. Once again, we will be limited to the numbers of delegates. This year's conference was over-subscribed and those who left their applications until the last minute, had to be turned away. So, please book in good time.

The programme and booking form will be available in the new year, but anyone wishing to reserve a place can do so by contacting me for details at the address below.

This autumn has seen three rather significant events. For the second year running, the greenkeepers carried off the Kubota trophy and we are very proud that EIGGA's two representatives, Brian Turner and Duncan Kelso, were part of the winning team. Congratulations to them.

The Kent branch held a one-day seminar at Broome Park in October and I understand that this attracted a large attendance. The Kent branch administrator and committee must be commended

Greenkeepers Retain Kubota Title

A team of golf greenkeepers won the fourth Kubota Golf Challenge at The Belfry by defeating the golf writers 6-2 in the final, having beaten the golf club secretaries, also 6-2, in the semis.

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