

# Who and what are moving on and moving in, in the greenkeeping industry

## FACES & PLACES

■ Jimmy Richardson wrote telling of young Michael Gunn's lucky escape following an incident at Tyneside GC. Michael was cutting grass on the 15th fairway when his tractor somersaulted three times down a 30ft ravine before coming to a halt and catapulting him clear. Michael's father, club professional Mac Gunn, on talking of Michael's injuries to back, neck and stomach, said; "He is lucky to be alive. The tractor could easily have fallen upon him".



■ Ian Corcoran, pictured, Assistant Greenkeeper, Market Drayton GC, will play in the 36 hole strokeplay Dunhill Amateur Masters at Woburn on September 6th. This after placing first in the regional finals held at Tytherington GC. He beat last year's Champion, Ian Pethybridge, by one shot.

■ Scottish BIGGA Chairman, Harry Diamond, who is also head greenkeeper at Belleisle and Seafield GC, had a dodgy start to his day recently when vandals decided to make an unscheduled visit and set fire to the starters box. It was razed to the ground.



■ Despite forbidding weather forecasts which happily proved wrong, nearly 100 head greenkeepers attended two Sta-Brite golf days in June, the first held on a blustery but dry day at Calcot Park GC, the second at Mid Kent GC, Gravesend.

At both events a great day's golf was followed by a splendid dinner, with prizes presented by Mike Fabb, General Manager of Sta-Brite.

Pictured: Mid Kent winners, from left, Richard Pride, Willie McConville (winner) Ron Christie (third) Mike Smith (runner-up) and George Barr (longest drive).

■ Gordon Moir, the Sherlock Holmes of Fraserburgh, wrote telling a sad tale concerning Derek Ray, head greenkeeper at Nairn Dunbar, who - wait for it - broke his leg playing cricket! I wonder, do we send Derek a get-well card or a contribution toward psychiatric guidance?

■ From the East Midlands, via Walter Cole of Longcliffe GC, comes the startling news that Tim Allard has had a baby! We bet his wife is pleased and is taking great care of the new 'mother' during the critical nursing period. Good luck to them both!



■ ICI have just appointed a new member to their National Sales Team, Johney Beck, who takes up the position as ICI's Technical Area Sales Representative responsible for the south and south east of England. Johney has recently moved to be central to his area and can be contacted on 02407 4741.

■ It's difficult to keep Elmwood College out of the press these days, and now comes news that a Toro 3000 D Greensmaster has been donated by the manufacturers through A M Russell Ltd of Edinburgh, who will undertake all servicing. The machine will be used on Elmwood's golf

course and in training greenkeeping students.

■ Hawtree, the golf course architecture practice responsible for more than 600 projects world-wide, will celebrate their 80th birthday in style next year with their first Indian course, a newly commissioned 27 hole layout in New Delhi. India was the first country outside Great Britain to be introduced to the game, the first Club being established in 1829, and it is hoped that this course will mark a revival of golf in a country with a great golfing tradition.



■ The firmly established Annual Parkers Greenkeepers Tournament was staged recently at Cuddington GC, with 68 Golf Clubs represented. The coveted Parkers Rose Bowl was won by Eric Green, Woodcote Park GC, with 35 points, followed by Stuart McMillan, Leatherhead GC, with 34 points.

Pictured: far right, Mr Jim Parker; centre, Mrs Yvonne Montague, far left, Peter Simpson, and the winners.



■ Barcham Trees of Soham, Ely, Cambridgeshire, have appointed Andrew Mitchell to their sales team to promote their range of container grown trees. Andrew was formerly with the Crown Estates Commissioners at Windsor and Notcutts Garden Centres.



■ Steven English has been appointed UK Sales Manager - Tyres, for Trelleborg Ltd. He will be responsible for the market development of Trelleborg Low Ground Pressure tyres used in the sportsturf industry.

■ The footprints of a giant lizard which last roamed the Cheshire Plain over 230 million years ago have been re-created in the shape of two bunkers on the Donald Steel designed Portal golf course, which opened for play on June 24th. Portal is aimed primarily at the corporate business market and will operate on a pay-as-you-play basis, with a green fee of £30.

Picture by TONY PUGH



■ Excavation at Chirk Golf and Country Club, near Oswestry, meant digging out a huge rock weighing in at 35 tons, a back-breaking task. Pictured with course manager Alan Sharp (left) are Roy Thelwell, Patrick Anderson, George Griffiths, Richard Taylor, Haydn Jones, Sidney Woods, Barry Roberts and Mike Turner. Now where exactly did you bury Alan's car lads?



Howard Swan commented recently on the creation of the first nine hole Sir Henry Cotton Foundation course for beginners at Bridlington. He said: 'Sir Henry wanted to see some simple courses built where beginners felt comfortable and were able, under tuition, to learn the rules and the correct way to play. I hope Bridlington Bay will be the first of many such facilities'. Cotton, three times Open Champion, thought simple strips of land with mown areas for tees and greens were all that was required for people to start playing golf. The nine-holer forms part of a new 27 hole complex.

■ Picture shows the late Sir Henry Cotton with Howard Swan, with whom he collaborated on many projects developing the simple theme of golf for beginners, now embodied in the Sir Henry Cotton Foundation.