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FACES and PLACES

● Delight is shared by us all at the recent announcement that our President, Viscount Whitelaw, has been appointed by The Queen to the highest order of chivalry in Scotland.

He is appointed Knight Companion of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle. Lord Whitelaw, who was born of Scottish parents in Nairn, joins just 15 other Knights Companion of the Order.

His appointment, especially appropriate for one so deeply involved with golf, was made by tradition on St Andrew's Day.

● A little merry-go-round has occurred recently in the Northern Section with Fulneck's Benny Hill taking over from Chris Raper at West Bowling. This in turn has enabled Mick Rooks of Woodhall Hills to take over at Fulneck. We wish them all good fortune.

● We at Greenkeeper International join with all members of the Sussex Section in wishing Nick Beadle every success as the new Head Greenkeeper at Peacehaven Golf Club. Your editor, having watched the Peacehaven course turn from green to coffee brown over the past drought stricken year, is sure that Nick will find his fresh task a most challenging one.

● Willie Blair tells us of considerable natural curiosity generated over the appointment of a young lady greenkeeper at Rathno Park.

The mystery solved, Miss Heather MacKinnon has become a member of The Association and the 'East Scottish lads now look forward to welcoming her at forthcoming meetings. We join with them in wishing her good fortune in her new post

● Greenkeeper International joins with Ayrshire Section members and students at Ayr College in congratulating Alan MacWilliam, Portpatrick Golf Club, on winning the Best Student of The Year Award. The trophy is presented annually by the BIGGA Ayrshire Section.

● Trevor Neale, formerly an irrigation engineer with Rand & Sons, has joined irrigation consultants Philip York & Partners as Technical Co-ordinator.

Trevor, 33, will be responsible for providing technical support to each of the senior irrigation consultants at the partnership, with his new role placing great emphasis on involvement with fine turf irrigation projects.

● Golf & Irrigation Services Ltd (GIS) is the name of a new creative force in golf course consultancy, design and management, set up to respond to the industry survey which suggests that 700 new courses will be required by the end of the decade to meet demand.

Currently working on several assignments in Western Europe and the Middle East, they are also closely involved in the design and construction of the new Harvington Lodge Golf and Country Club at Evesham, Worcestershire.

● Supaturf Products Ltd have appointed Stephen Seymour, 26, as Area Sales Manager responsible for Lancashire, Cheshire, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Merseyside and North and Mid Wales.

Stephen has been National Karate Champion for the past 8 years and was World Champion in 1987. We wish him well.



Trevor Neale



Alan MacWilliam



Derek Ganning

● With full backing from the PGA and the EGU, The RecMan '91 exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham on February 26 - 28 will, for the first time, feature a major area looking at the provision for golf development, aptly titled 'Golf Development in the 90s'.

In addition, the RecMan '91 Conference (a Sports Council venture) will

stage seminars entitled 'Planning for Golf' and 'Managing Golf', both run in conjunction with the PGA. Details from The Exhibition Manager on 081 742 2828.

● Greenkeeper International is delighted to join the many friends of Derek Ganning in congratulating him on his being awarded the British Empire Medal in the recent Queens Honours list.

Derek received his medal from Lord Aylesford at a special ceremony given in his honour at The Belfry in November.

Derek is known far and wide as the Course Manager of The Belfry, the 36 hole complex that is headquarters for the PGA and the venue of the recent Ryder Cup triumphs. If it is true that the site itself has been the subject of adverse criticism, it can equally be said that Derek Ganning has unfailingly delivered playing conditions that are clearly above reproach.

Whilst not knowing the criteria applied in the awarding of such honours, we are in full accord with the wisdom of such thinking, recognising as we do that Derek Ganning has been a true ambassador for the profession that he loves and serves so well.