

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

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■ Four members of the staff of SISIS Equipment Ltd complete 25 years service with the Company in 1991. Pictured are Lynn Hilton; George Hobbs; Dennis Bayley and Eric Burgess with directors R A Hargreaves; J W Hargreaves and A Harrison, plus production manager J D Arnold, who himself completed 25 years in 1989. The total service of these eight amounts to 206 years – an enviable record!

■ Kevin Munt is leaving John Jacobs Golf Associates to join Kajima Engineering Europe, as Manager of their Golf Course Management division. Links with Jacobs will however continue, for the current Colne Valley development at Denham, owned by Kajima, is a John Jacobs design. Given the acclaim this layout has received, no doubt other designs for Kajima will follow from the Jacobs stable.



■ Robin Greaves is moving from Bristol and Clifton GC to the Burhill Golf Centre, Thornbury, where a full length 18 plus 18 par three and 20 bay range will open in '92 on a pay and play basis. Robin has been in greenkeeping since school and was at Cotswold Hills GC before moving to Bristol and Clifton GC some 12 years ago, assuming the head greenkeeper role in 1985.

■ Vion (Buster) Lewer has secured a long deserved promotion, moving from Wells GC to take on the Erlestoke Sands course at Devizes, Wiltshire. This course, designed by Adrian Stiff of Western Golf Developments, will open in May '92 and at 6500 yards par 71 has already generated sufficient interest for the Wiltshire Golf Union to apply for their championships to be held there in 1995.



■ Mike Eddington and Andrew Robinson of Sports Turf Services were welcome visitors to Charterhouse Turf Machinery recently, the occasion being receipt of the Charterhouse Dealer of The Year Award, presented annually to the dealer with the best sales of the year. Last year's winners, Risborough Turf Supplies, worked hard to repeat their 1990 success but were pipped at the post by the Edinburgh-based Sports Turf Services.

Pictured, from left, David Jenkins, Mike Eddington, Andrew Robinson, Philip Threadgold.

■ Martin Townsend has been appointed Regional Technical Sales Manager, Avoncrop Amenity Products, this following a brief but successful spell with Monro Amenity Care. Martin has skills which have spanned several sports, including an apprenticeship at Lords, head groundsman at Eastway Multi-Sports Centre and head greenkeeper at Bishops Stortford GC. Apart from obvious practical skills, Martin has an academic background that includes C&G Phase I and II in Greenkeeping and Sportsground Management and the IOG National Technical Certificate.

■ A weary stork was sighted over Ashburnham GC recently, lugging the 8lbs 13ozs that is David Michael, a son of Ashburnham's Mike and Pam Wilson. The best wishes of BIGGA's South Wales section goes to them all.



■ Bert Cross wrote that Martin Twist, Hillside's head greenkeeper featured recently in Greenkeeper International, was married on May 25th to Anne-Marie. In wishing them good fortune from the NW Committee, Bert couldn't resist telling me that Martin had declared his golf clubs off limits but took fishing rods on honeymoon instead. My guess is that Anne-Marie is probably the best catch he'll ever make!

■ We'll call it the Charnwood merry-go-round, for the transfer list in the East Midlands, supplied by Gordon Mitchell, revealed that Tim Allard moved to Charnwood from Longcliffe GC and Steven Tolley moved from Charnwood to Longcliffe. Also away from Charnwood to Oxtun GC is Charlotte Skirrow, with Nick Danvers moving from Scraftoft GC to join the hard-working team at Leicester under Bill Hewetts. In Gordon's words, good luck to you all and may the grass grow greener on the other side of the fence.



■ Andrew Chamberlain has been appointed national sales manager by Bark Products, his special responsibilities including major accounts and commissioned agents.

■ If Charnwood is the merry-go-round, what adjective can be conjured up to describe the goings-on in North Scotland? The dictionary suggests circumfluous, (flowing all around) which aptly fits Gordon Moir's latest epistle of changes vis:

Kerry Park to Rothes after being out of greenkeeping for six months, Martin Cameron returning from Germany to be head greenkeeper at Buckpool, Derek Green starting as head greenkeeper at Huntly, with Alan Strachan moving from Montrose to Royal Dornoch as first assistant. Meanwhile... Maurice Rodgers has moved up from Biggar to Fraserburgh as first assistant, Iain Elliot has left Keith for Austria, whilst an un-named gentleman has moved from Orkney to Keith, leaving Orkney seeking a head greenkeeper. There's more... John Littlejohn has moved from Newmacher after completing his apprenticeship, to be first assistant at the John Souter complex at Tullybannocher, near Comrie. All this activity leads me to think there must be something in the Scottish water. Good fortune to you all, gentlemen.

■ The 18 hole par 72 parkland course at Hintlesham Hall, near Ipswich, designed by Hawtree, is due to open later this year with a feature that promises to be quite something. A unique Edwardian-style clubhouse is currently under construction and will complement one of England's finest historic hotels. Full marks to the developers for such foresight, especially when many Clubs consider razing their own delightful clubhouses to the ground in favour of so-called modern structures which often turn into architectural nightmares.

■ Doubts as to the readiness of The Ocean Course for the Ryder Cup may be instantly dispelled, for Kiawah Island's 'magnificent work of art', opened for regular play on May 24th for up to 100 players a day. Players reported being spellbound by its character. Playing 7371 yards from the tiger tees, the course features 12 holes directly along the Atlantic Ocean and has a distinctly Scottish links flavour that should suit our team admirably. Surprisingly, considering the huge investment, cost of play is not exorbitant, with fees of \$100 (about £55) including cart rental and unlimited practice balls quoted.



■ Peter Jefford, MD of Rufford Top Dress Supplies Ltd., has appointed his wife Margaret (pictured) to assist in promotions and exhibitions. Margaret's wealth of experience in sales and marketing will benefit Rufford's dramatic expansion in the sports and leisure industry. The quality of Rufford's range is well known and to further enhance this,



Michael McDonnell (pictured) has been appointed as head of production and quality control. Commenting, Peter Jefford said 'This is just reward for Michael, who has been with Rufford's from its conception, his vast experience in quarry operations and his dedication to detail will be a great asset'.