

Fresh from the trauma of completing this second issue of 'Greenkeeper International', and basking in the mild feeling of comfort it affords, I was reminded of a scrap I read somewhere by a witty writer whose name I cannot recall but whose observations on journalism are engraved indelibly in my mind. "Writing a column is easy", he wrote, "All you have to do is sit at your typewriter until small drops of blood form on your forehead".



management articles, written by the people who can properly guide those who do not presume to know it all. We will sometimes feature golf courses which perhaps bear scant resemblance to many of the tired-out affairs on which some British greenkeepers are forced to toil, but in maintaining a balance we will also look long and hard at some strife-ridden courses and aim to offer practical solutions.

Preparing the first issue was a bit like that, save that the blood ran rather more freely, but with the backing of some unsung heroes we were ready on time and judging by your generous comments we seem to have been pretty well received.

We'll also hear a lot from the educators and hope that we may absorb new ideas; we'll look at thorny environmental issues or proposed legislation that may threaten our livelihood and strive always to protect and improve the well being of all greenkeepers.

In recent times however it has become fashionable to attack almost everything that BIGGA does to improve the lot of their members, and the armchair critics of this magazine, even after a single issue, are suggesting that your editor (and by implication your Association) is guilty of pro-American views and that the magazine has failed to highlight British greenkeeping issues.

There will be enjoyment in this magazine, but there will also be controversial issues honestly faced with no attempt at 'disinformation'.

I am no apologist and will not rise to their bait, least of all after just one month, for in recognising an intelligent audience I believe that whilst issues on our doorstep are important, those happening elsewhere in the world can often have a profound influence on The Way Forward - the path we earnestly seek to tread.

We are sure there will be times when you'll want to put pen to paper, spluttering in protest at statements with which you vehemently disagree.

That is what controlling a magazine is all about.

This one is YOURS and you will be addressed seriously, without condescension or pontification.

From the warmth of my office in Sussex I'm taking pleasure in watching the snow fall, delighted that this natural blanket will give some rest and protection to courses which have been thrashed so mercilessly for so long. Just keep off those toboggans!

We will publish technical turfgrass

DAVID WHITE

## Dirty deeds in the public sector

Lack of supervision, bad working practices and quality reduced well below specifications are becoming increasingly prevalent as pressure on public sector spending continues to favour those who submit the lowest tender.

Transferring a weaker product into the drum of a specified grass growth retardant required by contract terms has led a Leicestershire based weed spraying contractor into trouble.

Languard Limited of Husbands Bosworth, Lutterworth, were apprehended on the side of a Yorkshire motorway and found to be in possession of a quantity of 20 litre drums labelled REGULOX K. Upon analysis the drums were found to contain a weaker strength product and not REGULOX K. Languard Limited, who were members of the National Association of Agricultural Contractors, Amenity Section, until their resignation on Feb 1st 1991, were working as sub-contractors to Tarmac in South Yorkshire at the time of the discovered abuse.

Following the incident the manufacturers of REGULOX K have been granted an injunction in the High Court of Justice preventing Languard Limited from a number of actions in relation to their product and trade mark, with costs also awarded against Languard Limited.

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