

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

■ Sheffield's section scribe, Ian Collett, wrote to inform on a namesake, one Ian Whitehead of Hallamshire GC, who is now "a true Green keeper" upon marrying Hayley Green on March 16th. We join with friends in wishing them both great happiness together.

■ My grapevine 'spy', Gordon Moir, tells me that Alan Strachan of Montrose has been appointed Assistant Head Greenkeeper, Royal Dornoch GC, taking over from Kevin McGrath; who has moved to Austria. When the grapevine whispers, Gordon is sure to be listening. We wish both Alan and Kevin good fortune.

■ Another on-the-ball 'informer', Paul Worster, tells of the move from Wells GC of Cary Rawlings, who is joining his old boss Nigel Pring at the new golfing complex under construction at Collumpton. Having seen the site from a distance it looks both exciting and a huge challenge. Good luck to them both.

■ Bob Bennett, mentioned briefly in Faces & Places in March, spoke recently of establishing his Fine Turf Management Consultancy, LOGRO, following his return to Scotland from Sunningdale. Contracts are progressing very nicely, I'm told, with a neat twist in the tail being that Bob has been retained as consultant adviser to Sunningdale GC., responsible for technical liaison between the Club and Watermation Ltd in respect of the refurbishment of their irrigation system. In addition, LOGRO will continue to provide Sunningdale with consultancy advice during the interim period prior to Lawson Bingham's appointment as course manager.



■ SISIS Equipment (Macclesfield) Ltd are delighted that Keith Morris has joined forces with them as Area Representative for Kent & Sussex. Keith comes from a farming background and has spent five years selling agricultural machinery. An ex-rugby player, married with 10 month old twins, his hobbies are cookery, photography, reading and, no doubt, infant care!

■ Supaturf Products Ltd have recently appointed a Sales & Marketing Officer, a position created in order that a student of Harper Adams Agricultural College, David Rodda, could join Supaturf for a 'year out' in industry as a fundamental part of his course. David, 21, is studying for his HND in Agricultural Marketing and Business Administration, and will be responsible in assisting the development and marketing of new Supaturf products during his year with the company.



■ Patrick Goldsworthy, a familiar figure to almost everyone in the golf industry and one whose impact has been considerable, is leaving his job as Training and Development Manager with ICI Professional Products to join the BAA (British Agrochemicals Association) as their Marketing Resources Manager. This appointment is an upward step for Patrick where his undoubted ability can now be used to

the benefit of the whole industry in providing a common platform and improve the general public's understanding of the industry and the benefits of the careful use of its products. That stated, Patrick assures us that the amenity sector, and the use of pesticides in public places, will remain close to his heart in his new position.



■ Mark Jenkins of Nailsea, Bristol, has been appointed Western Area Manager for MASPORT (UK) Ltd. Mark, previously with G D Mountfield and Dynamow Ltd, is already well known to many Masport dealers, especially in the South West.

■ Known as The Ipswich Initiative, the launch of The 1991 Ransomes Foundation Award for Young Technologist of

the Year took place recently with a cheque for £45,000 being handed to Borough officials and representatives of Suffolk 2000. The competition is intended to promote excellence in Design & Technology in schools and will give youngsters the spur of competition with the added knowledge that if they win, they receive a cash prize and their school will be able to buy more technological equipment. Projects will be displayed at an exhibition to be held in Ipswich on June 25th.



■ Karl Litten, pictured standing with Colin Snape, has accepted his first UK commission and is to design two championship 18 hole courses at the £30 million multi-sports complex at Leek Wootton near Warwick, which is being developed by The Golf Fund PLC. Commenting on Litten's appointment, Colin Snape, CEO of The

Golf Fund said: "Karl is, in my view, one of the best in the business and I am particularly impressed with his designs at the Emirates GC, Dubai and at Boca Raton, Florida."

■ Work has begun on the first new 18 hole course at St Andrews since 1914, with construction specialists Brian D Pierson Ltd anticipating main construction to be complete by the end of July. The new course, designed by Donald Steel and known as The Straththyrum, lies close to the Eden and will be the first visitors will see as they journey to the Home of Golf along the A91 leading into St. Andrews.

A brand-new championship course featuring the third longest hole in Europe - The par 72 Wellington at Belton Woods - opened for play on March 18th. The 18th hole on the course is 613 yards long, or, as the old caddie might say "three of them and two of those... and maybe one more"! A second 18 hole course - The Lancaster - is planned to open in June.

■ Kubota (UK) Ltd and Lackham College, Wiltshire, have reached a mutually beneficial arrangement which demonstrates the importance of links between education and industry. The arrangement will allow Lackham students access to a £145,000 fleet of Kubota tractors and machinery and will provide the company with a valuable SW base for its demonstration fleet.



Brian Hurlley, V.P., Kubota UK Ltd shows Peter Morris, Principal, Lackham College some machinery controls



■ Colin Hennah has been appointed South Western Regional Manager for Kubota (UK) Ltd. With over 14 years experience in the tractor industry Colin will be responsible for the management of Kubota's 23 strong S.W. dealership network, stretching from Worcestershire in the North to the Isle of Wight in the South and from South Wales in the West to West London in the East - a big patch!



■ Michael Thomas has been appointed Chief Engineer at Charterhouse Turf Machinery, a move from his previous job as design engineer. Before joining Charterhouse Michael spent 20 years with Fison's Scientific Division. Michael has wide technical experience ranging from stress and vibration analysis and precision mechanisms to research into new materials and metal forming techniques.