

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

■ Playing in the Kent County Championships over 27 holes at Cherry Lodge GC (S.S.S. 75) on September 9th, 'young' Peter Biscoe won the KGU Senior Title. Peter, who works at Cray Valley GC and plays at both this course and Eltham Warren GC, has seen his handicap tumble by two shots over the past month by dint of some "out of his boots" play, his winning score at Cherry Lodge being 109.5 off a handicap of eleven.

■ Construction is well underway for the relocation of Eaton Park GC, Cheshire, on land given to the Club by the Duke of Westminster, who owned both the previous land and the new acreage as part of his Grosvenor Estate. The work is in the capable hands of Brian D Pierson Contractors Ltd.

■ Linda Bottomley, managing director of Mowing Machine Maintenance Ltd, will henceforth be known as Linda Adams, having married Karl Adams at Rotherham just a week or so ago. We join with all friends and colleagues at MMM and parent company Ransomes in wishing them joy and happiness in their life together.



■ More Ransomes news heralds the appointment of John Kerridge, Chairman and Chief Executive of Fisons, as Deputy Chairman of Ransomes plc, the parent company of Ransomes Sims & Jefferies. He has been a non-executive director of Ransomes for seven years.

■ News from Gordon Moir tells of the retirement of Willie Milton, head greenkeeper, Downfield GC, having been at Downfield since the course was constructed in the 1950s. Willie was a stalwart member of the North Scotland section, being chairman, secretary and treasurer at various times. In joining with the section in wishing him a long and happy retirement, we also offer his successor, Ian Menzies, our hearty congratulations.



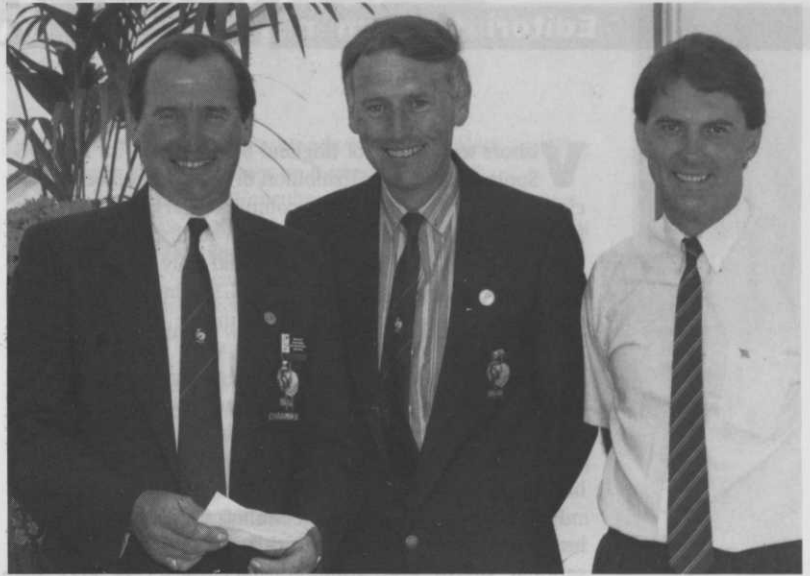
■ Clive Carter, formerly with Turfand Ltd., is now nicely established in what many see as a niche tailor-made for his talents, that of UK Sales for Turfmech Machinery Ltd of Great Haywood, Staffordshire.

■ The Joint Golf Course Committee, devoted to the R&A's discussion document 'The Way Forward', has cleared another hurdle by the appointment of Nick Park as Chairman of the Technical Panel.

This group will report to the JGCC and make recommendations about the creation of standards for golf course design, construction and maintenance. Nick Park is well known for his contributions to 'The Way Forward', the series of 'Golf Monthly' articles on 'The Management of British Golf Courses' and for his part in the most recent highly acclaimed book 'Real Golf'.



■ It was good to see Colin Geddes at the IOG, relaxed and looking like a fresh-faced teenager, and to learn that he has returned north to his native Yorkshire from the Jack Nicklaus II/Golden Bear Inc. designed Hanbury Manor G&CC, where he has been course manager since June 1989. Literally born on a golf course (was it Moortown?) and a greenkeeper all his life, Colin has covered the whole gamut of maintenance, from early traditional to the very latest Pennecross on USGA spec. Which Club will snap him up next, I wonder?



■ The news that St Andrews Links Trust has appointed BIGGA North Scotland Section Secretary, Gordon Moir, as head greenkeeper at the Eden is heralded by all who know this likeable young man. As an apprentice attending Elmwood College, where he won the St Andrews Links Trust Award for best third year student, he went on to become head man at Fraserburgh, a position he has held for 12 years. Married, with three children, Gordon is a keen golfer playing off 4 handicap. Recently he won the Fraserburgh Matchplay Champion (1990) and was Moray Open Champion in 1987. His contribution to the section is beyond measure and he will be sorely missed. To Gordon – better known as the Sherlock Holmes of Scotland – our most sincere good wishes.

■ Playing in the qualifying round of the British Amateur Championship at Ganton, Raymond Russell, a greenkeeper at Longniddry, pulled off the shot of a lifetime. The Scottish youth international drilled a six iron 200 yards at Ganton's 494 yard ninth for an albatross two! He finished with a one under 70 to lead the field.

■ Drawn at the IOG show from a barrel overflowing with would-be winners, BIGGA Chairman George Malcolm drew out just one name in thousands, the lucky greenkeeper who would fly to New Orleans to the GCSAA Conference and Show in 1992: John Atkins of Chestfield GC. As winner of this marvellous prize sponsored by Maxwell Hart, John will receive an expenses-paid trip to what is undoubtedly one of the world's most exciting venues. • Pictured, from left, George Malcolm, Neil Thomas and Maxwell Hart's Mike Ring.

A first for Ransomes

■ What better news to greet the autumn than that of Nigel Church's appointment as Ransomes' first ever Golf Sales Manager.

Nigel, a familiar figure to all who visit Ransomes for the 'grand tour', has many years of experience of the golf market and until recently headed the Ransomes Product Training Department. He's a 'grass roots' man (if he will forgive the pun), having been with the company since leaving school and has trodden the established path of sales demonstration and main dealership both at home and in Europe and the Far East before taking up his product training position.

