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The Open is something special and Bert Neale was a very special photographer. Bert, a truly pioneering golf photographer, sadly died in January 1990 before he could see this photo journal take shape.

Originally an athlete himself, he began photographing athletics when an accident forced him to stop competing. At the suggestion of a sports editor he turned his lens on golf in about 1950, when hardly anyone else was covering it, making the game his own.

Much respected and very well liked by the players, unmissable in his maroon beret and duffle coat, Bert was a unique character and he produced a range of outstanding photographic work. A founder member of the Professional Sports Photographers Association, set up in 1972, he was also the first photographer to be made an honorary member of the Association of Golf Writers. The book, a record featuring Bert's essential golfing photography is spiced with clever text by Michael Hobbs.

**The Open 1960 -1990** - 200pp hardbound - is published by Pipkin Press at £16.95.

There is growing evidence to suggest that we *all* may be at risk from the widespread use of pesticides. Studies have linked pesticides with health problems that include leukaemia and other cancers, with regular users such as those in farming or the golf course maintenance industry at special risk and in need of special guidance. Yet

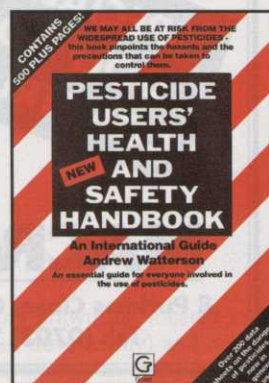
pesticides continue to be used widely - sometimes seemingly indiscriminately - both in commercial applications and at home.

Information often scattered in many different and inaccessible sources can now be found in one volume, written by Andrew Watterson, who is entirely independent of the agrochemical industry and who has investigated the regulatory controls over pesticides and the availability of pesticide health and safety information for ten years.

Drawing on international sources, this comprehensive work of reference brings together for the first time a wealth of key research findings on the health and safety hazards posed by pesticides. Covering toxicity, practical pesticide application, protective clothing and the long term effect of chemicals, it puts forward some sensible alternatives to widespread pesticide use.

More than 200 data sheets outline the potential dangers of specific pesticides now in general use and whilst not an exhaustive medical, chemical or technical guide to the hazards of pesticides, it does fill in some of the basic gaps in information on the dangers and ensures that research which is often hidden away in technical libraries reaches a wider audience.

The book will allow users and consumers to make up



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their own minds about the various assessments of pesticides hazards made by governments, international agencies and non-industrial scientists.

Not only an essential health and safety handbook for everyone involved in regular handling, it is of particular relevance to those whose task it is to ensure that safe use is carried out at all times.

**Pesticide Users' Health and Safety Handbook**, by Andrew Watterson – 504pp hardback – is published by Gower Technical at £45.

A comprehensive manual on the use of wild flowers in amenity grassland has been published by Johnsons Seeds of Boston. Written and edited by Geoff Taylor, after years of careful research and practical study, it is set fair to become the definitive publication in this field.

*The British Wild Flower Manual*, illustrated throughout with line drawings, caters specifically for the professional seed specifier, landscape designer or those for whom a practical knowledge of the subject will bring rewards in creating an improved and more attractive environment – golf courses, for example.

The first part of the Manual sets out ground rules on wild flowers, provides advice and recommendations on mixtures and their use and offers a 10 point action plan. But by far the largest part, listing over 80 questions on wild flowers with detailed answers, covers the design, creation, management and subsequent maintenance of flowery amenity grassland.

Questions and answers are split into 20 different sections dealing, for example, with definitions, planning, soil nutrients, invasions, species, sowing, mixtures and management

– to name but a few. Such presentation allows the reader to dip-in to the text at random to obtain an 'instant answer'. Also included is a check list and action plan which acts as an *aide memoir* before users commit themselves to mixtures more complex than monocultures.

The Manual concludes with a comparison of costs between flowing grasslands and conventional amenity grass swards and a useful bibliography for further reading.

**The British Wild Flower Manual**, by Geoff Taylor – 40pp softbound – is published by Johnsons Seeds, Boston, Lincs. PE21 8AD at £2.50 post inclusive

Each year the Rules of Golf Committee meet to revise – and in some cases simplify – the Rules of Golf. Few would argue that golf rules are often too complicated, certainly if one is to believe the huge amount of time and temper expounded at any weekend medal post mortem. The rules are meant to be obeyed, but how, they ask in unison, can we interpret and really understand them... therein lies the sixty four thousand dollar problem! The book, 'Golf Rules Illustrated', issued as an official publication of the R&A, faces that problem and cleverly takes the reader through many of the more common gaffs – obstructions, O.B., water hazards, loose impediments, casual water, lost balls, unplayable lies – giving a visual answer to these and many other problems. Quite simply, every golfer should have a copy in his bag.

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