

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

■ The regulating authority for golf course architecture has amended its name to that of the British Institute of Golf Course Architects, previously known by the 'Association' nomenclature. Founded in 1970, the Institute concerned itself with the aim of eliminating the risks posed to the profession and clients by inadequately trained and experienced designers. A financial grant from the R&A has just been made towards training its students.

■ Graeme MacNiven called from Germany with news of those 'Rover Boys' – the intrepid warriors who left Surrey to set up camp in Munich in 1988. Graeme and brother Ian completed construction of the Munich course in 1989 and within three months the BMW Open was held – declared to be the youngest course with the youngest course manager (23) and the youngest head greenkeeper (20). Now they and the crew are on to other things: Adrian Locke now with Kevin Munt, Nick Aylwin and Paul Doughty to Golf Club Schloss under Graeme's father Kenneth and Ian onto a project near Zurich. Robert Coombe is working in construction with Southern Golf.

Pictured, from left at the BMW Open – Adrian Locke, Nick Aylwin, Graeme MacNiven, winner Paul Azinger, Ian MacNiven, Paul Doughty and Robert Coombe.

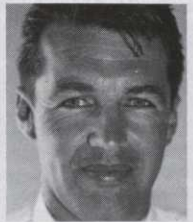


■ It's hard to keep the golfing McMillan's out of the news for long, and our congratulations go to Stuart and Elizabeth McMillan on the occasion of their recent nuptials.

■ Now let's turn to a completely new McMillan model – Hannah Louise – born under the Leo star to Karen and Ian McMillan in the early hours of July 26th. Our regional spy, Phil Baldock, reliably informs us that both mother and daughter are doing fine, with Ian ecstatic though a little bleary eyed.

■ Another newcomer is (belatedly) announced with the arrival of David Lloyd, son to Robert and Andrea Needham of Wortley GC. Weighing in at nearly nine pounds, the young Arien bruiser arrived just before the witching hour of midnight on March 29th.

■ Andy Church, formerly Head Grounds Manager at Tottenham Hotspur FC, has been appointed Sports Turf Consultant by Lawn Technology Ltd, specifically to lead a drive into a sports and leisure market sector which has already become a key area of specialisation for Lawn Technology Ltd. Church is well qualified. As well as his 10 years at White Hart Lane, he also turned out for the Club in Combination League games and is a nine handicap golfer.



■ As part of their expansion programme, Supaturf Products Ltd of Narborough, Leicester, have appointed two new Technical Support Representatives: Ian Burton and Matthew Harnan. Ian, pictured right, well experienced within the industry, is appointed to the East, with Matthew, already having worked in Supaturf's sales office during his college

# Flying Divots

An appreciation of what is not always appreciated

## Your chance to make 'em laugh

Prompted by the receipt of an oh-so-corny joke from B.B. & O. correspondent, Ray Clark, the jaded humour of your jaundiced old editor was nudged out of hibernation into actioning yet another competition, this time to discover the best greenkeeping jokes. As long as they are not libellous or positively 'fealthy', the stories could

end up in these pages – perhaps even illustrated by ace cartoonist, John Moran. Prize for the best joke printed between now and January '92 is a bottle of fine malt whisky – to be shared between winner and editor... now there's a joke for a start! Send entries to: The Editor, 13 Firlie Close, Seaford, East Sussex BN25 2HL.

■ **Turning to another idea**, this time for an on-going limerick contest and an opportunity for readers to gain international fame and recognition in print. Inspired by a contest currently taking place in The Independent, I'm offering a monthly prize to the entrant whose golfing limerick is published in Greenkeeper International on a given word theme. For October, mindful of the battle for Ryder Cup honours at Kiawah Island in late September, let me have your "Ryder" limericks. As a

limerick example, here's mine, The Open, based on "Finch" – Ian Baker-Finch:

*An Aussie, one I. Baker-Finch  
Won at Birkdale with nary a finch  
While others were faltering  
With cries for much altering  
Our champ made those greens seem a cinch!*

Entries (open to all readers) as above before September 14th please, thereafter as the inspiration takes you. Remember, this will be an on-going contest.

■ **"Would you like to fly** in my beautiful balloon?" is a tune that will have particular significance to Surrey greenkeeper Billy Martin of Wildwood GC, Alford, for it is he that won the prize donated to BIGGA's Surrey section by those progressive people at RFE Turf Machinery Ltd., to take to the air in RFE's own hot air balloon.

Three cheers to them for spirited enterprise in arranging to fly Billy over Wildwood in the middle of September, essentially to take an airborne look at his course, one still under construction. Though no secret, your editor is keeping quiet about the nuts and bolts of the exercise – having been invited to participate with Billy in the flight – but you may bet that come October we'll have a picture story that will literally lift the lid off space travel greenkeeper style!

■ **Couldn't help smiling** at USPGA Winner John Daly's quote of the month: "I just take out my driver, tee up, then Squeaky (his caddie) says KILL" ...and that of Jack Nicklaus on seeing the result... "Goodness gracious. What a coil, what an unbelievable unleashing of power."



**DIVOTS** by Badlegh Dunne

Mornning!... sorry abite the window, didn't hear me shile fore! eh?... well you know you had that confinded walking-man contraption blahsing in your ears... what'cha playing on it? ...Rocking-Rap or something frightful eh?... what? ...Turf-culture exam tape!?... are you studying to be a turfaccinetant? haw! haw! haw! joke!! I say!... aren't you the head-Johnnie here? the ahh... Head-Goalkeeper thingy-Person?... pardon?... oh!... Greenkeeper! Oh yes! that's right... ha! ha!... don't mind me... in one of me funny moods... I blame my Facemaker wires crossed... ruddy-bionic I am!... Oh, by the by!... your um... First-Dissident, sorry! First-Assistant... young Rogerham... nice chap, bit over-chummy with the Mem-sahibs though... yesterday, back of the Clubhice... showing a young filly how to follow-through!... gal wasn't a golfer... he had no club! ha! ha! haargh!!... jammy younga blightah!... Y'know... it reminds me of 1942... Battle of Britain!... what?... no I never flew! I mean the battle between me... and W.A.A.F. officer Goodebody one evening out side Hornchurch in the back of my Bentley!! I said did I tell you abite the vicar and the messerschmid



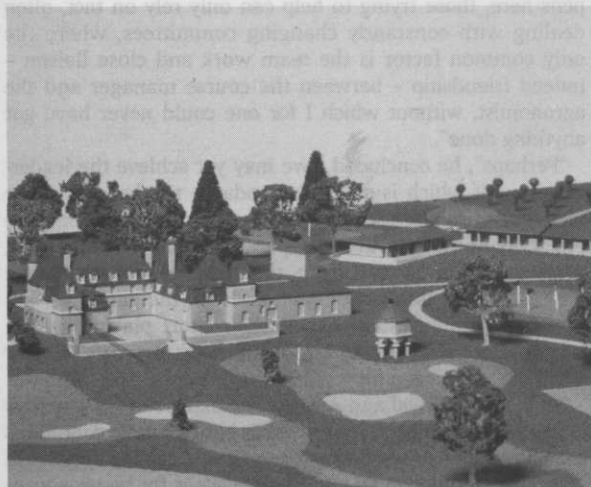
vacation, responsible for the Western region. Both men will liaise with distributors and customers to offer technical support and advice.



■ John Deere Ltd have made two new appointments within their grounds care business: Richard Charleton (above) as Sales Demonstrator/Instructor to provide back-up services to dealers and organise golf course demonstrations, with Howard Storey (left) promoted from Service Training and Marketing in UK and Ireland to Midland Region Grounds Care Territory Manager.

■ Joel Paul, whose trademark is 'Ideas to Reality', is in the golf course construction business in a unique way, having just completed his first golf clubhouse and course in model form. Joel, a sculptor and model craftsman, was commissioned to produce a perfect scale model of Chateau des Vigiers Golf & Country Club in France, with Chairman Lars Petersson now singing the praises of this work of art, which has tremendous commercial advantages in showing planning authorities and environmentalists – not to mention prospective members – how the Club will evolve.

Certainly the model is impressive and though there is no set cost, each depending on a client's brief, Joel's models are a fraction of the vastly expensive models often used in architectural practices. For £5,000 he can model the clubhouse and entire course, working from the same plans given to the golf course constructor by the architect – a good deal cheaper and much more attractive than a boring oil painting of the Club founder – in fact an art investment. Joel's 'phone number is 081 946 0397.



■ Michael Langdon is now the new Sales Manager for Watermation Sprinklers and Controls Ltd., having joined the company in July. This, however, is not Michael's first exposure to Watermation, for as a young man some 15 years ago he worked for the company in several departments. Welcome back, Michael: we wish you well in a growth industry that has seen dramatic advances in the past decade.




■ Honestly guys, you may think your mower is past its prime, but consider that of Roy Masters, a Fakenham blacksmith who won the Ransomes competition to find the oldest working motor mower in the UK. His is a Ransomes 24" Orwell



engined machine dating back to 1905 and used in the grounds surrounding his premises. Presented with a spanking new Ransomes 51 Marquis electric start motor mower, Roy will retire the old 'un to his small forge cum museum, where it will take pride of place.

Eric McCoy, Ransomes M.D. (pictured with Roy Masters) expressed the view that the latest Marquis would give years of trouble-free grasscutting whilst hoping that the 86 year old mower would be given an airing from time to time.

A 26 year association comes to an end shortly when Peter Marnoch retires as head greenkeeper from Coventry Hearsal GC, which he joined in 1965. Peter won the Greenkeepers Championship Trophy at Pyle & Kenfig at the age of 52 when his handicap was two. Peter will continue to play in retirement and family connections will continue with his youngest son, Steven Marnoch, an associate of the British Association of Golf Course Architects. His successor will be Ian Savage, formerly assistant head greenkeeper at the Club.



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