



■ Robert Dryden has joined the Commercial Products Division of Kawasaki Motors (UK) Ltd as their regional sales manager for the Northern Region.

Robert is responsible for servicing the needs of existing Kawasaki ATV, Engine and Generator dealers, plus the appointment of new dealers in open-point areas. His region includes the north east of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and its islands.



■ Representing Lloyds in London and the Northern Home Counties is Steve Fletcher, appointed to sell the company's range of professional grass cutting equipment. Many golf Clubs and local authorities will already recognise Steve, who has been working the territory for the past two months. Although new to the industry, he has a wealth of business experience and a keen interest in golf.



■ Tom Murray, head greenkeeper at Ratho Park Golf Club and recently elected to the BIGGA East of Scotland section committee, has been awarded the 2,500th Chain Saw Operation Certificate of Competence issued in the UK. The scheme is operated by Scottish Skills Testing Service, the National Proficiency Tests Council in England and Wales, and the Forestry Training Council.

Based at Inghliston, SSTS conduct practical skills tests for the land based industries in Scotland. Tests available also cover pesticides applications.

Tom also holds a full Certificate of Competence under the statutory pesticides application scheme operated as part of the Control of Pesticide Regulations.

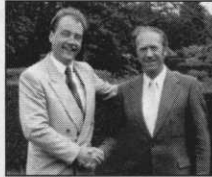


■ The former deputy principal of Merrist Wood College, George Shiels, and our very own Jack McMillan, former BIGGA chairman and course manager of Sunningdale GC, have established a new golf course consultancy, McMillan-Shiels Associates, intent on supplying a complete specialist service which will include course maintenance, training, conservation, ecology and arboriculture, operating through a network of selected consultants. Shiels, who set up the first HND in golf studies, has quit full-time education in some frustration following long delays in establishment procedures for the diploma course at Merrist

Wood, which after nearly five years has only just been given the OK to proceed.

The linking of McMillan/Shiels, who are old friends, boasts a combined greenkeeping/agronomic experience of over 50 years, brought together in 'team' form at the Wildwood course in Surrey last year, where their paths were inextricably linked for the greater good. McMillan-Shiels Associates are at 21 York Road, Woking, Surrey. GU22 7XH.

■ The Course Care division of Highspeed has appointed Paul Shaw as technical sales representative to take responsibility for development of the Course Care range to the turf maintenance market in Lancashire and the West Midlands. The Course Care range includes high quality lubricating oils, fuel treatments, greases, spray dispersants and cleaning products. Paul will be based in Stoke on Trent.



■ Keith Wishart, Rigby Taylor's technical representative for North Yorkshire and the north east, has retired after 16 years service. At a retirement party, Keith was presented with a portable TV by Bernard Hedley, chairman of Rigby

Taylor Limited.

Taking over this important area for Rigby Taylor will be Paul Taylor (BASIS certificated), who has many years experience as both a head greenkeeper and with Trident as an equipment salesman. Pictured: Paul Taylor, left, and Keith Wishart.

■ The Lancashire College of Agriculture and Horticulture was awarded the BALI-CHALK Trophy and £50 for the best college stand at the Landscape Industries '92 exhibition at Stoneleigh. There were a total of 16 colleges from all parts of Britain exhibiting at the show. Jeffrey Bernhard, Chairman of the BALI Chalk Trust and one of the panel of judges said: "we were disappointed with many of the stands this year, as we felt that they lacked imagination - we were looking for a stand that presented the college with creativity and flair, and Lancashire achieved this".



■ Ransomes has appointed Jeremy Chowns, FCIMA, as chief accountant.

Jeremy, with some 24 years experience in both manufacturing and distribution, has joined Ransomes at their Ipswich headquarters.



David Driver, recently head greenkeeper at Henley and formerly of Royal Eastbourne, has joined the prestigious new Buckinghamshire Golf Club as course manager. This is the course where Kevin Munt has done such a grand job of management during the 'growing in' period.



Where?

...the north of England

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