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Aluminium posts and inset panels have made these colourful new tee plates an attractive addition to the wide range already available, and were well received by the visitors to the Harrogate Exhibition



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Bayco ball washers  
from Pattisson's



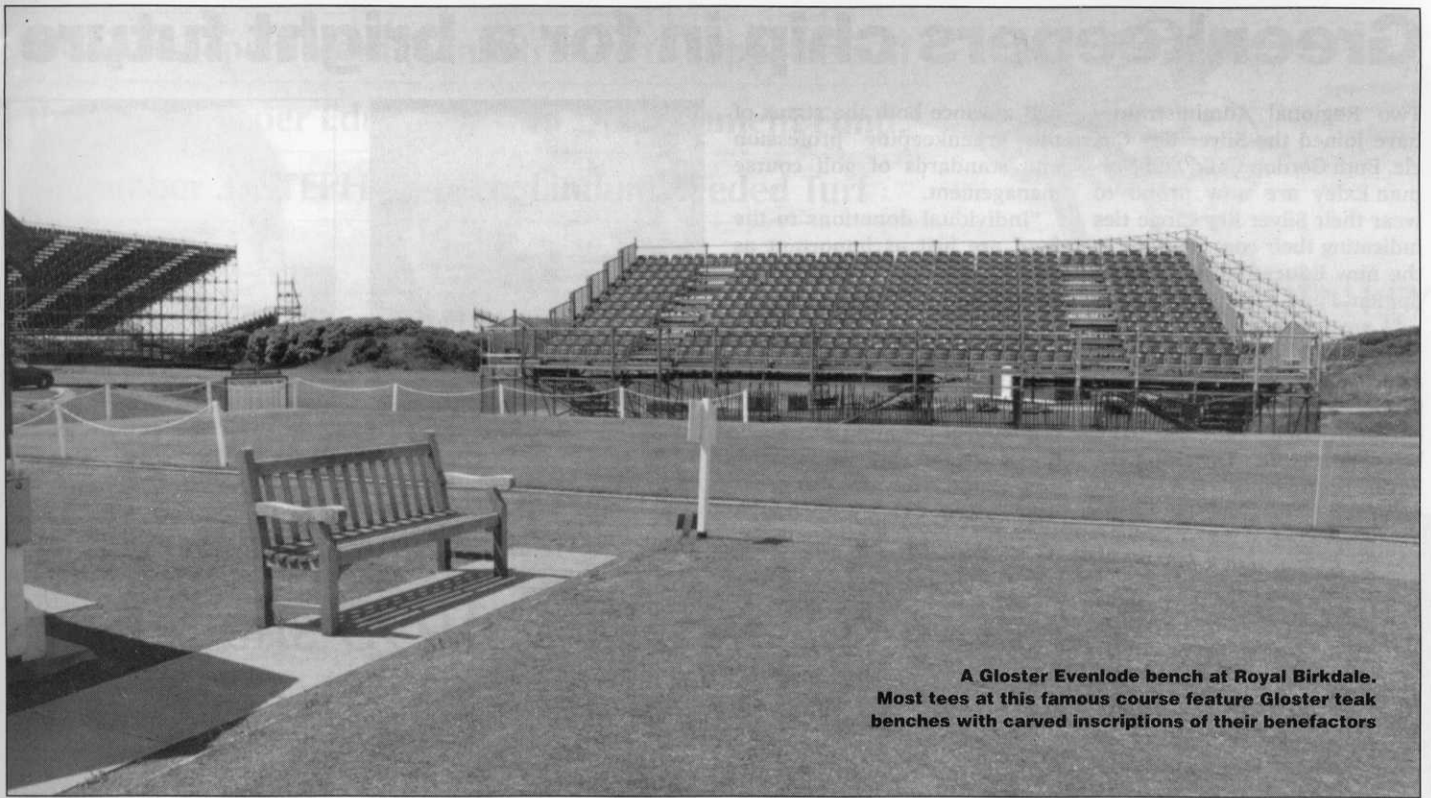
Even if greenkeepers don't actually spend the money, they should be aware of the varied pieces of golf course furniture that's available, in order to offer a valued opinion, points out DAVID WHITE

The average golfer, who will certainly not know his agrostis from his *Poa annua*, is nevertheless an opinionated soul who will judge a golf course, or at least a newly visited golf clubhouse and surrounding practice putting greens and teeing areas, from the first impressions that meet his eyes as he leaves the car park. Thus a poor impression created early in the day will take twice the effort on the course proper in order that the opinion may once more swing in the greenkeeper's favour.

Whilst the head greenkeeper may have no direct control over crazier impulse committee purchases, the clever man will keep a watchful eye on new innovations and ideas and thus be able to

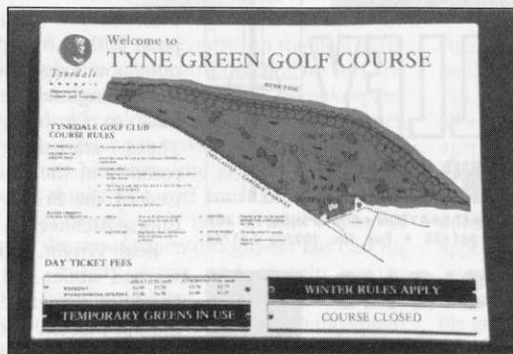
advise his green chairman on what is or isn't worthwhile – for in that way he will have a direct influence on intelligent acquisitions.

Certainly the head greenkeeper will be unable to control the number of those increasingly popular donated memorial benches that are dotted around the course, but wherever possible he should guide the committee into purchasing only teak made furnishings, particularly those made from sustainable plantation stock. There are several companies in the teak furniture business who endorse this environmentally friendly concept, and many of them support BIGGA through using the pages of Greenkeeper International for their advertising.



**A Gloster Evenlode bench at Royal Birkdale. Most tees at this famous course feature Gloster teak benches with carved inscriptions of their benefactors**

# Look sharp

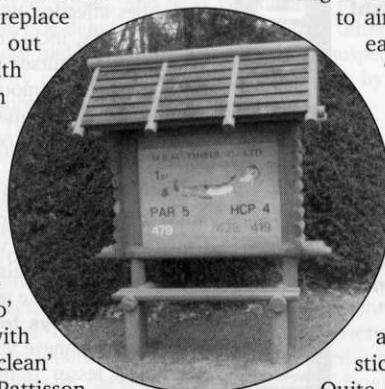


**GRP panel signs from Shelley Signs; below, combined bench and sign, from M&M Timber**

Turning again to first impressions, whilst some of today's newer golfers are totally unschooled in the art of tidiness and course manners (and I shudder to think what the inside of their houses must look like), it must never be forgotten that litter is less likely to be indiscriminately scattered if receptacles are seen in proliferation around the course – and there are some really handsome designs around that do not intrude upon course aesthetics. Again, look at teak, or at some of the clever cast metal designs, which need no more than a quick wire brush down every five years or so, followed by a quick re-spray.

I make no apology for raising the question of ball washers, if

only to report on vastly improved materials and to praise those Clubs which have had the good sense to replace old, worn out cleaners with more modern and infinitely more practical styles. In particular, I'm much taken with the nifty Canadian 'Bayco' cleaners with their 'twist to clean' action which Pattison & Co are marketing and which, I'm reliably informed, are selling like hot cakes. Around the green, I like Tacit's swivelling



flagpole and appreciate bright, unfaded flags. I also appreciate a bright white cup at which to aim (including the earth rim) and 'Hole-In-White' seems a clever and utterly simple idea. If you want people to know what to do, where to go, or what to expect on any given hole – stick up a sign!

Quite apart from speeding folks up, these bright and attractive signs actually enhance course appearance, though with so many splendid

signs being marketed now it is difficult to highlight just one, or declare a 'best buy'. Signs come in GRP, plastic, natural wood and pressed aluminium and there isn't a maker around who won't design a set of signs especially for your course – they are not necessarily expensive, either.

Finally, crossing a stream or brook can be done in several ways, with the most obvious being the use of railway sleepers – effective no doubt, but not exactly pretty. A touch of real class can be added with the installation of an attractive bridge, and here again the modern manufacturer has made great strides in the past few years. Bridges are rarely stock items and must be properly designed to meet maintenance machinery loading requirements, but the warning here is not to leap at the cheapest quote from the local builder cum timber merchant, rather consider the options available in steel, or the clever Swedish timber designs from Lappsett.