

# BIGGA AT



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Pictures: this page, top (in circles): BIGGA members with the players; main picture: Derek Scarborough, head greenkeeper at Royal St George's, with members of the BIGGA support team; above left: BIGGA Chairman John Crawford and ICI Professional Products' Roger Mossop; centre: thirsty work satisfied; father and son team, the Cross family; left: an arresting sight - fun as BIGGA members are 'cautioned' for failing to rake bunkers at the correct angle; below left, work continues by mobile 'phone, miles from HQ for BIGGA Executive Director Neil Thomas and, below right, overwhelmed by it all is Richard Heaslip, who accompanied Greg Norman on his historic victory round



# NORMAN'S



# CONQUEST

IT WAS A TIME when Greg Norman, the Great White Shark, finally exorcised the ghosts that had threatened to destroy his career, exhibiting a display of absolute brilliance that prompted former Open Champion, 91 years old Gene Sarazen, to remark "Are those football scores or golf scores?" It was dramatic, sensation, tear-jerking stuff and there will surely be greenkeepers in years to come who will proudly boast to their grand children - 'ah, yes, I was there, I walked with those who set out to annihilate Sandwich, I actually witnessed the second Norman Conquest.'

It was a time also when the prophets of doom and gloom were firmly put in their place, the golf course prepared by Derek Scarborough and his team of 'wonderful characters' properly acknowledged as a fantastic test of championship golf, one that will remain on the Open Championship roster, the leader board reminding us time and again that 'cream' always rises to the top!

Of the greenkeeping fraternity there was nothing but justified praise, indeed admiration - remember that momentous occasion at the infamous bunker on the fourth, when we nearly lost one of 'ours' in what could have been a sand-slide burial? The whole success of 'Operation Greenkeeper' was summed up perfectly by a matronly American lady who was heard to observe, in a drawl you could hear in Dover, "Geez, those green-

keepers look so neat and do so well - and they pack an awful mean rake - what wouldn't I do for a bunch of 'em to take with me back to Ohio... what indeed. Let's hear it for those good ol' Biggamen!

