

Faces and places



■ Linda Exley is yet another to join the growing ranks of females in greenkeeping, having been appointed assistant greenkeeper at Northwood GC, with specific duties and responsibilities for the upkeep of ornamental areas. Linda has a solid background in horticulture gained first at Askham Bryan College and backed with many years of teaching horticulture as an occupational therapist. Greenkeeper International joins with her many friends in the London section of BIGGA in wishing her good fortune.

■ Greenkeepers in the north east are over the moon following Tony McLure's recent outstanding victory in the Lytham Trophy, a classic event widely though unofficially recognised as the British Stroke Play championship. Tony, a greenkeeper at Whickham GC, wowed the top class field with his masterful play over Royal Lytham and St Annes, scoring 72,70,77,73 in always blustery conditions for a brilliant 292 total. Tony has long been a major force in county circles and must now be a prime contender for national honours – who knows, maybe the selectors will look seriously now at Tony for the next Walker Cup team.



■ We were delighted to read in 'Golf World' that John Philp's championship links at Carnoustie has again been voted 'Number One Course in Great Britain'. Carnoustie, always a great favourite, is always in sparkling order and we heartily endorse the verdict, whilst saluting John Philp, a highly talented course manager.



■ Arne Van Amerongen, latterly with John Philp at Carnoustie, has joined Brian D Pierson (Contractors) Ltd as course manager for their new Hamptworth Golf & Country Club project on the edge of the New Forest. Arne's desire to increase his overall knowledge of the golf industry prompted him to join Pierson's, thus adding construction skills to his already extensive greenkeeping knowledge. The 18 hole Hamptworth course will be open for play in mid-1994.



■ Ian Harrison, BIGGA's most recent champion and current holder of the accolade 'ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year', is a man who knows more than a thing or two about greenkeeping. Not surprisingly, his new-found fame has brought him just rewards and he has left Darlington GC following some two decades of greenkeeping in the north-east.

His new task as course manager takes him to the proprietary-owned Mendip Spring GC, a 27 hole complex in Somerset that includes an 18 hole facility with enough water (eleven acres in total) to float the QE II, plus a nine hole par three. His many friends will surely join with Greenkeeper International in wishing Ian and his family good fortune in this delightful part of Merrie ol' England.

■ Called upon to identify 10 more or less common turf diseases, Andrew Jenkins, Southerndown GC, was the only greenkeeper to return a 100% correct quiz paper at the recent Westurf trade show. Most 'near-miss' entrants confused two similar though differing types of fairy ring. Andrew's winning entry won him a magnum of champagne.

■ Matt Williams (Midlands section) wrote to advise us of his new status, that of greenkeeper at The Belfry, which came fairly swiftly after his redundancy from Moor Hall GC. He gratefully acknowledges Peter Woodward's help and that of Dean Cleaver in bringing the matter to our attention via 'Around the Green'. We wish him well.



■ Chartridge Park GC are winners of a Kubota ride-on mower won at the annual Kubota Draw organised by the Golf Foundation – a charity established in 1952 to promote and develop golf for young people.

The Kubota 18hp G1900S ride-on was presented to Chartridge Park's course manager, Andrew Wells, by Brian Hurtley, vice president-director Kubota (UK) Ltd. Ninety four clubs qualified for this year's draw, each raising £200 or more for the Golf Foundation's appeal, which in 1992 raised over £63,000.



■ Elmwood College has recently appointed Paul Miller as lecturer in greenkeeping, adding to its number of staff as student numbers and the number of courses continue to rise.

Paul holds a BSc in Crop Science and a PhD in Herbicide Mode of Action Studies. He joins the staff at Elmwood after a year with Stirling-based turfgrass consultants Grass Technology International Ltd. and, before that, four years as technical advisor for British Seed Houses Ltd.

■ Kubota (UK) Ltd has appointed Carlisle-based Rickerby Ltd as their new dealer for the north of England and south west Scotland.

■ Michel Mulder, marketing director of Barenbrug UK, was all smiles when I spoke to him following his completion of the London Marathon. Despite his lack of training miles, Michel completed the 26-plus miles route in exactly four hours and succeeded in raising over £700 for Cot Death Research (FSDI). Michel acknowledges the boost provided in raising such funds to his many friends in the trade, thanking them from the bottom of his heart (shouldn't that be from the bottom of his aching feet?).



■ Modus 'T' Ltd have appointed Bob Bearns of South East Groundcare as their dealer for East and West Sussex. He will also oversee other Modus 'T' dealers in the SE regarding demonstrations, open days and general enquiries.

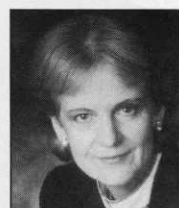
With Bob's help, Modus 'T' lay claim to a four-fold increase in sales.



■ Hayters have announced the appointment of David Sturges as their export manager. David, who has a BSc (Hons) Degree in Agricultural Technology and Management, has been with Hayters since 1987, latterly as a design and development engineer.

■ Clive Lockwood, former general manager of CDC Horticultural Equipment, has set up a new company – Lockwood Grass Machinery – and is now the sole importer of Lesco Turf Equipment for the UK. The company's objective is to carry on as before, offering sales, service and spares back-up for Lesco. Dealers are still required in certain areas – telephone 0473 289158.

■ Following a financial restructuring, (loosely referred to as a management buy-out), Rufford Top Dress (2000) Ltd have announced that Derek Cooper will take over as chairman and majority shareholder. The company founder, Frank Garvey, becomes joint managing director with responsibility for production and administration and Peter Jefford also becomes joint managing director with responsibility for sales and marketing.



■ Rachel Semlyen has been hired by BIGGA as PR and marketing consultant.

The appointment follows Rachel's success in handling press coverage of the BTME.

According to BIGGA's executive director, Neil Thomas, "the appointment shows we understand the value that good PR can give to the professionalism of the Association."

Rachel Semlyen and her Associates have the experience and skills we were looking for to assist us in our future development."

Rachel was marketing director of Rolawn for five years.

Contact her on 0904 608355.