

Faces and places



■ Rolawn (Turf Growers) Ltd of Elvington, York, have appointed Terry Ryan as sales and marketing director with responsibility for expanding and formulating a new programme of sales and marketing initiatives – in accordance with the company's focused plans for the future.

Mr Ryan was previously general sales manager, having joined the company in November 1992.

■ The National Turfgrass Council is following up its successful Workshop last November on good environmental management with three further Workshops round the country on the same theme. They will be at Reaseheath on 5 May; Sparsholt on 18 May; and Oaklands on 20 May. They will cover the new Health and Safety 'six-pack', the NRA guidance on protection of groundwater, and BS 7750 on Environmental Management, as well as more familiar subjects such as COSHH, FEPA and the Environmental Protection Act. Jon Allbutt will speak, supported by specialists from the NRA, HSE and Environmental Health Departments. The fee, £55 + VAT, covers the information pack and all documentation, lunch and refreshments, and the Workshop report to be sent later. The Workshops are for club secretaries, greenkeepers, contractors, and anyone concerned with caring for sports turf or amenity grass areas. Details – Tel: John Shildrick 0535 273188.



■ Recognising the importance of operator training, Hayter's have appointed Robin Blackford as technical support manager to develop this side of their business. Hayter's operator training will now be given to all end users including overseas distributors, local authorities and golf course managers. Robin brings with him 21 years' experience as a lecturer in agricultural engineering at Rycote Wood College, Oxford. For the last six years he was contracted to carry out all Beaver service training. Now in his new role with Hayter's, Robin's main responsibility is to give technical support to all product lines. His is a new staff appointment and he will operate nationwide.



■ Nigel Prestwich has joined Agriland Ltd as sales manager for the North of England. He started in December last, shortly after completing a two year greenkeeping and management contract with the Havighorst GC. in Germany. Nigel is not only a skilled greenkeeper but also a proven sales executive, having represented Joseph Metcalfe Ltd for seven years before leaving for Germany in 1990.

Agriland's M.D., Roger West, told Greenkeeper International how delighted he was to have on board a sales manager with hands-on experience of greenkeeping and golf club management: "With the market getting more and more sophisticated it is becoming increasingly important to employ reps who are familiar with the responsibilities and problems that face greenkeepers in their day-to-day work."

■ Head greenkeepers have been appointed for both the oldest and the newest courses at St Andrews Links. Taking on one of the top greenkeeping jobs in the world, Andrew 'Eddie' Adams has been promoted to head greenkeeper for the 600 year old Old Course, while Roderick Barron moves up to be responsible for the newest 18 hole course at St Andrews, the Straththyrum – scheduled to open later this year.

Since leaving school, Eddie (24) has worked his way up the ladder at St Andrews Links. Born and brought up in the town, he started his career as an apprentice greenkeeper



Eddie Adams, left and Roddy Barron on the 17th Green on the Old Course at St Andrews

and in addition to on-the-job training, he has attended a full range of greenkeeping courses at Elmwood College – all of which he passed with distinction. In his new role, Eddie will be responsible for the quality of presentation of the Old Course, as well as for leading his team in preparing it for the 1995 Open Championship.

Roderick Barron (37) has worked on the St Andrews' courses since leaving school in the town 19 years ago. His training at the Links has been complemented by several courses at Elmwood College. He has worked on all four 18 hole courses at St Andrews and taken part in the preparation of the Old Course for three Open Championships. His new task is to continue work on the programme for bringing the Straththyrum Course into play later this summer and to maintain it in excellent condition in the future.

Both Eddie and Roddy will work under links supervisor Walter Woods.

■ During 1992 the British Turf & Landscape Irrigation Association took its latest step towards self-regulated quality improvement. It started a procedure for the monitoring, by its independent secretary, of members' quotations and specifications, to ensure that they provide the basic information which a client needs in order to understand the essentials of his irrigation system. The headings of this basic information are listed in the first section of 'Your Guide to the BTLIA'. *

One round of random monitoring has almost been completed, and the process will continue regularly in future. As a result of non-compliance with the monitoring procedure, Quality Irrigation is no longer a member of the Association.

* Free from BTLIA, Tel 0535 273188.



■ Stan Hardwick, head greenkeeper at North Cliff, Scarborough, is a man who knows better than most the difficulties that were prevalent in the industry 100 years or more ago. Not that he's an 'ancient' himself, but his hobby is collecting old greens mowers from bygone days. Pride of his collection is a beautiful and still working 'Patent Chain Automaton' by Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies, dated 1884.

■ Jon Allbutt's latest News and Information leaflet for spring and summer, packed with typical 'Allbutian' common sense, is now available. In discussing the contents with your editor, Jon spotted a not so deliberate mistake and has impressed upon me that old sprayers will have to be replaced by 1996, not 1966 as the copy suggests! Free copy by calling 0959 575575 (phone and fax).