

Faces and places

■ BIGGA wishes to advise readers that after three years as editor of "Greenkeeper International" magazine, David White has informed the Association of his decision to resign as editor following publication of the forthcoming December issue.

Commented Executive Director, Neil Thomas, "David White has made a valued contribution to the successful establishment of 'Greenkeeper International' over the last three years with the quality of his writing and editing. We thank him for his services and wish him well for the future."



Commenting on BIGGA's plans to replace David White as editor, Neil Thomas confirmed that the wheels are already in motion to appoint a new editor and an announcement will be made as soon as possible. In the interim period the Association's design and production editor, Tim Moat, pictured left, who is a senior journalist and has edited magazines in the past, will assume responsibilities as acting editor.



■ Allen Power Equipment Ltd have announced the appointment of Ken Welch, pictured left, as their south west area manager, covering an area from Birmingham in the north and extending to West Sussex westwards, including Devon and Cornwall.

■ The sixth National Turfgrass Council



Award for an outstanding contribution to the turfgrass industry has been made by NTC chairman, Jon Bauer, to Dr Tom Kavanagh. Tom spent 25 years at the Kinsealy Research Centre near Dublin, as Head of the Plant Pathology Department in the

Horticultural Division and then, as his interest in turfgrass diseases and research developed, he established a new Turfgrass Unit at Kinsealy. Since his early retirement in 1988 he has continued as an independent turfgrass consultant, adviser and lecturer. Tom is pictured above receiving his award from Jon Bauer, left.

■ BIGGA is proud to herald a new national golfing champion in Dominic Smith, assistant greenkeeper at Ruislip Golf Club in the London Borough of Hillingdon. Dominic broke the course record at Stockwood Park Golf Club, Luton, on his way to winning the National Association of Public Golf Courses championship in September, scoring a record-breaking 67 and adding a second round 75 to win the championship by two strokes from Birmingham's Steve Green, last year's winner.

■ British Seed Houses has announced the appointment of Bob Scott to its sales team. Bob will be responsible for amenity seed sales and technical advice in the South West, South Wales and the Midlands, working from Bicester.

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■ Elmwood College Golf Team have won the Fife College's Golf Tournament for the second year in a row. The competition was held at Glenrothes.

As Elmwood expands its greenkeeping section with resources by way of three staff in the last six months, competition to play in the first team is getting tougher. This year's winning team are, from left, Dave Hulbert, lecturer, Duncan Moncur, lecturer, Carol Borthwick, head of section - greenkeeping, and John Robertson, director of administration.

Three of the greenkeeping section's lecturers recently joined BIGGA on an outing to Carnoustie Links with lecturers from other colleges in Scotland also in attendance. This highly successful day will, it is hoped, become an annual event.



■ After just two years in the marketing director's seat, Michel Mulder, the hugely likeable Dutchman who is the powerhouse behind Barenbrug UK Ltd, has been rewarded by being given ultimate control, this time as the company's new managing director. Michel has been with Barenbrug for over ten years in Holland and the UK, receiving rapid promotion through sales and marketing positions in both agricultural and amenity grass markets. Dr David Thompson will continue as sales director with special responsibility for the agricultural sector. Michel is pictured above left, with David.



■ Professor Hank Wilkinson, an engaging fellow whose face is already becoming familiar in Britain, has been appointed consultant turf-grass pathologist to Rolawn Ltd of York. Having met Hank, editor White can vouch he is no 'dry' academic, rather an engaging and highly effective speaker who brings his subject to life. Nevertheless, eyebrows were raised at the appointment of an American. Quizzing Rolawn's Terry Ryan, he confirmed that Hank's appointment will give Rolawn an international perspective, whilst avoiding any suggestion of being seen in the clutches of one or other opposing consultant agronomy camp. In addition, Terry explained that Hank's home locale, the US mid-west, enjoys a climate not dissimilar to that of Britain.

■ "Weed Control after Atrazine", is the title of an autumn workshop being staged by Rhone-Poulenc from November onwards throughout the country.

Each workshop will cover three topics: Product selection, how the forthcoming label changes should be interpreted; Cooper Pegler will outline and demonstrate the latest in application technology; and finally ADAS, under a discus-

sion format, will outline the options that are available in contract specification and monitoring their implementation. Call Christine Mitchell on 0277 301118 for dates and venues.



■ David Herbert, with over 20 years experience in the design and supply of irrigation systems, has formed an irrigation consultancy service. He told Greenkeeper International that at one end of the scale he might simply look over a client's shoulder to offer guidance in selecting the most suitable tender. Alternatively he can provide full specification, liaison with authorities, project supervision and management, plus many other services.

"It can be very confusing and difficult to make a choice with so many suppliers offering different solutions," he said. "The BTLIA has helped to provide improved standards, particularly in the hydraulic design of systems, but one must keep an eye on the life expectancy of the materials being used and the standard of installation to be confident of a sound investment." Tel: 0460 72574.



■ It was good to see Jim Fry, president of the South Coast section, in the news recently, rubbing shoulders with none other than Hampshire and England cricketer, David Gower. Jim is the owner of Fry's Accident Repairs, one of Hampshire's largest independent vehicle repair centres, now proudly flying the cherished British Standards kite mark, signifying receipt of the BS 5750 certificate of accreditation.

We know greenkeepers are the safest of all road users, but should any of you guys down 'ampshire way have need of a dedicated crash repair service, no doubt Jim Fry will be happy to oblige - and you can natter away about Fusarium patch while the dents are being miraculously healed!

■ Charterhouse Turf Machinery Ltd has been high in the news, first by appointing Moray Tractors of Elgin and George Henderson of Edinburgh to join forces with Hamilton Bros of Glasgow to make a formidable trio of distributors covering the whole of Scotland. All three have worked together for years selling Kubota compact tractors, so Charterhouse tractor-mounted products will ideally complement them.



Geoffrey Burgess, left, is a new appointment to the Charterhouse board of directors, whilst David Jenkins, below, the man responsible for pioneering the establishment of Jacobsen, Ryan and Bunton products in the UK, and since 1982 the managing director of Charterhouse, has been elected president of the Agricultural Engineers Association, an industry with sales of over £2000 million a year and a justifiably proud export record.



■ Sparsholt College, Hampshire, having launched a three year National Diploma course in Golf Course and Sport-ground Management in 1990, have announced their award-winning students as David Mathie (Best Practical Student and winner of the BIGGA Southern Region Shield), and Jason Hampton (Top Student and winner of the Rufford Cup). David, aged 30, has secured a position as course manager at Swanmore in Hampshire, whilst 23 year old Jason, having gained work experience at Woodbury Park G&CC is currently 'in the market' for a greenkeeping position.



■ The life of a promising young greenkeeper came to an untimely end in October, when 25 year old Alan Morgan, assistant greenkeeper at Bruntisfield Links Golfing Society, Edinburgh, died suddenly of a reported heart attack. An Oatfield College graduate, Alan won the 'Most Improved Student' award of 1990, the 'Best Third Year Practical Student in Greenkeeping' 1991, and was runner-up in the prestigious TORO-PGA European Tour Student Greenkeeper of the Year award for 1991. Our condolences are extended to his family and friends at this sad time.

■ A new nine hole extension to the existing course at Kilmarnock Barassie GC in Troon will suit members to a 'tee' when it becomes ready for play early in 1994. Work was recently completed, built on derelict land bordering Gables seashore and acquired through funding by Enterprise Ayrshire, the R & A, and club members. The new layout now offers the option of 27 holes for play. Committee members are currently considering the options available for the extension, however, it is expected that the course will maintain an 18 hole layout allowing nine holes to 'rest' for maintenance throughout the year.