



Wild boar wreaks havoc

So you thought you had problems...

Believe it or not, this is the ninth green of the British Army's Sennelager Golf Club in Germany, where a wild boar has been leaving a trail of devastation.

The four-legged vandal has wreaked continued havoc for two months. Greenkeepers would spend several days putting right the damage, only for the boar to return with renewed vengeance. Each time the wild animal would escape, free to return and run riot again. The eighth green was repaired three times, before a decision was made to leave it until spring.

In desperation, head greenkeeper Colin Baxter enlisted the help of his pals in the Army gun club – but still the terminator with trotters managed to get away.

"I was on tablets to stop me having nightmares," Colin told Greenkeeper International. "When I told my doctor why I was so stressed, dreaming about pigs on my golf course, he just doubled up with laughter. He didn't realise I was being serious."

Colin took to walking alone in the nearby forest, trying to find the animal, or animals. "On reflection, I'm glad I didn't find any. Wild boars are powerful and dangerous and they eat anything. If disturbed they can cause serious injury."

Eventually, an electric fence was erected the full three and a half miles around the golf course and that seems to have solved the problem.

"Time will tell," says Colin, "The problem's been taking its toll on my staff and I really hope it's all over. One of my lads has been eating nothing but bacon sandwiches every meal time."

Course work

The Elmwood College golf course has come under the scrutiny of Walter Woods BEM, course manager at St Andrews, and John Lindsey, golf manager of St Andrews Links Trust.

Walter and John were visiting Elmwood as advisors, helping the college to develop its greenkeeping courses. For Walter, the visit was part of a long liaison with Elmwood going back some 20 years and he says he is constantly rewarded by seeing former apprentices of the college working on major golf courses around the world.

Greenkeeping section head Carol Borthwick is pictured with John Lindsey, and Walter Woods, right, on the course.



Developers seek action in Europe

Clearer guidelines for golf development in Europe, to meet the requirements of the growing environmental lobby, are being drawn up by a high powered team of industry professionals.

Management consultants, the Golf Course Wildlife Trust and representatives from all the game's major bodies, have met in a bid to tackle the frustration felt by developers unable to get projects off the ground.



Kubota winner

Ewan Sturrock, newly appointed first assistant at the Buckinghamshire golf course, is the 1993 winner of the Kubota (UK) Cup.

Twenty seven year old Ewan is pictured collecting his prize

from Kubota's Russell Mellor, as best machinery student at Myerscough College. He gained a distinction on the three year full time National Diploma in Turf Science and Sports Ground Management course at the college.

He was nominated for the award because of his high degree of commitment. He also achieved top marks on his course.

New venture for Hardi

Hardi have been appointed as sole distributor for Greencare International products in the UK and Europe.

Greencare are known in this country for their Coremaster 12 PTO driven, tractor mounted aerator and the Shattermaster sub-surface aerator.

The distributorship is a new venture for Hardi, a company well versed in the chemical application sector. It gives them the ability to provide the professional turfcare industry with a much wider product range.

"The addition of the expanding range of quality products can only strengthen Hardi in our commitment to the turfcare industry across Europe," said Colin Gregory, (pictured) Hardi's managing director.



■ **AS IF TO MARK** 25 years of Jack Nicklaus' career as a golf course designer, a record 12 of his courses have been ranked among the 1993 top 100 golf courses in the United States. Leading the list of Nicklaus courses is Muirfield Village in Ohio, ranked at number nine. Together with Robert Trent Jones and Donald Ross, Jack Nicklaus heads the list of designers with the most golf courses in the top 100.



■ **PETER WILSON** has joined Ransomes as Group Chief Executive. Recognising what he sees as "a tough challenge" ahead, Peter said: "I see one of my main tasks as not only defending our position within our existing market place, but also maximising the benefits by opening up new markets. I am confident that we do have something good at Ransomes to fight for."

■ **RICHARD NOBLE** has been appointed managing director of Maxicrop International. He was previously marketing manager with the Corby-based seaweed extract manufacturer.

■ **NEIL GRUNDON** has been appointed to the board of S Grundon (Waste) Ltd and S Grundon (Services) Ltd. He will have particular responsibility for aggregate extraction and land development. Neil, aged 24, has worked for Grundon for three years.