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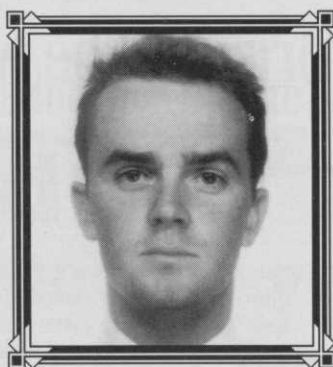
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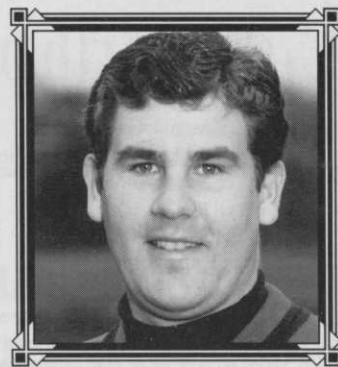
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**Euan Grant**



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**EUAN GRANT**

*representing South-East England  
Age: 23. College: Plumpton*

Euan is a sports nut. He plays rugby union to a high standard, competes in marathons and plays golf off a 14 handicap. After graduating from the University of Leeds with a degree in sport and leisure management, he failed to find a job as a fitness instructor, which was their loss and green-keeping's gain.

Euan had gained some green-keeping experience during his university holidays, working under Dave Purvis at RAF North Luffenhan GC. He also had a temporary job at Tyrells Wood GC. Now he is assistant greenkeeper at Effingham Golf Club, Surrey, which encourages education. Euan has completed his City and Guilds phase II in greenkeeping and sports turf management and hopes to do phase III and/or the IoG Intermediate Diploma next year.

"My immediate aspirations are to become a deputy head greenkeeper or first assistant at one of the Surrey heathland championship courses. My long-term aspirations are to undertake a 'masters' degree in turf science either in England or America and become an agronomist to the European Tour or the PGA."

**SIMON HEPPENSTALL**

*representing Northern England  
Age: 26. College: Askam Bryan*

Simon is from Huddersfield and works as the first assistant at Outlane Golf Club. He joined a few months ago after three and a half years as an assistant at Huddersfield Golf Club. Simon is now a

keen golfer. He only started playing two years ago but he is already down to a 10 handicap. He has represented his county at cricket and rugby but says "I now prefer to devote my spare time to golf."

He is qualified in NVQ levels I and II in greenkeeping, NPTC chainsaw competence and NPTC pesticides, handling and application.

"I feel that being promoted to a position of seniority in such a short period of time is a great achievement and I am hoping to commence the City & Guilds levels 3 and 4 management course soon. My aim is to become a head greenkeeper of a course in the near future," he says.

**VINCENT LEE**

*representing the Midlands  
Age: 28. College: Warwickshire College*

Vincent has already proved himself a winner – at BIGGA's Midland section spring and summer tournaments. He plays off 18. He also plays football on Sundays.

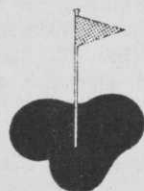
Married with two children, Vincent was recently appointed deputy course manager at Great Barr Golf Club. Previously he was an assistant at Sutton Coldfield Golf Club where he worked for nearly 10 years.

He has also recently completed his NVQ level 2 and aims to take the level 3 supervisory course next year.

**KEN MOORE**

*representing Northern Ireland  
Age: 31. College: Greenmount College, Antrim*

Ken has been greenkeeping for 12 years. He has been at his present



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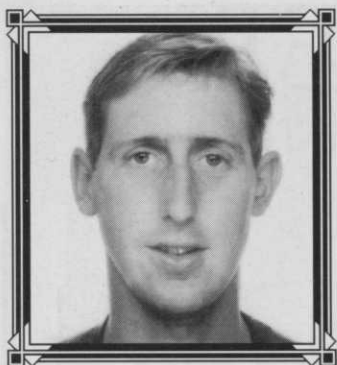
Last year's Fair, the first Irish Turf Maintenance Exhibition, was such a huge success with both exhibitors and buyers, that the IGGA is running it again this year. With a wider range of exhibitors showing more products and services, this year's Fair already outstrips last year's.

For further information contact the organisers.

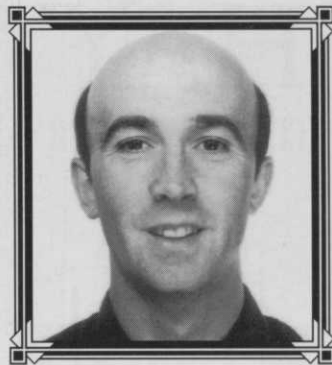
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## WHO WILL BE THE TORO/PGA EUROPEAN TOUR STUDENT GREENKEEPER OF THE YEAR?

One of these young greenkeepers will win an eight weeks expenses paid trip to America. Two of them will join the PGA European Tour greenkeeping team and help prepare a course for a major event. The others can take comfort from the fact that they are the best student greenkeepers in their region.

All seven greenkeepers are already winners. Each has been picked to represent their region in the 1994 Toro-PGA European Tour Student Greenkeeper Awards after an extensive round of interviews.

During the summer 32 students, nominated by their colleges, were quizzed by Ken Richardson, BIGGA's education officer, Dean Cleaver, a member of BIGGA's education sub-committee and Pete Mansfield, general manager of Toro Lely UK. They clocked up more than 1500 miles as they interviewed the nominated student greenkeepers at colleges such as Oaklands, Cannington, Pencoed, Warwickshire, Askam Bryan, and Elmwood. Northern Ireland had its own selection process.

The upshot of all this is that seven superb students, representing Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Northern England, Midlands, South-East England and South-West England, will undergo further questioning in the National Final at Aldwark Manor in Yorkshire. And three of them will leave there with a "chance of a lifetime".

The overall winner will receive the Toro Scholarship which includes a six-week residential turf management study course at the University of Massachusetts in the USA in January/February 1995. There will also be visits to the Toro company's corporate headquarters in Minneapolis and the Toro Irrigation Division in California. And, if the schedules allow, time to visit the GCSAA's show in San Francisco. All expenses will be paid for by the sponsors.

The two runners-up will join the PGA European Tour greenkeeping team at two venues just prior to a major PGA event and will also be invited to attend the PGA European Tour's Greenkeeping Conference which is held every two years. The selected students will become working members of the PGA European Tour advance party, responsible for overseeing preparation prior to and during the tournaments. All expenses will be paid for by the sponsors.

*We will announce the winner next issue, but which one would you vote for?*

club, Shandon Park, for three years. His job title there is simply 'greenkeeper'. Ken, who is married, has also worked at Kirkistow and Knock golf clubs.

He plays golf but his best sport is autogress – he was the North-

ern Ireland champion last year.

To back up his practical knowledge he has been taking a two-year day release course in greenkeeping and sports turf management (NVQ II) at Greenmount and has qualified for the

Certificate in Greenkeeping from the GTC.

"I will now study for the level II supervision qualification at Greenmount to become assistant course manager at my present club," he tells us. "My ambition is to be a course manager if possible with the opportunity to help in the design and construction of a new course."

### STEPHEN PELLATT

*representing South-West England*

*Age: 30. College: Sparsholt*

After leaving school Stephen served a four-year coppersmith's apprenticeship followed by another year "on my tools". Stephen, who is now married with two children, then became involved with turf while working as an assistant groundsman on a naval base. He worked there for two years, maintaining the grounds and the sports pitches.

"After a financially motivated spell in the building industry," he continues, "I joined Lee-on-Solent golf club as an assistant." Two years ago he was promoted to assistant head greenkeeper.

"I now have a career which provides me with enormous job and personal satisfaction. I aim to continue my education and broaden my experience on the way to becoming a successful head greenkeeper."

He has completed phase I of City and Guilds, is taking phase II and plans to take phase III afterwards.

### BYRON THOMAS

*representing Wales*

*Age: 20. College: Pencoed*

Byron is the first assistant at Morlais Castle Golf Club near Merthyr Tydfil. After finishing school in July 1990, he started at Pencoed the following September and went to Morlais Castle for work experience as an apprentice. He has now trained there for three years and even took over from the head greenkeeper, Peter Lewis, when he was injured "in the line of duty".

At Pencoed Byron has completed phase I and II of the City and Guilds greenkeeping and sports turf management.

### MARGEIR VILHJALMSSON

*representing Scotland*

*Age: 22. College: Elmwood*

Although Margeir is representing Scotland, as you can probably tell from the name, he is not Scottish. He comes from Iceland and took out a bank loan to go to Elmwood to learn about greenkeeping.

At the moment Margeir is working at Gleneagles on their Excellence in Golf Award Scheme. He has also had some work experience at Carnoustie. A keen golfer, he was the junior champion at Sudurnesja GC in 1987 and 1989 but now he plays off 12. "Greenkeeping has very much interfered with golf playing in recent years," he admits. As well as being a champion in Iceland, he also rose to the position of deputy head greenkeeper before coming to Britain to study. Margeir completed his national certificate in greenkeeping with ease and he is undertaking the HNC in golf course management by distance learning. He should complete this next year.