



Pattisson's Mike Hinch, left and BIGGA's Neil Thomas at the draw

Lucky 100 are selected

The 100 lucky recipients of the £100 education discounts to BTME '97 courtesy of the Pattisson's 100/100 Club were picked by Mike Hinch, Joint Managing Director of Pattisson's, in the company of BIGGA Executive Director Neil Thomas.

The Club was devised to celebrate Pattisson's 100th Anniversary and clubs were invited to enter the free draw to receive a £100 discount to education seminars at next year's BTME.

"We are absolutely delighted with the response to the club," said Mike. "We had golf clubs ringing us up and asking how they could be involved and it

really caught the imagination." A total of 655 clubs entered the draw and the 100 clubs selected, listed below, were widely spread with Lismore GC in Northern Ireland the first out of the "hat".

"The support of our Golden Key sponsors like Pattissons is welcome and extremely generous and we feel privileged to have been included in the company's 100th anniversary celebrations," said Neil.

"We hope to see the 100 winners at Harrogate next year and urge them to retain the letters sent to the clubs to qualify them for a further promotion to be announced later this year," said Mike.

THE PATTISSON'S 100/100 CLUB MEMBERS

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Withington GC	Neath GC	Enfield GC
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Rugby GC	Billingham GC	Chippenham GC
Canterbury GC	Ipswich GC	Stonyhurst Park GC
Lewes GC	Merlin GC	Callan GC
Colchester GC	Sapey GC	Prestwich GC
Dumbarton GC	Farnham GC	Kirby Muxloe GC
Prestwick St Nicholas GC	Redbourn GC	Bromborough Golf Club
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Newcastle Under Lyme GC	Stanmore GC	Elmhurst GC
Carmarthen GC	Kenilworth GC	Hale GC
Dufftown GC	West Lancashire GC	Harpden GC
Wenvoe Castle GC	Pannal GC	Glamorganshire GC
East Devon GC	Bakewell GC	Caldwell GC
Leek GC	Brough GC	Coxmoor GC
Huddersfield GC	Nottingham City GC	Lanhydrock GC
Stoke Rochford GC	Royston GC	Cochrane Castle GC
Greatham Valley GC	Hamptworth G&CC	Crieff GC
Rowlands Castle GC	Burghill Valley GC	Thorndon Park GC
Pitdown GC	Filford GC	Upminster GC
Kingsknowe GC	Bridgnorth GC	Woburn Golf & Country Club
Muthill GC	Lochmaben GC	Lismore GC
Stand GC	Wetherby GC	
Backworth GC	Mountain Ash GC	



Education Update

BY KEN RICHARDSON

Deadline nears for supervisory courses

The deadline for applications to attend this year's Aldwark Manor Supervisory Management Courses is fast approaching. Full details of these five residential courses appeared in the April issue of *Greenkeeper International*. They were very highly rated by past delegates drawing comments like 'Far better than expected' and 'I never realised what good value these courses were'. Details are also given below

Aldwark Manor Supervisory Management Courses: Level 3 N/SVQ

Managing People Module 1 October 7 - 11

This first unit of people management includes:

Computing for Greenkeepers, time management, team building, motivation, delegation, leadership.

Managing People Module 2 October 14 - 18

This second unit of people management includes:

Listening and Questioning skills, appraisal, assertive communication, constructive feedback, grievance and discipline, computing for greenkeepers.

Managing Operations and Resources October 21-25

This unit deals with:

Resource planning, estimates, budgets, projects, quality care, competency based qualifications, portfolio development and computing for greenkeepers.

Managing Information October 28-November 1

This unit deals with:

Memos and letters, report writing, managing meetings, communication skills, presentation skills, computing for greenkeepers

Aldwark Manor Management Module: Level 4

Managing Recruitment and Selection, Managing Finance & Management of Health & Safety November 4-8

This level 4 unit is for delegates who have attended at three level

3 units in the past and includes:

Recruitment and selection methods, the Law, Equal opportunities, discrimination, interview techniques, controlling budgets, expense reports, re-forecasting, cash flow forecasting, use of spreadsheets, computing for finance, Health and Safety Policy, problem areas, managing safely

The cost of each course, which we have managed to keep unchanged for three consecutive years, including, 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches 4 dinners and 4 nights accommodation plus all tuition fees is £426 + VAT for BIGGA members (499.38) or £490 + VAT for non-members. Each delegate and employer receive a certificate of attendance.

Applications for a place on these courses must arrive at BIGGA HQ by 31 July 1996.

Remember that these courses are not just for Course Managers/Head Greenkeepers but also to prepare the managers of tomorrow.

TORO/Lely/PGA European Tour Student of the Year Competition 1996

The closing date for entries to this year's competition was 31 May 1996. However, any college still wishing to nominate students can do so if applications are received by 28 June 1996.

MY AMBITION IS...



"To become a Head Greenkeeper at a golf course in Spain"
Simon Walley, Sandy Lodge GC

short sighted greenkeepers.

That's all for this month but watch this space for future events etc. I can be contacted on 0860 260 240.

Huw Morgan

■ Ken Statham, President of the Kent County Golf Union, died peacefully at his home in Biggin Hill early on Tuesday morning, April 23. His sudden and untimely death at the age of 62 when he still had so much to contribute to golf, was an extremely sad loss and his leadership, counsel and wonderful sense of humour, together with the friendships generated since his involvement with the game, and particularly during his time with the County Committee, will be greatly missed by the golfing fraternity. Kent golf owes him a great deal.

Ken began his golf joining Cherry Lodge in 1969 and as a natural administrator, inevitably became involved in committee work including Junior Organiser and Chairman of Greens. In 1981, when his son Neil made his County debut, his efforts in the interests of golf brought him onto the County Committee where initially he managed the Kent 2nd teams and later took charge of the Colts. At about that time, he was also involved in setting up, with George Will, the County Coaching Scheme which has proved so successful. In 1988 he was honoured to be invited to take Office as County President, and his subsequent election to the E.G.U. Council, and the following year his services to Cherry Lodge were recognised and rewarded by his election to Club Captain.

Ken's enthusiasm and love of golf knew no bounds and was such that he rarely missed an event. During his term of County Office this would average one day in every three 'On Duty'. On many of these occasions he would be accompanied by Audrey, and as a result she became well known and very popular with players and supporters alike. There is no doubt that they both enjoyed every minute so spent.

The funeral took place at Lewisham Crematorium on the 2nd May and among the many present were representatives from the E.G.U., the South-Eastern Group Counties, the Kent Ladies Golf Union, and many Kent Clubs. An Address was given by Ken's brother, Michael, and by Ray Saunders, Kent County Captain who spoke of Ken's achievements and of his dedication to furthering the game of golf. Ken would have enjoyed Ray's quip to the effect that there were no 'Apologies for Absence' from the County Committee on this occasion. Many Clubs will also have acknowledged Ken's passing with the traditional lowering of flags.

Ken leaves his wife Audrey, son Neil and daughter-in-law Sue, grandchildren Sam and Chloe, and daughter Toril

Sussex

We have held two events in April this year, as we did last year so successfully. The first one was for Head Greenkeepers accompanied by their Club Secretaries which was held at West Sussex Golf Club. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to a back injury at the last minute. However, I understand the day went well and Alastair Cale and Chris Reed, with their Secretaries, walked away with the glassware donated by SCATS of Billingham.

The second event was the Spring Meeting and Hayter Challenge Qualifier which was held at East Sussex National. The response was phenomenal and we had to go down on bended knee to increase from 48 to 60 players. Even then we had to turn people away although we ended up with 64 people there in total! Among these were John Pemberton, who came down from Head

Around the Green



Office to play, and also Derek Farrington, our new Regional Administrator, who was thankfully able to take over the admin duties from Sue when we left early. The course was brilliant, if challenging - the 16th gobbled up golf balls by the score! The Hayter Challenge qualifiers were Lawrie Tremlett, Chris Allen and Danny O' Rouke in Category 1 with Roland Hughes as reserve. Alastair Cale, Jon Hill and Neil Cleverly qualified in Category 2 with Ken Barber of East Sussex National (!) as reserve. Category 3 was Tony Bremer, Colin Cathy and Jonathan Sales with Mike McQueen as reserve. Congratulations and good luck to you all on the 6th June. The overall winner of the morning round of the Spring Meeting was Alastair Cale who has now been cut two shots! Raymond Day won the afternoon round and we are trying to figure out how to cut his handicap as well - below the knees! All in the day was a great success with Culverwells and Rigby Taylor kindly sponsoring some wonderful prizes.

On a personal note I would like to announce the happy and long awaited arrival of my daughter, Samantha, in November last year and Gary Ogilvie's daughter, Charlotte, in March this year. Stefan G. Antolik

South West and South Wales Region

Devon and Cornwall

With section events completed for another winter our section's thoughts turned to the Region's Trade show Westurf. The show allows our Region to offer its members reduced cost educational events and in the past our local Colleges have received grants towards greenkeeper education.

With this it is important that Westurf continues to thrive, this year's show started off not as we would have liked with the rain pouring down at that stage it crossed our minds that the show may have to be cancelled but within minutes of the show opening the rain eased to just a few showers and was that the sun we saw! Numbers around the stands were steady all day, with the prize draws taking place it gave all who attended a chance to walk away with a prize, the new show layout provided the machinery companies with an excellent area to show off their latest equipment. Also this year our Executive Director Neil Thomas, Chairman Dean Cleaver assisted by Janet and Scott held forum at the BIGGA tent, all members were invited along to discuss any points they had regarding our Association.

All in all Westurf 96 continued to consolidate its position as a superb local, turf care show with most of the trade delighted with enquiries on the day.

On behalf of the section I would like to thank Gordon & Marion Child who put in so much time and effort into organising the show, also thanks must go to Steve Evans and Bill Mitchell who helped with the setting up of the show the day before and on the day and to all who helped out especially the South West lads on car park duty in all that rain.

Good luck to all our Hayter Qualifiers at this year's regional final at Salisbury and South Wilts GC on Wednesday June 12.

Trevose Golf Club is the venue for our June summer evening meeting on

Wednesday the 19th please contact Steve Evans on 01208 863647 if you would like to attend.

Richard Whyman

South West

It was into cider country that we travelled for this year's Spring Tournament and Hayter section Qualifier held on April 17 at Oake Manor GC. The blustery conditions did not make playing this excellent young course any easier with many challenging holes created by well designed water features presenting themselves as the round unfolded. Course Manager Nigel Pring had prepared the course in first class condition particularly considering the slow start to the growing season, with dense growth on the fairways being the envy of others who have far less after last year's drought.

For this second event of the year we were privileged to have the presence of the Editor, who not only put his swing to the test but also had his camera on hand to snap some unsuspecting competitor. Thanks though are given to Scott for coming so far down country to be with us particularly as he drove back the same night.

Thanks are also given to Nigel for his course presentation, to Russell Gardner, the club professional for allowing us course courtesy and, of course, to Robin Boyes and the lads from Hayter for their sponsorship. The drinks, crisps and sweets were welcome at half way point.

The results were as follows:- 0-9. Craig Fudge nett 66; Nigel Pring nett 68; Michael Fawcett nett 73; Paul Godwin nett 74; Chris Tozer nett 74; reserves Paul Garland nett 74; Gary Cooke nett 75. 10-18. Alan Turner nett 72; James Williams nett 73; Duncan Smith nett 75; Anthony Knight nett 76; Oliver Stevenson nett 78; reserves Jim Nicholson nett 79; Maurice pierce nett 81. 19-28. Chris Sealey nett 73; Tim Dabennett nett 76; John Barr nett 76; Steve Mitchell nett 78; Peter Cox nett 80; reserves Matthew Hawker nett 85; Bob Gate nett 86.

Suggestions are being invited for presentations, speakers, subjects and titles for the Learning Experience at Harrogate in 1997. If anyone is interested in contributing, please contact me for a application form.

Five Supervisory and Management Courses are being promoted for 1996 to be held at Aldwark Manor starting from the 7th to 11th October and finishing from 4th to 8th November. If you are interested in booking a space then please contact either Ken Richardson at Headquarters on 01347 838581 or myself on 0117 9793127 for a application form.

Finally the Summer Competition takes place this year at Mendip Golf Club on 25th July. Kevin Green

South Wales

The South Wales section seminar recently took place at Pencoed College and was deemed a great success by the 36 who attended.

Our thanks to the sponsors for making the day possible, Miracle Professional, Barenbrug, Hardi and Envirogreen Ltd. To the seminar speakers, Richard Minton, Bill Oliver, John Bradley, Gareth Goddard and Duncan Stewart for their interesting, educational and enjoyable presentations.

As the seminar rounded off this series of educational events, I'd like to thank all of those who have given so freely their time to help in the organisation of these meetings, but especially Peter Gillard and Malcolm Davies for their sterling efforts and also to the principal Mr JDB Thomas for allowing us the use of the college facilities.

Lastly (thank god I hear you cry) to our very own marathon man Mr David

Gladwin. Dave recently completed his second London marathon, although his finishing time around was not as fast as the first, due to the unexpected heat-wave of 75 degrees. Crossing the finishing line itself an achievement, well done!

On route, Dave reckons that he consumed at least 20 pints of water (makes a change from beer) and he'd like to personally thank the fire services for their efforts in cooling people down with their hoses. To those, they know who they are, who doubted his ability to run the race. I believe him, although he does have a second bike for sale. Peter Lacey

South Coast

The Spring Golf Meeting was held on Monday 15th April at Crane Valley GC. Martin Summers, the Course Manager had prepared the course in good order for us, he and his staff at the Crane Valley were most helpful on the day and they even managed to supply us with fine weather. Our thanks must also go to management for allowing us the use of the course, the catering staff for keeping us fed and watered. Last but not least our thanks to our generous sponsors for the day Huxley Grass Machinery and our President Jim Fry.

The results were as follows:-

Nearest the pin. P Fitzjohn; Longest Drive. R. Walker; Nita Simpson Trophy. R. Crouch; 1st Gross B Emberley, 2nd Gross L Miller; 1st Handicap A Rideout, 2nd Handicap M Woodrow

As from now our section is running its own Handicaps for those that are bandits (see above), and for those members who have not got club Handicaps. This means there is no need for anyone to feel left out. All members are welcome to attend these meetings.

As you are all probably aware some of the courses held at Aldwark Manor are now going to be run at regional level. This is to cut down on expenses. If you have any ideas as to what sort of courses and subjects you would like covered please contact Kerran Daly on 01722 742898.

We are still looking for assessors within the section. If you are interested in obtaining your D32 contact Kieran who will fill you in on all the details.

At the time of writing this report we have just had some really hard frosts that have slowed down the growth considerably. A lot of grass must be suffering at this time, still by the time this report gets into the Magazine the sun will be shining and we will have forgotten all about the cold spring "we hope".

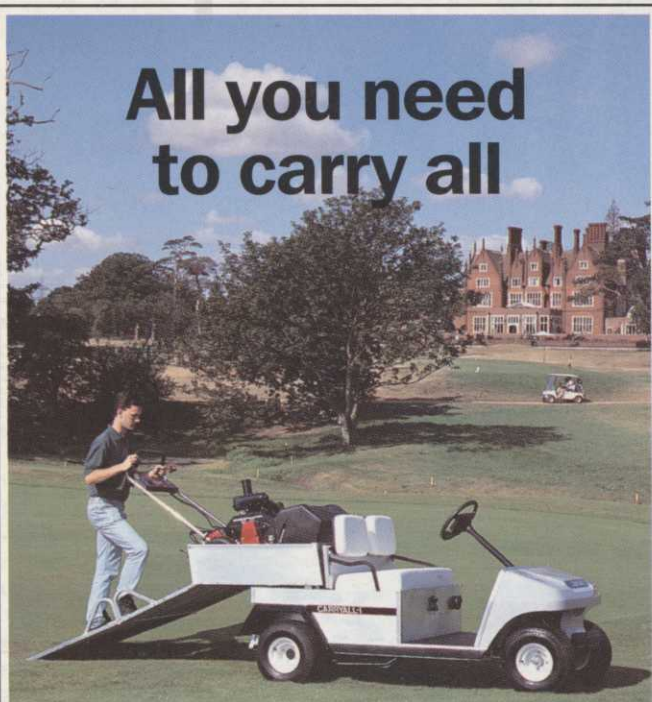
Well gentleman that concludes the report for this month. I would like to ask all members that if they have any item of interest they would like to be put in the magazine please give me a ring with the details. Ken Lodge

MY AMBITION IS...



"To play cricket until I retire and golf as long as possible"
Adrian Dancer, Shendish Manor GC

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- 1 Massey Ferguson 135
- 1 Kubota L3250 Compact 4WD plus 1 Vertidrain unit
- 2 Tipping Trailers
- 1 Ford Pick-up Truck
- Flymo, Strimmers etc

my programme I'll be able to blend the aprons in with the ride on triple when I go around the surrounds. I think it is cutting it down the maintenance of the bunkers." Previously when it rained the sand is some of the bunkers used to be washed down.

"It looked horrible and I would have to ask staff make sure they shove it back. Another benefit will be that not so much sand will be thrown onto the greens damaging them, smothering them and getting into the cutters. The whole appearance of the courses should be enhanced with the bunkering," said Bill.

The work at East Herts shows that extensive work can be carried out while the course remains open and the benefits of working closely with the professional team engaged to do the work.

"We have been very lucky at East Herts because the committee has been very progressive in the way it has looked at things. We can talk to, and reason with, them and we have respected their opinion and they have respected our professional opinion," explained Ian.

"While the work has been going on we've not had any problem with stopping play. I've been in daily communication with the construction team and we've been able to talk problems get round it one way and another avoid disruption on the course," said Bill.

He will also benefit from the style of the new bunkers which have been installed.

"The new style bunkers will save on maintenance time and it will give me more time to do work on other parts of the course.

We will have one or two bunkers which we will still have to fly mow but once I've got into

MY AMBITION IS...



"To learn to play this silly little game of golf properly"
Richard Saunders, St Neots GC

LETTERS

Explain the code of conduct

I noticed with interest the article on advances in turf production by Mr Derek Edwards which was carried in your April edition. There were many interesting and sensible comments contained in the article.

However, there was also a reference to TPI UK (ie Turf Grass Producers International UK). There was reference to TPI achieving the introduction of "Minimum Standards of Turf" and "A Code of Conduct for its Members".

What exactly are the standards referred to?

What are the contents of the code of conduct?

Where are these items published?

It seems to us TPI UK are being allowed to talk about standards without ever being asked what they mean exactly.

TPI UK should be invited to put up or shut up on the subject of standards for turf.

Terry Ryan

Sales and Marketing Director
Rolawn (Turf Growers Ltd)

Green speeds

I write with response to the letter in April's edition of the magazine concerning green speeds and grass species. I am a believer in trying to make my greens as fast as possible without causing any undue stress or harm to the quality of performance of the greens.

The weather maintenance programmes and, obviously, the species of grass on the greens can all influence the decision on how fast we can make them. I think that once a good healthy sward or desirable grasses has been achieved then a competent greenkeeper can then decide how fast to make his greens. I was under the impression that the more desirable fescue and bent grasses could withstand close mowing and that mowing to, or lower (not much) than five millimetres would actually discourage poa annua as this grass is usually the first to show signs of stress either from hot weather or outbreaks of disease. Or am I wrong?

May I also congratulate Mr Billy McMillan of his excellent "In my View" article.

Julian Farrimond

GC Aschheim
Germany

NEW PRODUCTS

■ The DewMaster, **Pattison's** newest product line, has been developed by Greenkeepers across the country for Greenkeepers across the country. It helps to save time by removing dew from the greens. A comment from the Greenkeeping fraternity is that the DewMaster is an excellent product, but it is unable to dispense of the worm casts. As from May 1996 the new DewMaster Mark II will encompass a switch-tip in the handle, which will be on a quick release screw from the main head and can therefore be used in the same manner as the conventional Stanmore telescopic Switch.

The new Holecup Extractor & Rammer has been designed to remove or set cups into the hole without having to get onto your hands and knees. The waist height hand held tool works by putting the end into the ferrule acceptor and turning the key at the top of the hand bar. This turns the cam disc at the base which locks under the bottom of the hole cup. Simply by lifting the tool will remove the cup, setting the cup is just as easy as there is a rammer collet along the length of the tool. This collet is placed exactly to allow the ramming effect to set the cup into the ground.

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■ **Roffey Brothers Ltd.** of Bournemouth has added a new range of slow release fertilisers to its catalogue with the latest polycoated technology directly from the United States.

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■ **Maverick**, pictured, is an all new diaphragm pump knapsack design with a 33% more powerful pump than contemporary designs, it has an Easi-clean system for reduced chemical wastage, Easi-mount harnesses and an ergonomic shape.

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MY AMBITION IS...



"To be happy"
Kim Blake, Fulford Heath GC

Event is a hit despite the weather

Although the weather was every unkind to us at this year's Westurf it did stop raining on occasions, giving the steady flow of visitors time to look around the stands and watch several demonstrations taking place throughout the day.

On entering the show there was some very fine British outdoor furniture on display from Britannic Teak, beautifully made and attracting a great deal of genuine interest. I am assured that you will certainly see them again next year.

The Huxley Soil Reliever on a Kubota 360 Tractor from the MST stand started off the demonstrations, along with the Shelton single leg gravel band drainer coupled to a compact tractor.

Unfortunately Gannon UK couldn't demonstrate its Aerator on the soft ground but nevertheless were pleased with the interest shown.

The change of layout, and putting the demonstration area



in the central position proved to be very popular as the latest machinery could be seen by everyone, with information given over the loud speakers and we have discovered an exciting new commentator in David Merhagh from Groundsman Industries.

The entry for the £200 holiday

voucher on the BIGGA stand was drawn by Eva Graham from Golf West and was won by Bob Greenshields, Head Groundsman at Kings Hall School, Taunton.

All aspects of fine turf were catered for, and comments were made on the attractive stand displays this year - in spite of the

weather. Our thanks go to all traders and visitors alike who were considerate in preserving the ground conditions, and special thanks to Long Ashton GC for hosting the eighth Westurf.

We hope to see you all next year.

Marion Child

Open day success is a lesson for us all

Ramsdale Park Golf Centre played host to a Greenkeeping Open Day organised and managed by Course Manager Martin Smith with the help of his wife Mandy and the full support of the club.

The day was split into two very different parts with the same aim of communicating what the job of the greenkeeper was all about.

The first part began by welcoming golfing membership, visiting fellow greenkeepers, visiting golfers and even general public.

There was good support from the trade with indoor and outdoor stands ranging from golf course accessory suppliers to major equipment suppliers who were on hand to answer questions and give action demonstrations.

A great deal of interest was generated from many areas not least the BBC whose television cameras recorded Martin explaining the various jobs of the greenkeeper as well as getting over the important etiquette of the game which was shown on local TV that evening.

The second part of the day took the form of an Evening Seminar and included very interesting talks by Martin himself and Neil Hay-

ward of the English Golf Union.

Support from Martin's golf club came in the form of his Captain, Tom King, who chaired the evening seminar which also featured Steven Dando of Brackenhurst College, Alistair Fraser an independent consultant and Mike Shepherd of Vitax.

Many Course Managers are looking to put on similar events and Martin's experiences will help everyone in this vital part of the job.

Duncan McGilvray

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"To take Hammerton United, the local village football team I am player/manager of, to the Leaper Hare League Division Four title"
Dave Dwight, Aldwark Manor

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