

NEW PRODUCTS

Supaturf Products has recently been appointed as European distributor for Aquatrols Corporation of America, whose products include Aqua-Gro, Primer 604 and InfilTTx.

Supaturf is now to introduce another product to the UK and Europe from Aquatrols called CleanCarbon.

It is a spreadable, water dispersible activated carbon product which is capable of binding many materials such as organic pesticides, petroleum products and hydraulic fluids.

Ordinary activated charcoal is a messy fine black powder which is often difficult to handle and apply and does not suspend well in water, but CleanCarbon is a new granular formulation or activated charcoal which is both spreadable and water dispersible.

Supaturf recommends it for emergency treatment to deactivate mis-applied pesticides or spills and as a once a year clean up of harmful residues from greens and tees. It will also act as a warming agent – warming up soil by up to three degrees.

Further information Tel: 01455 234677.

Wicksteed Leisure Ltd of Kettering has recently installed rubber safety surfacing tiles at Leek Golf Club.

Normally used for children's outdoor playgrounds the tiles are being used on walkways around the course – an area which had previously caused problems.

The walkways, many with steep gradients, needed a surface which was non-slip and porous, would allow tractors to travel up and down, would not damage mowers and create no mess. Golfers wearing spiked shoes needed to be able to walk on it and the noise level had to be kept to a minimum.

Wicksteed's Safety Tiles solved these problems.

Further information Tel: 01536 517028.

Tonick Watering has launched an extended range of replacement decoders which have guaranteed compatibility with other types. The range includes competitively priced

R+R has launched the Heftee 3600 lift, as a big brother to the Heftee 2000, designed to accommodate 86 inch wide greens mowers.

"Users are increasingly undertaking service and maintenance themselves," said R+R's Equipment Head Tony Watson, "and the Heftee lifts are a proved cost-effective investment."

As the name suggests the lift has a payload of 3600lbs and has detachable wheels enabling it to be moved around the workshop. It also has a boom that enables easy engine removal and there is a clear-

ance of six feet under the forks. Further information Tel: 01480 455580.

replacements for Watermation, CIC, Wright Rain, Primetime and Robydome decoders; although directly interchangeable, the replacements are designed to last very much longer. They do not have switches and are carefully sealed in a special compound for a long operational life.

Available with up to four solenoid outputs, each with its own address, the Tonick versions save money and minimise wiring tangles in the ground. They use the latest digital microprocessor technology, have no moving parts and are truly "fit and forget". Each decoder has built-in lightning surge arresters, carries the CE mark and is guaranteed for three years.

A companion, low-cost programmer is available which conveniently and easily sets the decoder address as many times as required. The programmer also tests any decoder connected to it whatever the make.

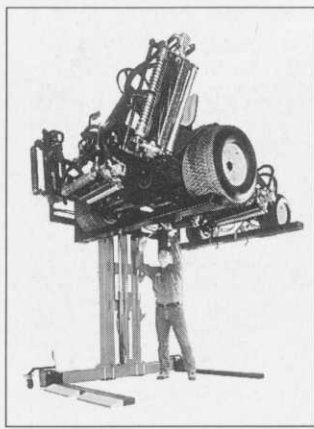
Tonick Watennng decoders are now stocked by most independent irrigation distributors and installers.

For information Tel: 01903 262393.

Kubota (UK) Ltd has added a new 25hp out-ride mower to its professional ride-on range.

Called the F2560, it is aimed at the local authority and contracting sectors, and is equipped with Kubota's advanced Dual-Acting Over Running Four Wheel Drive.

This feature is designed to



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deliver greater levels of operator control by allowing automatic change over between 4WD and 2WD to match the demands of the terrain in forward and reverse operations – 4WD for rough and uneven terrain and 2WD for large flat areas of turf. For constant use on hilly terrain permanent 4WD can be selected.

The F2560 has a top travelling speed of 17Km/hr, and also features hydrostatic transmission and power steering.

The 60" mower deck has side or rear discharge options and has a clearance level of 200mm for easy travelling between sites and over obstacles such as curbs.

This latest addition means there are now nine ride-on units in the range of Kubota professional machines.

Further information Tel: 01844 214500.

Brand new additions to the John Deere range of grounds care equipment include the Aercore 1500 and 1000 tractor-mounted aerators; and the 3235A Turf System II fairways mower.

With working widths of 95cm and 146cm, the aerators further extend John Deere's grounds care range, already the broadest available from a single manufacturer in Europe.

They are designed for aerating golf greens and fairways, as well as other professional sports and amenity turf areas. Depending on model, they can be mounted on compact tractors from 15 to

30hp, equipped with a Category I three-point hitch and 540 rpm power take-off.

Built around heavy-duty frames and tine rams to provide durability, the aerators can pull up to 30 cores per square foot, at over 75,000 square feet per hour, according to individual requirements.

The special Flexi-Link tine design helps to produce a consistent, round hole with little or no scuffing at the hole top. It also allows the tine spacing to be infinitely adjustable without changing gears on the aerator – it automatically adjusts to any tractor speed setting.

John Deere's improved 3235A lightweight fairways mower boasts a new hydrostatic transmission and larger wheel motors now provide higher transport and mowing speeds, and improved 4WD performance on slopes.

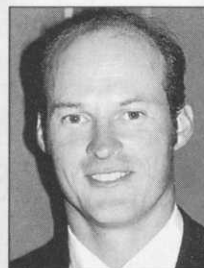
This five-reel 32hp diesel-engined machine features 56cm wide seven-blade cutting heads as standard, or optional eight-blade heavy-duty ESP, extra strength and precision, units, with one touch lifting and lowering.

The patented RFS (rotate for service) feature means the cutting units can be rotated and presented for easy servicing, by simply flipping up an unlocking spring and pulling out a single pin.

Height of cut can be adjusted from 9.5 to 76mm, with patented hydraulic down-pressure on the reels to follow ground contours more closely. On-board backlapping and simple reel speed adjustment are further standard features.

Further information Tel: 01949 860491.

MY IDEAL HOLIDAY DESTINATION IS:



"Sydney, Australia"
John Berry, Penrith GC

Around the Green

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

SCOTTISH REGION

West of Scotland

Summer over and everybody should be hard at work starting renovation work. What a summer if it can be called that – been and gone in a flash. Let's hope winter is kind to us.

Apologies to Peter Cowan for omitting you in last month's issue with regard to your new appointment at Clydebank and District, as First Assistant. Congratulations and I hope you settle in well and encourage them to come along to West events.

I hope everybody has returned their questionnaire forms full of ideas. It will be interesting to find out what sort of response has been forthcoming.

Remember to return your entries for the autumn outing at Balmore. It is sure to be popular.

Last but not least best wishes to Brian Inglis of Souters on account of taking the plunge. His new wife Kathleen must have a big heart taking on such a challenge. No more golf for Brian. Apparently they had a beautiful honeymoon in St Lucia which means he'll be chasing orders when he next sees you folks. Only kidding. May you have many happy years together.

S Taylor

East

Welcome to this month's report. First of all by the time you read this we shall have had had the Willie Woods Memorial Tournament at Seahouses GC on August 22. So I hope that everyone and his partner, whether it be Captain, Secretary, Greens Convener or any other committee member had a very enjoyable time. Results and report in next month's magazine and perhaps even a photograph or two.

On the subject of photographs if anybody has any photos that may be of interest send them to me and we will see if we can get them into the magazine.

People on the move include one of my former assistants Craig Pennycook who has moved to Winterfield GC, Dunbar as Head Greenkeeper. Congratulations and all the best for the future in your new job. Craig moved to Dunbar from Duddingston GC in Edinburgh where he was assistant greenkeeper. So now I will wait for an invite to play his course at Winterfield.

I must apologise for the next one. This slipped through and should have been in the column a couple of months ago. So belated congratulations to Scott Ramsay, who has become Head Greenkeeper at Harburn GC, where he has taken over from Bob Smith who retired in April. All the best in your new job Scott and best wishes from the Section to both of you.

Up and coming events. We have arranged a skittles night at the Right Wing on Willowbrae Rd, Edinburgh on Friday October 25 from 7.30pm until 11.30pm. As well as skittles there is a basket supper included in the price of £5 per person. So if you want a good night out and good company get our entries in as soon as possible with numbers – call Andy Forrest 0131 339 1315 or Steve Dixon 0131 660 3965 or Chris Yeaman 01875 870485 to book one of this winter's social nights.

We have arranged a shopping trip again for the Christmas Shopping (Already it's only September) (Exactly, and a yellow card from the Editor for being the first person to mention the "C" word) to the Metro Centre in Gateshead by coach with various pickup points in and around Edinburgh. The price will be £8 per person and the bus will be leaving Edinburgh on the morning and returning at night. The date for this is Sunday November 24. It's a great opportunity to get your Christmas shopping done and we hope to see a big turnout and support for your section.

Coming up in next month's report are the results and comments and possibly a few photos from the Autumn Tournament at Murrayfield GC which is celebrating its centenary this year.

Next month we will also have the list of winners of the Patron's Prize for 1996 – look out as you could be one of the lucky ones as there are four chances available.

Also dance tickets are going fast with just over a quarter gone already as I write. The venue once again is Kilsplindie House Hotel, Aberlady, Saturday December 7 at a cost of £18 per person and £20 B&B per person. Hurry they're going fast.

That's it all folks. Don't forget to support all your section's activities not just the golf! Social events as well because it is after all your section.

Also if you have anything of

interest let me know or you would like to write an article give me a call – you pick the topic – and send it to me and we'll make every effort to get it into print.

Chris Yeaman

North

This month we return to Grantown-on-Spey to stage our Autumn outing, unfortunately, rained off last year. As usual there should be a good turnout to play this lovely course. At the outing we will draw the next four winning numbers in the 200 Club, so if anyone still has not paid for their ticket, please do so quickly. This is the Section's only fund raiser and all tickets need to be sold to help the Section thrive. Anyone wanting to buy a ticket should phone Gordon McKie on 01334 653995 before September 11, the day of the outing.

Once again, I will mention the second Section Dinner/Disco (I am not trying to fill space honest!). The venue this year is the New Inn Hotel, Ellon, the date Friday, November 29 and it will cost £12.50 per person with a double room available at the hotel for £33.00 bed and breakfast. Telephone Hughie McLatchie on 01779 470173 to book your tickets. Family and friends are welcome to come.

The Open Championship at Royal Lytham was a great success again. My only complaint was the heating being on in the hotel bedroom all week, with outside temperatures in the high 70s and 80s, although it gave us the perfect excuse to stay up all night as it was cooler outside. I won't name the people who took it a bit far and had an early morning dip in the sea! It was great meeting up with all my old friends again and making new ones. A special thank you to Paul Murphy for getting me to my train in Preston with a couple of minutes to spare after I misread my ticket and missed the train at Blackpool! We had BIGGA members from Sweden, USA, Vietnam and all over Britain in the team to make it a really cosmopolitan group. Any of you who visited the STRI tent and had a go at the putting competition might like to know that I won the prize for Friday, the new edition of the "Care of the Golf Course", very nice indeed. Roll on Troon 1997.

Iain Macleod

NORTHERN REGION

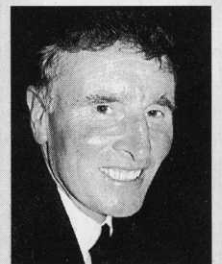
North Wales

Later in the year our section will again be organising first aid courses. There will be a two day refresher course at £40 for those people who are already certificated and wish to keep their certificate valid. A four day certificated course at £80 and a one day Emergency First Aid course which should cost less than £25. I believe that as we work in an environment that involves both hazardous machinery and quiet isolation on the golf course it is in our own and our clubs' interest that we should each have at least the basic emergency first aid knowledge. An application form for the above First Aid courses will be posted along with the entry forms for our autumn competition which I can confirm will take place on October 16 at Chester Golf Club.

Our records of past prize winners seem to be a little bit lacking and I would ask anyone who knows the whereabouts of the Richard Campey Trophy, which was won in April 1995 at Abergele, to please contact me.

Our Chairman, Brian Anderson, and our Treasurer, Dave Proctor, will both be standing down from committee at the end of this year. So, if you can spare four or five evenings per year and you wish to take a more active role in your association, please contact me or any of the following committee members that you might know personally: Brian Anderson (Abergele), Dave Proctor (Storws Wen), Stuart McCall (Chester), Justin Cheung (Eaton), Terry Adamson (Gem), Phil Davies (Mommersteeg), Terry Evans (Nine of Clubs), Neil Toner (Wirral Ladies) or Dave Goodridge (Denbigh).

MY IDEAL HOLIDAY
DESTINATION IS:



"North West coast of Scotland or
abroad, Bermuda"

Elliott Small, Kincardine GC

Head Greenkeeper's score and the best Assistant's score. Michael Fawcett from Marlborough Golf Club won the event outright and the Best Assistant's trophy with a nett 71 on the back 9. Ivor Scoones, Long Ashton Golf Club, had the Best Head Greenkeeper's score with a nett 74; 2nd Steve Panting, Henbury, nett 71; 3rd Adam Turner, Woodbury Park, nett 74; 4th Simon Shipley, Henbury, nett 75 (back 9); 5th Duncan Smith, Cotswold Hills, nett 76. There was also a prize for the best guest, that being Club Captain, Tony Taylor, with a nett 73.

Thanks are given to Mendip Golf Club, and Secretary Jackie Howe, for their hospitality and granting of course courtesy and to Club Captain, Tony Taylor, for finding time in his busy year to participate in the day's events. Thanks once again to Richard Flower and staff for course presentation and to the Steward and Stewardess for feeding us so well.

Trade members donated several prizes for the prize table, these being Avoncrop, B S Mowers, T H Whites and Miracle Professional and thanks are given for your continued support of the Section.

This year's AGM takes place on Thursday, November 14 at Bristol and Clifton Golf Club and anything that you feel requires discussion at that meeting should be put in writing and returned to myself by the end of September for discussion by the Section Committee prior to the day. Another reminder that if you wish to take on the responsibility of the Secretary's position from myself at the AGM then please contact me immediately.

Finally, we wish competitors from the South West Section taking part in the Hayter Final at Fairhaven on September 18 the best of luck.
Kevin Green

Devon and Cornwall

Woodbury Park Golf & Country Club was the venue for our summer meeting on Wednesday, July 17 which saw 30 members attending. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to work commitments. Our Chairman, Bill Mitchell, reported that the evening went very well and thanks go to Course Manager, Jeff Mills, for guiding members around his impressive course. Our last meeting of the summer programme will be held at St Mellion Golf & Country Club on Wednesday, September 18. The agenda will be as usual with members meeting in the car park at 6.15pm prompt, course walk with host Course Manager, Robert Brewer, returning to the Club house at approximately 8pm for a bite to eat. If you would like to attend, please call Steve Evans on 01208 863647 by Wednesday, September 11.

With summer meetings drawing to a close, thoughts turn to autumn

Around the Green



and winter programme which start at Dartmouth Golf & Country Club on Wednesday, October 9.

Dartmouth has kindly allowed the section 17 start times which will allow a maximum of 51 members the chance to play their tremendous course. Starting times will run from 7.30am-9.44am. With the early start, I intend to send out starting times the week prior to the meeting as I did last year for St Mellion. The early return of the entry form is suggested to avoid disappointment.

You should have all received your fixture card sponsored by Devon Garden Machinery with our forthcoming events on. If you haven't, please let me know and I will make sure you receive one.

To reduce postage, we have decided to send details of our meetings to one member per club (Course Manager/Head Greenkeeper) as in previous years. If you don't receive details and would like to, please let me know so I can put you on the mailing list.

Finally, a reminder that your local Regional Supervisory Management course will be held at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Exeter on October 23 & 24. For more details, ring Ken Richardson at BIGGA HQ.
Richard Whyman

South Wales

The section's summer competition was held at the Caerphilly Golf Club near Cardiff. The course has recently been extended to a full 18 hole layout but due to the lack of good growing conditions, the new layout has yet to be brought into continuous play. However, the original layout that we had the pleasure of playing proved enough of a challenge (indeed too much for some) and was in excellent condition thanks to the sterling efforts of Head Greenkeeper, Adrian Panks, and staff.

We were blessed with good weather, indeed glorious sunshine all day. This made the going tough, especially up on the top holes high above the clubhouse. The return to the lower holes and the 12th was welcomed by all and saw most people dash to the pro shop to take on board refreshments.

The winner on his home course was A Panks with a nett 71 winning the Birdie Cup and cut glass decanter. 2nd nett was Daryl Bray of Morrision Golf Club winning a carriage clock. Best gross and winner of the President's Shield was Andy Roach with a 78. Winner of the John Duncan Cup was Cradoc's Richard

Patterson.

The sponsor of the day was R S Bird Ltd, "Birds" of Cowbridge, and Managing Director Roger Bird made the presentations along with the Section's President, Colin Murphy. Our sincere thanks to Birds for their continued support, to the Captain of the Caerphilly Golf Club, Mr David Edwards, who joined us for our evening meal and presentations, to Ann Fletcher and her staff for an excellent four course meal and to the Committee of the Caerphilly Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of the course for this annual competition.

The annual match versus the Secretaries is fast approaching and will take place at the Southern Down Golf Club on Wednesday, August 14. Last year we had our best attendance ever and we are again hoping for a team of at least 20. Please make every effort to attend this competitive and enjoyable day.

It is with great sadness that I should inform you of the sudden death of Mollie, beloved wife of Henry Fry. Mollie who, for those who had the privilege of knowing her, was one of life's true characters will be sorely missed.

The winter evening lecture programme and seminar is nearing completion but any requests for subjects or speakers will be considered. Dates will be with you shortly!

Hopefully, by the time the seminar comes round in the spring, the new conference suite presently under construction at Pencoed College will be complete. This will be a tremendous addition to the facilities.
Peter Lacey

SOUTH EAST

Kent

Sorry members but Huw has gone on holiday so you have to put up with me, your secretary, writing the column this month.

The recent greenkeepers golf day held at the Wilderness club proved to be a great success. Many thanks to Huw Morgan and staff for the course thanks also to the club for their efforts for making it a memorable day. Thanks to Parker/Hart for sponsoring this event and to trade members for their support.

Congratulations to the eventual winners Lee Sayers taking first prize on a countback with Trevor Hindmarsh being runner-up. Well done Lee. Best gross H. Morgan, second best gross M. Arthur and winning the trade prize, G. Ogilvie.

Please note any member wishing to play at a golf event must send a cheque with their return form. Thankfully Huw will be back writing next month. Watch this space. Best wishes to all Section members.
Steve Johnstone

Surrey

A brief report this month. Just to say

a big thank you to Epsom GC for allowing us to play the annual England vs Scotland match. Fortunately for me, as England Captain, I was able to see my team return victors with a 4-1 result.

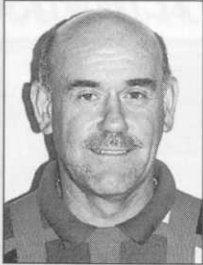
A big thank you also to Dougie Fernie and his team for presenting the golf course to the highest of standards I'm sure Epsom Downs has never looked so good. Its members can be very proud, also thanks to Pattison's, Brian Wilmott, for the refreshment on the way round.

Forthcoming events include the Parker Salver on September 12 at Addington Palace. Also the autumn tournament on October 3 at Effingham GC and the Turkey Trot and AGM on December 3 at Guildford GC. Please make an effort to attend these tournaments. Thank you.
David Gibbs

London

Our first inter club team challenge was held at Dyrham Park Golf & Country Club on July 31. The event was sponsored by Miracle Professional and the challenge trophy was donated by Mr Bernberg, Chairman of Dyrham Park. The course was in excellent condition and the Course Manager, Don Wilson, and his staff must be congratulated for preparing the course. I would also like to thank Don for all his efforts in organising the event. As usual, Dyrham Park must be thanked for their hospitality and I would like to thank the Catering Manager for a superb evening meal and lunch. I would also like to thank the bar staff for their service throughout the day. The winning team with 48 points was Finchley Golf Club and the runners up were Old Fold Manor with 47 points. The nearest the pin was won by David Montgomery from Finchley and the longest drive was won by Ian Semple from Old Fold Manor. I would like to thank the club Captain, Mr Blackstone, for presenting the prizes and Johnny Beck for all his help throughout the day. The event attracted twelve teams and was a great success and next year the event will be held at Hadley Wood Golf Club.
Tony Dunstan

MY IDEAL HOLIDAY DESTINATION IS:



"The Algarve for the great golf and magnificent beaches"
Barry Holt, Burford GC

ered, however, although to most people having to dismantle a cutting unit is seen as taking time and being a great nuisance, in point of fact it seldom proves to be too much of a problem nor take too much time when the necessity occurs and the alternative is to send the machine away. New bottom blades are normally fitted each year during the annual overhaul.

The Juno has proved to be extremely reliable and easy to use. It has been mainly used by one specific greenkeeper and he reported no problems in using the machine. Eric Hunter Grinders which provided the machine is proud of the training that they give new buyers and obviously this has been particularly effective, up to two days is allowed, while telephone support is always available there after. One of the major reasons for selecting the Juno was that it was particularly price competitive, furthermore one machine

handles both cylinders and bottom blades. However Roger said that by adding various options it was easy to upgrade the grinder, and he anticipated that the club would be upgrading the system, although at present he has no plans to change to in-situ or more frequent sharpening. Both in-situ and a hoist are available for the machine and can be retro fitted according to the makers.

One comment that Roger made was that when the club first began to undertake its own resharping it found 'all the problems' and how inaccurate past sharpening and aligning had been. This equates with the Eric Hunter's boast that his machines are exceptionally accurate and can produce cutting edges which can be set for a 0.002 inch (0.05mm) clearance. There is a large body of opinion that says cutting edges should never touch – a blade of grass is perhaps 0.2mm thick and can be cut cleanly

by a mower with a clearance of up to 4 thou. (0.1mm).

Other Golf Clubs

Greenkeeper International also spoke to Paul Bishop, Course Manager at Manor House Golf and Country Club at Castle Combe, expecting to find a Charterhouse 'Easy-lap' back lapping machine.

However Paul said that the machine had been stolen and has not been replaced but that since building the new greenkeepers' facility with its heightened security the club has bought and installed Atterton & Ellis Express Dual and Anglemaster machines to maintain their mowers. Paul said he had found the Charterhouse machine effective and it made back-lapping very easy. Mowers were back lapped every two or three weeks, however he felt that a full grinding facility was more efficient and the objective will be to relief grind in winter and to spin grind in-situ as

necessary during the cutting season. The club has a full time mechanic.

Ransomes since deciding to close its Supreme Mowing subsidiary will be making parts and service available from head office at Ipswich. While ceasing to produce grinders Ransomes will still produce and market Super-lap and Ecolap machines.

MY IDEAL HOLIDAY DESTINATION IS:



"Wherever the venue is for the National Tournament"
Steve Sullivan, Craigie Hill GC

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Architects celebrate big event in style

The British Institute of Golf Course Architects will mark its 25th anniversary with the staging of the Silver Jubilee Conference at the Wentworth Club, Surrey, in October 2-4.

Day one is the Barenbrug Golf Day. The evening sees the Conference Dinner, when around 100 golf course architects and their invited guests will celebrate the anniversary. Specially struck silver medals will be presented to the Institute's surviving founder members - Fred Hawtree, Hamilton Stutt, Donald Harradine - and to the Institute's oldest member Eddie Hackett and to its honorary member, Geoffrey Cornish.

Principal guests at the dinner will be Viscount Whitelaw, President of BIGGA and Michael Bonallack, Secretary of the R&A

Day Two will be taken up with the Silver Jubilee Conference itself, featuring a series of presentations on golf course design and related topics by architects and experts.

The President of the Institute, Martin Hawtree, will lead the Conference, with Donald Steel, Geoffrey Cornish and Colin Hegarty among the speakers.

The afternoon session will begin with the announcement of the formation of the Federation of European Golf Course Architects, the coming together of the British, French and European groups to cooperate and collaborate as a single voice in the European Market.

Day Three sees the staging of the Conference Workshop, a morning discussion forum on golf green design and construction.

Registration for the Silver Jubilee Conference is now open.

The whole conference package (dinner, conference, workshop) costs £240+VAT. Golf and accommodation are separately bookable and each element of the package is also available separately.

Throughout the three day event, an exhibition is being staged. The exhibition is already fully subscribed with 31 stands taken up by contractors, irrigation companies, seedsmen, fertiliser and turf producers.



The award winning students with representatives of Gleneagles, Ransomes, Scottish Grass Machinery and the Greenkeepers Training Committee

In search of excellence

Eight Higher National Diploma golf management students from nine associate UK colleges and one international student received The Gleneagles Excellence in Golf Award certificates and bursary awards following their one year placement at the Perthshire golfing resort.

Most students develop within a structured course and this is true in the case of the recently established Gleneagles Excellence in Golf Award Scheme. Sponsored by Ransomes and Scottish Grass Machinery, and benefiting from Gleneagles modern approach to training, the award scheme has also flourished.

George Graham, Gleneagles' Operations Director, and Andrew Sunaway, Sales and Marketing Director of Ransomes, presented the awards in the company of David McInroy, Scottish Grass Machinery.

Ransomes and Scottish Grass Machinery are committed to a three year bursary award and financing a research library at Gleneagles for the benefit of students and existing golf course operational staff.

Marc Westenhorg, Cannington College, was top student following practical, theoretical and pro-

ject assessments by a panel consisting of James Kidd, Gleneagles Golf Developments, Carol Borthwick, Elmwood College, Nick Rigden, Cannington College, and Hugh Stewart, Head Greenkeeper on the Queen's course.

Marc received a cheque to include a trip to the Golf Course Superintendents Association conference and show in Las Vegas next year.

Other recipients of Certificates of Excellence and bursary awards were Leo Cahalan, Kenneth Harper, Mark Higgs, Steve Johnson, Trevor Norris, David Stevens and Niall Quinn.

Niall, through his involvement in the scheme, has been offered an exciting opportunity by Ransomes. He has been invited to visit their manufacturing plants across America and also to visit the golf courses where Ransomes prototype machinery is tested. He is funding this with a percentage of his 2nd Prize bursary award.

Stuart Green, a previous winner of the scheme in its inaugural year, recently completed an HND in Golf Course Management at Reaseheath College and has now signed a full-time contract with Gleneagles Golf Developments and the resort's golf team.

■ Peter Hawkes, the Sales Administration Manager for Massey Ferguson, has died suddenly. He was 52.

Peter had become both a friend and a colleague since joining the company in 1990 and he was highly regarded as an invaluable member of the Grass Equipment team.

As a mark of respect the Grass Equipment office was closed on the day of the funeral.

He is survived by his wife Val and their two children Rebecca and Simon.

■ Peter Simpson, formerly of T. Parker and Sons has died.

His career with Parkers spanned 38 years during which time he rose from junior rep to Sales Director,

He is survived by his wife and children.

■ *Greenkeeper International* would like to apologise unreservedly to Mr Ronnie Bunting and Kilmacollm Golf Club for comments which appeared in August's issue. Mr Bunting's professionalism and ability as a greenkeeper or the quality of the course at Kilmacollm Golf Club has never been in question.

Hattrick for Graeme

Graeme MacDonald, Head Greenkeeper at Ryston Park near Peterborough is fast earning himself the title of the city's Mr Golf. He has just completed the hattrick of winning the club championship at three of the local clubs - Orton Meadows, which he won for the fifth year in a row and broke the course record with a 71 in the

process; Thorpe Wood, which he won for the second time; and Peterborough Milton which he won for the first time.

"It's never been done before, I think partly because no-one else plays in all three," joked Graeme, who plays off 3 and who also picked up prizes at the National Tournament at Seacroft.

MY IDEAL HOLIDAY DESTINATION IS:



"The north east of Scotland"
Graeme MacDonald,
Ryston Park GC