

As I see it...

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BIGGA CHAIRMAN

It doesn't seem any time at all that I was talking about our time in Lytham at The Open and now here I am looking back at the National Tournament at Seacroft Golf Club in Skegness.

I must say it was nice to see so many families there and I am sure everyone, of all ages, enjoyed themselves. It was also good to see an international

flavour to the event with Thorbjorn Raun and Alan Brebion of Denmark and France respectively playing. It was particularly pleasing to hear how much they got out of their BIGGA membership.

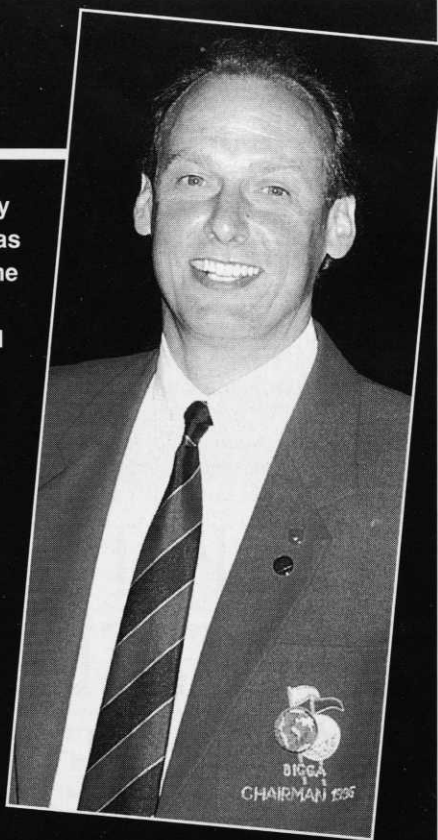
I would like to thank the Seacroft for the excellent hospitality afforded to us and, in particular, Head Greenkeeper Richard Hardie and his team who had the course in first class condition. Bearing in mind the weather we have all had to contend with over the last 18 months it was absolutely superb.

Congratulations to all the winners and I would personally like to thank all the sponsors and, in particular, Miracle Professional for their support, without whom the prize table would not have been the superb spectacle it was.

September is going to be a busy month for me. It begins with Saltex, then I'm off to Sweden to deliver a talk at the Swedish Greenkeepers Association Conference. I get back on the Friday and then on the Saturday we have the Hayter International and Hayter Challenge tournaments at West Lancs and Fairhaven golf clubs.

The Hayter International is a unique event and I am looking forward to meeting everyone involved. I am Captain of the Rest of the World team and I've already contacted Bernard Gallacher for some tips on captancy.

I am sure the events will be a great success and immense credit must go to Kim Macfie and Hayters who have been instrumental in ensuring their success.



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Paul takes the cup

Paul Rennie from Andover, who has just successfully completed his studies on the National Certificate Horticulture, Greenkeeping and Sportsground Management

Course at Sparsholt College, Hampshire has been awarded the Kings Worthy Parish Council Prize given to the student who has produced the Best Major Course Project.

Sod growers to stage demonstration days

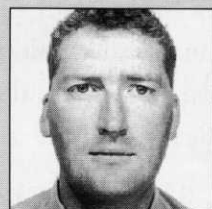
On October 10 and 11, especially for sod growers, demonstration days will be organised by the French Sod Growers Association in cooperation with Nannings v Loen BV, the Netherlands.

The demonstration will take place in the northern part of Holland. Latest developments and appliances will be demonstrated like "De Hy Tek" machine with automatic stacking system and the "Brouwer Rollmax" sod harvester.

Manifold manufacturers and suppliers will demonstrate all the essential devices required for an efficient sod cultivation.

This unique occasion provides you with the opportunity to become fully apprised of the latest European advancements in sod cultivation.

Further detailed information will be readily provided by Nannings v Loen BV, the Netherlands. Telephone: 00 31 33 4564 550, Fax: 00 31 33 4564 433.



Stuart Ashworth has joined the staff of Amenity Technology as the company's Technical Sales Manager for the UK and Europe.

Previously Stuart worked in the North East of England for Rickerby Ltd as Technical Sales Representative and following his appointment will be moving to the South West of England.

Following Saltex he will commence an intensive training course on all products available from Amenity Technology.