

Usually the spotlight falls on the Course Manager or Head Greenkeeper at a Club.

Now it is the turn of those whose work often goes unheralded to star.



**Name:** Iain Smith

**Club:** Drumpellier GC

**Position:** Apprentice

**Age:** 18

**1. How long have you been a greenkeeper?**

Two years

**2. What education are you currently undertaking?**

Level 2 SVQ

**3. Which one task do you most enjoy doing?**

Cutting greens

**4. Which one task do you most dislike doing?**

Strimming Bunkers

**5. What job other than greenkeeping might you have ended up doing?**

Assistant professional golfer

**6. Who has been the biggest influence on your career?**

My big brother

**7. What would you do to improve the life of a greenkeeper?**

Double the standard rate of pay for an apprentice greenkeeper

**8. What are your hobbies?**

Golf, football, running

**9. What do you get out of BIGGA?**

Monthly magazine, finding out about new technology and meeting other greenkeepers at social functions

**10. What do you hope to be doing in 10 years time?**

Course Manager at Drumpellier

# New recruits at BIGGA

The two newest members of the BIGGA Headquarters Staff are Cheryl Broomhead and Sarah Sowerby.

Cheryl, who joins the Sales and Marketing team, would certainly give Mel C of the Spice Girls a run for her money when it comes to all things sporty.

She has represented North Yorkshire at netball and now plays both league tennis and badminton. When she's not doing that she's into aerobics and swimming and she takes every opportunity she can to enjoy the outdoor life.

"I must confess, however, that the one and only time I've played golf I managed to hit a car," revealed Cheryl (30).

Cheryl, who lives in York joins the Association with experience of both advertising sales and exhibition organising, having worked on the Peterborough Evening Telegraph for the former and a Harrogate based exhibition organiser for the latter.

Since leaving college, though, she has packed a lot into her life having been a Thomson's holiday rep working in Spain, Greece and the Canary Islands as well as managing an Arts and Crafts Gallery.

Her desire to see the world has also taken her to Australia and Hong Kong during which time, despite being afraid of heights, she experienced the thrill of a bungee jump from a bridge.



New recruits, Cheryl (left) and Sarah (right)

"I'm really looking forward to working for BIGGA. From what I've seen so far it's a growing Association and the job really attracted me," said Cheryl.

Sarah (24) is the new Secretary/Administrator and arrives at the Association after a spell working for Yorkshire Television in Leeds.

While acting as secretary to the Group Controller of Commercial Affairs she regularly bumped into familiar faces including Nick Berry, of Heartbeat fame, and those two legends of afternoon television Richard Whiteley and Carol Vorderman.

Sarah, who lives in Ripon, boasts an honours degree in Modern Languages (French and Spanish)

from Manchester Metropolitan University and she added to that by completing a secretarial course at Park Lane College in Leeds.

As part of her degree she spent five months studying in Murcia, in Spain, and a further five months in Dijon in the Burgundy region of France. While in Spain she acted as an au-pair in Marbella.

She is a regular in the gym while her interest in both playing and watching tennis takes her to Wimbledon at the end of this month where she is hoping to catch a glimpse of either Tim Henman or Pat Rafter.

"I am thoroughly looking forward to working at Aldwark Manor," said Sarah.

## Who says that romance is dead?

Everyone who knows BIGGA Chairman, Gordon Child, must be aware of the fact that there can be few greater enthusiasts for the greenkeeping profession than him.

However, even Gordon can become a little carried away. Let his long suffering wife Marion take up the story.

"A couple of nights ago, after a hard day at work, my husband took me out to a romantic place for a candle lit dinner.

"I had just begun my starter when Gordon suddenly said, and I quote, 'What do you know about dry patch?' With fork poised, I froze, and I didn't know whether to laugh or cry," explained Marion.

"I told him what I knew, which isn't a great deal, but I'm not entirely ignorant of such matters - and anyway it makes a change from poa annua or fusarium.

"I have taken the incident as a compliment and I think that maybe my 'retired' husband looks upon me as one of his experienced greenkeeper friends after all these years and not just any old wife."

## Hayter International Cup

BIGGA Chairman, Gordon Child, will have the tricky task of moulding the most international group of people ever to come together under the same banner in any sportin history when he captains the Rest of the World team which competes in the second Hayter International Cup match, to be held at Cherokee Town & Country Club in Atlanta, Georgia, in October.

Sounds a little over the top? Well you can't get more international than 12 different players representing 12 different countries from as far afield as Finland and Australia. So you might find Gordon attempting to enlist the services of Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations, to act as Vice Captain!

Gordon will be attempting to win back the trophy which the Americas clinched in a closely fought inaugural match at West Lincs Golf Club, Liverpool, in 1996.

The countries represented are, in alphabetical order:-

Australia, England, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Wales.

### Rest of the World Team.

Non-Playing Captain - Gordon Child, England

**Australia** - Peter Frewin

**England** - Andy Sheehan, Bentley GC, Essex

**Finland** - Jorma Eriksson

**France** - Remy Dorbeau

**Germany** - Andreas Kauler

**Ireland** - Nick Webber, Portstewart GC, Co Antrim

**Norway** - Atle Revheim Hansen

**Scotland** - Derek Wilson, Irvine Bogside GC

**Spain** - Eugenio Rezola

**Sweden** - Martin Sternberg

**Switzerland** - Pierre Ambrosin

**Wales** - Russell Lewis, Northop, Country Club, Flintshire.

The Hayter International Cup will be played in the week beginning October 11, 1998.

The Americas team to defend the cup will be announced shortly.