

Lasting memory for the BIGGA library

BIGGA's library was further enhanced when Gerry Wilkins, Chairman of the British Turf and Landscape Irrigation Association (BTLIA), presented two copies of the 'Turf Irrigation Manual' to BIGGA Education and Training Manager, Ken Richardson, during BTME. BTLIA make an annual award to selected organisations, each year, in memory of John Shildrick, who had a great influence on the development of the Association, the Turfgrass Industry and on the development of formal education within the Industry.

In thanking Gerry, Ken stated that the books would do much to help in the education and training of greenkeepers, help to develop the links between BIGGA and BTLIA and to ensure that John's name would be long remembered into the future.



Norman Robb, National Chairman of the IOG, is pictured (left) with Ken Richardson, (right) and Gerry Wilkins.

Parker Hart acquired by Rigby Taylor

Rigby Taylor has acquired the sales operations of its sister company, Parker Hart of Worcester Park, and will fully integrate the business in the South of England. The combined business will trade as Rigby Taylor with immediate effect under the direction of David Morgan, Regional Managing Director of Rigby Taylor Limited.

Parker Hart will continue its sportsground contracting and turf machinery repair activities from its existing premises at Worcester Park, Surrey.

Various changes in management responsibilities within the Southern region of Rigby Taylor take place as part of this reorganisation. Bernard Tomlin is promoted to the position of Regional Sales Director and Rodger Bowles to Regional Field Sales Manager. Mike Ring and Chris Sharp are promoted to the position of Area Manager. Clive Williams, having tendered his resignation, has left the Company to pursue other interests.

Commenting on the moves

Bernard Hedley, Chairman of Rigby Taylor said "We are confident that by combining the sales and distribution operations of Parker Hart with those of Rigby Taylor we can further improve the already excellent service we offer to customers in the South of England and further strengthen our ability to bring innovative products to the market for both amenity turf use and industrial weed control through our relationships with the world's leading chemical companies."

Outstanding efforts rewarded at Hayter Awards dinner

The fifth Hayter Awards dinner was held on Tuesday 20th January, the eve of BTME, at the St George Hotel in Harrogate.

This popular event has fast become one of the highlights on the dealer calendar with Hayter dealerships being represented from throughout the world.

Overseas guests were welcomed from Italy, Holland, Sweden and USA, and various guests from BIGGA. Executive Director of the Association, Neil Thomas, accompanied by his wife, Elaine, took time out of a busy week to attend, together with Gordon and Marion Child.

Gordon, as incoming Chairman of BIGGA presented the awards.

UK Top Dealer of the Year award went, for the second time running, to Gibson Machinery Sales, with Stuart Mercer accepting the award on behalf of his company. Runner up in this category was Douglas Ewan of Powershift.

The Overseas Award for 1997 was presented to John O'Flynn and Pat Geaney in recognition of their considerable success in Ireland with the Hayter product.

The Outstanding Dealer award is always widely contested, and is presented to dealers whom

Hayter feel should be recognised for their work on our behalf over the year. This opens the category up to all sizes of companies and is not judged purely on sales. This year's award went to Geo. Brown Implements, of Leighton Buzzard, with special mention to their representative, Steve Lee.

Further awards were made during the ceremony in recognition of the work and dedication on our behalf by several individuals during 1997. These were Steve George of BS Mowers in Bristol, Michael Smith from Irish Farm & Garden and Ernst Myer based in Germany.

STRI join forces with Robin Hume

STRI Ltd have formed an alliance with Robin Hume Associates to provide a comprehensive irrigation consultancy to complement their existing turf agronomy services.

Irrigation has always been an important aspect of managing sports turf but with the droughts and water restrictions in recent years coupled with rising water costs, it has become a major issue for many golf clubs. The new irrigation consultancy service is particularly appropriate for golf clubs contemplating expansion or improvements to their existing systems but it will also be applicable to other sports facilities. STRI Ltd and Robin Hume Associates can provide a full appraisal of irrigation needs and the associated agronomic factors to ensure efficient and cost effective use of the water available.

Dick's Bourne free

Dick Reid, Director of Bourne Amenity, is going it alone.

He explained that he has learnt a great deal about the industry over the last seven years and he believes that has enabled him to offer the range of quality products and services that the industry demand.

The trading address for Reid Amenity is: Sherne Cottage, Kildown, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 2RT. Tel/Fax 01892 890666

Congratulations!

Derrick Johnstone, of Cardross Golf Club, has been named Student of the Year at Langside College. Derrick, 20, is currently doing his HNC in Golf Course Management at the college.

Back together...

All companies within the Inturf Group have been amalgamated and now trade as Turfgrass Services International Ltd. For more information contact Inturf, Regent Street, Pocklington, YO4 2QN Tel: 01759 304101.

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