



Two more books have arrived at BIGGA HOUSE that may interest some of our readers.

Practical Drainage for Golf, Sportsturf and Horticulture by Keith McIntyre and Bent Jakobsen
Published by Ann Arbor Press
ISBN 1-57504-139-1

Keith McIntyre, who is based in Canberra, Australia, has 34 years of experience in horticulture and sportsturf specialising in sportsground construction, soils and drainage. Bent Jakobsen has spent much of his working life working on soil compaction and particle movement. More recently, Bent worked with Keith on soil and drainage problems.

The two authors have used their knowledge and experience to put together an easy to follow text book on drainage which contains chapters on soil structure and water retention through to subsoil and surface drainage. All units are shown in both metric and imperial measures, key points highlighted in bold print.

Although some theory is included, the authors have attempted to keep definitions simple and at the correct level for practitioners, although some theorists may argue about some of their definitions.

An enlightening chapter on Perched Water Tables gives an insight on what can go wrong and this is followed up in a later section with information on the USGA Recommendations. Written by practitioners for practitioners this book would solve many of the problems and answers most questions that greenkeepers encounter.

The second book is for those greenkeepers who are interested in new grass species and are concerned with the changes that the 21st century may bring to the fine turf industries.

Seashore Paspalum
The environmental Turfgrass
by R R Duncan and R N Carrow

Both authors are Professors within the Turfgrass department of the University of Georgia, Griffin, where they have been concerned with the breeding and growing of new cultivars that are resistant to stress.

Although of limited use to greenkeepers in Britain, the book aims to establish a precedent by offering turf grass managers a four pronged approach to growing new cultivars.

This book concentrates on Seashore Paspalum and contains:

- A description and background information
- Environmental tolerance.
- Management practices
- Using alternative water resources

A fairly complex book for most readers, but it does give a useful insight into what is becoming available now and what may become available soon to help greenkeepers in their quest to plant, grow and maintain turf grass when it is under stress.

Membership Subscription Rates for 2001

Please note that from January 1, 2001, BIGGA Membership Subscription Rates will be as follows:

Job Title	2001 Rates
Course Manager/Head Greenkeeper	£80
Deputy Course Manager/Deputy Head Greenkeeper	£65
All other Greenkeeping staff aged 21 years and over	£52
Greens staff aged 20 years and under	£32
International Greenkeeping Member	£60
Full-time Students	£15
Associate Member	£60
New for 2001	
Corporate Membership (upto 4 trade members)	£180

Top IoH award for Robert

Independent turf consultant and agronomist, Robert Laycock, (right) has been elected a Fellow of the Institute of Horticulture (IoH).

The honour comes in recognition of the high level of distinction achieved within the turf profession by Robert during a 25-year career working with turf growers, golf greenkeepers, groundsmen and other turf professionals.

Following his election, Robert Laycock becomes the only Fellow of the IoH who is also an active turf agronomist. He is the first turf specialist to be made a Fellow since Dr Peter Hayes and the late John Shildrick, both of the Sports Turf Research Institute, were elected Fellows.

"I am very pleased and deeply honoured to have been made a Fellow of the Institute of Horticulture," commented Robert.

"Very few turf specialists have received this accolade which is made on the recommendation of the Institute



before being approved by individual members. The honour reflects the growing status and importance of the turf profession within the horticultural industry."

New aquisition for Charterhouse



Redexim Charterhouse has added to the company portfolio with the acquisition of Pro-Seed Equipment Ltd.

This acquisition was made by Charterhouse Turf Machinery's parent company in Holland, whose strategy is to grow by gaining strength in niche market areas within the turf industry.

The products manufactured by Pro-Seed will complement Redexim Charterhouses' existing range and

benefit from their world-wide distribution. Ken Knowles, Managing Director of Pro-Seed Equipment said that he was delighted that several months of negotiations had come to a successful conclusion and that his whole Company would now receive the benefits which flow from being part of a larger group. He himself would continue working in conjunction with the group's Engineering Department which is based in Holland.

Links Manager appointed at The Trust

Former Scottish National Chairman and National Board Member, Gordon Moir, has been appointed Links Manager at the St Andrews Links Trust following the tragic death of Ian Forbes in September.

Gordon, (right) has worked for the Links Trust for nine years. He joined in 1991 as Head Greenkeeper of the Eden Course from Fraserburgh Golf Club. He then added the management of the nine hole Balgove Course and in 1996 also became responsible for running the newly-opened Eden Greenkeeping Centre.



As Links Manager, he will have responsibility for the greenkeeping squads covering all six courses, property maintenance, stores and engineering workshops – over 60 employees in total. He will also oversee the installation and future maintenance of the irrigation system.

"I am delighted that the Trust has been able to fill this senior position by internal promotion. This confirms the rising quality of the Trust's staff at all levels. Under Gordon's management the condition of the Eden Course has improved substantially and I am convinced he will make a major contribution to the management of the Links," said Alan McGregor, general manager of St Andrews Links Trust.

Originally from Fraserburgh, Gordon served his greenkeeping apprenticeship at Fraserburgh Golf Club and completed his training at Elmwood College.

A keen golfer, he plays off 6. Married with three children, he lives in St Andrews and is past Chairman of St Andrews Round Table.

Mike Olver passes away

Mike Olver, of Olver Seeds and Sundries, and a regular attendee at Devon and Cornwall Section events has died after a short illness.

"Mike supported the Section for many years and we are all saddened by his passing. Our condolences go to his family," said Devon and Cornwall Section Secretary, Richard Whyman.

Canadian Awards

Jim Wyllie has been awarded the John B. Steel Award for distinguished service and will be presented with the award at the CGSA Canadian International Turfgrass Conference and Show in Vancouver next year.

He will be joined by James Brown, who has been voted the CGSA's 2000 Superintendent of the Year.

The Conference and Show will be held in the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre on February 24-27, 2001.