

A LOOK BACK TO A DECADE AGO FROM GREENKEEPER INTERNATIONAL

# Back Lapping

Welcome to a brand new series in which we look back through the pages of Greenkeeper International from a decade ago



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### BIGGA's Third National Education Conference

The magazine reported on BIGGA's third National Education Conference held in York University's Langwith College. 170 people had attended from around the globe and 17 papers were presented. Amongst the speakers were David Stansfield, Martin Hawtree, Larry Gilhuly from the USGA Green Section, Dr Bill Adams, Joe Paulin, George Shield, Ken Seims and Peter Jones. A panel on The Way Forward Document and Subsequent Developments was chaired by Nick Park. The historic Merchant Adventurers Hall was the location for a memorable banquet.

### Toro Greenkeeper of the Year

David Norton, the Toro Greenkeeper of the Year, reported on his two months at the University of Massachusetts. The trip from Beverley had taken 20 hours with the journey on Boston's underground proving a nightmarish experience. This represented the lowspot of his trip and David concluded his report wishing that all future winners enjoy equal pleasure and delight and most important of all gain true and lasting benefit from the learning experience which such a trip affords.

Today David is Head Greenkeeper at Forest Pines Golf Club in Brigg, Lincolnshire.

### Hillside GC profile

In a profile, the magazine reported on Martin Twist, Head Greenkeeper at Hillside Golf Club over which the first ever European Amateur Championship was to be held in 1992 and which had been selected as a qualifying course for The Open at Royal Birkdale. In addition, successful competitors in the Iseki-BIGGA Championships would be exposed to its charms when their Grand Final was held there in September. It was reported that Martin had been Head Greenkeeper for four years, was very happy and enjoyed the continued confidence of the club.

In May 2001, Martin continues as Head Greenkeeper at Hillside Golf Club.

## Students aim for architects award



An international line-up of students has designs on becoming the winners of the 2001 Toro Student Golf Course Architect Award, and the associated Barenbrug Award.

The nine students from Belgium, Chile, Slovenia, Germany and Croatia as well as the UK are studying on the two-year Diploma Course in Golf Course Architecture - organised by the European Institute of Golf Course Architects (EIGCA) - at Merrist Wood College, in Surrey.

The award was launched in 1999 in recognition of the important role played by golf course architects in the creation of quality golf courses around the world.

All the final year students have presented a written and verbal dissertation to the judges on their diploma course thesis, as well as design ideas, detailed drawings and costings for a new golf course.

The judging panel comprised David Williams, Ken Moodie and Martin Gillett, representing EIGCA; external

examiner Nigel Rudd, dean of environmental studies at Herriot Watt University and Edinburgh College of Art; Bruce Jamieson, representing Toro and Paul Johnson, of Barenbrug.

David Williams commented: "The diploma course is extremely competitive and has attracted students from many different backgrounds, from all over the world. The relatively small intake allows for constructive discussion among the students and enables them to share valuable skills".

### Lastec UK Ltd

Lastec, Inc., a division of Wood-Mizer Products Inc., has opened a factory branch in the UK. This branch "Lastec UK Ltd" can be found at Court Lodge Farm, Kenward Rd, Yalding, Maidstone, Kent ME18 6JP.

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### Section Members get Club Captain status

Two North Wales Section members have become Club Captains in the same year. Wyn Mostyn is the current Captain of The Plassey Golf Club while Terry Adamson holds the same position at Northop Country Park Golf Club. The two men are pictured sporting their club blazers.

## Carden hosts Sportsworld Educational Event

Sportsworld Amenity held its second Annual Educational Seminar at De Vere Carden Park at the beginning of April. Seventy delegates comprising of Greenkeepers, Secretaries and Club officials enjoyed presentations from Tracey Maddison of BIGGA, Peter Jones, Duncan McGilvary and Brian Butler.

Mathew Burrows, proprietor of Sportsworld Amenity, also gave a short presentation outlining his aspirations with regard to customer service and educational support for the industry including the continued development of the day's event.



Photo shows left to right: Brian Butler, Terry Adamson, Mathew Burrows, Bill Lawson, Tracey Maddison, Duncan McGilvary, Peter Jones, Trevor Helm, Andy Mardie, Dave Raman, Andy Campbell MC and Mike Whitehouse.