

Mention Cornish Golf and St Enodoc will be at the top of the list - well Stuart Dymond, the Head Greenkeeper, thinks so, and probably so do the members of this most scenic of links courses

# HIGH MOUNTAIN



The mammoth Himalayas bunker receives its facelift



Historically this James Braid designed course remains little changed from those halcyon days of gutty balls, hickory shafts and plus-fours. A game in those days that was played by the gentlefolk of Rock. How proud James Braid would have been to know that his 6th hole on the beautiful Church Course would become its most renowned. The towering 90 foot bunker fondly known as the Himalayas has thwarted many a golfer who has tried in vain and at huge cost to pride and their golf score, to take liberties with this colossus. A hole to be attacked by the very best and the strongest who only use their head.

Over many years golfers have been

seen tramping up its face to retrieve their ball in resignation and despair. Sadly however over the last few years the ravages of golfers and many heavy feet, along with the our 'lazy' winds that whip up a sand storm at the drop of a baseball hat!, have eventually changed the face of this wonderful hazard. To such an extent that without drastic action St Enodoc was in danger of losing their treasured landmark.

It was decided that it had now gone beyond temporary measures already carried out and something more permanent had to be done.

Structural engineers were appointed to look at the project and their plans came back at huge costs and a daunting plan. Stuart Dymond had other ideas which would involve a swing shovel, railway sleepers and a huge amount of muscle and hard graft. Stuart never have anything to put him off preserving his precious golf course went to the committee with his ideas finally with the back-

ing of the Greens Chairman and Club Captain his ideas and plans were set in motion.

Firstly something had to give a foundation to work from up under the high banks to hold in the turf and soil that would eventually give back the shape to the hazard. This major task was achieved by placing and staking railway sleepers under the bank to form a platform to build the banks. This is were the muscle power and hard work came

in. Stuart and his team of hardy greenkeepers toiled painstakingly to heave by hand these sleepers in place creating the shape that was desired. Then another artist in the

form of John Oliver Plant Hire, with John himself performing almost balletic skills with this huge piece of machinery, sometimes in the most precarious of positions which were enough to send shivers down the back of the most hardened greenkeepers. John managed miraculously and skilfully to place the earth and turf above these sleepers burying them out of sight. The whole surrounding area was laid by hand with indigenous turf cut from the course. Here again Stuart's Team came to the fore with hard back breaking work to lay and net it all down with 400 square metres of turf.

How long did this take one month two weeks not on your life when Stuart's gang get going there's no stopping them. One week saw the job pretty complete!

The proof of the pudding they say is in the eating or viewing as the case may be. With just one very large proviso to ALL that it is, ONLY looking for the time being because - NO GOLFERS ALLOWED - just for a little while anyway.

Hope you approve Mr Braid.



Stuart Dymond with John Oliver