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A Whole New Challenge

When George Brown gave me one of the biggest frights of my life and asked me to be his Vice Chairman back in September 2002 he failed to tell me that one of my duties, on succeeding him as Chairman, would be to write a monthly column for this magazine.

Amazingly I always thought that Scott did the clever bit and the Chairman simply approved his journalistic brilliance – not so! You will then (I hope) bear with me while I find my feet with this new challenge.

For those of you who visited BTME & ClubHouse I hope you enjoyed the experience, and some of the new additions to the conference and exhibition. The whole team from HQ worked tirelessly to ensure a hugely successful event.

With Harrogate now just a week behind us, the first snow is falling at Carden as I write this column although, by the time you read it, I will be in the middle of a visit to the GCSAA Conference & Show in San Diego. Over the last few years BIGGA, and in particular many past Chairmen, have formed close friendships with both GCSAA and its members and I look forward to once again promoting BIGGA and progressing the close working relationship that we enjoy.

Each Association has much to offer the other, and in a world where isolation from others quickly leads to extinction, it is more important than ever to find common ground with allied associations, in order to promote the image and standing of all Greenkeepers.

Of course it won't be all work. However, whether I can keep up with the pace set by George remains to be seen. It would be remiss of me not to thank George and Brenda, on behalf of the members, for their fantastic contribution to the Association, and for the dignified way in which George has led the Association, through a difficult period.

As you will all be aware, our Executive Director, Neil Thomas, is suffering with a serious illness and our thoughts are with him, his wife, Elaine, and their family. During BTME, Elaine was able to join us for some of the social functions, and it was a great pleasure to be in the company of such a courageous lady.

In Neil's absence the Association has been managed in an admirable manner by John Pemberton assisted by an able and committed team. Together with a forward thinking Board of Management and a solid foundation laid by Neil and past Board members, there is every reason to look forward to a bright future.



The key ingredient however to that future is you, the member. Without your commitment to the cause, your support and your views – both positive and negative – aired honestly, the aims of the Association cannot be achieved. This is, and always will be, an all inclusive body of professionals, and your input will strengthen it beyond that which any Chairman can. We owe it the past efforts of others and to the future Greenkeepers to ensure its continued progress.

During the coming year I believe you will see much of the work carried out by the Board and the Futures Subcommittee come to fruition. These initiatives should bring about positive movement in the understanding of our role in modern Golf Club management by others, as well as a clearer career structure and training provision for those in the early stages of their careers.

As with most aspects of life in the 21st century there are many challenges ahead, some good, some bad.

My personal view on life has always been to meet them head on and, wherever possible, to gain something positive, even from the bad times.

I also believe that if we share the responsibility with others, and support one another, then our chances of individual and collective success, are heightened. During the year I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible and hope that you feel able to speak freely about Association matters. We may not always be able to action your view but rest assured it will always be listened to.

In closing, may I wish you all every success for the coming season – I am extremely grateful for, and proud of, the opportunity to represent you and will do so to the best of my ability.

Andy Campbell
Chairman