



## A WIDER VARIETY FOR DAVID

Amenity Technology have appointed David Evans as their new Area Manager for the South Wales, Somerset, Wiltshire and Bristol regions and the M4 corridor to London.

David has been involved in the turf market for more than 12 years, with the majority of his time spent with Maxxi-Crop, and his vast experience will service his new company well.

"I'll be servicing the same sort of clients and I expect to continue along the same lines as I always have.

"What is different though is that I am able to offer a few ideas and avenues into a wider variety of sports turf.

"Yes, I am pleased to come on board and widen the scope a little bit," said David.

## SAFETY ON GOLF COURSES

A recent statement by Master of The Rolls, Lord Phillips stated that, "Many Councils are no longer providing everyday leisure activities because of the fear they will be sued if people hurt themselves."

This has presented a big question about the future of municipal sports provision, in particular golf courses.

Lord Phillips said that Councils were effectively 'blackmailed' into paying compensation because it was cheaper than fighting false claims.

However, he did warn that it would become harder for people to sue councils successfully if they were hurt pursuing a risky leisure activity, such as golf.

"What's called for is for the population as a whole to have a reasonably balanced approach to indulging in these pastimes.

"They should not expect if they have an accident, which is always liable to happen, that there must automatically be somebody else who carries the can.

"If you are too obsessed about the risk of getting sued, you can take steps which stop

people enjoying the kind of pastimes that people always have in this country," said Lord Phillips.

In the Best Value analysis demanded of local authorities, the future of local sports provision is likely to be affected by the consequences of accidents, as Councils decide whether to retain or dispose of the facilities they provide. Too often they cannot afford to fight claims and it is cheaper for them to settle.

With more proprietary pay and play golf courses and driving ranges they are bounded to ask themselves, is it right and proper to continue to own and operate our own golf courses and driving ranges?

PGA Design Consulting Ltd, the technical design and consultancy advisors to the PGA frequently act as Expert Witness. Bob Hunt, Managing Director said, "Recently, we have seen a considerable growth in accidents at golf courses and ranges and even greater increases in the level of claim settlements being awarded by the Courts. These accidents do not restrict themselves to municipal courses and ranges but are experienced at all types of facility including members' clubs and proprietary golf facilities."



Course Care's Area Manager, John Harwood, hands over the special barrel to Ian Pullan.

## SLICK SELLING SEES 5,000 BARRELS SOLD

Course Care has recently sold their 5,000<sup>th</sup> barrel of oil since David Mears and Andrew Vincent took control of the company in June 2001.

To mark the occasion a special barrel was produced. Finished in a red metallic paint and decorated with extra graphics the barrel was sent out to the 5000<sup>th</sup> customer.

The lucky recipient was Ian Pullan, Course Manager at Marriott Hollins Hall Golf Club near Bradford.

Said Ian; "I have been buying a number of lines from Course Care for years, but had only just decided to take their engine oil. I was amazed when the fancy barrel turned up!"

## FORSYTH THE WHITELAW WINNER

The Whitelaw Bowl was played recently at Penrith GC.

The day was sponsored by Rigby Taylor and there was a belter turnout this year than in previous years.

David Forsyth and his staff had the course in great condition and, after all the rain this year, looking much greener than usual.

The results were:

0 - 13. 1. David Forsyth, 38pts; 2. Aaron Watkinson, 37pts; 3. Peter Hogan, 36 pts.

14 - 28. 1. Gary Tomlinson, 31 pts; 2. Ian Holoran, 27 pts; 3. Tony Smith, 27 pts.



The overall winner of the magnificent Whitelaw Bowl was David Forsyth.

Many thanks to Rigby Taylor and especially John Molt for their sponsorship, which I hope will continue for many more years, the caterers for a superb meal and, of course, Penrith GC for allowing us courtesy of the course.

Barry Heaney, past Chairman of BIGGA, was also presented with a

gift for his support over the years.

There will also be a seminar at Penrith GC on November 25 entitled "Environment Issues". Anybody interested contact Peter Larter on 01476 550115.

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