

MASTER GREENKEEPER SUCCESS FOR THE NORTH WEST

Two more greenkeepers have survived the three arduous stages of the prestigious Master Greenkeeper Scheme to become the 41st and 42nd to achieve the award. Master Greenkeepers can be found in all corners of the world but the two newest both come from the north west of England.

The first is Colin Parish, Course Manager at Morecambe Golf Club. A greenkeeper for 25 years and a Course Manager for nine, he entered the Master Greenkeeper Scheme in 1999, with enough Credits to move on to Stage 2. He had his course inspected in August 2002 and he passed Stage 3 in March 2005.

The second new member of the club is Kevin Ratcliff, Course Manager at Wychwood Park Golf Club, in Cheshire. A greenkeeper for 13 years, Keith has worked on a variety of golf course including one stint in Zagreb.

He joined the Scheme in 2000 and his course was inspected in August last year and he was successful in the two part examination in October of 2005.

"The Master Greenkeeper Scheme continues to go from strength to strength. We currently have almost 200 greenkeepers at various stages of the programme but it is a measure of the quality of work required to meet the standards that in 15 years we still have fewer than 50 Master Greenkeepers throughout the world," said Ken Richardson, BIGGA's Education and Training Manager.



Colin Parish, top and Kevin Ratcliff are awarded their Master Greenkeeper status



The Chairman's Lunch was a chance to recognise BIGGA's Golden and Silver Education & Development fund supporters

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Success can be assessed in many different ways but one of the best is longevity. If something stands the test of time it has obviously met with the approval of a large number of people and as a result must be successful.

It is 40 years since the late Reg Allett started production of Allett mowers. It is a testament to his engineering skill and business acumen that the company is still thriving in an industry dominated by multinational rivals.

Reg's son, Roy, is now a Director of Allett Mowers, and marked 40 years in the business during Harrogate Week 2006.

"Allett mowers were first produced by my father 40 years ago and I believe it is important that such an anniversary is recognised," said Roy.



The Sherriff Amenity Quiz tested the best the Fine Turf Industry had to offer on Tuesday Night

