



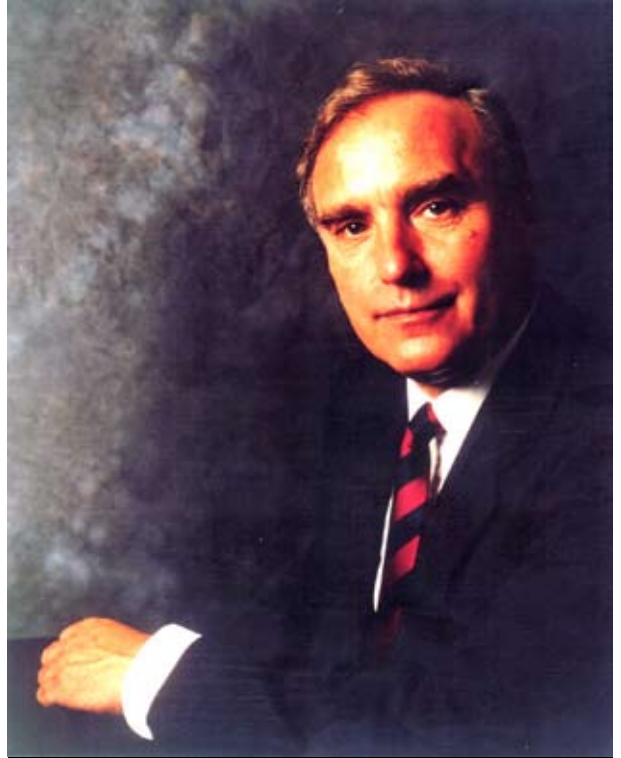
Winter Practice Makes Perfect

While offices and classrooms around the country were abandoned as the white blizzards descended upon us last week, spare a thought for golfers of all ages across the country.

You may have been able to slack off your new years resolution to visit the gym each morning, but for anyone involved in outdoor sports, fitness and skills must be practiced whatever the weather.

That golf practice is 'snow' joke for all those gearing up to the start of the 2010 golf season this April.

Brogan Townend, 15, winner of the U16 global final of the Faldo Series in Rio de Janeiro last November, has been able to continue practising her putting throughout the wintry weather with her own Huxley all-weather artificial golf green.



Bob Dodsworth

Former Chief Executive of Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies, Bob Dodsworth, died in hospital in January, aged 73.

He joined the company in 1963 as Chief Accountant and served for 16 years as chief executive until his retirement in 1993.

He was very active in the business community of Ipswich and held several non-executive directorships with the Ipswich Building Society, Ipswich Port Authority, the East Anglian Daily Times Group and the Eastern Regional board of National Westminster Bank plc.

He was on the board of Christchurch Park Hospital for over 20 years, the last eight as chairman.

In 1988 he was made a Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk.

David Withers, Managing Director of Ransomes Jacobsen, commented, "Bob Dodsworth was a devoted family man and was at the helm of the company at an important and successful period in its illustrious history. He will be sadly missed by his wife Hazel, sons, John and Simon, and his five grandchildren and everyone who knew or worked with him. On behalf of all of us at Ransomes Jacobsen I would like to express our deepest sympathy to Hazel and the family."



Great Day for Mark

Mark Day who has worked in the industry for the best part of 18 years has been promoted to Tacit's National Accounts Manager for Great Britain and Ireland.

Mark has helped to establish Tacit to be universally recognised as the market leader in the development, production and supply of golf course equipment.

His brief is to ensure our proven track record of excellent quality and service is combined

with a unique balance of commercial and technical expertise to provide greenkeepers with value enhancing solutions.

"Mark has shown over the years to a fixture of the green keeping industry, his sound knowledge of course equipment and his enthusiasm and larger than life character makes him the ideal person to take Tacit's vision into the future and I have no hesitation in appointing him to lead our sales team," Tim Webb – Managing Director.