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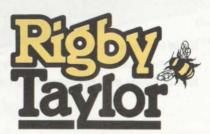
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The British Institute of Golf Course Architects will mark its 25th anniversary with the staging of the Silver Jubilee Conference at the Wentworth Club, Surrey, in October 2-4.

Day one is the Barenbrug Golf
Day. The evening sees the
Conference Dinner, when
around 100 golf course
architects and their invited
guests will celebrate the
anniversary. Specially struck
silver medals will be presented
to the Institute's surviving
founder members – Fred
Hawtree, Hamilton Stutt,
Donald Harradine – and to the
Institute's oldest member Eddie
Hackett and to its honorary
member, Geoffrey Cornish.

Principal guests at the dinner will be Viscount Whitelaw, President of BIGGA and Michael Bonallack, Secretary of the R&A

Day Two will be taken up with the Silver Jubilee Conference itself, featuring a series of presentations on golf course design and related topics by architects and experts.

The President of the Institute, Martin Hawtree, will lead the Conference, with Donald Steel, Geoffrey Cornish and Colin Hegarty among the speakers.

The afternoon session will begin with the announcement of the formation of the Federation of European Golf Course Architects, the coming together of the British, French and European groups to cooperate and collaborate as a single voice in the European Market.

Day Three sees the staging of the Conference Workshop, a morning discussion forum on golf green design and construction.

Registration for the Silver Jubilee Conference is now open.

The whole conference package (dinner, conference, workshop) costs £240+VAT. Golf and accommodation are separately bookable and each element of the package is also available separately.

Throughout the three day event, an exhibition is being staged. The exhibition is already fully subscribed with 31 stands taken up by contractors, irrigation companies, seedsmen, fertiliser and turf producers.



The award winning students with representatives of Gleneagles, Ransomes, Scottish Grass Machinery and the Greenkeeners Training Committee

In search of excellence

Eight Higher National Diploma golf management students from nine associate UK colleges and one international student received The Gleneagles Excellence in Golf Award certificates and bursary awards following their one year placement at the Perthshire golfing resort.

Most students develop within a structured course and this is true in the case of the recently established Gleneagles Excellence in Golf Award Scheme. Sponsored by Ransomes and Scottish Grass Machinery, and benefiting from Gleneagles modern approach to training, the award scheme has also flourished.

George Graham, Gleneagles' Operations Director, and Andrew Sunaway, Sales and Marketing Director of Ransomes, presented the awards in the company of David McInroy, Scottish Grass Machinery.

Ransomes and Scottish Grass Machinery are committed to a three year bursary award and financing a research library at Gleneagles for the benefit of students and existing golf course operational staff.

Marc Westenhorg, Cannington College, was top student following practical, theoretical and project assessments by a panel consisting of James Kidd, Gleneagles Golf Developments, Carol Borthwick, Elmwood College, Nick Rigden, Cannington College, and Hugh Stewart, Head Greenkeeper on the Queen's course.

Marc received a cheque to include a trip to the Golf Course Superintendents Association conference and show in Las Vegas next year.

Other recipients of Certificates of Excellence and bursary awards were Leo Cahalan, Kenneth Harper, Mark Higgs, Steve Johnson, Trevor Norris, David Stevens and Niall Quinn.

Niall, through his involvement in the scheme, has been offered an exciting opportunity by Ransomes. He has been invited to visit their manufacturing plants across America and also to visit the golf courses where Ransomes prototype machinery is tested. He is funding this with a percentage of his 2nd Prize bursary award.

Stuart Green, a previous winner of the scheme in its inaugural year, recently completed an HND in Golf Course Management at Reaseheath College and has now signed a full-time contract with Gleneagles Golf Developments and the resort's golf team.

■ Peter Hawkes, the Sales Administration Manager for Massey Ferguson, has died suddenly. He was 52.

Peter had become both a friend and a colleague since joining the company in 1990 and he was highly regarded as an invaluable member of the Grass Equipment team.

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He is survived by his wife Val and their two children Rebecca and Simon.

■ Peter Simpson, formerly of T. Parker and Sons has died.

His career with Parkers spanned 38 years during which time he rose from junior rep to Sales Director,

He is survived by his wife and children.

Greenkeeper International would like to apologise unreservedly to Mr Ronnie Bunting and Kilmacolm Golf Club for comments which appeared in August's issue. Mr Bunting's professionalism and ability as a greenkeeper or the quality of the course at Kilmacolm Golf Club has never been in question.

Hattrick for Graeme

Graeme MacDonald, Head Greenkeeper at Ryston Park near Peterborough is fast earning himself the title of the city's Mr Golf. He has just completed the hattrick of winning the club championship at three of the local clubs – Orton Meadows, which he won for the fifth year in a row and broke the course record with a 71 in the process; Thorpe Wood, which he won for the second time; and Peterborough Milton which he won for the first time.

"It's never been done before, I think partly because no-one else plays in all three," joked Graeme, who plays off 3 and who also picked up prizes at the National Tournament at Seacroft.





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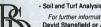
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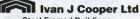
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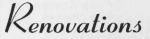
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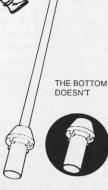
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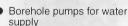
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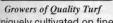


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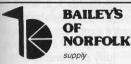
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