

FLYING DIVOTS

NEW CHAIRMAN FOR WOMEN'S TOUR

CAROLINE Griffiths was selected chairman of the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour at a recent meeting of the board of directors.

The 24-year-old Gloucestershire professional takes over the Mme Catherine Lacoste de Prado, who has been acting chairman following the resignation of Beverley Huke. Mme. Lacoste de Prado remains the Tour's honorary president.

Miss Griffiths, who has been a member of the Tour from 1986, has served on the WPG European Tour's Board of Directors since her election at the annual general meeting in October 1988.

She said: "I am looking forward to my new role and the challenge it offers at the start of another decade in the Tour's history."

NEW PROFESSIONAL ROBIN BRUSHCUTTER

SACHS-Dolmar (UK) Ltd, sole British concessionaires for Robin brushcutters, hedgetrimmers and the Dagger soil ameliorator, have filled an identified slot in their professional range of Robin brushcutters, with the new Model NB 351.

The 34cc Model NB 351 is a rugged straight shaft, double handle machine with an efficient damper anti-vibration system and supplied with full harness. It will suit the needs of many types of users including those in farming, landscaping, highway maintenance and forestry.

Model NB 351 has a recoil starter, maintenance-free solid state ignition and a float type carburettor. A one litre tank for the 25:1 leaded or lead free

fuel/oil mix, allows long operating cycles between refills. Weighing only 6.2kg, the new Robin brushcutter is supplied complete with toolkit, full instructions and safety goggles.

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN TOUR ANNOUNCES 1990 SCHEDULE

EUROPE'S top women golfers will be playing for a minimum of £1.68 million when their 1990 season gets underway in April, European Tour Executive Director Joe Flanagan has announced.

Twenty events, including two new tournaments are announced, but negotiations are still continuing with prospective sponsors regarding further events which will take the Tour past the £1.7 million mark for the first time in its history.

Two new tournaments are the Swiss Classic at the end of May, and the Paris Open in September which will take the total number of events in France to four.

JOINT INITIATIVE IN GREENKEEPING CONSULTANCY

INTERNATIONAL Golfers Club and British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association are pleased to announce their joint initiative to create a greenkeeping consultancy service for golf clubs and developments throughout Europe.

They will offer the services of highly experienced greenkeepers for: regular inspection visits; staff training and advice; trouble shooting for particular major problems,

and employment of teams for new developments.

The service will commence from April 1st and can be booked by clubs who wish an initial day's report on their current requirements. The first greenkeeper consultant to be appointed by IGC/BIGGA is Jack McMillan, who will be relinquishing his position as head greenkeeper at Sunningdale Golf Club at the end of March.

The BIGGA national education conference at Royal Holloway and Bedford New College from March 30th to April 1st is also being totally sponsored by IGC as part of their overall commitment to improving the quality of greenkeeping throughout Europe by education and specialist advice.

GORDON SHOOTS WINNING BRAND OF GOLF IN AFRICA

THE record collection of Safari Tour titles held by Ryder Cup international Gordon J. Brand swelled to seven with his four-shot win at the Zambia Open.

Yorkshireman Brand, winner of the 1981/86/88 Ivory Coast Opens; the 1983/86 Nigerian Opens; and the 1987 Zimbabwe Open, claimed a familiar role at the top of the Safari Tour Order of Merit when earning the £12,500 victory cheque on the demanding, 7,216 yards Lusaka Golf Club course.

He was eight under par with a 284 total that left Scotland's Craig Maltman, the defending champion, and Phil Golding, of England, as joint runners-up on 288. A further shot behind, sharing fourth place with 289,

were Paul Carrigill, Paul Carman and young Steven Richardson, the 1989 English Amateur champion who graduated impressively at the PGA European Tour Qualifying School last December and was third in the Zimbabwe Open a week ago.

A NEW CONCEPT IN WEED CONTROL THE SAFER SYSTEM THAT THINKS...

THE launch of the world's first CDA hand lance with micro-chip technology incorporating a pump which is programmed to monitor flow rate irrespective of swath width selected.

The launch of the Powaspray low volume weed control system marks a "new era" in solving an age old problem.

New legislation dictates that new application equipment must be capable of giving greater assistance to operatives in their task so that overdosing and re-calibration calculations are a thing of the past.

The new Powaspray Charger hand-held lance combines the ease of use of a CDA system with a revolutionary pump which automatically recalibrates itself to any pre-set swath width.

The lance can be "programmed to memorise" any four swath widths between 4" and 4' and the microchip technology then monitors the correct flow rate output for each swath width selected.

The standard lance is programmed to deliver 15 litres h/a at widths of 4", 9", 20" and 36".

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