

AROUND THE GREEN

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David Spurdan (Ganton), Donald Roberts (retired), Adrian Robertshaw (Ilkley), Colin Garnett (Garforth), and Bill Mountain.

P.S. More news of staff changes. Chairman Philip Sutton moves from West Bradford to take Baildon Golf Club and Robert Gee has been promoted to assistant course manager at Cleckheaton Golf Club.

BOB LUPTON

SOUTH COAST SECTION

DESPITE police warnings not to venture out unless your journey was absolutely necessary, a hardy band of stalwarts attended our February meeting. This took place during the second winter storm to hit the South and made road driving conditions particularly hazardous.

However, those who made the journey had the pleasure of listening to Bob Young from Sparsholt College Hampshire. Bob gave a paper on "Principles of Nutrition as applied to Fine Turf". This gave an up-to-date outline on the thinking and understanding of topical nutritional policies and ended with a question and answer session. Bob also covered the range of Courses on offer at Sparsholt College Hampshire for Greenkeepers and will be happy to supply a written report of his paper to any interested members.

My thanks to Bob for turning out on a foul evening, knowing that earlier in the day rain was seeping into his house from a number of dislodged tiles.

Finally, if you have not yet completed your application form for the Regional Seminar at Sparsholt College Hampshire on the 13 March 1990, you could be too late.

BOB DENNIS

SCOTTISH, NORTH SECTION

THE Section will be holding a one day conference on Saturday December 5. It will be at the North of Scotland College of Agriculture, King St., Aberdeen and it is hoped that we shall be able to attract some first-class speakers and hope to attract well over 100 greenkeepers, secretaries, greens convenors etc.

More details to follow, watch this space.

Lottery tickets will shortly be distributed and the committee hope all members will assist in selling them.

The Spring outing will take place at Arbroath Golf Club on Thursday May 17.

GORDON MOIR

NORTH WEST SECTION

I start this month's notes with sad news that Tommy Dirkin a North West member for some years, died suddenly of a heart attack. Tommy was always active and enjoyed his membership. He will be sadly missed, especially by the Manchester members.

On a lighter note we have two long-serving members this year becoming life members.

These are Robert Janovskis, who retired from Worsley G.C. last May, and Arthur Warhurst, who retired from North Manchester G.C. after completing 35 years there. Congratulations to both these members and may they enjoy their retirement for many years to come!

Two golf tournament dates for the year have been confirmed and these are: Spring tournament - Withington G.C. May 30 and greenkeepers stewards - Turton G.C. September 10.

These fixture and others when confirmed will be in future section notes. The spring tournament will be played also as a qualifier or the ISEKI tournament. Any members with any interesting news or enquiries please contact me on 051 724 5412.

BERT CROSS

LONDON SECTION

FIRST of all, our best wishes go to Michael Peters who has left us to join Albergh Golf Club in Suffolk.

Anybody who remembers David Low will be pleased to hear of the birth of his first child last November. A huge baby boy weighing in at 9 lb 7 oz and named Tom after his father.

David was head greenkeeper at Harsbourne Golf Club before moving onto Northampton Golf Club. I had the pleasure of his company during a few rounds of golf so on behalf of the London Section, congratulations to you and your wife.

The storm at the end of January gave everybody extra work. At Hadley Wood we were lucky with only a dozen or so trees falling, but others were not so lucky. (Section Chairman John Edwards at Moor Park lost over 100 trees and that magnificent clubhouse received bad damage to the roof. Just one example, I'm sure there are many more.

Finally a few dates for your diary. The first Tuesday in March sees our last winter lecture at Aldernham Golf Club at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday April 18 at Grymsdyke Golf Club for the Iseki Qualifier (London Section) A.M. and 18 holes in the afternoon, format to be arranged.

There are two midsummer meetings, the first on the 7th or 8th of May at North Middlesex Golf Club starting 3.30 p.m. and the second at Muswell Hill sometime in June at 3.30 p.m., dates to be arranged.

Our autumn meeting is a 36 hole tournament to be played at Porters Park Golf Club on October 25. The Iseki Regional Final will be played at Sudbury Golf Club on July 4.

ANDREW PHILLIPS

SOUTH WEST SECTION

HAVE you ever noticed what an empty, forlorn lonely place a deserted clubhouse is? Torrential rain, or a hurricane raging or lately a South West Section lecture.

I have postponed the rest of the planned programme until this Autumn. I hope that with some new quality speakers, demonstrations, guided course tours and golf competitions we can cater for everyone and provide some reasonable audiences. In the meantime we are hoping to run another one day course to cover the foundation module of the FEPA regulations. I need another five names to get this one off the ground. Also on the horizon is Westurf 90, again at Long Ashton on May 2nd. The trade support and interest is quite staggering, we must have your support and interest coming through the gate on the day, entry is free, there will be at least fifty companies exhibiting, please make a point of being there in numbers.

Finally my commiserations to all who have suffered storm damage, there have been some horror stories coming up from the far South West, I would appreciate any quality photographs of any such damage for possible future publication.

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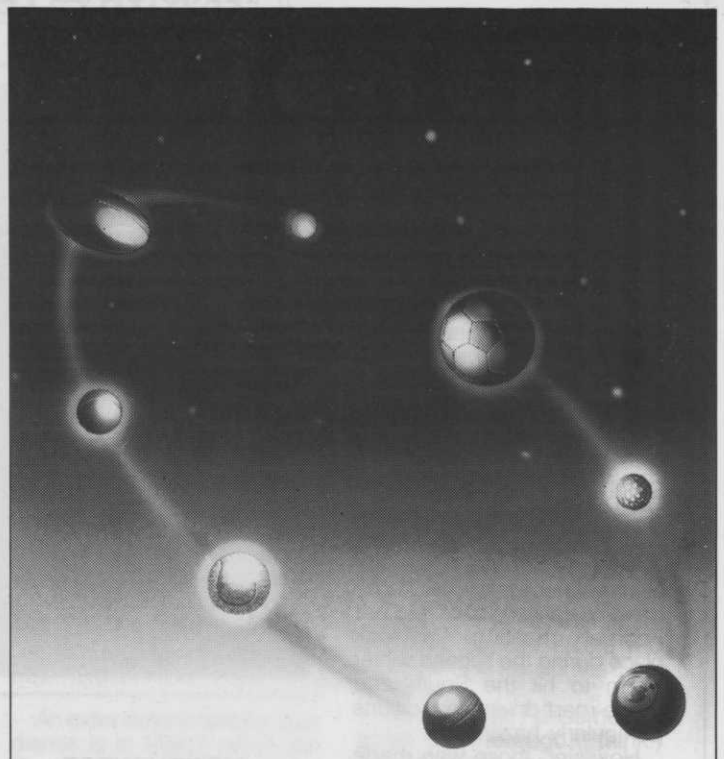
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Derek Edwards went on to emphasize the importance of talking to properly qualified and experienced turf growers when selecting turf for golf

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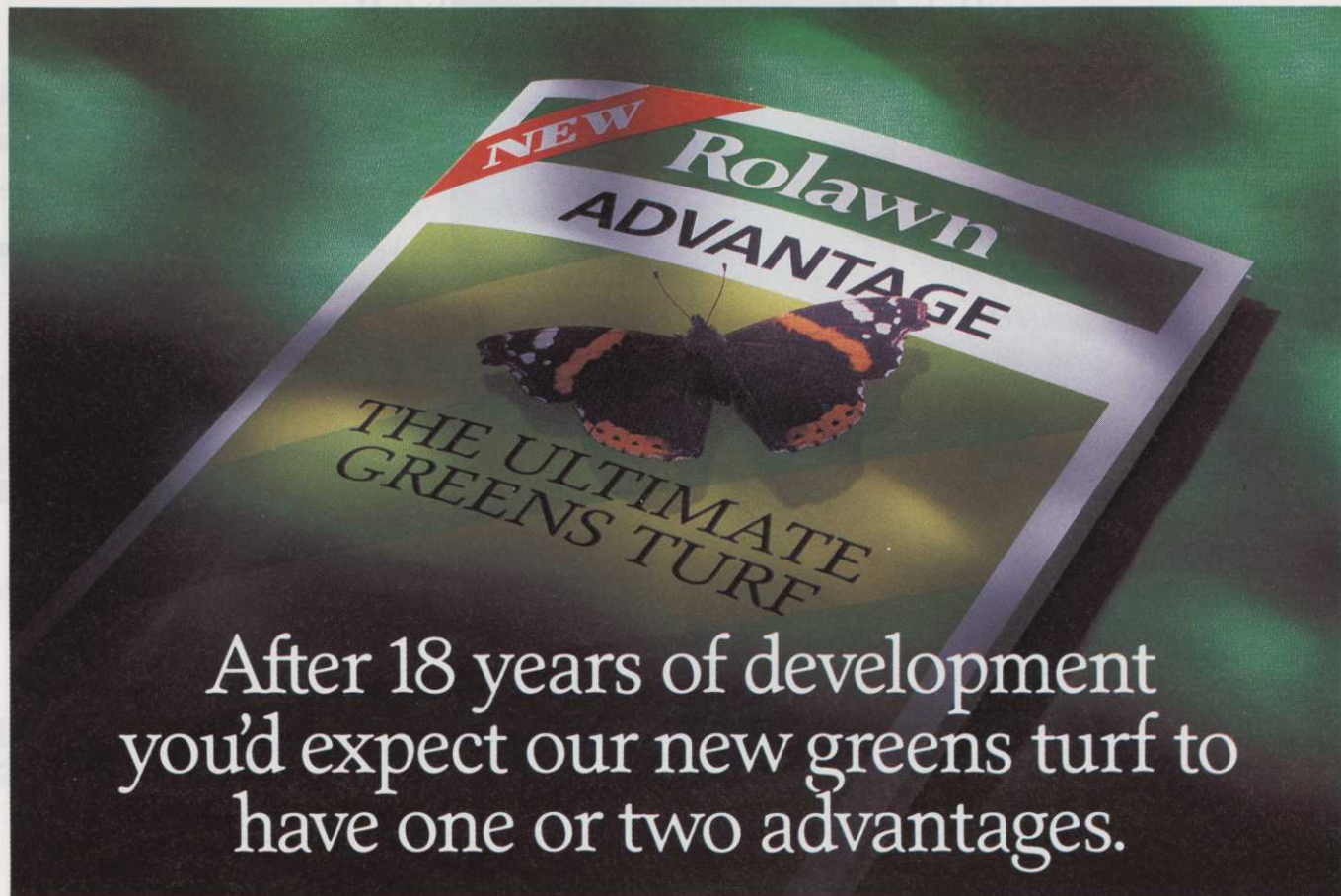
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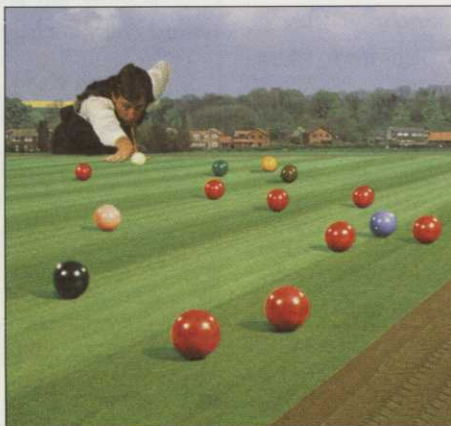
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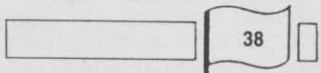


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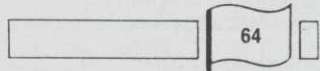
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