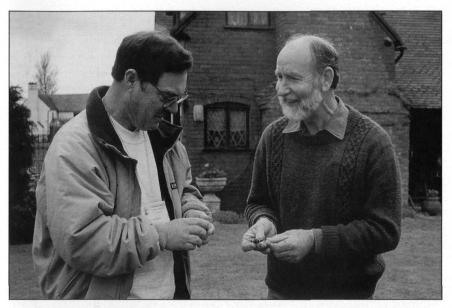
GOLD MEDAL: CLIVE POSTLES

Your president received many, many nomination letters for our gold medal recipient and the letters were very long. For there was much to say about our honoree. Known as an avid supporter of ADS, our gold medal recipient has graciously given bulbs and exquisite items of daffodilia for our fundraiser auctions. A frequent contributor to the ADS Journal, our honoree also attends as many ADS conventions as possible. But his greatest contributions to our daffodil world have been on the show bench as is evidenced by his seven Engleheart wins in the last twelve years. Here is a small list of some of his daffodil introductions: 'Carole Lombard', 'Chelsea Girl', 'Desert Storm', 'Moon Shadow', 'Heslington', 'Honeybourne', and 'Chateau Impney'. Yet, his contributions are larger than his own introductions for he preserved the daffodil legacy of the late John Lea. To quote one nomination letter, our gold medal recipient "did what no one else could have done, having been so familiar with all John Lea's plans and goals." Registrations in the name of John Lea continue. It is an extraordinary man who will share his own dreams with the world, while fulfilling the dreams of others before him. Our gold medal recipient is a multi-talented individual but we have seen one thing he is very poor at. For those of you who had the misfortune of seeing Clive Postles clogging at the 1990 ADS convention at Callaway Gardens, you know that Clive has no rhythm and no aptitude for clogging or Irish step dancing. Clive could never get a job with the cast of Riverdance! But we honor Clive Postles tonight with our ADS gold medal for his preeminent work in the advancement of daffodils on the world stage. And this is an honor that he is most deserving of. We regret that Clive could not be here personally to receive this award. But he and his lovely wife Astrid are home in England, preparing for the gala English Daffodil Society Centenary celebration. Our president-elect, Bob Spotts, will travel to England and will have the honor and privilege of personally presenting Clive Postles with our ADS gold medal. (See photo on page 233.)



New ADS President Bob Spotts (left) awarding ADS Gold Medal to Clive Postles at Clive's home

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