

Turf maintenance machine that will go anywhere

THE first Cushman Turf Care System to be sold in the U.K. was delivered recently to Temple Golf Club by Huxleys Garden Machinery. The system has been available in the U.S.A. for 5 years during which about 3,000 systems have been sold. The following report on the system has been sent to us by Dennis Paul, Head Greenkeeper at Temple Golf Club. Thank you, Dennis.

WE PURCHASED the Cushman System after demonstrations at Temple and one other Golf Course. New machinery was required but we were looking for a suitable range of machinery that could also fit into our existing systems. The Cushman does fit in very well and it gives us a machine that can travel over the greens without damage—in the same way that a Triplex system can.

Before the order was placed with Huxleys Garden Machinery a budget had to be presented to the Green Committee. Cushman System versus small tractor with safety cab and a similar range of implements as the Cushman. Pricewise there was not a great margin of difference, but the obvious benefits of the Cushman were the deciding factors. Already these benefits are showing themselves.

We save time and costs when applying Top Dressings, Fertilizers and spraying. We can aerate the greens and tees quickly. We have a general purpose vehicle for transporting tools, sand, etc. I can travel to any part of our course in five minutes—top speed 22 mp.h. and

a smooth ride at that.

The machine will work anywhere, greens, fairways, banks. Tees can be top dressed with a soil/grass seed mix in a few minutes. Triple gang mowers are no problem to use. With a brush fitted to the hydraulic linkage the Dew can be swept off the grass in a fraction of the time taken before.

Two at a time

By the second week in August we had hollow tined 19 greens. This year the cores were pulverized and spread. Only the fibre was removed. A Ryan Greensaire removed the cores. The Cushman fitted with a mounted brush and trailing a dragmat broke up the cores. Our Hahn Triplex picked up the fibre. Only two greens were out of play at any one time and then not for long.

The Cushman is a good tool and we like it. The system works. It does replace a small tractor and you end up with a vehicle that can mechanize the work on the greens. Makes life easier.



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