

# LETTERS

Dear Sir,

I would like to refer to the article regarding the first of the Winter Lectures, published in December's Greenkeeper.

I have not heard such a load of cobblers from experts for a long time.

The fibre problem was with us ages before Triplex mowing was as fashionable as it is today and in any case takes years to build up to the proportions whereby it causes the problems we talk of today.

Triplex mowing, as it is called today, was called multi-mowing yesterday and was personified by the old Overgreen which machines St. Andrews have only recently discarded in favour of Triplex and we don't hear St. Andrews having a big fibre problem.

The p.s.i. of an Auto-Certes with a man walking behind is considerably greater than the p.s.i. of a Triplex so the compaction syndrome is less with Triplex.

The present excessive growth of fibre is caused by fertilization. Modern chemical fertilizers are especially designed to encourage root growth so that a sports turf surface is provided, where possible, all the year round. To do this we stimulate root growth above the rate

that nature intended. What we don't do, though, is encourage old root decay at the same rate. Consequently, like the Country, our "balance of payments" causes inflated fibre growth.

To combat this, constant aeration of the soil, together with regular root pruning, is essential and Triplex mowing secures us much more time to do this than was possible in the past.

Next thing we will hear is someone saying that multi, or gang, mowing on the fairways will cause fibre.

Come on, young Jock Glass, tell us why Triplex mowing causes fibre.

Yours faithfully,

S.G. LEDGER,  
Head Greenkeeper  
East Berks Golf Club.



## STEWARTS OF EDINBURGH TURFCULTURE SUPPLIES

### CLEAN BALL HOLE CUPS

- \* CAST ALUMINIUM ALLOY
- \* BRIGHT SILVERY FINISH
- \* KEEPS THE BALL CLEAN
- \* CONFORMS WITH THE RULES

£2.75 each, plus carriage & VAT

Stewart & Co. Seedsmen Ltd.  
Stronghold Works  
Mayfield Industrial Estate  
Dalkeith EH22 4BZ

Telephone: 031-663 6617

## HUXLEYS HIRE

### FOR THE PROFESSIONAL USER

Sometimes the purchase of equipment is not economic. We offer for hire specialised machinery for that seasonal job. Send for brochure and price list.

# Huxleys

GARDEN MACHINERY  
22/26 CHURCH STREET, STAINES, MIDDX  
Tel. Staines 51123 (3 lines)  
Also at The Dean, New Alresford, Hants  
Tel. Alresford 3222