Slow Release Fertilisers

THE Sports Turf Research Institute is aware of increasing concern among the turf managers that a number of slow release fertiliser products on the market do not indicate the proportion (percentage) of nitrogen which is in the slow release form. In IBDU containing products the IBDU-nitrogen may make anything from about 20 to 90 per cent of the total. It is evident that the low content IBDU products will have relatively poor slow release characteristics. These low percentages os slow release compounds in fertilisers create problems with bodies such as Local Authorities and Golf Clubs who invite tenders for their annual fertiliser needs. Obviously, fertilisers with low percentages of IBDU present will be sold at lower prices and therefore competitive tenders go to the lowest bid price, and this could mean that the product has very little slow release compound present in the fertiliser. Dr. Peter Hayes, Director of STRI, states that, "In order to both inform turf managers, groundsmen and greenkeepers and to ensure their confidence in the products, manufacturers should clearly show percentage of total nitrogen which is of the slow release type".

Ayr College presentation to Best Greenkeeping Students - joint winners L to R: Harry Diamond (Education Convener), Colin Gemmell (Prestwick St Cuthbert), Jim Paton (Area Secretary), Andrew Kerr (Kilmarnock Barassie), Brian Finlayson (Area Chairman)
Greenkeepers Dream
Time!

IF a greenkeeper has nightmares it is probably about a horde of furious members with wedges waving angrily in the air or perhaps he has more pleasant dreams - dreams of greens free of water, with no compaction and the grass growing evenly. But this time the members are angrily waving their putters in the air after a missing putt. But the greenkeeper stands, watches and smiles because he can't be blamed. The secretary invites him into the club for a drink because he too won't get any moans and groans over the bar.

There is no perfect answer but the old adage if you look after the turf then grass will look after itself is still true. Compaction is inevitable with constant mowing and the tread of hundreds of pairs of feet. Drainage will vary but is always a problem particularly on heavy clay soils.

Mechanical means are the accepted way of alleviating the problem and they do just that. But now modern technology can help the mechanical means do an even better job. Imagine a product which you can spray on the course which will activate and increase all the millions of micro organisms. Imagine them working away in the soil intent on restoring the soil to its natural level of fertility. To reach that point they have to breakdown the soil to overcome the compaction and the drainage so that the grass roots get a chance to dig down and rather up the benefits in the soil.

Imagination or dreams? No it's an easily applied product of modern technology readily available at a reasonable price, SOILIFE.

For further information contact Michael Farrant of Farrant Chemicals on Winchester (0962) 51226

"Scotsturf '87" Exhibition and Seminar

The annual exhibition organised by the Scotland and Northern Ireland Zone of the Institute, will be held on Wednesday, 11 November 1987, in The Exhibition Hall, Royal Highland Showgrounds, Ingliston, near Edinburgh, from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

The BIGGA will have its own stand situated in the West balcony area of the main hall and which will be manned by members and it is hoped that the Executive Director, Neil Thomas will be in attendance.
Pattissons expand their business

FEW companies have served the sports and leisure industry longer and more faithfully than H. Pattisson & Co. Ltd., Luton, whose reputation as one of the leading suppliers of golf course requisites is well established among greenkeepers and golf club officials in this country and overseas.

Interesting news from the Pattisson world was made public recently by Tony Hemingway, Managing Director, when he announced that they had acquired the business known as Bridges Pennants. Taking over this specialised company now gives Pattisson much wider scope in relation to golf course and clubhouse needs, from handicap boards, menu cards, bar price display boards, golf bag tags and discs, score cards, green fee labels to special event armbands and rosettes.

Pattisson quality custom flag service is popular and has expanded immensely with the advent of faster and more efficient printing methods and with the right consultation the cost is not as great as is imagined, now that the bonus of another quality flag manufacturing process from Bridges comes under the Pattisson banner.

Tony Hemingway added, "Our growth is necessary to meet the growing challenge and ever increasing demands of sport and leisure. We recognise our first priority to the golf club market which we have supplied with our extensive range of products since 1896". To meet this expansion programme another Pattisson Salesman has been appointed in the South of England, David Hawkins, who is a well known golfer in the Bedford area and he will be introducing the new and growing range of company products to golf clubs from another of the well known Pattisson Vans.

David has responsibility from Essex, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Oxfordshire, taking over from David Craig, a 'hard pushed man' who will be able to concentrate his efforts for the next year or two in Berkshire, Kent, Sussex, Surrey and Middlesex.

In the north of England, the success story continues for Pattisson and their salesman Peter Marshall has been compelled go around with a much bigger van - he is equipped now model Transit fully stocked with company products and a greater stock holding facility has been established in Leeds to cope with increased amount of business.

Rufford Top Dress Supplies

In a piece in NOTEBOOK in the September issue of 'the Golf Course' we stated that this product was made by various distributors. This was an error, it is only MARKETED by the distributors, the product is entirely based at Ruffords own quarry and all materials used, are from their own reserves, this enables Rufford to offer guaranteed consistency of quality which very few, if any, competitors can match.

For further information contact Frank Garvey 061 747 4333

A New Liquid Iron

IN response to demands from groundsmen and greenkeepers Supaturf have introduced a water soluble Liquid Iron to the U.K. turf grass market.

Named 'Greenstar', the product is a patented Liquid Iron complex that stimulates a rapid plant green-up without excess growth by supplying a high concentration of iron in soluble form for plant intake though both the leaves and roots. 'Greenstar' stimulates in the plant the production of chlorophyll and promotes a dark healthy green colour in turf and shrubs. Available in convenient one litre plastic packs each treating an area of 600 sq. yds (500 sq.m.) 'Greenstar' can be used anywhere to correct iron deficiencies or to promote a quick green-up in turf and ornamentals.

For further information contact Supaturf Products Ltd., Oxney Road, Peterborough, PE1 5YJ telephone number (0733) 68384
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require a
HEAD GREENKEEPER
Applicants must be fully experienced in all aspects of modern greenkeeping, use and maintenance of machinery and staff supervision. Salary negotiable. Accommodation available. Please apply in writing giving age and experience to:-

The Secretary,
Selby Golf Club Ltd.,
Mill Lane,
Brayton Barff,
Selby, North Yorkshire.
YO8 9LD

KIBWORTH GOLF CLUB LIMITED
require a
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT
Due to our present Superintendent leaving to take up the position of First Assistant at the Belfry we require a person with experience in turf culture and course management with a preferred age 30-40 to fill this important position at a private members club. Salary commensurate with experience. No accommodation.

Please reply in writing including full C.V. to:-
The Secretary,
Kibworth Golf Club,
Kibworth Beauchamp,
Leicester. LE8 0LP

DOUGLAS GOLF CLUB
require a
HEAD GREENKEEPER
Douglas Golf Club, an 18 hole parkland course in Cork City, Ireland, has a vacancy for a Head Greenkeeper. The person required will have achieved a high degree of expertise in maintaining a golf course. Professional training an advantage. An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated at the top end of the scale, with accommodation provided if required.

Send full C.V. to:-
The Manager,
Douglas Golf Club,
Cork,
Ireland.
WHITSAND BAY HOTEL
HEAD GREENKEEPER
Required for 18-hole hotel golf course in Cornwall. Might suit ambitious young 2nd looking to further his career. Write with full C.V. to:-
Whitsand Bay Hotel
Golf & Country Club,
Portwrinkle,
Crafthole,
by Torpoint,
Cornwall. PL11 3BU

ST. AUGUSTINES GOLF CLUB
require a
HEAD GREENKEEPER
Applications are invited from experienced greenkeepers with a sound knowledge of modern greenkeeping methods and course machinery. The successful applicant will lead an enthusiastic team who maintain this busy course in the South East. Salary negotiable, no accommodation available. Applications in writing giving details of experience and equipments used to:-
The Secretary,
St. Augustine’s Golf Club,
Cottage Road,
CLIFFSEND, Ramsgate,
Kent. CT12 5JN

SONNING GOLF CLUB LTD
APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE POST OF:
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required for busy 18 hole parkland course. Preference will be given to BIGGA members of proven ability. References will be required. Please apply with C.V. to:-
The Secretary,
Sonning Golf Club,
Duffield Road,
Sonning-on-Thames,
Berks. RG5 4RJ

MARKET HARBOUROUGH GOLF CLUB
require a
HEAD GREENKEEPER
Applicants should be experienced in all aspects of course management and maintenance, have a thorough knowledge of modern course machinery and be able to supervise and control staff. No accommodation supplied. Salary negotiable. Applications is writing to:-
Mr. J. Lord, Secretary,
Market Harborough Golf Club,
Northampton Road,
Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
GREENKEEPER
Up to £140.p.w. Inclusive of bonus and allowances (pay award of approximately 6% pending)
Required at Little Hay Golf Course, Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead.
The successful applicant will be leading a team of four Greenkeepers responsible to the Head Greenkeeper. Previous experience in turf management and golf course maintenance is an advantage. A 2 bedroomed (tied) bungalow is available at the Golf Course, for which a reduced rent and full rates are payable.
Application forms are available from and should be returned to Mrs. Ruth Bull, Leisure Services Department, Civic Centre, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP1 1HH Telephone: Hemel Hempstead 60161, Ext. 2500 Closing date: 9th November 1987

CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HEAD GREENKEEPER
Up to £7,659-£9,654
A very special opportunity has arisen at Chelmsford for the right person. If you have ability, technical knowledge, enthusiasm and set yourself high work standards, then your specialist knowledge of golf courses and fine turf will be ideal for this new post. Chelmsford Borough Council is building a high quality 18 hole public golf course at Hylands Park, on the outskirts of Writtle, near Chelmsford. The course is to be developed n a 400 acre mature parkland setting and work on site will commence shortly.
We are looking for a person fully experienced in all aspects of golf course management and greemkeeping experience. Initially you will be assisting with the supervision of the golf course construction under the direction of the golf course architect. You will have the opportunity to be involved from an early stage, in all aspects of the production of the course, including choice of machinery and staff. Once complete you will be responsible for maintaining the Hylands Golf Course in a first class condition.
Housing may be available and a casual car user allowance is payable in approved circumstances.
For full employment details, an application form and full job description, please write or telephone the Personal Manager, Chelmsford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, Essex. CM1 1JB, telephone Chelmsford (0245) 490490 extn. 3143
Closing date for receipt of applications 16th November 1987

DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL
BEARSTED GOLF CLUB require a

HEAD GREENKEEPER

for this old established 18 hole course situated four miles from Maidstone, Kent, close to the North Downs. Applicants must be fully experienced and have a thorough knowledge of modern course machinery and its maintenance. Administrative ability is also being sought. Salary negotiable. Apply in writing with full details of career to date, to:- Admin, Secretary, Bearsted Golf Club, Ware Street, BEARSTED, Nr. Maidstone, Kent. ME14 4PG

NORTHAMPTON GOLF CLUB require a

HEAD GREENKEEPER

Applicants must be fully experienced in all aspects of course management, machinery maintenance and staff control. An attractive salary will be offered together with assistance towards removal expenses. Rented housing accommodation could be made available to the successful applicant on moving to the area. Applications in writing giving full details of career and qualifications should be sent to:- The Secretary, Northampton Golf Club, Kettering Road, Northampton, NN3 1AA

WOLSTANTON GOLF CLUB LTD invite applications for the post of

HEAD GREENKEEPER

Applicants must be fully experienced in all aspects of turf culture and turf management including the use and maintenance of greenkeeping machinery. Salary negotiable. Applications with full C.V. to:- The Secretary, Wolstanton Golf Club Ltd., Dimsdale Old Hall, Hassam Parade, Newcastle, Staffs. ST5 9DR

MITCHAM GOLF CLUB a busy progressive Golf Club in Surrey is looking for a

HEAD GREENKEEPER

to take over the management of their 18 hole course. He will require a knowledge of management, machinery maintenance, turf management, and associated course problems. Accommodation will be available to the successful applicant. If you feel you have the necessary experience please write to:- The Secretary, Mitcham Golf Club, Charshalton Road, Mitcham Junction, Surrey. CR4 4HN
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require a

HEAD GREENKEEPER

to start work early in 1988. Applicants should have suitable qualifications and experience in all aspects of course management. A thorough knowledge of modern machinery and turf management is essential, as is the ability to motivate and manage staff. Salary negotiable. No accommodation. A new 4500 sq ft on course building has recently been brought into use. Applications in writing stating age, experience and enclosing C.V. to:-

Chairman Green Committee, York Golf Club, Lords Moor Lane, Strensall, York.

TADMARTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

COURSE MANAGER

required

for this established 18 Hole Heathland Course. Applicants must be fully experienced in all aspects of greenkeeping and automatic irrigation. A certified Head Greenkeeper and member of BIGGA or IOG

Salary negotiable and will reflect previous experience. No accommodation is available but assistance will be given if required.

Applications should be in writing and include a full C.V. in confidence to:-

The Secretary, Tadmarton Heath Golf Club, Wigginton, Banbury, Oxon. OX15 5HL

ROYAL PORTRUSH GOLF CLUB

require a

HEAD GREENKEEPER

for Championship Links, 36 holes with 9 Hole Pitch & Putt

Applicants must be fully experienced in all aspects of greenkeeping and have a thorough knowledge of course machinery and its maintenance. The ability to control and motivate staff is essential. Salary negotiable. Accommodation may be provided. Applications should be received in writing, on or before 10th November 1987 and include a full C.V. stating present salary to:-

The Secretary/Manager, Royal Portrush Golf Club, Dunluce Road, Portrush, BT56 6AG Co. Antrim

BLOXWICH GOLF CLUB LTD.

BLOXWICH, WEST MIDLANDS.

require a

HEAD GREENKEEPER

Applications should have extensive experience in the theory and practice of golf course management, be conversant with the use and maintenance of all modern golf course machinery, and able, with initiative, to direct and lead by example, the excellent supporting staff. There is no accommodation but the salary which is negotiable will be commensurate with a club of this standing. Written application with full details of age, experience and qualifications etc. to:-

The Secretary, Bloxwich Golf Club Ltd., Stafford Road, Bloxwich, Walsall, West Midlands. WS3 3PJ