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What's done, needs to be seen to be done

In January this year the newly formed Association of British & International Golf Greenkeepers came into being, formed by the amalgamation of the long established British Golf Greenkeepers' Association, the southern based English & International Golf Greenkeepers' Association and the Scottish Greenkeepers.

This coming together, following years of acrimony among certain members of the greenkeeping profession, was precipitated by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews in the interest of furthering the future and recognition of those men who maintain our golf courses, without whom there would not be a game to play.

Such a move was welcomed by all sections of the golf industry, the greenkeepers themselves, the controlling bodies by all sections of the golf industry, the greenkeepers themselves, the controlling bodies by all sections of the golf industry, the greenkeepers themselves, the controlling bodies by all sections of the golf industry, the greenkeepers themselves, the controlling bodies.

The decisions made twelve months ago should now be bearing fruit, but greenkeepers nationwide are asking - WHEN, and so they might.

Last month the National Greenkeepers' Tournament held at Verulam Golf Club, St. Albans, was organised by the Mid Anglia Section of the now defunct BIGGA. It was a highly successful tournament, patronised by many of the active participants of previous years, in fact the majority of competitors were the 'Old Faithfuls'.

This year there was no Annual General Meeting for the new Association and greenkeeping business was confined to informal discussions in the 19th hole.

The Chairman Mr. Walter Woods did attend and said a few words at the conclusion of the prize giving, but the newly appointed Executive Director Mr. Neil Thomas did not. He was said to be moving house to Bingley where his office will be incorporated within the headquarters of the Sports Turf Research Institute.

Cautionary words of advice from many quarters warned of the dangers of rushing into the new venture. Advice largely ignored by its architects, for reasons best known to themselves.

To bring together three distinct, separate bodies, each with its own administration, varying philosophies and regional differences requires delicate negotiation and a degree of diplomacy.

What has now been created is a vacuum. The old groupings have gone and the new, as far as greenkeepers are concerned, is not functioning.

This could have been avoided if the BIGGA had been set up as an umbrella association with three individual associations continuing to operate until the time was ripe for a smooth transfer.

Finance has never been a problem. As reported last month the R&A in a massive grant payment to various golf bodies around the world allocated £37,500 to form the new Association.

Greenkeepers are expecting positive action from their management committees, with the priorities of improved status, better working conditions, an enhanced training scheme and an agreed salary scale reflecting their contribution to the game of golf. So far, all they have received are promises.
Unfortunately the answer was not far from the truth, but one cannot do more than express sorrow that so much of the better facets of life in the province does not receive the publicity it should and that certainly goes for golf.

The reception and hospitality enjoyed over a long weekend at Royal Portrush and the nearby Portstewart Golf Clubs could not be faulted and although we were in somewhat of a privileged position, playing a team match between the golfing scribes of Yorkshire and our counterparts from the Belfast press the reaction of others from the mainland to the golfing delights of County Antrim confirmed similar feelings.

The Northern Ireland Tourist Board have what must be one of the hardest jobs in the world to convince people that Ireland is the place to go for a golfing holiday. What must be even more frustrating, is the fact, they have a product that is quite superb.

Royal Portrush, regarded as one of the top courses in the British Isles hosted the Open Championship in 1951. It is the only course in Ireland to have done so and fittingly, was won by Max Faulkner. If ever a links was worthy of staging the event again, it must be here, but sadly...

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the ugly side of politics must forbid any such consideration in most of our lifetimes.

Laid out by Harry Colt in its present form it was described by Bernard Darwin a golf writer who stands tall even in the company of men such as Henry Longhurst, 'as a monument to Mr. H. S. Colt, more enduring than brass'.

Every hole is a challenge, even those that seem reachable with no more than a good drive and a pitching wedge to the putting surface. The famous 5th hole is a case in point. It was here the ravages of the Atlantic Ocean undermined the cliff face and the green almost fell into the sea. Members and golf lovers the world over rallied round and raised sufficient money to build a retaining wall to hold the green in place.

The Dunluce Course, better known of the two at Portrush (the other is the Valley) is the favourite of Fred Daly, the only other Open Champion from Ireland. He was born at Portrush and though now in his seventies is still a far better than average player.

The Causeway coast is also renowned for one of Ireland's best known exports - Black Bush. For those who have not imbibed a 'drop of the Irish' they have a treat in store.

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The weather was not especially kind for the tournament, but to quote a phrase 'the price was right' and there was always the whiskey to provide the internal warmth.

One of the leading members, Bill Hawthorn of Watermation Ltd. has commented.

The horrific accident to Eric Green, Head Greenkeeper at Woodcote Park Golf Club resulting in facial injury occurred because of a failure of the plastic nipple undereth the manual hydrant. Failures of this nature are not uncommon if this method of installation is used. For this reason many years ago Watermation devised a different method of mounting valve assemblies at the greens having the hydrant supported on a metal nipple attached to a robust metal tee, in order to withstand the mechanical loads which inevitably are placed upon the hydrant when hoses are attached.

Toro, whose General Manager Peter Roberts is Chairman of the Association, has recently published a guide entitled The Thinking Man's Guide to Golf Course Watering', a publication that all golf green committees should read before asking companies to submit tenders for irrigation systems.

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Mel Guy, Head Greenkeeper at the South Leeds Club has won the National Greenkeepers News of the World Cup for the best gross score over three days at Verulam G.C. at his first attempt.

Mel, has been a greenkeeper for only two and a half years, stepping into the job, when he was made redundant as a fabrication engineer.

A six handicap member at South Leeds he had often helped the club with engineering work and then made the decision to move permanently to greenkeeping. Eighteen months ago he was appointed Head Greenkeeper, but still remains a playing member at the club.

His gross score of 79, 73, 79 for a 231 total, although higher than most winning scores over the past few years was enough to get his hands on one of the most prestigious trophies in amateur golf.

Congratulations are also due to the Northern team who won the Team Championship for the first time in many years.

Backing Mel Guy were Mick Hannam from Moortown and the evergreen Don Roberts, the retired greenkeeper at Bradford's West Bowling. Their total three day score was sixteen shots ahead of the field.

It is also worth a mention that Mick Hannam, Captain of the club at the 9-hole Roundhay course last year achieved the first 'ace' of his career in a recent monthly stableford. Although he finished with 35 points, he was still nine points adrift of the winner. Not surprising to those who know the scores put in by some of the Roundhay members in the local pro-ams!

MONDAY, 17th AUGUST

1st I. Toon Nett 65
2nd P. Fitzjohn 67
3rd G. Payne 68
4th D. Roberts 69
Over 60's R. Rain 73
Maxwell Hart Trophy
2nd R. Thompson 73
Coming of Age Cup
3rd R. Gales 80

TUESDAY, 18th AUGUST

36 Holes Scratch
R. S. Barker - 149
Toro U.K. Trophy

36 Holes Nett (0 to 11)
I. Toon - 130
Ransomes Cup
2nd M. H. Guy 140
Universal Cup
3rd M. Sheehan 141
Golf Illustrated Cup
4th M. Shoppee 142
5th P. Fitzjohn 142
6th E. R. West 143
7th J. M. Hannan 144
8th D. Murtough 144

36 Holes Nett (12 to 18)
D. Roberts - 138
Pattison's Trophy
2nd P. Wentworth 140
President's Cup
3rd N. Whittaker 145
Mary's Cup
4th I. Hoitran 146
5th A. Parks 148
6th J. Wells 148
7th P. Mulin 151
8th B. Moss 151

CADDY OFFER

A small advertisement in the Yorkshire Post under the Personal Column is expected to produce a deluge of replies. Headed 'Unattached Gentleman Golfers', it read: 'Do you require an attractive tall blonde lady caddy in her early 40s, with perhaps hopes of forming a friendship off the course. There is no indication whether she was prepared to carry or required a trolley.'
**FEATURE**

**Echoes from the long, not so hot summer.**

... by Fred Hawtree

Another mish-mash of delicately balanced social, technical, historical and personal gossip from the fluent pen of you know who.

They are now in deep shock and grow wild-eyed whenever they hear the word 'golf'. The members of the British Association of Golf Course Architects still try to fit the golf course to the site, not vice versa, and hope that a simple diet and devoted nursing, accompanied by gentle repetition of this message, will restore Caradon's faith in humanity and hope for the future.

**Beyond the Tamar**

Being in Caradon recently, (Caradon? Caradon?, you ask. It is the first bit of Cornwall beyond Plymouth.) I took time out to cast a jaded eye over the new St. Mellion. After passing below the flags of all nations at the entrance and through two rows of black blobs, which turned out to be spherical pine trees, I was apprised of the green fee (£25 to play the 'Nicklaus' but knock off a fiver if it's with a member).

So I walked past the back of the 9th Green instead but haven't slept a peaceful wink since, due to nightmares in which the earth rolls and heaves on a scale far beyond anything which Richter could devise for your average seismograph.

Volcanic ranges have popped up between fairways as the earthquakes proceeded and there are anti-like machines crawling all over them to cut the grass. The foothills are very much in play and most of the peaks as well. If this is a stadium course, there did not seem to be a lot of elbow room for spectators, but I only saw one or two holes. At least they will get good exercise on 'them thar hills', if their ankles stand up to it.

I do not know what Cornwall did to deserve this fate, but J Nicklaus has certainly put his stamp on it and nobody will ever be able to rub it out.

Unfortunately the local planners, after years of jealousy guarding their farming hinterland, have got a little bit of Ballybunion into the middle of it. Even their attempts to oppose further building development were frustrated owing to the employment which it would attract.

**By the Plym**

On the way back to Sludgecombe, filial piety demanded a diversion to look at the 9 hole Elfordleigh Golf Course at Plympton. Hawtree designed it in 1930. (A month or so previously, filial and grand-filial piety had taken both II and III to Highwoods Golf Club at Bexhill. The greens had sunk a bit on the filled side in the sixty years since their construction, but were still puttable and not much else had changed.)

Elfordleigh was an early venture in the hotel-cum-golf course development. It did not do so well as its contemporary, the Selsdon Park Hotel, but then Selsdon was only nine miles out of London and on a much grander scale. Nevertheless, Elfordleigh has survived its ups and downs for nearly 56 years under various owners. Now it is on a high.

There is a brand new pro's shop by the 1st Tee. There are more tees and bigger tees, some with stone walls holding them up to make full use of the limited space.

The site has fairly strong slopes and a stream, so you can guess the final development at the bottom of the valley. Only one guess, I'm afraid. That's right - a water hazard.

Incidentally, I looked out the ledger to see how much Elfordleigh cost in 1935. You can have as many guesses as you like for this one. The answer is £2,500. 400 times less, proportionately, I understand, than its new competitor on the other side of the Tamar, but 'fings', in case you hadn't guessed, ain't what they used to be.
Westward Ho!

John Davis, Secretary of the Royal North Devon Golf Club has given me a file containing my father's advisory reports on Westward Ho! links from 1926 until 1935, by which time, as a member of the Board of Greenkeeping Research at Bingley, he got the club to become subscribers to that developing organisation.

In view of the reaction in greenkeeping to the discovery that too much fertiliser is too much fertiliser, I skimmed through the reports to see what materials they recommended in those days. I summarise as follows:

1926 - Dried Blood
1930 - Malt Culms
Fish Guano
1931 - 7lbs Sulphate of Iron
3lbs Sulphate of Ammonia to each cubic yard of compost
('Neither more nor less')
1932 - Discontinue S/A and Sf on Greens 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 18.
The rest: 3lbs S/A
3lbs S/A in 1½ cubic yards compost
1933 - Back to Dried Blood and Fish Guano, in compost
1934 - Poultry manure replaces Malt Culms
1935 - 1 cwt Peruvian Guano in ¼ cubic yards compost

What no Super?' you ask. It appears just once, in the very last report: '½ lbs Super-phosphate per Green in the August dressing with Rape Meal and Sulphate of Ammonia'. Why? Perhaps I can hazard a guess.

In 1932, T W Evans PhD, AIG, the chemist at Bingley, wrote in the Journal: 'In conclusion, it can be stated that swards cannot be maintained indefinitely by a system of dressing with compost and nitrogenous fertiliser....'

In 1931, Evans had said, 'An occasional dressing with a complete fertiliser, providing the phosphoric acid and potash in it is very low, may be applied to greens on poor soil....'. But then he continues, 'It cannot be too strongly emphasised, that the regular use of mixed fertilisers containing high percentages of phosphoric acid and potash is to be avoided....'

Who led us astray?

'Open' University

The Observer's Peter Dobereiner sounded a few alarms on behalf of the English advirts when he suggested what players' comments might be heard during pre-Open interviews. 'I am hitting it good but putting horrible' was one of them. 'I am playing solid except for the greens. Alerted to the dangers, one became over-sensitive to the foibles of BBC commentators. In between 'super-shots', Tony Jacklin described one competitor as 'fortuitous' which seemed to cast an unnecessary slur on his parents who may very well have intended to have a golfer in the family. But Jacklin does at least believe in the preservation of the adverb. Indeed, he has encouraged them and will turn 'over-confident' into 'overly confident' at the drop of a hat. I think I overheard a 'routinely' too. Time for Dobereiner to go to work on these as well.

Harry Carpenter turned a neat phrase when describing a par round in the wind and rain on the Friday. It 'staggered belief'. My memory of belief up to that time had been that you begged it. Edwardians would sometimes express amazement by Well, I'm begging. This may have been a mild form of a stronger expression to which people take less exception to-day, but it seems nowadays a little too old-fashioned. I will ask my grand-children if that traditional game called 'Beggar your neighbour' is still an acceptable pastime among the young or has been toughened up so that they stagger him now?

Belief was both staggered AND beggarred by David Miller, writing in The Times when he described the 7th at Muirfield as 'illusory'. One knew what he meant but have you ever tried cutting a hole in an illusory green? It's easy if you have got an illusory hole-cutter.

Royal Guest

It was a pity that King Hassan II of Morocco had to cancel his golfing trip to Scotland and perhaps to the Open, due to pressure of work back home after his State visit to Britain. While he was here the Press never missed his punctuality, protocol and private entertaining... He is a golfer and has never been a mild form of a stronger form of the desert and of her long wait into the Arabic version.

When the Queen went to see him, much was made of her lonely vigil in a tent in the middle of the desert and of her long wait for her dinner guest on the Royal Yacht, a couple of hours later, in my experience she was lucky that he even turned up on the right day. In humber circles, I have responded to urgent calls for week-end consultations in Tetuan and waited until Monday before learning that the meeting had been put off for a week. Last Autumn I was bidden to a meeting at 11 a.m. for an audience with a Princess. At 1.30, we decided that she was probably tucking into her cous-cous at some other table. You have to get into the manana mood if you are to earn your Queen's Award for Export. Tap the foot, drum the fingers as she did and you'll be out on your ear. The Royal Household also seemed to me to be asking for trouble when whoever writes the menu picked that sauce with 32 components to accompany the salmon. It is said that you can knock up a Sauce Bigarade, which has only 16 ingredients, in a matter of 25 minutes, though I should not like to try. But do not think that you will knock up this other one in 50 flat just because it has twice the number of working parts. They can not be spooned into the pot and stirred till ready. The 'seculor' has to get up early in the morning after a night of prayer and pure thoughts. Taking just two ingredients, he begins the rites. He is towelled down at intervals during the day and if it aids as each critical stage is reached and another subtle element added. At 8.47 p.m., assuming the dish is to be served at 8.50, No. 32 goes in and a minute later the sauce is rushed to the table to be served at the peak of perfection.

The Spanish say that a good paella is always better when you get round to the second helping because it has matured while you were scoffing the first. There are classic French dishes which must get a simmer or mijoteur for a time if the ultimate blend of flavours is to be achieved. Not so this concoction on the Britannia. Keep it hot on the back burner for an hour and you might as well open a bottle of Heinz Tomato Ketchup.

P.S.

Only a month ago, I congratulated B I G G A on getting an 'I' into its title because it sounded like an Institute.

Now I am not so sure.

The Chairman of the Championship Committee at the Open presentation ceremony thanked the British and Irish Greenkeepers Association for raking the bunkers.

Still, whether Institute, Irish, or International, the blazer badges will still be O.K.

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Golf Club’s Sports Forum raises £2,000

Moor Allerton Golf Club came up with an enterprising idea to raise funds to finance the construction of their new 14th hole during the Benson & Hedges Tournament played at Fulford.

Capitalising on the talent available in Yorkshire during the week, they recruited Peter Alliss, Tony Jacklin, Mike Parkinson and their own tournament professional Howard Clark to participate in a golf forum and then sold tickets for the evening at £10.00 a head.

For Peter Alliss it was a return ‘home’. Moor Allerton was the club where he was appointed the consultant professional when the Trent Jones designed course opened twenty years ago. He stayed for ten years in a converted farmhouse with his good friend, Head Greenkeeper, Colin Geddes as his next door neighbour.

Moor Allerton’s General Manager, Ted Goldberg, told Golf Greenkeeping it was a superb evening. Over 200 golfers packed the clubhouse, keeping the panel under the chairmanship of Mike Parkinson on their toes for three hours.

It will cost £12,000 to move the 14th hole, brought about because of complaints from an adjacent weekend caravan site, who had threatened injunctions after mishit shots landed among the campers. Work is now at an advanced stage with turf laid on a sand base. Later this year the new tee will be constructed and the hole brought into use by the spring of 1988.

The project has been so successful we hear further improvements to other parts of the course are in the pipeline.

So often when course alterations take place, committees see the only way of finance is a levy on the members. Moor Allerton have already raised half the cost organising sponsored events and expect the remainder to be in the bank by the end of the year.

Gearing up for 1989 Ryder Cup

One of Britain’s newest, yet highly regarded golf courses is already gearing up to host the 1989 Ryder Cup.

The Belfry at Coleshill, near Sutton Coldfield, recently conducted a comprehensive weed control programme, for both the Brabazon and Derby courses.

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The Belfry won many friends in 1985 and much respect when the European team won the Ryder Cup for the first time since Lindrick in 1957.

Lee Trevino the American captain said Derrick Ganning, the Belfry’s course manager, was the ‘13th member of the European squad’ as his tribute to the excellent condition of the course. A tremendous compliment, and one of the reasons why the Belfry is anxious to ensure perfection for the return match in 1989.

Cheers

A member of the Highgate Golf Club, millionaire ‘Rabbit’ golfer, Mr. Edward Mowle has left £400.00 in his will to buy drinks all round in his club’s nineteenth hole.

Mr. Mowle of St. John’s Wood who died in January left £1,394,136.

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Windsor Show set to break all records.

Over 50,000 sq. m. of display and demonstration areas have been booked for this year's IOG Sports & Leisure World Trade Exhibition, the 42nd such event organised by the Institute of Groundsmanship. A record 342 companies will be taking part, displaying some of the latest developments from the UK and 27 overseas countries.

The exhibition takes place at the Royal Windsor Racecourse, Maidenhead Road, Windsor, Berkshire on 15th, 16th and 17th (Tuesday to Thursday) September, and will be open from 10.00 a.m. till 5.00 p.m. daily. Admission will be by catalogue costing £2.

Sixth of the country's leading horticultural colleges will be supporting an extended Education and Training Centre at this year's exhibition. Participants include Askham Bryan, Aylesbury, Brinsbury, Cambridgeshire, Capel Manor, Cheshire, Evesham, Hampshire, Merris Wood, Myerscough, Norwood Hall, Pershore, Plumpton, Somerset, South-East London, and South London.

They will be taking part with such bodies as the Agricultural Training Board, Amenity Grass Marketing Association, British Agricultural and Garden Machinery Association, the British Association of Landscape Industries, City & Guilds of London Institute, the Health and Safety Executive, the National Turfgrass Council, the National Playing Fields Association and the Sports Turf Research Institute.

Over 30 organisations will be demonstrating products on more than 11,000 sq. m. of working demonstration plots, with separate facilities being provided for irrigation equipment.

Two large marquees have been provided this year for exhibitors who prefer to be indoors. Pavilion A has been taken over by the U.S. giant Jacobsen, and Pavilion B will be occupied by a number of individual firms.

The 1988 event will take place from 20th to 22nd September, again at Windsor Racecourse; in 1989 from 19th to 21st September, 1990 from 18th to 20th September; 1991 from 17th to 19th September, and in 1992 from 16th to 19th September.

Recent surveys carried out by the organisers indicated that over a third of visitors attend to purchase at the exhibition, whilst 80 per cent come to inspect for future purchase. The average budget of visitors interviewed was £118,000.

SCOTSTURF '87

Scotland's major event for the sports and leisure industry, SCOTSTURF - will again take place at the Royal Highland Exhibition Hall, Ingliston, Edinburgh on Wednesday 11th November 1987.

Scotland's leading companies have already booked Stand Space at SCOTSTURF '87 - the 7th annual event organised by the Scotland and Northern Ireland Zone of the Institute of Groundsmanship - and a record number of 5,000 visitors from all over Scotland, Northern Ireland and the North of England are expected to attend greenkeepers, groundsmen, local authority representatives, landscape architects, estate owners and managers, sports turf advisors, educationalists, students and trainees.

The annual Field Day, organised by members of the North-West Zone of the Institute of Groundsmanship, will once again take place at Haydock Park Racecourse on 29th/30th September 1987.

The show is designed particularly for the benefit of Zone members, groundsmen and greenkeepers in the North-West and, for that reason, it is limited to local companies and suppliers. Unlike the practice at the three national Exhibitions organised by the IOG (Southport, Royal Windsor and SCOTSTURF) nationally-based manufacturers and suppliers can only take part on the stands of their local distributors. Exceptions, however, can be made when such regional representation is not available.

The North-West Zone has organised its enormously popular local show for the past nine years. Last year it moved to the new site at Haydock Park because of the much appreciated facilities it offers for working demonstrations of material and equipment, attracting a record number of 2,500 visitors to the event. The signs are that this year will be equally successful.

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Colin Pryce, who runs this new soil conditioning service, points out that in the past soil problems caused by compression by machinery and treading were virtually impossible to overcome without surface disturbance or the risk of severe root damage. His German Terralift does little, if any surface or root damage, yet each blast loosens a saucer-shaped soil volume measuring up to 1.5ft across and 3ft deep.

"The only other tool that can shatter the soil to depth is a subsoiler, but this cannot be used round trees or on sports fields or any other amenity area without inflicting root damage or surface lifting and tearing", he explains.

"The Terralift's effect is virtually all below ground and it does minimal root damage which if anything is beneficial because it tends to stimulate root growth. The machine's other major advantage is that is simultaneously injects slow release nutrients like BASF's Floranid Tree and Floranid NPK into the soil cracks as they are being formed. This is far quicker and more effective than surface application or root feeding through auger or crowbar holes because the fertiliser is distributed throughout the root zone. As a standard practice he also injects 1mm to 3mm polystyrene granules and other materials such as nematocides and fungicides.

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If any of our readers fancy making the trip the Editor has the entry form and would consider offers of sponsorship to join competitions and report the proceedings. He is also on good terms with the Course Manager.

``The volume and pressure of air can be varied according to soil conditions and the job in hand", says Mr. Pryce. "With golf greens and tennis courts, for example, one wants to avoid rupturing the surface and so the pressure and volume need to be at the lower end of the range.

I don't advise use of the machine in waterlogged soil, otherwise it can work under any soil conditions!"

Cost of his service ranges from about £40 for soil conditioning around a large tree to £400 for treating a football pitch or the equivalent area of land. These prices include polystyrene bead soil improver mix injection but not fertiliser or other materials such as nematocides and fungicides.

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Talk to John Lowry, the Course Manager at Ringway Golf Club, a runway or two from Manchester Airport and it will not be long before the conversation turns to his favourite subject - compost making.

John has been producing his own compost for many years and like the amateur wine buff it is a continuous process, whilst using the matured stuff, there are several other heaps fermenting away. The period is about the same time too, three to four years for a vintage brew.

The quantity used over a season at Ringway is 30-40 tons and a greenkeeper will need a fair area of suitable space to lay the ingredients simply by 15 inches of top soil.

But let John describe how he builds the heaps between 5-6 feet high, but with settlement reduces quickly to around 4 feet as the rotting process accelerates.

I find the manure layer on top of the cuttings accelerates the rotting down process and the top soil gives body to the whole thing.

He now has a mature heap to put under cover - What do we require? A drying shed - nothing too elaborate. It is amazing what can be achieved with clear plastic sheeting, and 3' x 2' framework supported by 8 posts, open all round or just at each end. The important point is a free circulation of air. My shed is an old corrugated barn bought for £50 and erected by a couple of members and myself over odd weekends. These sheds can also provide extra working areas during wet weather.

I use the Roger belt-type crusher to break down the material prior to riddling. For riddling I have the En-Tout-Cas rotary with Williers engine. There is no waste from compost as all the coarse riddlings left over make super top and shrub planting material with a very high food content. It also makes a good open rough layer on drain trenches prior to relaying the turf, allowing water through and providing a good rooting base.

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Labour is our next consideration. I found by utilising my labour, on wet days, instead of sitting in the shed or carrying out futile tasks we could produce 10 cwt. of compost. We all have those "in between job" spells - times not to be idle - it all adds up and it saves your club money.

The most important aspect of making your own compost is you control the quality - like life you reap what you sow. A rough estimate of making your own material, I would say costs around £3 to £4,000 for the crusher, riddle and a cheap storage shed. Remember you have many years of cheap compost for that first capital outlay.

Quality compost for greens and tees, dependent on the transport charges and the availability costs around £20.00-£25.00 a ton. According to the figures calculated by John Lowery a considerable saving can be shown with the homemade variety. Including greenkeepers' time, purchase of manure, top soil, fuel and running costs of the machinery we can produce proven quality compost for £7.75 a ton, what a result saving to his club of about £400 a year. What is more it is there when he wants it and he is certain he could not buy better.
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Few greenkeepers have a similar document, which is surprising when one considers most Committee Chairmen hold responsible positions in business and invariably have a job description themselves.

Several clubs have recently enquired whether a standard document exists and as a guide, a format for a job description has been drawn up.

The job description must be individually produced because clubs need to put the emphasis on responsibilities in differing areas.

The job description should not attempt to state every task the greenkeeper is expected to carry out, but group activities under broad headings. To assist in clarifying thoughts when drafting the job description, think of the job relating to Money, Men, Machinery, Materials and Methods. These five M's will cover just about everything needed to control the day-to-day workings of a golf course.

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