

## New secretary for the British Turf Irrigation Association

The British Turf Irrigation Association, which was founded in 1978, has recently appointed as its Secretary Mr. John Shildrick. Mr. Shildrick, currently Assistant Director of the Sports Turf Research Institute and Secretary of the National Turfgrass Council, will be serving the BTIA in a part-time capacity.

Mr. Bill Hawthorn, the current BTIA Chairman, said, "We have for some time wanted to have an independent Secretary to whom a dissatisfied customer or anyone else with a serious problem could write in full confidence that the matter would be sorted out quickly and fairly. We intend to strengthen and improve our minimum standards, both for golf courses and before long for other irrigation work, and an essential basis will be a Secretary with no ties to any single company but with the interests of all at heart, in maintaining the good name of the Association."

Further information on the British Turf Irrigation Association can be obtained from: The Secretary, BTIA, 3 Ferrands Park Way, Harden, Bingley, West Yorkshire, BD16 1HZ.

## Courses Measured and Mapped

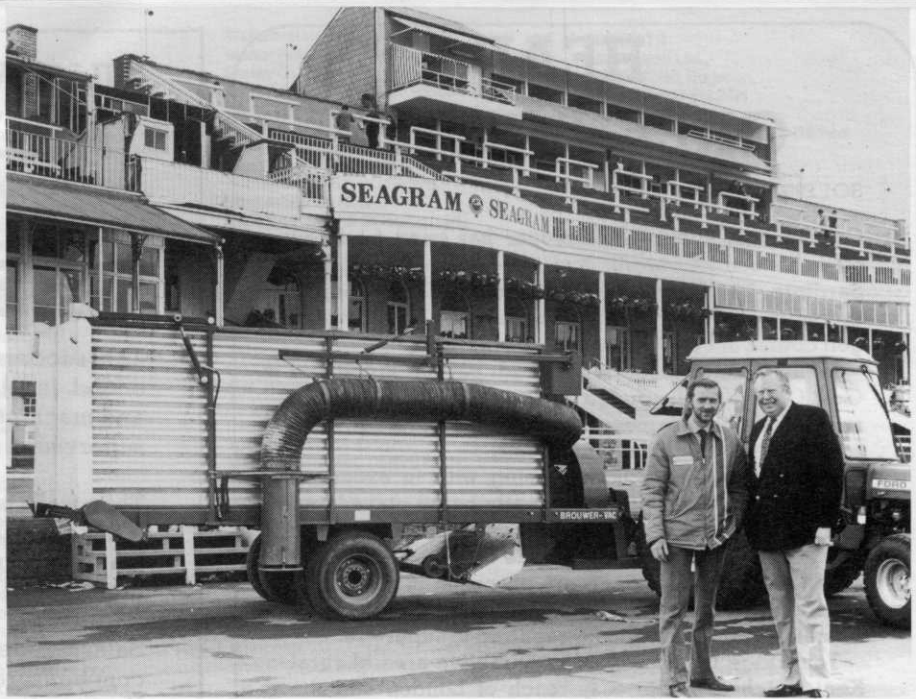
Based on experience gained first hand, during the first year of running his own golf irrigation consultancy, Phillip York has now expanded the services his business provides by adding a golf course measuring and mapping facility.

"I have been surprised at the lack of detailed information available at some clubs" he says. "An accurately measured and detailed course map is essential when clubs are considering expensive innovations like the installation of an irrigation system. Without it, work will be carried out on a hit-and-miss basis with final costs being higher than originally envisaged."

Phillip York's new service offers clubs, contractors, architects and agronomists professionally certified course measurement, the complete mapping of courses, pre-development surveys and staking-out.

"Charges need be no more than one pays for a good set of clubs" says Phillip York.

Measurement certificates are issued to clubs and meet the criteria laid down by the Council of National Golf Unions.



**"When Chris Watmore & John Nicholls of Turfland Professional Equipment Ltd. turned-up with their Brouwer Vac at Aintree, they were taken for suckers, but they certainly cleaned-up at the National!!!"**

It was a leap in the right direction recently when Wimpey Waste called in the services of Turfland Professional Equipment Ltd with the Brouwer Vac and, needless-to-say, it ran first in the 'sweepstakes'!

With the Grand National over for another year the Ground Staff were faced with 60 tons of litter and debris to clean-up but in true Brouwer fashion the Vac came to the rescue.

This unique machine, with a loading capacity of 335 cu ft, was launched onto the UK market towards the latter part of '85. Specially designed to collect fallen leaves, grass cuttings, twigs, paper, food containers etc, it is now making a 'clean-sweep' of all the jobs it encounters. Greenkeepers find it invaluable for disposing of thatch left by verticutting and it's also a huge success with Turf Producers — a large capacity machine, capable of removing damaged wet grass clippings.

Fitted behind a 35-45 HP tractor, it is very manoeuvrable and operates quickly and efficiently.

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