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Notebook

The Start of A New Turfland Era

Turfland Professional Equipment will host a field day on Wednesday November 13 at Redhouse Farm, Barker's Hollow Road, Dutton, Warrington, Cheshire. A range of new Brouwer equipment will be introduced, giving the trade an opportunity to view and operate many Brouwer products.

•The combination of the 5 Gang Brouwer Vertical Mower and the Brouwer Vac will demonstrate the ease with which large expanses of turf can be dethatched and cleaned up. The versatile, large capacity Brouwer Vac will not just clean up grass and clippings, it has also proven to be efficient in picking up leaves, cans, paper and other litter.

•The Brouwer Seeder 67 was specifically designed for the establishment of new seed beds on small turf farms or for use by landscape and renovation contractors. It attaches on to small and medium-sized tractors and has several features to make the seeding of small or large areas less time-consuming.

•The Brouwer Greens Mower is the new golf course mower built to meet the challenge of modern courses.

•Also being demonstrated for the first time will be the Brouwer Hitch-Hiker, a truck-mounted forklift, providing an easy and efficient unloading service. It is rugged and highly-manoeuvrable and its dual, rear-drive steering provides excellent traction, empty or loaded, in either wet or sandy conditions and although lightweight it is able to lift and carry over $l\frac{1}{2}$ tons. It can also be fitted with an optional pallet retriever.

•The new Brouwer 1400 Turf Harvester will also be put through its paces. This is a lower-priced Harvester that still retains all the Brouwer features and quality. The Harvester will be fitted with many cost-effective extras, all of which go towards improving harvesting. •Visitors will see the latest models in the well-established range of Brouwer gang mowers – the 3, 5 and 7 gang units with hydraulic or standard lifts; super 3s – either PTO or engine driven; mini turf cutters – with stripper blade for easy turf replacement – and turf rollers.

• A feature will be the Brouwer 1500 Turf Harvester equipped with automatic steering.

•To facilitate the new and increasing range of Brouwer products, Turfland has expanded its service to include extra sales staff, a nationwide 24-hour spares service, new workshops and a mobile repair van.

The field day will include a buffet lunch and refreshments, a free draw and many other attractions! Representing Brouwer Turf Equipment, Canada will be company president Gerry Brouwer and service engineer Frank Horlings.

On the following two days, November 14-15, Turfland will hold the annual Brouwer service schools at The Cresta Court Hotel, Church Street, Altrincham.

For full details of both events, including travel arrangements, contact Denise Cowell at the Warrington address or ring her on 09286 261.

New Name, Same Place

The IOG is to change the name of its Windsor exhibition to the IOG Sports and Leisure World Trade Exhibition from next year.

IOG exhibition committee chairman Gerald Snook said it was essential that the IOG exhibition continued to mirror the changes taking place in the industry, for it already embraces most aspects of the sports and leisure industries and this move would underline its total involvement in them.

Mr Snook also announced that, next year, the institute will be mounting its first national spring exhibition, at Victoria Park on May 13 and 14.

The third major IOG exhibition in 1986 will be the annual Scotsturf event, which will again take place in November at Ingliston.

Further information from the exhibition organiser, IOG, 19-23 Church Street, The Agora, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire MK12 5LG. Tel: 0908 311856.

A Name To Watch

Eurotec Precision claims to be the fastest growing name in turf maintenance equipment, offering 'a complete system for one-man operation – from the tractor seat!'

All Eurotec products are the result of intensive research aimed at increasing performance while reducing labour and operating costs. There is a full range of models to suit tractors of 16 to 70hp with category 1 or 2 three point hydraulic linkage.

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The company's Deep Fine Turf Slitter is designed for wellcultured, fine turf areas. It will slit consistently to a depth of 7in with minimal surface disturbance.

The Eurotec Fine Turf Slitter is used to prevent surface sealing in summer and aids superficial watering and the entry of fertiliser. The machine is provided with a pressure roller to assist penetration up to a 4in depth. Working widths are 4ft and 6ft and there is minimal surface disturbance on the finest of turfs.

Eurotec's range is completed by the Eurobrush, a Turf Scarifier, Twin Turf Drainer, Turf Core Extractor, Ballast Rollers and a Tractor Barrow.

Full details from Eurotec Precision, Llay Industrial Estate, Llay, Wrexham, Clwyd. Tel: 0978 833773.

Get Ready For Winter

Nuway Longlife mats measure 40in by 50in and are manufactured from solid fibred rubber strips, separated by PVC spacers, woven on to stainless steel wire – a method of construction that gives a firm, anti-slip surface. Close-set spacing at either end of the mat provides numerous positions for tee pegs.

Nuway Longlife mats are guaranteed for ten years and a colour leaflet is available from Nuway Manufacturing, Coalport, Telford, Shropshire TF8 7HX. Tel: 0952 581800. People, Places, Products

More than 60 Scottish companies have booked stand space at the fifth annual Scotsturf exhibition, which takes place at Ingliston, Edinburgh on Wednesday November 6.

The organisers – the Scottish zone of the IOG – are anticipating that over 4,000 will attend. Admission is free. In addition, over 200 delegates have registered for the *Cost Effectiveness* seminar, run in conjunction with the exhibition and which will be addressed by five of the industry's leading authorities. A charge of £10, to include lunch and refreshments, is being made for the seminar.

Further information from the IOG, 19-23 Church Street, The Agora, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire MK12 5LG.

SISIS has appointed Rodney Harrison, who lives at Romiley, Cheshire (tel: 061-494 8361), rep for Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Staffordshire. Rodney, who was formerly with Cheshire Light Tractors, has spent over 14 years on the machinery side of turf management in the north west. He takes over from Ken Heath, who retired after 34 years with SISIS, to emigrate to Australia.



Rodney Harrison.

Country Club Hotels, which owns St Pierre, Tewkesbury Park and Meon Valley, has appointed Derek Keen as the course manager at its new hotel, golf and country club being built at Bearsted, near Maidstone, Kent. Derek was, until recently, course manager at the Telford Hotel, Golf and Country Club, where he had been since it was built in 1974.

Donald Steel is the architect of the new course and the construction work is being undertaken by Brian D. Pierson (Contractors) of Wimborne, Dorset. It is hoped that all the construction work will be completed in time for autumn seeding.

Laughlan (Jock) Millar, the course manager at St Pierre, has decided to return to his home county of Somerset to work at Burnham and Berrow GC. A replacement for Jock in this prestigious post is being sought and an advert appears on page 30.

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Richard, who joined Toro at its Ringwood, Hampshire offices in 1977, will provide a specialist ad-

Richard Parsons.

visory service to consultants, landscape architects, civil and mechanical engineers responsible for the development of landscaping and the environment.

Roffey Bros of Bournemouth has added Robert Parsons to its sales team, covering golf courses in the south. Robert has worked for the company for 19 years and has gained a wide experience in golf course construction and maintenance.

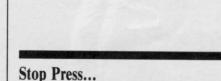
A new company, Inturf, is headed by Derek Edwards, exdirector of Rolawn Turf Growers. Inturf is based at Pocklington, near York, with a regional office in Cardiff.

Inturf has three divisions handling cultivated turf production; supplies of specialist turf and associated products and a comprehensive consultancy service.

Until its own cultivated turf, Supersward, is mature and

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For more information, contact Derek Edwards, Inturf, 75 Market Street, Pocklington, York. Tel: 07592 2813.



At the time of this issue going to the printers, the news was released that Nickerson Turfmaster of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire had ceased trading.

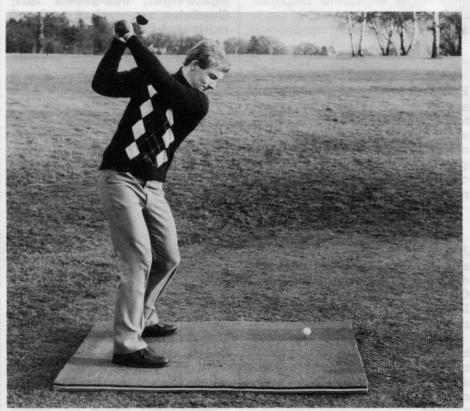
A sad end to a particularly traumatic year for the company and Graham Templeton, *Greenkeeper* hopes for better news of 'Nickersons' in the near future.

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Tournament Blessing For ICI

ICI Professional Products has obtained the PGA European Tour's approval for its fine turf fertilisers and turf care chemicals. The link has been formed to complement the launch of a superior range of fine turf fertilisers from ICI Professional Products, with particular relevance to the care and maintenance of golf courses throughout the year.

George O'Grady, managing director of PGA European Tour Enterprises, said: "We are delighted ICI Professional Products is using the tour to achieve greater visibility in the marketplace. The care and maintenance of all courses in the country, and particularly those that are used for tour events, has always been one of our prime



George O'Grady.

concerns. In the past, the tour has held seminars for greenkeepers and club green chairmen and this new association with ICI will enable the PGA European Tour to expand that facility and provide us with the resources to help greenkeeper training and course preparation research."

Keith Cleverly, manager of ICI Professional Products, said: "We aim to bring to courses throughout the country the same standards of fertilising maintenance that are expected, and achieved, at all major tournaments."

Directory Of Amenity Chemicals Revised And Updated

Greenkeepers are regularly faced with the problems of deciding which chemical is appropriate to deal with a wide range of pests, diseases and weeds. An all important step in the preparation of an efficient maintenance schedule, this decision is often based on cost, but effectiveness and safety are vital factors in the choice of chemicals, says the British Agrochemicals Association.

Now the BAA has revised and reprinted its comprehensive *Directory Of Amenity Chemicals*, introduced for the professional user in 1983, to include details of the latest products together with a new chapter on CDA Spraying.

Produced in conjunction with the Sports Turf Research Institute, the directory provides complete details of insecticides, fungicides and herbicides, all of which have been cleared by the government's pesticides safety precautions scheme.

Separate chapters cover the registration of pesticides, their handling and storage, application equipment and techniques for using liquids and solids, calibration and the use of equipment. The second section of the booklet lists chemicals by brand name and active ingredient, grouped in categories of usage.

The Directory Of Amenity Chemicals is obtainable direct from the British Agrochemicals Association, Alembic House, 93 Albert Embankment, London SE1 TTU or the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, West Yorkshire BD16 1AU, priced £1.50 (including postage and packing).

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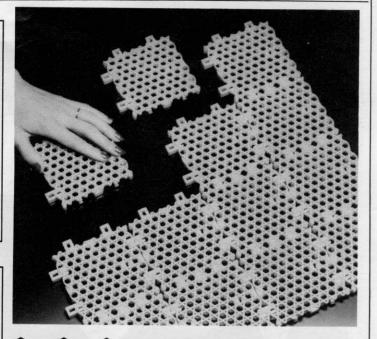


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sometimes because the cause of the problem lies outside the control of those dealing with the erosion and sometimes because the scale of the work is too huge and too expensive.

Coastal protection in isolation is doomed to failure. Sometimes the problem starts many, many miles away, with new coastal works, jetties, or deeper-dredged channels altering the set of the tides and inexorably sweeping away sand built up over centuries.

However, as with all living ecologies, ebbs and flows have to be accepted. A dune structure is a mobile one, eroding and building up constantly. The sea takes, under equinoctial gales, but the wind gives, provided the blown sand can be trapped by dune grasses, which survive only if they are constantly growing upwards through a blown sand.

Incidentally, it is useless to try and erect impermeable barriers to tidal erosion – they merely seem to act as a challenge and the sea gets behind them – whereas permeable barriers, gabions filled with stone, not only reduce the full strength of the tide, but permit dune grasses to further stabilise the base of the dune.

Such man-induced wind erosion not only threatens golf courses, but the whole of our coastal structure and, with it, many rare maritime plants.

Another aspect of conservation and greenkeeping working hand-

in-hand is in the management of heather rough. Left to its own devices, with or without invasion by birch and pine, heather becomes long and woody and eventually dies. Burning on a cyclic pattern or spraying with grasskiller, Dalapon, in late winter, ensures both young growth and bare ground into which heather seeds can fall and germinate. Invasion of grass is fatal to such recolonisation. Seedling trees, birch and pine, start to establish in alarming numbers.

If we are to conserve heather, we must pull out rather than cut off seedling trees, since they are much harder to control when they have bushed out from cut stumps, kill off grass and top the heather, since burning is hardly feasible on a golf course!

Avoid

Needless to say, we must avoid all alkaline materials, not only obvious ones, such as lime and basic slag (used on so many courses in the past), but alkaline materials such as fenpeat. While the worst abuses now seem to be a thing of the past, I still hear of proposals to lime heather courses on the basis of soil analyses. Of course, the soil is acid on a heather course, but it will still grow grass and heather if not limed.

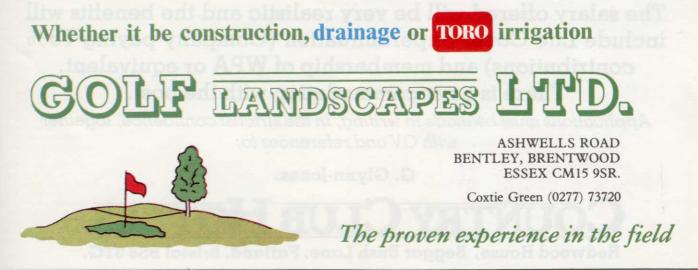
The message, therefore, is to make friends with your conservation officer, who will generally be on your side in positive management as against *laissez-faire*. Some little-used parts of the course could be made into managed nature reserves with the help of county naturalist trusts - their chief value being the elimination from within its boundaries of the world's most dangerous predator, man!

At the same time, enlist his support to try to explain to excited members the difference between conservation and preservation – one requires the positive management of a constantly changing environment, while the other is doomed to failure before it starts, since you cannot stop the world and get off.

Provided golf courses are managed on a natural basis, and the soil and, so, the vegetation is not artificially altered, every part of the course will contribute to conservation, providing areas are generally undisturbed by man and there are no serious changes to the environment.

I have seen well over 120 of the approximate 199 species and subspecies of grass growing on or around (tidal marshes and dunes), golf courses as well as many rare plants. It is surprising how many birds - often rare, always interesting - you see on an advisory visit, ranging from harriers, shorteared owls, peregrines and merlins on coastal courses to hoopoes, orioles, rare warblers, blue-throats and similar rare migrants, while there is no better place to watch brent geese and other wild fowl and waders than our coastal links.

In many cases, a course will always be associated, in my mind, with some bird, animal or rare flower. It would be invidious to single them out, but I often think a life-long interest in our native fauna and flora makes me a shade less intolerant of some of the more aberrant and aggressive forms of Homo sapiens!



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