It outgrew three sites before being established at the East of England Showground: now the IOG’s 45th Sports and Leisure World Trade Exhibition, on September 3rd, 4th, 5th, promises the lot.

by BILL MILLS and DAVID WHITE

There are still a few ill-informed people who believe that the game of golf originated in the Netherlands, from whence it was exported to Scotland. A likely story!

Certainly, the game was sufficiently well established in Scotland in the 15th century to be prohibited by the authorities, on the grounds that it interfered with the practice of archery. The ban, however, was not universal because it is recorded that James IV of Scotland was at this time having his golf clubs made by a bow-maker from Perth. Perhaps he sailed across to Holland for his round?

Whatever the origins, there is no doubt that the Scots - pushing out the frontiers of civilisation - took the game with them, which is why golf is now the most widely-played game in the world. However, in the rest of the UK, golf was mostly the preserve of the rich and leisured, remaining such until the great social changes which followed World War II opened the game to a much wider and enthusiastic sector of the public.

It is ironic that golf was prohibited in Scotland during the 15th century because it clashed with archery practice and the defence of the realm, for some 500 years on the 22
Two-hectare demonstration site will feature the latest in turf technology

In the field of early Dutch golf, and that means early golf no matter how nationalistic Scots may jibe, the ultimate authority was the noted Dutch historian Steven van Henegel. Like a good detective he proved conclusively - dismissing folklore and hearsay - that golf was first played in Holland as early as 1297. The old saw about Scottish shepherds shooting pebbles into rabbit scrapes is romantic but is dismissed, again with evidence, by proving that this custom began in Western Germany in 1338. Well into the 17th century there was a massive export of balls from Holland to Scotland. On behalf of golf historians everywhere, your editor rests his case.

21 now is of converting parts of some surplus Ministry of Defence training grounds into golf courses! The Institute of Groundsmanship, or the National Association as it was then, held its first exhibition of sportsground machinery and materials in 1938. This was so successful that a second and bigger exhibition was planned for September 1939. In the event, the little fracas started by Adolph Hitler in September of that year meant that exhibition number two was not held until 1947. By then many greenkeepers and groundsmen had laid down their arms and picked up the tools of their trade once more, but it was a changed world for them as well.

Wartime research and development had produced engines, both petrol and diesel, which were more efficient and which had an improved power: size ratio. Research by ICI into increased agricultural crop yields had a spin-off in the discovery of weed-killers which were selective on either monocots or dicots. The story of DDT and the chlorinated hydrocarbons was another that emerged but has been told so often that it does not require further airing here. Suffice to say that they were efficient products of their time and it was to be many years before the potential dangers in their use were recognised.

The study of land drainage was becoming more of a science than an art, although there was and still is - the touch of the artist in a well-laid system. The importance of correct sands in the construction and maintenance of greens, tees and bunkers was receiving critical attention and, all in all, a whole new world of technology was opening up.

As more new and proven products became available so did the IOG exhibitions expand to accommodate them. This is the reason the show has outgrown three sites and is now established at the East of England Showground, Peterborough, where there is room for expansion well into the 21st Century. The 45th Sports and Leisure World Trade Exhibition, held on September 3rd, 4th and 5th, will be a comprehensive selection of the best (and safest) machinery, fertilisers, herbicides, pesticides, soils, sands and seeds for construction and maintenance, used by professionals.

On the two-hectare demonstration site, laser-controlled trenchers and graders, a variety of earth-moving, cultivating and turf conditioning machinery, plus the latest in spraying and irrigation equipment, will be seen in continuous operation under practical working conditions.

Assembled in one area are the cream of the horticultural colleges and advisory services, where information regarding training courses and advice on turf-related problems will be readily available.

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The author, Bill Mills, is a life member of the Institute of Groundsmanship and a past editor of 'The Groundsman'.

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This will be alongside their other new additions, including the electric pump unit which can be fitted to an existing standard Top Line machine to automatically compress the air in the tank to the correct level. As more wetting agents come onto the market, Supaturf will again be challenging their effectiveness against their own Aqua-Gro.

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Grinding without a strip-down

ATTERTON AND ELLIS will hone in on your attention whilst demonstrating the sharpening characteristics of their machines, capable of handling all sizes of cylinders and bottom blades. The company’s Express Dual cylinder grinding machine (pictured) is capable of both in-situ or plain cylinder grinding on a wide range of lawnmowers. When in-situ, the grinding cycle takes place without the usual strip-down, as the complete mower is located centrally on the grinder and locked into place. Separate cylinder grinding may also be undertaken when busy periods are over and the mower requires a full service. Their full range will be on working display, so sharpen up and make a visit!

Cost-effective tree moving

RUSKINS, specialists in tree moving, will display two new machines; the first being ‘Eager Beaver’, a versatile machine that combines the function of a tree spade, forklift and crane to provide a quick, efficient service to golf courses where large areas have to be covered and access is often difficult. Second is a combination of truck, tree mover and lorry loader. Trees can be lifted, rootballed, loaded and transported by a single operator. With these new machines Ruskins aim to offer a tree moving service that will be more efficient, practical and cost-effective than anything available hitherto.

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Kubota to reveal new model

The wraps come off a brand new tractor by KUBOTA for the first time at IOG, with curiosity eating at the soul of journalists denied a sneak preview. With secrecy the Kubota watchword, one can expect the new model to be something quite exceptional and our curiosity knows no bounds. Also new will be a range of mowers and grass collectors which have been developed to meet the needs of the professional greenkeeper as well as local authority markets and the landscaping industry. The existing fleet of ride-on mowers, compact tractors, generators, tillers, brushcutters and hedge trimmers will also feature, the whole promising to be a veritable Kubota jamboree.

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Additions to Hayter Beaver range

HAYTER BEAVER will be occupying one of the largest stands, where visitors will see a number of exciting new additions in the Hayter Beaver Livery. Secrecy is the watchword at IOG this year and the company’s most impressive developments are still closely guarded and will not be unveiled before the show. Following the outstanding success of the Hayter Murray 10/30 garden tractor, the 18/46 will be seen for the first time in the UK. This up-market machine is fitted with a Briggs and Stratton twin cylinder I/C engine.

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Grinding effectiveness on show

There will be no grinding to a halt if ERIC HUNTER GRINDERS have their way, for as established manufacturers of quality mower grinding machines, they will be demonstrating the effectiveness of their special methods of grinding reels and bed-knives. Their 36" capacity Juno machine, pictured, already installed in a number of workshops, grinds ‘relief’ angles on each blade, thereby cutting down ‘drag’ with the bedknife. Advantages include longer bedknife life, lower fuels costs, increased cutting efficiency and longer intervals between overhauls. Eric Hunter will gladly demonstrate the effectiveness of this fine machine, priced at under £4,000 for the base model.

A cure for litter, leaves and debris

TURFMECH will be exhibiting the range of heavy duty Tuff-Vac trailer vacuum machinery and high capacity tractor mounted blowers. The Tuff-Vac vacuums are the most cost-effective way of clearing large area sites of debris, swallowing litter, leaves, grass clippings, cans etc, in 5 or 8 feet suction widths and containing them in huge capacity hoppers until ready for unloading via a chain and slat floor. Also on display for the first time in the UK will be a Turfmech range of innovative modification units for Turf harvesting equipment.

End in sight for smelly ponds

Worth a special visit, especially with the interest shown in winter water storage on golf courses (see July issue), LAKE AID SYSTEMS (EUROPE) LTD will be showing a range of energy efficient aerator/mixers - either wind powered, electric or computer controlled combinations - which are being used with increased regularity to improve water quality in reservoirs and irrigation ponds. The day of the smelly pond is a thing of the past with the use of the unique Lake Aid Systems deep/mix capability.

Rigby Taylor’s ‘invaluable’ new product

Never outdone, our old friends RIGBY TAYLOR also introduce a brand new product - IOG seems famous as a launching pad – which they claim will prove invaluable in our industry. Mascot Absorb 500, a flowable charcoal de-activator can be used on hydraulic fluid, petroleum and pesticide spills. Available in 10 litre containers, it is an assurance against spills and over-application of pesticides. Mascot Absorb 500 can be applied to turf areas that have been herbicide treated, whenever re-seeding is needed earlier than planned, and when early germination is needed Absorb 500 enhances that germination. It is also suitable for sprayer cleaning and aerates and corrects sour soil conditions. Its unique liquid formulation allows easier handling and application.

A Walkover for Allen Power Equipment

Alongside their recently acquired range of Walkover Sprayers, ALLEN POWER EQUIPMENT will show the complete Walkover range, together with the recently introduced 18” 218Si hover mower, powered by a 120cc Suzuki engine. These, together with Komatsu hedge and brushcutters, Allen Goblin shredders and the ever popular National range of triples, including the 60” Turf Trooper, form the mainstay. But along with the established comes yet another new item, pride of place being...
resized for the Mustang ATM All Terrain Mower. Redesigned from the Tracer ride-on, the Mustang is a 42" ride-on, go-anywhere, machine powered by a Briggs and Stratton 16 hp Vanguard engine. Featuring ATV tyres and hydrostatic transmission, it will be right at home on slopes and softer ground.

**Famous names' complete range**

Two famous names, RANSOMES and CUSHMAN, will feature prominently on Ransomes stand, for Ransomes acquisition of the Cushman Ryan group has further transformed the company from a grass cutting machinery specialist into the world's leading manufacturer of equipment for all aspects of turf care. Ransomes now offer a complete range, from pedestrian and ride-on mowers to the Cushman multi-purpose Turf Truckster and Ryan aerators, power rakes and overseeders. Also shown will be equipment from Ransomes recently acquired company, Morel, which produces a range of leaf and refuse sweepers. As is always the case, Ransomes will also take the opportunity to launch new products at this year's IOG.

**Advances in turf preparation**

Pre-turfing preparation times are being slashed with the introduction of the new service by LAWN TECH that will take advantage of a major advance in such preparation. The specialist operation is being established to support the company's installation teams, where contractors and others are looking for speed with significant cost benefits. The service is being launched at IOG when the wraps come off a new machine, joining a family of Lawn Tech equipment that is helping them change the nature of the industry - as well as the landscape. Earlier innovations include the TIM750 machine - the first of its kind - able to lay continuous lengths of turf up to 30m long from an automated spool.

**American import a 'great success'**

CDC GROUP have now completed one year importing Lesco from the USA. The 300 Greensmower has been a great success, with quality of cut combined with simplicity impressing on demonstrations. Greenskeepers have complimented on the ease of maintenance and the common sense of its design. CDC have proved that these machines can be competitively priced, the 300 coming in diesel or petrol or, as in deliveries to Ireland, even converted to LPG. The 500 is a lightweight fairway mower and is a realistic alternative to similar higher-priced equipment. It is based on the ©35

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Workbenches good news for backs

With impending EEC Health and Safety Directives on lifting in mind, R+R (UK) LTD will be showing their range of Groundsman hydraulic workbenches. Designed to improve efficiency whilst reducing the risk of back injury, these have proved popular with anyone involved in the maintenance of heavy equipment. The 1m wide x 2.2m long Groundsman (pictured) will easily lift ride-ons, ATVs etc. with a payload of 400 kg and is available with smooth or anti-slip checker surfaces. Its smaller stablemate, the Junior Groundsman, is ideal for mobile operations or workshops with limited space.

Keep taking the green granules

SIERRA UK LTD will reveal details of their new golf greens fertiliser – Sierrablen Mini – the only controlled release nutrition for fine greens turf. Available this autumn, Sierrablen Mini (26:4:5 +2Fe) combines tiny ‘green size’ granules with the unique nutritional benefits that Sierrablen Turfmix already brings to many fairways. Sierrablen Mini granules are small enough to remain in the sward all season without being dislodged by close mowing and without disrupting play of the greens. Also on show will be Sierra’s full range of specialist turf fertilisers including the recently launched Agroblen tablets – the latest in controlled-release long term feeds for soil grown trees and shrubs.

Computer programme for pesticides

RHONE-POULENC Environmental Products are pleased to be launching several new products at IOG. Datachem, ‘the expert in your office’, is the ultimate computer programme for anyone involved in the application of amenity pesticides. Datachem is packed with a range of features ensuring accuracy, efficiency and safety for the spray operator. They invite you to visit the Rhone-Poulenc stand to see them for yourself. The broadest range of CDA products available has yet another addition with CDA Castaway Plus and with → 37
the development of the Rhone-Poulenc closed system, the entire CDA range can now be used with minimal handling.

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Screener/shredder for golf courses

GRADEALL INTERNATIONAL LTD manufacture loose material handling systems and a range of static waste compactors. At the IOG Show they will be exhibiting the Gradeall SS100 Screener/Shredder, a machine designed specifically with golf courses in mind. Because of the size of the unit, it can be easily transported around the course. Features of the SS100 are: Fully Portable; Diesel Hydraulic; Two deck adjustable screen unit; Fines chute and Kubota engine. A compact machine with a three in one performance – it blends, shreds and grades.

Vacuum for litter and thatch

The Promark Turf and Litter Vacuum 1050 model is so new to Britain that the paint is barely dry! Distributed by LANDTEC INDUSTRIES, it will see the first light of day at IOG. Powered by a Kohler 18hp engine, the Promark 1050 can be towed behind a mini-tractor or ride-on mower, where its powerful vacuum efficiently removes thatch from fairways and greens – as well as leaves and pine cones – through a 1.5m wide intake scoop and 3m wandering hose. Vacuumed matter passes through an impeller housing, is mulched and then deposited in a 5sq.metre capacity hopper. Landtec will also demonstrate their Dosko Stump Grinders and Root Cutters and their range of geotextile fabrics and impermeable liners.

New range of soil-based products

FAIRFIELD TURF have a new range of soil based products on display, including an all new 'Soil Selector' detailing these products and prices: Rootzone Mix, Planting Mix, Emcaceous Mix and Rockery Mix, the former specifically designed for the golf course construction industry. Existing and improved products include Fine Turf topdressing.

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37 and bunker sand, whilst good weather during spring has ensured excellent growth of their 'Super Range' of cultivated turves and ample aereages being available for the autumn. Noted for superb service, most Fairfield products are offered for delivery within 24 hours.

A first for John Deere

JOHN DEERE LTD, who entered the lawn and grounds care market five years ago, and who celebrate their Silver Jubilee this year, introduce no less than five new product ranges at IOG, the new additions being: four new LX Series lawn tractors, featuring an exclusive clutchless two-pedal speed and direction control; four new riding mowers, the SRX and GX models, with another industry exclusive in the foot-controlled variable speed drive system; two new 21" pedestrian lawn-mowers with John Deere engines and 'zone start' cut-out system and five new petrol engined trimmers/brushcutters – a first for John Deere in the UK.

Dig these tree spades

VERMEER EQUIPMENT (UK) LTD will be exhibiting Tree Spades; Wood Chippers; Stump Cutters; Trenchers and Trench Compactors at IOG, with the remarkable disclosure that more Vermeer Stump Cutters are sold throughout the world than all other makes combined! Their new, patented PRO series teeth for the 665B will be of particular interest. Vermeer Brushwood Chippers include self-powered and PTO units which feature hydraulic feed for safety and chip size control. There are eight models available and the 620I is proving to be a reliable and well priced mobile unit that takes material up to 6" in diameter. The Vermeer TS 40 Tree Spade, mounted on a Unimog, will also be on display.

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'Number one planting media'

BENTLEY'S will be showing products to meet all the greenkeepers requirements for turf including fertilisers, composts, turf dressings, pesticides, herbicides and fungicides. Also featured is Bentley's 'Greentree' tree planting and mulching compost... the number one planting media used on many prestigious projects and made to their exclusive formula. This has a high fibre and high organic content made from re-cycled materials from renewable sources and offers a unique formulation which gives trees fast and initial growth whilst ensuring extended nutritional availability for 18-24 months.

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C&P SOILCARE LTD, incorporating Colin Pryce Terralift, is able to offer a complete specialist soil care service. After a site visit and soil sample analysis, recommendations for treatment can be made. Soil conditioners can be specially mixed by C&P and incorporated by Terralift or conventional means. A Terralift compressed air soil injection machine will be demonstrating its ability to inject products 90cms into the soil. It will also be seen root-feeding trees. A twin probe Terralift mounted on a compact tractor will also be on display. Greenkeepers are invited to discuss their particular soil problems with Colin Pryce.

Plants and unusual trees

BLAKEDOWN NURSERIES LTD provide a comprehensive range of stock from herbaceous plants to semi-mature trees. Besides Blakedown's main container shrub nursery near Kidderminster, they have a separate heather and alpine nursery, herbaceous nursery; and heavy standard tree nursery where top quality trees are grown from 12cm up to 30cm in girth. At their Knightwick Tree Nursery they have recently planted an arboretum featuring new, unusual and rarely used trees such as Acer platanoides 'Deborah', Malus baccata 'Street Parade' and Fraxinus excelsior 'Atlas'.

Get a taste for Rufford's...

RUFFORD TOP DRESS SUPPLIES LTD will be exhibiting at the IOG Show in Peterborough for the first time. Rufford welcome existing and new customers to their stand, who will be made more than welcome to taste the culinary delights of Margaret Jofford's cuisine which, reckons Peter Jofford, 'many customers will remember from years gone by.'

Peter, Rufford's MD and Chairman Frank Garvey, will be on hand to go through the expanding range of Rufford's quality top dressings, rootzones, sands and soil. Due to the 'rocketing success' of Ruffords they will all be there to show their appreciation to all their customers.

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