A sharp solution from Multi-Core

Twos new super-thin needle tines have been added to the range suitable for use with Multi-Core's MC 10 and MC 15 tractor-mounted turf aerators.

Developed in conjunction with John Coleman, Course Manager at Abbeydale GC, in Sheffield, the specialist solid tines are designed for use on fine turf areas which reduce regular aeration without interrupting normal sports or leisure activities.

Measuring 3mm and 8mm in diameter, the two new tines are capable of aerating at depths of up to 125mm (5in) with virtually no surface marking. This has been achieved through a combination of the thin tine design and the working action of the Multi-core aerator which keeps the tines vertical as they enter and leave the ground, irrespective of the tractor's forward movement.

"The new tines will appeal to Course Managers, Greenkeepers and Groundsmen who wish to aerate regularly during the growing season without causing any disruption," says Multi-Core's Ian Waddington.

"In receptive ground, it should be possible to go straight in with the 3mm needle tines. Tougher conditions may require initial treatment with the 8mm version."

Mounted in special holders, the tines come in sets of six which are spaced 40mm apart across the width of the machine. There are 24 tines on the Multi-Core MC 10 aerator and 36 tines on the MC 20 aerator, which have maximum workrates of 4,050 sq m (1 acre) per hour and 6,075 sq m (1.5 acres) per hour respectively. If the tractor is driven at a suitable forward speed to produce a square tine pattern (40mm x 40mm), the aerator will create 625 holes per sq metre.

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Grass at risk from high temperatures

With temperatures in mid-February 10° above the average for the time of year combining with an unseasonably warm January and early February, growers are being warned to monitor their grassland whose work often goes unheralded to star.

Name: Spencer Haines
Club: Wokefield Park GC, Near Reading
Position: Deputy Head/First Assistant
Age: 26

1. How long have you been a greenkeeper?
Nine years.

2. What education are you currently undertaking?
Bringing into play a new golf course (An education in itself)

3. Which one task do you most dislike doing?
Cutting aprons

4. Which one task do you most enjoy doing?
Picking stones from bunkers

5. What job other than greenkeeping might you have ended up doing?
Bricklayer

6. Who has been the biggest influence on your career?
Lindsay Anderson, Course Manager, Bridgemoor Park GC, for his constant encouragement.

7. What would you do to improve the life of a greenkeeper?
Improvements to Greenkeepers' facilities and storage areas.

8. What are your hobbies?
Cricket, golf and fishing.

9. What do you get out of BIGGA?
Up to date information and good reading.

10. What do you hope to be doing in 10 years time?
Hopefully retired and living off my lottery winnings!
Profile

Usually the spotlight falls on the Course Manager or Head Greenkeeper at a Club. Now it is the turn of those whose work often goes unheralded to star.

Name: Paul Davies
Club: Tiara Rado, Colorado, USA
Position: Assistant
Age: 40

1. How long have you been a greenkeeper?
Eight years.

2. What education are you currently undertaking?
HNC Golf Course Management, Distance learning through Elmwood College in Cupar, Scotland

3. Which one task do you most enjoy doing?
Walk mowing at sunrise and improvement projects.

4. Which one task do you most dislike doing?
Cleaning ditches - we have miles of them!

5. What job other than greenkeeping might you have ended up doing?
Logistics - materials and financial resourcing.

6. Who has been the biggest influence on your career?
Geoff Porter, former Head Greenkeeper of Golf Club Issum, Germany, now in India.

7. What would you do to improve the life of a greenkeeper?
Give golfers a handout detailing what greenkeeping involves.

8. What are your hobbies?
Golf, cross country skiing, white water rafting, travel photography, cooking and music.

9. What do you hope to be doing in 10 years time?
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Letter from America

The reason I write is that I saw the announcement in the February issue of the current location of Geoff Porter and his e-mail address, which was great as I'd lost contact with him. Geoff is responsible for introducing me into the profession over in Germany. His great enthusiasm and knowledge got me hooked and resulted in me running my own course and progressing to owning my own greenkeeping business in the UK.

I have recently moved to Colorado to settle down into "married life" and have been fortunate to secure a job here, albeit at assistant level. I think this could be a good way of telling all of the greenkeepers and other wonderful people I have met over the years know of my whereabouts and extend an open invitation to contact me (or drop in!) and hear 'how it's done' here in the desert. Also, at some later date, I would like to attempt to write a short article about greenkeeping Colorado style and illustrate some of the vast differences due to our extremes of climatic conditions.

Paul Davies
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