When the going gets tough then the South West and South Wales region get going! Paul Jenkins, Course Manager at Lilley Brook Golf Club, looks back at the origins of Westurf, and forward at the second visit to Westpoint.

Welcome to Westurf.

Question: What has been known to be baking hot, freezing cold, soaking wet, windy, dry, outside and now inside?

Clue: It is always efficacious, enjoyable, educational, easy to get to, excellent, encourageable, enlightening and entertaining.

Answer: WESTURF!

I know, it’s not the hardest question to ever grace these pages, but, could it be that some people struggled with the answer? Could it be that some of us greenkeepers, with our busy schedules have forgotten that when we attend Westurf, we do experience all of the above positive points. Greenkeepers from other Regions will have got the answer straight away as the little green eyed monster on their shoulders will be whispering “That’s the great event put on by the South West and South Wales Region. What a jewel in their crown.” So it is! We should all be proud of its continued success.

This year, as with last, Westurf will be held at Westpoint, Exeter on April 12. Westpoint is a purpose built, indoor exhibition centre, equipped with lighting, heating, bar, restaurant and toilets, together with an outdoor demonstration area. A very different vision used to greet us all as we pulled up and parked on Ivor’s practice area at Long Ashton Golf Club, Bristol. Not knowing whether one would need sun tan lotion or eight layers of Gortex, was all part of the charisma that helped form the character of the show.

The first Westurf show was held in 1989. The success of the show that first year was very important as each Region had been given the remit of becoming self-sufficient. The catalyst for an event was there, the desire to bring the trade closer to the greenkeeper at Regional level was there, but where, when and who?

*Enter stage left: Ivor Scoones and Long Ashton Golf Club. The practice ground at Long Ashton was offered as the venue by Ivor and the Club Committee. At that time the idea of a further nine successful visits to Ivor’s practice ground was just a future dream.

*Enter stage right: Gordon and Marion Child. An event such as Westurf does not just happen. It needs careful planning, organisation and one or two sleepless nights. Gordon, then the Regional Administrator and his stalwart wife, Marion, took the challenge by the...
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Westurf 2000 Exhibitor information

Amazone Groundcare
Amazone Groundcare extends a welcome to all visitors to view their complete range of Groundcare and Amenity Management Machinery on their stand 8. Visitors will also be able to see a number of machines working in the Demonstration Area - the Groundkeeper and Profi Hopper mower collectors being only two of the line. Also come and hear about the exciting new "WEST COUNTRY DEVELOPMENTS" - SEE YOU THERE!

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Golf Car UK shows wider club car utility range at Westurf.

At Westurf 2000, Abingdon-based Golf Car UK will be showing an expanded range of CARRYALL vehicles from Club Car for construction, greenkeeping and general turf and maintenance applications on golf courses, parks and sports grounds. In conjunction with Fleet (Line. Markers) Ltd, the stand will be displaying the Turf II XRT.

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New for 2000
Why not make an evening of it? A night's entertainment has been organised for the evening prior to the show. This is to be held at a hotel near by and will include overnight accommodation. The package will consist of dinner, dance, band, over-night, taxi, breakfast, with a £50 per person. The idea, for all you greenkeepers and members of the trade, is to bring your partners, treat them to what will be a great night's entertainment.

The following day, the day of the exhibition, you can lend your partner your credit card as shopping and sightseeing in Exeter is the order of the day.

Numbers are limited, so ring Paula Humphries today on 01288 352194. I hope you can all make time to visit Westurf 2000. We have a region to be proud of with Paula at the helm and Robin Greaves, our new Regional Chairman, taking us into the new Millennium. Your support is always welcomed.

Paul Jenkins

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