I am writing in reference to the August edition letter titled "Wellingborough rash problem" where Roy Tolman wrote about the club applying the fungicide Amistar on their golf greens.

The bare facts are that Amistar is not approved for use on Amenity Turf. It is only approved for usage of Agricultural pesticides to on their golf greens. Amistar: Guidelines clearly defined

There are various acts of Parliament approved products can be summarised as follows:

1. Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
   Obliges the employer to provide training, safe equipment and safe working environment for the use of approved products and practices.

2. Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH).
   Regulations to control the risks in the workplace, arising from substances hazardous to health eg pesticides.

3. Food and Environmental Protection Act 1995 (FEPAA).
   To protect the health of humans, animals and plants, to safeguard the environment and ensure safe methods of controlling insects, weeds and diseases.

4. Control of Pesticide Regulations 1986 (COPR). Defines the conditions on those that advertise, advise, sell, supply store or use pesticides. No product may be used unless it has Government approval on the grounds of safety and efficacy.

The bare facts are that Amistar is illegal - Pesticide manufacture, supply, sale, storage, and use is heavily regulated. Prosecution may result in a fine, imprisonment or both. There are various acts of Parliament that cover pesticides. These are:

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Everyone must comply with the conditions of approval. The conditions of approval, including recommendations for use, are given on the Product label attached to every product pack.

only pesticides with a recommendation on the label for use on amenity sportsturf can legally be supplied, stored and applied.

Without this label recommendation the product has not been tested on sportsturf - it will leave you open to prosecution and insurance cover will be void.

Greenkeepers who use products on sportsturf with no label recommendation for that use are fully responsible and liable for any damage caused to property, persons and animals.

Be within the law, particularly now that the Government has decided to allow the industry to regulate the use of pesticides and not to bring in a pesticide tax. This change could with irresponsible usage.

John Hall, European Sportsturf Market Development Manager, Aventis Environmental Science

Guy Munday thanks
I would like to thank Guy Munday of Rolawn (see "Wellingborough rash problem") who contacted me directly to discuss the whole issue.

Welford problem
I am writing in reference to the August letter titled "Wellingborough rash problem" and also to some of the responses and comments.

There is no evidence that the product Amistar is associated with any rash problem. The rash problem is a known side-effect of the product, as is the excellent performance of the product on the grass at Wellingborough GC.

Roy a true gentleman well liked and loved passed away after a long illness aged 69. Until recently Roy was an active member of the Northern section and last played in the Spring Tournament at Filey GC this year. Life will not be the same without Roy and will be missed by all who knew him.

As well as attending section events

Roy is a past section secretary which he did for quite a few years and then moved on to be the section chairman. To offset all this work Roy was married to Sylvia for 50 years and between them raised 8 children, 15 grand kids and also became a great grandfather.

During his spare time Roy's other passion was fishing and as you can see a decent fisherman as well being a good golfer (16 hcp at the age of 69).

Life will not be the same without Roy and will be missed by all who came in contact with him.

Danny Lindley/Andy Smith

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