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Removable weights on the Jacobsen Greens King 422 walk-behind mower enable the operator to maintain balance when using different front rollers or with the company's Turf Groomer fitted.

Huxleys are now fitting an additional front roller assembly to the 358 Greens Mower. The hinged roller takes the weight of the grassbox off the cutting unit, keeping the box at a constant height above the ground.

29 diesel engine in this particular mower," he comments.

On the pedestrian front, Mr Boothby says that there has been an 80% increase in the sales of Toro's Greensmaster 1000 model, led by demand in the USA for greens of the highest quality cut and appearance. "There is no doubting the pedestrian machine's ability to produce the optimum appearance," points out Mr Boothby. "However, I would agree with Steve Isaac that there is a place on many courses for both types of mower."

John Deere, in common with the other major manufacturers, also offers ride-on and pedestrian machines. Having stolen the limelight with the launch of its offset cut 2243 model with steerable cutting units, the company has now made available a kit which increases by 1.5in the transport height of the two front cutting units.

Designed to reduce the risk of grounding or scuffing in transport and when turning off the green, the £250 kit has been developed by John Deere dealer, Groundcare (Lincoln).

With demand growing for increasingly lower cut heights, new low cut bedknife support has been introduced for the John Deere 22in walk-behind greens-mower. The support enables cutting heights down to 3/32in to be achieved without scuffing the turf, says Deere.

Minimising turf wear and compaction is the principal aim of a new floating roller-carrier assembly for the grass collectors on Huxleys' 358 ride-on greens-mower. Positioned ahead of the existing front roller, the carrier removes the weight of the grass boxes from the cutting units and ensures that each box remains at both a constant height above the ground in work and level when the units are raised.

Huxleys have also introduced as options a headlamp, towbar, flag holder and steering wheel extension.

Three-wheel drive has been available on the Huxley 358 since 1989. Now, Jacobsen is evaluating the system in prototype form on its Greens King while Lesco, distributed in the UK by CDC, launched its 300D Three Wheel Drive Greensmower at the IoG Exhibition, Peterborough.

Powered by a Kubota 16.5hp diesel, the machine has constant drive to all three wheels and transmission braking to prevent over-run on down slopes. The unit includes an electronic differential lock system, applied by a foot or hand switch, to prevent the backflow of oil from any wheel motor and thereby eliminate slip on steep or wet surfaces. The new mower costs £12,318 and, in common with the other two machines in the Lesco range, can be equipped with a redesigned grooming attachment, verti-cut units, powered rear roller brush and choice of solid or grooved front rollers.

Also built in the USA, the Beaver T92 triple greens mower from Hayter is receiving a major push to gain attention in the UK with a massive price cut of £32.
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Lloyds first introduced its Paladin pedestrian mower in 1961. The 1993 version has an up-rated welded construction for its new pensate for wear in its support bushes and the bottom bar.

Clive Nottingham of Lloyds comments that the change to the use of steel with added boron had enabled the company to adopt a welded construction for its new cylinder. “The hardness of the material is unaffected by welding,” he explained. “In addition, the extra blade on the greens cylinder, giving 16 more cuts per yard, has produced a noticeable improvement in cut quality,” he points out.

Options for the 1993 Paladin include transport wheels, comb and verti-rake attachments and a grassbox cover.

Developed from the Zephyr pedestrian mower, the new walk-behind machine from Greens has had extensive surgery to its roller and cylinder drive system to enable the roller to roller distance to be reduced by 2in. The result? Improved contour following and better balance, according to Greens.

The 10 bladed cylinder gives a consistent cut frequency at 165 per yard irrespective of drive roller speed and minimum height of cut is 1/16in with knife blade. Priced at “around £1,600”, the mower has a Honda engine and optional brush and comb set and powered transport wheels.

New health and safety regulations affect all golf course employees

Regulations to implement the European Community (EC) Framework Directive on the introduction of measures to improve the health and safety of workers at work were laid before Parliament in September.

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992, will come into force on 1 January 1993, following wide consultation.

The new regulations are the first in a series to implement six EC directives. Other regulations on workplace conditions, safe use of work equipment, manual handling of loads, personal protective equipment and display screen equipment will follow.

The Framework Directive sets out general principles of EC health and safety law. Some provisions in the directive are already implemented through existing health and safety legislation, notably the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. The Management Regulations introduce those additional health and safety measures required by the directive.

The new regulations set out broad general duties which apply to almost all work activities and are aimed mainly at improving health and safety management. They make more explicit what is required of employers under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

The main requirements are on employers:

• To assess risks to the health and safety of their employees and others who may be affected in order to identify the measures needed to comply with relevant health and safety law. Employers with five or more employees will need to record the significant findings of the risk assessment.

• To make arrangements for implementing the health and safety measures identified as being required by the risk assessment. Arrangements for planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review will need to be covered. Again, employers with five or more employees will have to record arrangements.

• To appoint competent people (either from inside the organisation or from outside) to help with the implementation of the health and safety arrangements.

• To set up emergency procedures.

• To provide information to employees which can be understood, as well as adequate training and instruction.

• To work together with other employers sharing the same workplace.

Some of these duties, such as the duty to assess risks, also apply to the self-employed. There are also specific duties on employees to use equipment only in accordance with the training received, and to report dangerous situations and any shortcomings in their employers’ health and safety arrangements.

Copies of ‘Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992’ are available from HMSO and booksellers. Price £2.50. An Approved Code of Practice to accompany the regulations will be launched at a press conference later this year. Details will appear in Greenkeeper International as soon as this is made available.
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Kubota (UK) Ltd. launched a new 18hp ride-on front mounted mower - the F1900. Developed to meet commercial needs, the F1900 provides the operator with high levels of machine manoeuvrability, efficiency and comfort. A multi-purpose ride-on, the F1900 can tackle long and wet grass and because of its lightweight – 400kg – it can also undertake fine turf and lawn work without crushing grass. With a short wheel base of just 850mm, the F1900 achieves very tight turns and excellent grass cutting. With a short wheel pose ride-on, the F1900 can tackle long and wet grass and offers high machine manoeuvrability, efficiency and comfort. A multi-purpose machine, the F1900 provides the operator with high levels of comfort throughout the working day. The F1900 48” S/D deck is priced at £6,750 (54” £6,850) and will be available in the spring of 1993.

Drawing on more than 20 years of experience, Trilo Manufacturing of Holland have produced the SG 700 Grass Collector. Launched at LOG, the new SG 700 – especially designed with the golf course application in mind – drew wide approval from greenkeepers. The combination of the powerful vacuum and a 2m brush unit inside a free floating head means that leaves and grass cuttings can be easily be collected.

In addition the machine has options such as a 2m tripartite scarifier which enables greenkeepers to scarify and collect in one pass, and a 6m wiper hose to enable those difficult to reach areas, such as ditches, to be cleared. Additional uses include the collection of litter and clearing hollow cores (a service already offered by D&F Turf Maintenance Ltd using the Mini Sweep). Although multi-functional and with an enormous 7m³ capacity, the SG700 weights in at under 1300kgs. It can be supplied with extra wide 19x17 tyres. Telephone: 0223 335787.

Shelton Trenching Systems, specialists in sportsturf drainage machinery, and Boral Lytag, the aggregates manufacturer, have joined forces to launch a leaflet on machinery and materials for efficient and effective sportsturf drainage. Information is given on the various techniques that may be used to improve drainage where ground has become waterlogged or where water is perched on the surface. The Shelton range of drainage equipment available to overcome these problems is outlined.

The use of lightweight aggregates in drainage schemes is gaining in popularity. A table setting out the results of hydraulic conductivity tests with various materials shows the outstanding characteristics of Lytag in this respect. With several grades available from sand through to 12mm, this manufactured material is now available all over Britain. The advantages over conventional materials are enumerated. This leaflet should be in the hands of all involved in sportsturf drainage or those contemplating such work. Copies from Shelton Trenching Systems. Tel: (0732) 833647 or Boral Lytag. Tel: (0889) 583446.

Developed by Allen Power Equipment Ltd for their popular 18” hover mowers, their latest innovation, the Tri Cut Pro Blade, has been designed in response to requests for improved cutting performance whilst maintaining the need for maximum possible protection for the operator. The new blade uses the normal hydraulic PTO brake immediately stops the mower blade cutting action to allow trimming of wide swaths. In addition the hydraulic PTO brake immediately stops the mower blade cutting action to allow trimming of wide swaths. In addition the hydraulic PTO brake immediately stops the mower blade cutting action to allow trimming of wide swaths.

The one lever operation of the deck’s hydraulic power lift means raising and lowering of the mower deck for maintenance is quick and simple. The F1900 features cruise control which reduces operator fatigue by freeing up the driver’s foot whilst working in wide open spaces or on long distance work. The control panel, instrument panels and operating levers are conveniently located to the side of the driver giving clear visibility and easy operation. The adjustable, fully padded high back seat and four position tilt steering wheel ensures operator comfort throughout the working day. The F1900 48” S/D deck is priced at £6,750 (54” £6,850) and will be available in the spring of 1993.

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economy, low exhaust emissions and low noise levels - which make it very friendly to the operator and the environment. Designed to enhance operator efficiency is a new style console which includes a tilting steering column with all the controls immediately to hand and system monitoring dials for regular maintenance checks.

The 300 is fitted with new hydraulically driven 26" cutting units which are based on the successful Motor 180D units, offering a total cutting width of 114". Both the height of cut and the cutting cylinders can be adjusted without the need for tools. It features 4WD with wide turf tyres which offer exceptional traction with low ground pressure and enhance its stability and ease of operation when working on fairways. When cross cutting fairways all five units can be raised in a single operation, enabling fast turns and ease of manoeuvrability.

■ John Deere's versatile new 1800 utility vehicle takes a range of sprayer and turf maintenance equipment for professional turf care applications. This heavy-duty, four-wheel vehicle features an 18hp petrol engine, hydrostatic transmission and power steering. Load capacity is 907kg and the Softrac tyres give excellent traction combined with low ground compaction.

■ The two-person adjustable bench seat in the cabin has been designed to make it very friendly to the operator and the environment. Designed to enhance operator efficiency is a new style console which includes a tilting steering column with all the controls immediately to hand and system monitoring dials for regular maintenance checks.

■ Lamborghini's new 'force on the course' - has introduced a range of compact tractors in a bid for the golf course market. The Lamborghini range in the UK now spans 25 to 165hp in 15 models. Called the 'Runner' series, the new compact models are available in three models; the Runner 250 with 25 DIN hp diesel engine; the Runner 350 with 33 DIN hp diesel engine, and the Runner 400 with 40 DIN hp diesel engine. All models are equipped with an advanced 12 forward, 12 reverse speed shuttle transmission, 4WD and load sensing power steering as standard.

Power units are Mitsubishi. The 350 and 400 models have the same 1490cc four-cylinder engine to which a turbocharger is added for the 400 model to provide the power increase to 40hp. It also gives the Runner 400 a significant advantage in terms of improved combustion and fuel efficiency. The small-
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**Ayrshire**

My apologies to section members/readers for the absence of published news over the past few months.

To begin, may I take this opportunity of thanking you if you have anything of interest for the magazine, drooling the magazine contributions. Needless to say, if you have anything of interest for the magazine, I would like to thank Mark Proctor for his help in starting our section some three years ago. We take this opportunity to wish Mark and his family the very best in their new venture in Germany.

**Midlands**

We are again holding our Regional seminar at the Warwickshire College of Agriculture, Moreton Hall, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, this time on Wednesday 25 November. Our speakers and their subjects this year are:

- Jeffrey Taylor of Johnson Seeds on 'Grass Seeds and Wild Flowers'
- Andy Cole, formerly with the Warwickshire College and now returned to the STRI, on 'Agronomy, are we on the right lines?'
- David Golding, BIGGA's education officer, on "1992 – the most important year for Greenkeeper Training?".
- John Hacker of Professional Sports turf Design Ltd on "British Specifications for the construction of golf greens?".
- Richard Minton of ICI on "The understanding of fertiliser.".

**East Anglia**

Just a quickie lad, for even greenkeepers have holidays (mostly, it would seem, in August, for only 15 turned up at Colchester!).

Many thanks to Colchester GC for their hospitality both on and off the course and to Parkers; Kings; ICI; CMW and Rigby Taylor for raffle prizes - hope there will be less holidaying next time.

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CLEVELAND

Our Autumn Tournament will be held at Middlesbrough Brass Castle – details later.

Graham Pyle’s course extension is being carried out by Graham (with the help of a contractor from his club) and the green will be built to USGA Spec.

Ian Harrison, head greenkeeper at Darlington, reached the regional round of the ICI Greenkeeper of the Year award – congratulations, Ian.

Pleased to hear of Bob Upton’s appointment at Romany GC, Northallerton, N Yorks. This is a large acreage and I think water features are to form part of the course – details later.

Anthrax disease can be grown out in the growing season – more tricky later.

Autumn programme of events is being arranged for October; November and December and a newsletter (frequent) will be sent to all members. Roger’s recent addition to the family – a son, Andrew – was born on 23 March and weighed in at 8lbs 11 ozs.

BRUCE BURNELL

DEVON & CORNWALL

Our Christmas meeting will again be at the very popular venue of Okehampton Golf Club on Wednesday 9 December. As is usual, members will play a greensome format for the PJ Flegg Trophy during the morning, with the usual course inspection followed by the non-playing members. This year our afternoon luncheon entertainer will be Tank Sherman, who comes very highly recommended by our local talent spotter! Numbers will be restricted to 80, so please make sure you return your entry form to me as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. All members who plan to travel on next year’s regional trip to BTME at Harrogate should have invested their money (with their新兴 waiter Gordon Child. If this has slipped your mind, call Gordon tonight – there may be a few places left.

RICHARD WYMAN

SOUTH WEST AND SOUTH WALES

Regional news of great importance concerns our forthcoming Autumn Seminar which will be staged next month (Tuesday 3 November) at Cannington College. This well established annual event is sponsored by Avoncrop Amenity Products, followed by ICI’s Richard Minton on ‘Unlocking the potential of your course’. This year our afternoon speakers are: • John Dyter on ‘Trees on the golf course’; Ray Burniston on ‘A broad look at greenkeeper education’; a staff member of the NRA, who will discuss ‘Golf Course Architecture’. In both morning and afternoon sessions a number of papers by no less than three of our own greenkeeper members, all making their appearance on the Cannington rostrum for the first time. In order of appearance they are Jason Hampton (at Spenholst College on a National Diploma course), who will talk on ‘The golfer – making him less green’, Neil MacIntyre (at Cannington taking Phases II and III) talking on ‘Weed and tear on the golf course’, and Guy Woods (Finalist, Student of the Year 1990) on ‘Managing Poi annua greens successfully’. Additional speakers – each an acknowledged master of their chosen subject – include Roy Brighton of Timperley GC, who will give a talk on his own education officer, David Golding, talking on ‘Greenkeeper Education – what is available’, and the famous golf course architect, Donald Steel, discussing ‘Golf Course Architecture’. In both morning and afternoon sessions ample time will be allotted for questions.

This is an event not to be missed and please do book your place by calling me on 0803 844056. GORDON CHILD

SURREY

Bill McMillan, already celebrating the recent birth of his daughter, kept ‘it in the family by winning the trophy that carries his family name – The McMillan Trophy. The Stableford score of 37 points. Jeff Chambers finished second and Cameron McMillan (yes, another one!) placed third. Cameron also made the costly mistake of achieving a hole in one and afforded the tradition of

ARENTHA HUNT

AROUND THE GREEN

drinks all round in the clubhouse!

Thank you to Sunningdale for granting courtesy of the course, to the green staff for course presentation and to Sunningdale Artisans Club for their hospitality.

Will any section member interested in the proposed free transport to BTME at Harrogate please contact a committee member.

Dates for the diary: Autumn Tournament at Worlsham on 29 October (closing date for entry – 16 October). South East Regional seminar at the Embassy Conference Centre, Colchester on 2 November.

Congratulations to Ronnie Christie of Addington Palace GC on his recent marriage. We will be watching to see if this new status affects his handicap rating!

ROGER TYDEMAN

SOUTH EAST

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SOUTH WEST

It is my sad duty to inform members of the sudden, untimely death of Nigel Gange, 38 year old deputy head greenkeeper at Epsom Park Golf Club, near Bridgewater, Somerset.

Nigel was the victim of an unfortunate accident at work – an innocuous slip – which led to him falling down a grassy slope, hitting his head as he fell and drowning in a shallow stream. Despite being resuscitated he slipped into a coma and passed away ten days later in Musgrove Park Hospital. Our sincere condolences go to his family.

On a much happier note, our congratulations go to Kevin Green of Filton GC, Bristol, on winning through to the national final of the I.C.I. Premier Greenkeeper of the Year Award. Nominated by your truly, who was very impressed by the high standards found at Filton since Kevin’s appointment, Kim is now down to the last five greenkeepers and will be grilled at Aldwark Manor by judges later this year.

Finally, let’s have some replies to those invitations for the spraying and first aid courses.

PAUL WORSTER

NOTES

I said in my last report that winter lectures were in the process of being formulated. Here are some that can be penned into your diaries: • Wednesday 14 October (start approx. 7.30pm). Eddie Seaward, N.D.T.; F.Inst.G. Head Groundsman The All England Lawn Tennis Croquet Club. Wimbledon. • Wednesday 18 November: Nu-Trel soil analyst, also Boral Lyyag. Venue: West Bowling Golf Club. I shall enlarge on the above in the next report. • Wednesday 25 December: Joint IoG/BIGGA meeting and quiz, plus David Han- nan taking of his experiences in Switzerland. Venue: Yorkshire CC County Ground, Headingley, Leeds. • Wednesday 17 March Lloyds Workshop, Venue: Cleckheaton GC. All evening meetings start around 7.30pm.

We wish Les Kirkbright a long and happy retire- ment following his work with Scarborough Golf Club and at South Cliffe GC. Les is an active member and represented us in the Battle of the Roses.

The only move I am aware of is that of my ex right-hand man, Nigel Graham. I am moved on to take the head greenkeeper post at Sedburgh GC up in Cumbria. The best of luck to you, Nigel.

Invitation Day at Northcliffe GC, C. G. was a great suc- cess and even the sun came out for us, ensuring that those attending had a very enjoyable day. This event was again sponsored by our friends Yorkshire Mowers, to whom we owe thanks for their continued support. We also wish to thank Ray Burniston and his team for preparing an excellent course for this event and the committee of Northcliffe GC for making us welcome and guiding us courtesy of the course and the facilities. The luncheon entertainers were: • F. D. Fletchcr and Mrs Christie/R Bell, 3rd R Smith/C Harwood. • 4th Pot-Ar Hayo, Sth G Wilson/GD Wilson, 6th C Garnet/Ge Jelfs. Putting competition: 1st R Spencer, 2nd R Emley. Booby prizes: G Walker and A Hardie.

The Battle of the Roses took place at St Nordic GC, Cheshire, though despite my four or more hours of phoning members in attempting to raise a team, I was unsuccessful. Thus I must thank the nine players who represented our Northern section, ten for Yorkshire against Lancashire. The players were Gary Potter (Skipton), Colin Robinson and Norman Towsie (Scarborough South Cliffc), Les Kirkbright (Retired), David G (Gosforth), John Smith (Leeds), Keith Binner and Kevin Townsend (all Moor Allerton), and Andrew Smith (Woodhouse).

Despite losing the match, I had a enjoyable day at Okehampton Golf Club and was really pleased with both the condition and preparation of the course, for which we extend thanks to Paul Pearse. Thanks also to Pattisons for their sponsorship of this event.

The South East Region have arranged a seminar at Ashkam Bryan College and 16 October at Reaseheath College. Details: Bob Lupton (tel: 0274 590463). If you wish to contact me, please telephone on 0274 568129, or write to 29 Cornwall Rd, Gildseting, Bingley W. Yorks. BD16 4RL.

PAT MURPHY

BUCKS, BERKS & OXON

Not much going on, but thanks again to Mark Barthelmie of Risborough Turf for putting on an excellent invitation day at Maidenhead GC. Results were: 1st Les Willham (West Berks) 2nd Brian Woodhouse (Little Chalfont) 3rd Tony French (Lambourne GC) Wooden Spoon Ian Lupton (Lymeham GC).


A little word of warning to Messrs Tribe and Fletcher about had still not been matched against Messrs Nudds and Horwood they delivered an early in the round crippling shot with a wicked 3 iron to John Nudds, which caught him sharply on the knee.

Apparently it didn’t matter, for he seemed to play better after being hit (they breed ‘em tough at Gerard’s Cross!).

To Dave Childs to Dave Childs of Elles- borough GC, the only qualifier from BB&O section to win through to the bei finals – play well, Dave.

RAY CLAY.