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Landscape Industries brings together a combination of trade displays, working equipment, discussion sessions and specialist technical features – and admission, parking and the exhibition catalogue are all free.
There will be more than 200 companies displaying everything from chemicals and mowers to nursery products, irrigation and garden accessories. Many manufacturers will be able to demonstrate their equipment in realistic conditions.
Education is also of importance at Landscape Industries, so many of the country’s leading industry organisations will be on hand to offer advice. These include ADAS, British Turf & Landscape Irrigation Association, Arbicultural Association, City and Guilds, BALI, BLITO, ILAM, for the treatment of drought stressed areas.
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Shelly Signs will have on display copies of their brochure detailing signs available ex-stock for golf courses. Examples of their products will also be on display.

The brochure is split into sections covering tee markers, directional, instructional, caution, car park and entrance and also internal signs.

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Advice left wanting

May I take this opportunity to pass a comment on a couple of articles in the last two editions of the magazine that perhaps help to demonstrate the inconsistency of agronomic advice being given to greenkeepers, but perhaps also the short-sighted and false economy of some of our golf clubs.

Firstly, the very fine detailed account of the new greens at Birkdale. It seems a lot of trouble and hard work went into the removal of the offending "organic" soil and its subsequent replacement with a sandier rootzone. Why then replace the old Poa turf over this new material, surely an opportunity to instantly replace this with new fescue/bent turf grown on a sandy rootzone or of the washed variety was missed. Even STRI's Jeff Perris comments that "it will however take a long time to amend the turf from annual meadow grass to one containing more of the desirable bents and even fescues". Was this decision one of purely economic grounds, perhaps the "toughening" and remodelling aspect of the project took greater priority than the true links turf on which we assume we want to play.

Secondly, the merits of replacement of the old Poa turf on the new rootzone material is clearly called into question by an article in the following month's magazine, again by an STRI advisor, this time Mike Canaway. Especially interesting is the data on performance after wear and fertiliser rates on the new turf types laid on a sandy rootzone. Even though a Poa turf was not tested, comparison can surely be made. I am sure that we can all assume that the Poa turf in question has a very high probability of containing a large amount of organic matter, prone to disease and even fescues. Was this decision one of purely economic grounds, perhaps the "toughening" and remodelling aspect of the project took greater priority than the true links turf on which we assume we want to play.

Ultimate challenge?

Your news column last month had a story relating to long holes. We have a 620-yard par 5 (medal tee), 602-yard (yellow tee) par 5 9th hole. Whilst Knareborough would appear to be longer, bear in mind that the original medal tee, now used as the 18th medal tee position, would have added a further 40 yards to the hole, and the green is surrounded on three sides by a spinney which drops down 10-15 feet almost immediately.

The hole was reduced in length as we felt age was caused to some of his greens, he felt, wrongly, that he was at fault.

Tom O'Brien can retire assured that our industry is the poorer for the loss of a man of his calibre.

He is right when he says that the club would not spend £300,000 on the greens just because they were cut too short.

His comments on the agronomic advice he received should also make a few people take a long hard look in the mirror.

Enjoy your retirement Tom, you've earned it!

Peter Wisbey, Pinheiros Altos, Algarve, Portugal

Rakes' progress

I am writing to inquire if any other golf courses have had the same experience with plastic headed rakes as we are experiencing at Delamere Forest Golf Club.

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Steve Ramball, Chalgrove Manor Golf Club, Luton (due to open in May)

Just great, Sam

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Samantha Flint at head office for putting on a great ladies programme at the National Conference. Everything from accommodation, meals and especially the trips were great. Thank you very much, Sam, for making it an interesting and very enjoyable few days.

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