described as having rolling terrain. It is a measure of the exclusive nature of the course and the honour the Hayter International Cup team members will feel that the course has a mere 12,500 rounds per annum.

The Superintendent is William Shirley.

The Golf Club of Georgia will offer a superb opportunity for those with an interest in nature to see some unusual wildlife as raccoon, beaver and muskrat are listed as on the course. No doubt the beaver enjoy the five water hazards on the course more than the golfers might while there are 60 bunkers to get snare anyone who avoids the water. Like Peachtree the greens stimp at nine and a half for tournament play.

The Superintendent is Travis Shirley.
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The annual outdoor Saltex Show, at Windsor, in September, is the ideal complement to our own indoor BTME Show, at Harrogate in January.

It will again be a case of all roads heading to Windsor on September 8-10 for the annual Saltex Show and this year the emphasis is very much on special working features. More than 12,400 square metres of the 48,500 square metres of space available at the show has been dedicated to working demonstration areas where machinery will be put through its paces before the gaze of potential purchasers.

"Machinery and equipment demonstrations are one of the main reasons why people keep coming back to Saltex," said Show Director Jon Gibson. "People spend a lot of money on some of this machinery and it's not enough simply to find out about it from leaflets and brochures. No one would be foolish enough to buy a car without first giving it a test drive, so why should the attitude be different towards buying a tractor."

However, Gibson adds that the demonstration areas are not just about giving visitors a better look at equipment. "Some companies use the exhibition to introduce a prototype and they need feedback from visitors so that they can make adjustments before launching the real thing," he explained. Among the companies exhibiting for the first time including Stihl, Twose Turf and Spray and Zaun while MJ Abbott are among the companies returning to the show after a gap.

The show will also include a free seminar programme, running throughout the three days of the show. Among the special guest speakers will be Eddie Seaward, Head Groundsman at the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, who also spoke at this year's BTME, while the English Sports Council will give information on the Lottery Sports Fund and how to attract funding.

BIGGA will again be well represented at the Show with a prominently placed stand G1 and a team of staff keen to meet existing and prospective BIGGA members.

How to get to Saltex
SALTEX is held at Windsor Racecourse. About 20 miles west of Central London, Windsor is easy to reach by rail, road and air. Heathrow is only a 15 minute drive away; Gatwick and Luton are within an hour's drive.

By road
From the M25. Leave the motorway at Junction 15, where you'll join the M4, heading west.

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Amenity Technology - Stand D71
Amenity Technology will be launching a number of new ranges at this year’s Saltex show, which will herald a new generation of Amenity Products to take the company into the new millennium.

This year Amenity Technology have moved their stand further forward to allow easier access and as in previous year’s free gifts will be available to the first 500 visitors every day, so don’t be late!

Amenity Technology continue to pioneer developments in products to the amenity market. A visit in to the Amenity Technology show stand is the best way to find what is new in the amenity market.

Barenbrug - Stand N12
Whether it’s dedicated professionals or enthusiastic amateurs, when sports players take to the turf they expect nothing less than perfection. Which is why turf managers from all disciplines should seek out the Barenbrug stand. Their technical advisors will be on hand to discuss Barenbrug’s extensive range of quality grass seed varieties and mixes. Barenbrug’s BAR 2 is today’s most successful mixture on golf and bowling greens. The presence of BARCROWN, slender creeping red fescue, provides compactness, disease resistance and drought tolerance; this mixture offers a perfect sward. If shade or dryness is an issue, it will be worth investigating the newly formulated BAR 15. Also suitable on golf fairways, this mixture requires only minimal maintenance.

BLEC - Stand V43 and demonstration area numbers A29-33 & A43-47.

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Avoncrop - Stand H71-73
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Complete Weed Control - Stand E33

Following its highly successful introduction at Saltex 97, Weed-It, the winner of the award for Best New Landscape Product at Saltex 97, will be shown in final production form.

Weed-It is an acronym for Weed Economical Eradication Detection - Intelligent Technology. This employs an optic sensor working on the principle of measuring luminescence picked up from the chlorophyll in a plant by using an infra-red light and optic sensor. When a weed is identified, a signal is sent to the computer that effectively tells the sprayer to turn on a jet and spot treat the weed.

The unit incorporates a sealed chemical handling system that reduces exposure to the chemical by both operator and public alike, and also minimises problems with chemical disposal and waste packaging.

The Sisis Ecospray designed specifically for spraying close mown areas, and developed by Complete Weed Control and Cranfield University, will also be on display.

Eagle Promotions - Stand D24

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Eric Hunter Grinders - Stand Q12

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The increasingly popular "in-frame" Jupiter is top of the range. It is built, like the standard machine, of heavy duty cast iron, ensuring that both models give accurate results for at least 50 years. The Juno offers all the advantages of the Jupiter at a budget price. Large golf and local authority complexes with ample work shop space can take advantage of the Amazon or the Orion. These precision grinders for bottom blades only are designed to supplement cylinder grading machinery.

Gannon Oils - Stand T4

Gannon Oils Limited have a range of high performance multipurpose lubricants and specialist greases all designed to meet the criteria of the agricultural and amenity industry and will be launching their 'Slip Plate' dry film lubricant at this year's event. As the sole agency for Superior Graphite Co, Gannon Oils invite Groundsmen/Turf and Amenity Managers to sample the benefits of this superb product. Ideal for use on all grass cutting and landscape machinery or tools, 'Slip Plate' bonds quickly and is easy to apply, with little clean-up. You are warmly invited to meet our colleagues from Chicago to discuss your requirements.

Green Releaf - Stand H70-H72

Green Releaf, the US leaders in liquid microbial products are exhibiting a range of microbial products at Saltex. The Green Releaf liquid beneficial microbes applied with their own unique food source rapidly improve root structure, enhance nutrient uptake and increase natural resistance to disease. Other products at the show include Thatchless Liquid which will reduce your Thatch in only 30 days. And for faster, hard wearing greens why not try KCS 0-0-14 Liquid which is used on the USPGA tour for tournament preparation. Visit us at our exclusive South & South West distributor, Avoncrop Amenity Products.

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Hayter - Stand W15

Products on the Hayter stand will include the upgraded gang and triple mowers and the production version of the R314 rotary mower. The popular professional pedestrian mower, the hydrostatic Condor will show a 36" rotary attachment. This machine can also be fitted with a 30" rotary or 30" verge attachment. The Bank Condor will also be shown with a 30" rotary attachment.

Recently voted "Product of the Decade" the Harrier will also be featured. Initially designed for the domestic market a high percentage of contractors use this product very successfully.

Hydroscape - Stand U25

The importance of water quality management in lakes and ponds has never been greater. The essential features of good lake and pond water are the maintenance of a balanced eco-system with high levels of circulated oxygen. As leaders in the development of amenity water quality management systems, Otterbine Barebo has the most comprehensive range available. This wide range of options allows for the selection of the most appropriate system for each application, including floating fountain models, submerged and land based circulation units. Visitors to the Hydroscape stand will be able to experience a unique opportunity of seeing a number of water aeration units operating in a real-life river setting and a demonstration of the benefits offered by the new range of Weather Stations introduced into the UK for the first time this year.

Kubota - Stand W40

Kubota's Saltex exhibit will be highlighting the care and dedication applied by the company in all its contacts and dealings with owners and users of Kubota tractors, implements and ride-on mowers. Areas which will come under the spotlight on stand W40 include:

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Mommertseeg International - Stand F22-24

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Recent contracts for the company include the supply of mixtures for the new Reading Football Club - the Madjisk Stadium - the soon to be opened Newbury bypass, where 32 tonnes of Mommertseeg grass seed will be used, and the new cricket arena and sporting village for Hampshire County Cricket Club, which includes 20 new wickets, outfield, 9 hole golf course and bowling green, will also be using all Mommertseeg grass seed.

Ocmis Irrigation (UK) Ltd - Stand Q6

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Pattisson’s - Stand Q1

Pattisson’s enhance product portfolio with 3 new additions: The, Oakland, The Windsor Tee Collection and The Junior Sarrell Rollers

1. Pattisson’s have established themselves as the innovator of golf course furnishings since 1896 and continue to do so.

2. This year has seen 3 new product’s come onto the market, first was the Oakland Tee Marker, taking the popular design of the wooden log tee marker but making the tee marker out of resin instead of natural wood. The effect is identical and obviously environmentally friendlier. They came in two size’s and can be personalised.

3. The Windsor Tee collection consist’s of a matching Divot Box, Tee Block to hold the hole information and a Litter Bin all made from the same material. For anyone looking for consistency throughout the course you will find it with these new products

4. The popular Sarrell roller has been complimented with a one and two drum version. These new versions will be a popular product for someone needing to aerate small areas instead of having to get the big machinery out of the sheds.

Richard Campey Ltd - Stand W60

Richard Campey Ltd are exhibiting in their own right for the first time in order to launch the KORO range of Turf Renovation Machinery. The equipment is new and exclusive in the UK via Richard Campey and is available as a Recycling Dresser and Field-Top-Maker. This unique concept of surface management will be demonstrated to underline its ability to create an ideal environment for reseeding - by the completion of several jobs, i.e. flattens, creating even ground: collects earth and sand: aerates sports turf areas: removes top layer: improves drainage and surface water percolation.

The Field-Top-Maker corrects surface irregularities by removing top turf to 1 cm depth, eradicating weeds and weed grasses, resulting in flat level surfaces, ready for conventional overseeding.

Rigby Taylor - Stand M1

Come and talk to the experts at the Rigby Taylor. Staff will be on hand as always to offer friendly help and advice. In addition you’ll also have the opportunity to meet guest experts from major manufacturers who will be more than happy to provide more specialist assistance and information.

Our stand will again offer a warm...
welcoming and comfortable hospitality as well as exhibiting the latest products together with comprehensive reference literature. All of us at Rigby Taylor look forward to meeting friends both old and new.

Rolawn - Stand CA11
Feedback from greenkeepers and agronomists throughout the UK led Rolawn to sow a new mixture of turf in late spring last year.

Sown from a mixture of Chewings Fescue (Barqreen), Slender Creeping Red Fescue (Bercrow), Smooth Staked Meadow Grass (Limousine) and Brown Top Bent (Heriot) the turf is now ready for harvesting. The brand name Olympic has been used to identify the new turf and it was tested by STRI in late July with results available from August. It is non-rye and purpose grown for tees. However it is also suitable for green surrounds. It can be seen during the show.

Scotts UK Professional Turf and Amenity Division - Stand E1
Scotts UK Professional Turf and Amenity Division is the UK’s leading supplier of fertilisers and chemicals to the landscape and amenity market, focusing in particular on fine and out-field turf-care and weed control. The business was formed following the acquisition of Miracle Garden Care and Levington Horticulture by The Scotts Company. The company invests heavily in Research and Development at Levington Research Station to ensure that the Sierra, Greenmaster and Longlife ranges continue to meet the needs of today’s turf managers. A comprehensive range of formulations and treatments is available in both granular and liquids options, combining even and accurate application with uniform and reliable turf growth and colour response.

Sisis Equipment (Macclesfield) Limited - Stand B27
Sisis are moving to a larger stand this year, where we will be exhibiting the largest range of Sisis machinery ever shown at Saltex. And, as always, Sisis will have lots of new introductions.
Look also for the new G-Plex 11 with a swing-out centre reel for easy access, plus the reintroduction of Ransomes’ highly favoured T-Plex 180 with improved performance and economics. E-Z-GO vehicles on display will include golf buggies and specialist load carriers with bespoke bodywork, while a galaxy of Iseki tractors and accessories will nicely round off the Textron exhibition.

**Toro Commercial Products - Stand W50**

Toro Commercial Products is showing a large selection of turf care equipment from its comprehensive product range, including two new products being launched on to the UK market. Brand new and representing a bit of a departure from the normal Toro line-up is a walk-behind, compact utility machine designed to speed up and take the backache out of a wide range of groundworks operations. Far more conventional is the new Toro Reelmaster 5200-D fairway mower making its UK debut. A much-awaited diesel version of the Grounds Pro multi-purpose grounds machine makes its first appearance; while favourites form Toro’s existing range include all four Greenmaster pedestrian mowers, as well as 3000-D and 3200-D ride-on, Groundmaster out-front rotaries, Reelmaster 6500-D and 2300-D, Sand Pro bunker vehicle, Workman utility vehicle and the Hydroject aerator.

**Vitax - Stand F54-56**

Continuing Vitax’s commitment to innovative new products, for Saltex 1998 we launch three new products to further boost the strength of our already successful Sportsturf Chemical range. Firstly comes a new fungicide/worm killer spray called “Twincarb”. A very cost effective, it also offers the benefit of worm killing at low rates. We think it will be a winner with Greenkeepers ad Groundsmen alike, but are reluctant to give too much away! Next is Vitax Vitamark, a super concentrated spray indicator which dispenses over a 24 hour period, and has very low usage rates. Finally we launch Vitax Defender, again a super strength defoamer in a handy, easy to use trigger spray.

**Weed Free - Stand CA15**

A day at the races awaits the visitor who can meet The Mantis Challenge. Weed Free, who launched their unique spraying unit, The Spraying Mantis at last year’s show and chose its name from entries submitted during the event, are offering free entry to Ascot Racecourse for two, to the turf professional who can correctly answer questions on the machine’s performance and say in under 50 words why they would like the Mantis to spray their turf areas. The Spraying Mantis will be on show along with full information on Weed Free’s comprehensive range of Amenity Spraying Courses.

**Turf Irrigation - Stand W52**

Toro will be demonstrating its most innovative computerised central irrigation control system ever - the revolutionary SitePro. Combining an easy, productive, graphic user interface, matched with a Microsoft Windows 95 operating platform, SitePro takes all the guesswork out of professional irrigation management. Toro Irrigation has contributed to an amazing summer of UK sport with its systems installed in many of the country’s major sporting venues. Places such as Highbury, home of Arsenal; Wembley; The All England Tennis Club; Royal Birkdale; Twickenham and Ascot. Many other sporting arenas have benefited from Toro Irrigation systems, none more prestigious than the Home of Golf, St Andrews, where Toro Irrigation products have been specified for the Old Course and the other four and a half courses.
Dr Catherine York, Turfgrass Pathologist at the STRI, examines some of the reasons behind turfgrass disease, and asks "Is Ditylenchus a pest on your turf?"

Nightmares from nematodes

Working as a turfgrass pathologist can be quite a lonely profession, especially when you consider the rarity of the "breed". Confirmation of your knowledge and improvement of your understanding can be developed over time through reading and receiving unusual turf problems. However, to be able to receive information directly from someone who has written the books that you've learned from, provides obvious confidence in your abilities.

It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity this year to work with Dr Noel Jackson, who came over to the STRI in April on sabbatical leave from Rhode Island, USA. Dr Jackson, who was the Biologist at STRI in the 1950's, initially accepted a two year position at Rhode Island - but decided to stay and is now Professor of Turfgrass Pathology & Turfgrass Management.

He came over to do a couple of months research with us looking specifically at dollar spot and anthracnose diseases, but generally at all disease problems that can be found on turf at that time of the year.

The Biology laboratory at the STRI is kept busy during the year, mostly with identifications and confirmations of disease problems that occur amenity turf. It is interesting, however, when samples arrive in the laboratory and the problem is not "routine" but something a bit different. In the first few months of 1998, we had two rather interesting samples arrive on the laboratory bench - one from a golf green and the other from a golf fairway. Both were problems caused by nematodes.

Nematodes are microscopic roundworms which are generally between 0.5 mm and 2.0 mm in length. There are many types of nematodes which naturally inhabit our soils but it is only a relatively small number which actually cause problems on turf in the UK. Their activity is favoured by warm soil temperatures and restricted by soils which are either dry or waterlogged. They also prefer light, sandy soils rather than heavy and compacted rootzones. Nematodes move through soil in a similar way to that achieved by the common earthworm although they can be spread across large distances in surface water or soil movement, due to their small size. It is probably fair to say that, until recent years, nematodes had not been considered a problem for turf in this country. Recently, however, we have seen nematode problems on both coarse and fine turfgrasses. The symptoms caused by nematodes vary depending on the type which have infected the tissues but they basically fall into one of two types - ecto-parasites (which attack and remain outside the plant) and endo-parasites (which enter the plant tissues). Over the past couple of years we have seen problems caused by the stubby root nematode which causes symptoms as described by its name. The nematode attacks the roots on the outside and causes the root to 'react' in such a way as to protect itself from further attack. The infected area swells and the nematode moves on to attack the root at another point. The result of these attacks is to have a restricted root system which is swollen all over. This type of attack, however, is not the type which we have seen in recent months.

The first problem sample to come into the laboratory was from a green from Bedale Golf Course in North Yorkshire. The problem was found on one of the five greens constructed about five years ago on land which had previously been farm land. The only symptoms observed on the turf surface were those of weak, patchy Poa annua. An inspection by our agronomist, Emma Kirby, identified some unusual growths on the roots of the turf. The affected turf was Poa