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Faster operation with great quality results from the Verti-Drain 7215 is getting the thumbs-up at Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club.

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The nine-hole Kingsfleet course of 2596 yards Par 35 is available for Pay and Play visitors, offering views across the River Deben and marshes and is as challenging as the Martello course, having two Par 5 holes.

The course is currently being returned to its original links condition, with firming up the greens an important task.

Head Greenkeeper Glen Rayfield explains: “We had a 7316 Verti-Drain for 13 years which was an excellent machine, but when it came up for renewal I was looking for a quicker operation, so the 7215 is ideal. Depending on the size of the time used, we can save 2-4 hours on 18 holes.”

He adds that the 1.5m working width 7215 can be used with a variety of tines from 10-22mm diameter, which he rotates throughout the year to achieve the optimum shattering effect, getting air into the turf and creating fissures which get water away and keep greens in play in the wettest of conditions.

“The extra speed makes a big difference, but the Verti-Drain can still work to 25cm [10in] deep and produce a really good quality, consistent hole, which other high speed machines can’t achieve,” he comments. “It is also very competitively priced.”

Glen praises the build quality of the Verti-Drain, adding that he finds parts easily available and the machine simple to maintain.

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Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club has also enjoyed an excellent relationship with local dealer Tomlinsons.

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Precision Cutting For Greens

Two experienced BIGGA members in charge at contrasting golf courses in Essex have invested in new John Deere machines introduced specifically to meet the demand from UK greenkeepers for faster, more accurate adjustment on their walk-behind greens mowers.

Arnold Phipps-Jones, BIGGA South East Region Board Director, and course manager at Three Rivers Golf and Country Club, bought three of John Deere’s new 2826E hybrid electric mowers for the greens on the club’s Kings and Jubilee courses, having first seen them at the HTME 2012 – the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition.

The Kings is a near 50-year old course with push-up soil greens, while the Jubilee was built just 12 years ago with sandy USGA specification greens.

The idea was to switch to alternating between ride-on 2500A triplex mowers and hand mowing on all 36 greens.

“A five-minute demo from the dealer was all we needed, and all the staff can do it very easily now.”

“The mowers are exceptionally precise,” he adds Arnold handmows once a week – it’s nearly always on a Friday, as he believes it’s important that the greens look their best at the weekend. All six full-time greenkeepers, including Arnold, have to do six greens each. It’s ‘job done’ for each of them in less than two hours.

He says he and his team of six full-time plus two part-time greenkeepers can cut 15 or 16 greens on a single tank of fuel. Just 30 miles away at Colne Valley Golf Club, owner Tom Smith took delivery this spring of three new John Deere 2280L walk-behind greens mowers (shown above). Tom, BIGGA South East Regional Chairman, has been a greenkeeper for 20 years, and before moving into ownership worked on the course at Merrit Wood College.

Since he bought the proprietary club 11 years ago, it had been his practice to hand cut the greens. John Deere’s previous 2200C models had done the job well for the last five, but it was time to upgrade and Tom also made his choice at HTME 2012.

“The C Series mowers had done a great job for us and the new SLs give us useful enhancements,” says Tom.

“I like the challenge of setting up the whole course, but the greens are the icing on the cake,” he adds. “Nothing makes you feel better as a greenkeeper than when a player compliments you on the state of your greens.”

Celebrations at the Wentworth Club

Chris Kennedy’s retirement was marked by a glittering evening in the Wentworth Club’s ballroom attended by hundreds of colleagues, suppliers, members and friends. After a number of tributes from amongst others the Wentworth owner, Richard Caring, Chris gave a moving speech in which he thanked many people who had assisted him along the way including some of his mentors from the greenkeeping industry.

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In addition to providing a greenskeeper to make the bunkers for every match on Championship days, this year Paul Smith and the R&A asked BIGGA to provide an early morning preparation team and a late night clean team.

We also weren’t without challenges this year due to the amount of rain that fell in a short space of time and the water table been so high. Many people were asking why the bunkers weren’t emptied, they were but the water just kept rising!

All in all it was a fantastic week where the team showed true team spirit being called in to work at all sorts of early times, it just showed what a fantastic industry this is and when it’s needed we can all pull together. So well done Support Team 2012, a good job done, roll on Muirfield 2013.

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- You should see a Golf Course Manager – Peter Jones and Kevin Hunt
- Moving into Management – Frank Neuberry
- Irrigation System Management and Design – Adrian and Dennis Mordaunt
- How to be an Outstanding Manager Parts 3 and 4 – Shona Garner (above)
- IT Business Administration – Jockey Loe

Our Bite Size Update for NPTC Certificate Holders – Jon Allbutt

Basic Budgeting and Golf Course Finance – Jerry Kelly and Duncan Ritchie

New and returning workshops include:

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The Open Championships 2012 – Thank you to the BIGGA Open Support Team

Last month I welcomed the BIGGA Open Support Team, this month I want to thank them for their commitment, hard work and team spirit. The team members this year were:

Greenkeeper Liaison Role: Richard Wynnham, Burnham and Berrow GC

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The latest turf industry news from around the globe

Bringing Biology back to Turfgrass Management

God’s sustainability movement strides forward as more and more people combine their commitment and action with innovation. New solutions— from supportive programmes to innovative products—work in tandem to make a real difference.

The two organisations have come together to help raise awareness and understanding, backed by practical solutions. The Golf Environment Organisation (GEO), and The Great Turf Company, both started and headquartered in Scotland, are each focused on bringing greater sustainability into golf.

GEO is a stakeholder—funded not-for-profit organisation working to guide, support and motivate the global golf industry around sustainability, administering golf’s international eco-label, GEO Certified® and delivering practical guidance and programmes that are followed to earn the distinction.

The Great Turf Company has invested a great deal into developing biological solutions for the finest turf, with a unique ‘Activated Microbial Turf Management’ methodology designed to restore natural balance in turf and soil.

“The range of turf nutrition products includes compost tea systems and naturally sourced granular and liquid feeds formulated to optimise turf health naturally, reducing chemical dependency,” said Leigh Bowers, CEO of the Great Turf Company.

Receiving the GEO Certified® award, they are now focused on bringing the benefits of good soil biology for a safer, sustainable future for turfgrass management. Without biology soil is merely dirt, but with a thriving microbial population soil becomes the complete solution to plant health.

“We share GEO’s belief in golf’s potential to deliver real and valued results for sustainability, and are very proud to support GEO in growing the business of sustainable golf,” said Leigh Bowers, CEO for The Great Turf Company.

POPPY DAY

Allot Mower has recruited Poppy Roe for the newly-created position of marketing executive, based at the company’s manufacturing centre in Hinckley, Leicestershire.

Reigning sales director, Leigh Bowers, Poppy is now assisting with a full range of marketing activities for Allett professional and domestic cylinder mowers. These activities include liaising with and supporting Allot’s appointed distributors and dealer networks, organising press releases, advertisements, promotional events and exhibitions as well as website management and digital marketing.

Poppy brings to her new position extensive experience gained within the automotive industry employing both traditional and electronic marketing techniques, skills that will be invaluable as Allett strengthens its position in existing markets and looks for additional business opportunities throughout Europe and further afield.

Poppy expressed her delight in being working for a British engineering company that designs, develops and manufactures products for distribution worldwide.

Allot Mower’s General Manager, Jonathan Smith said of The Great Turf Company: “As a growing, forward-thinking business, it says a great deal that they would support the not-for-profit work that GEO does to foster credible sustainability progress in golf clubs and developments around the world.”

Kubota Arrive in Harrogate

Harrogate Borough Council is making good use of the powerful Kubota MX540 utility tractor, which covers some 540 square miles in the spa town itself, home to the Brora Golf Management Exhibition each January.

Purchased principally to tackle mowing duties with a new Major TR1600 rotary trailed gau mower, the 90hp MX540 was delivered in time for the start of this season. Transport Manager Alan Smith explains: “The groundsmen have an eight-day mowing round to cover the large areas of grass in parks, playing fields and open spaces, and have to travel 20-25 miles from the depot for some jobs.”

One feature of the MX540 which has not met with particular approval from the operators is the 36x36 speed transmission with hydraulic shuttle, operated via a steering column mounted lever.

E-Z deal for Bromsgrove

Bromsgrove Golf Centre, situated in the heart of Worcestershire, has bought a derivatives second hand fleet of E-Z GO RXV golf carts from local dealer, TH White of Redditch. E-Z GO is a Textron Inc company.

Adam Marine is a director of the family-owned facility, which was founded in 1993 and is home to Bromsgrove Golf Club. Commenting on the new fleet he said: “As early adopters of the new RXV back in 2009, we were probably taking a slight gamble with this new technology. However, we needn’t have worried as the fleet has performed superbly and we’ve only had five unscheduled service calls in the past three years.

“E-Z GO’s RXV is a fantastic product which we haven’t had any problems with. The build quality is excellent; the carts have performed very well and the number of rounds per charge has been surprising. They are certainly very economical to run and have definitely made a significant contribution to the bottom line.”

“Expected good things when we purchased the initial fleet and have not been disappointed; reliability has been excellent, the support from TH White has been of the highest order and it was an easy decision to return to them for the new fleet.”

For more information visit on E-Z GD products visit www.ransomesjacobsen.com

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Our regular and random profile of an industry figure continues with this month’s lucky number...

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Limited
Position: Managing Director

How Long have you been in the industry?
Since 1989 so that’s 23 years in direct Leisure Sales. I had to use a calculator for that!

What do you like about your current job?
No day is the same and that every day is a challenge, so it keeps me on my toes. My business ethic is to have an ability to offer a no-nonsense service enabling problems to be solved with the products that we offer.

What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?
Enormous changes for me personally. Back in the day I used to cover seven counties across the south and doing at least 100,000 miles a year serving our customers old and new. My business is now website based which means I can offer our products on a National footing. I’m lucky if I do 10,000 miles in a year now. Long gone are the days of “repping” but the personal service is still to be found with Gripclad Ltd.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Sculpturing at a fast free tree, or in another words I go to the Gym a lot. Charity runs, spend time with my boys, and play golf!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?
I don’t, very simply I can’t plan what will happen in the future, I live for the NOW. You never know what’s round the corner!

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The BIGGA show heats up

A look ahead to the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition, and Continue to Learn educational programme for 2013

BTME is back at Harrogate for 2013, and is shaping up to be another must-attend event, with many exhibitors having already confirmed their spaces, months in advance, as the countdown to 22-24 January 2013 begins.

The BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition, incorporating Continue to Learn Education Seminars and Workshops, which start the weekend before and run for five consecutive days, is the ultimate experience for golf greenkeepers.

BTME, widely regarded as Europe’s leading showcase for turf and grounds care professionals and buyers, offers a fantastic opportunity to browse, buy and seek advice from over a hundred of the top manufacturers and service providers across the world.

Look out for details soon on how to pre-register for your free visitors pass.

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