AQUACELL

Paul and Harry Wright from the South of England, both very keen amateur golfers with Paul being an ex head greenkeeper, have designed and developed a new irrigation system for repairing and preventing one of the Greenkeeper’s biggest problems: namely dry compacted areas on greens.

Greens are not flat and it is on the slopes and undulations where most dry areas occur. Most of the water placed on the dry areas runs away without sufficient being absorbed to ensure healthy growth. Watering for prolonged periods to try and elevate this problem results in overwatering of lower areas.

Paul and Harry approached this problem by trying to develop some way of holding water on the dry areas long enough to be absorbed into the ground and also prevent overwatering of the lower areas. With this in mind, they developed a cellular system of irrigation using cells which clip together to form approximately one square metre of mat which can then be laid on the problem areas.

The bottom of each cell has a number of small holes which allows a small but continuous flow of water on to the ground and the base of the cell walls hold the water in place until absorbed into the ground.

The cells are made of a translucent material which, when left in place, for example after seeding, allows sunlight and air to pass through, thus giving a greenhouse effect and therefore stimulating early germination and establishment.

Regular use of the Aquacell system will have several cost effective features. It permits controlled watering on selected areas only which cuts down on water consumption overall and can also be used very early and later in the season when total watering of greens is not advisable.

It is very easy to use and non labour intensive. Aquacell will also allow more efficient use of wetting agents where required as wetting agent can be introduced at the same time as watering.

Some prototype cells were left with Jack McMillan for evaluation while he was Head Greenkeeper at Sunningdale Golf Club prior to taking up his new career as consultant.

NEW SPRAY SYSTEM AT LANDSCAPE INDUSTRIES EVENT

BRISTOL based Nomix Manufacturing has launched a new spray lance that will make weed control a much safer and easier operation.

Consisting of a lightweight, very accurate system that gives total control over spray droplet sizing, the Nomix Compact overcomes all the problems associated with traditional knapsack spraying.

The key design feature is a ready-to-use 750ml chemical cartridge that simply snaps into the end of the lance, removing the need for a backpack and clumsy connecting hoses. Inside the robust, leak-free, re-sealable cartridge is a membrane which collapses as the chemical is used up.

Nomix has pioneered the development of a Total Droplet Control System which uses a specially designed spinning disc to meter out herbicides properly formulated in oils, polymers and surfactants thus ensuring that the product stays on the weed target with no drift.

“The Compact is a simple extension of the Nomix TDC System making low-cost spraying even easier,” says company chairman, David Gill. “It will help operators halve the time normally taken to spray areas using traditional knapsacks.”

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Specifications depend on the nature of the substances to be stored. Options include high and low level wall vents, 60 minute fire resistance, meshed floors with liquid spillage trays below and flameproof lighting, among the most frequently specified.”

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The following nominated members will liaise closely with the colleges within their Region and act where requested as external assessors. Any members with queries regarding their Education should in the first instance contact Headquarters and speak to David. The Regional Chairmen are selected to help the colleges through Liaison Meetings being held and the Greenkeepers viewpoint being expressed through these Chairmen.

Many of the colleges have very active liaison committees and the greenkeeping lecturers are very grateful for the assistance of leading greenkeepers in their area, together with representatives from the county unions and industry.

KUBOTA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT GREENKEEPING

KUBOTA (UK) Limited, have again contributed £5,000 towards the training of golf course managers and head greenkeepers.

Organised by BIGGA the management courses have been specifically designed to meet the needs of both groups.

Also supported by the Greenkeepers’ Training Committee, the four week courses will cover a variety of subject areas including the management of golf greens, tees, fairways and bunkers, together with computing for the course manager, budgeting and accountancy, health and safety, conservation, pesticide management and turf diseases.

Mr Brian Hurtley, Vice President-Director, Kubota (UK) Ltd, said: “Once again I am delighted to be able to continue our support for BIGGA’s second series of management courses”.

David Golding, BIGGA’s Education Officer said: “The first series of management courses attended by over 100 course managers and greenkeepers last year, proved extremely successful. Kubota’s continued generous funding will allow us to further develop and enhance our education programme”. The courses will be held during October/November 1990, at the Aldwark Manor Hotel Golf and Country Club, Aldwark, Aine, York.
Get on course to manage even better

BIGGA has long recognised the need for professional greenkeeper training. The Association realises that if the professional is to gain a higher standing both in this country and abroad then members need to have the resources available to acquire a broad spectrum of knowledge about their chosen job.

Under the skilled leadership of BIGGA’s Education Officer David Golding many greenkeepers have already had the benefit of attending a management course at BIGGA Headquarters in Aldwark Manor, near York.

The feedback has been tremendous prompting this year’s series of courses in October to be arranged together with the generous funding of KUBOTA (UK) Ltd.

BIGGA envisage a tremendous response and it is vital that anyone wishing to attend the courses should contact David on (04373) 581/582 as soon as possible.

Such initiatives are merely the beginning. The Association is looking to the future and planning in a big way.

Future editions of Greenkeeping Management will keep you up to date with new education initiatives. This month’s issue has a reader reply card for anyone wishing to attend October’s courses. Simply fill it in, tear it off and post it off together with the appropriate fee. Next month’s magazine will also contain information about the 13 finalists for the TORO Greenkeeper of the Year Award, don’t miss it.

**ISEKI GOLF GOES TO IRELAND**

The 1990 Iseki Greenkeepers Golf Championship got underway in pastures new, when the series visited Ireland for the first time.

Some sixty greenkeepers from Northern Ireland and Eire associations played over the beautiful Forrest Little Golf Club, just north of Dublin, a parkland course under the expert care of Owen O’Connor and his staff. His expertise was complimented by every player.

The Forrest Little Course is situated just to the North of Dublin Airport, and indeed on the 8th tee, it’s no exaggeration to say aircraft landing at the airport are only some 500ft off the ground. Bringing a new meaning and dimension to your golf shot.

Some fine scores were recorded in each of the three categories and it’s no understatement to say the Irish team who visit the Iseki Golf Greenkeepers final at Moortown on September 12th, 1990, will be a force to be reckoned with.

Two brothers dominated category one for the golfers with a handicap from 0-9 including with Frank Byrne recording a 69 nett ahead of his brother Gerry, who recorded a net of 71. Tom McHugh recorded a 73 nett to book his place to the Moortown finals.

In category two an excellent score of 69 nett was recorded by John Spiers, ahead of Terrance Crawford and David Malon.

Prizes were presented by Peter Powell, the Irish Sales Manager for Iseki whilst BIGGA were represented by Executive Director Neil Thomas and Education Officer David Golding.

Thanks must go to Chris Nolan, Secretary of the Irish Golf Greenkeepers Association.

**BIGGA’s management courses are the ideal way for you the greenkeeper to broaden your knowledge and further your careers. Don’t delay enrol today!**

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**MANAGEMENT COURSES – WEEK 4**

This will be an advanced week for those members who have already attended one of BIGGA’s in-house courses.

Subjects to be covered during the week will include: Report writing, self awareness, team building, stress, public speaking, also the STRI will again be presenting papers.

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**BRITISH AND INTERNATIONAL GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COURSES FOR COURSE MANAGERS/FIRST ASSISTANTS**

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Unrelenting time in store for all

Gorse, gorse, and yet more gorse is in store for BIGGA members when they encounter the formidable Ganton course - hosting their national tournament in August.

The unrelenting Yorkshire challenge that is Ganton is bound to bring out the grit in every competitor.

For besides the awe inspiring gorse, Ganton also "boasts" 111 bunkers, dotted menacingly around its heathland vista lying in wait to catch the wayward shot of the unwary greenkeeper golfer.

Head greenkeeper David Spurden and his four staff have their work cut out with this 6,900 yard course.

Its difficulty can be gauged in the fact that its regulation par 72 has an added stroke given to it for difficulty - one to bear in mind when the national tournament begins.

Fairways are narrow and there are a lot of semi-blind shots to play. Ganton may well prove a Waterloo for the 80 odd greenkeepers brave enough to tee off.

In his seven years at Ganton, David has learned how to master the maintenance of the course and among other things now has the reputation as an expert mole catcher - a necessary skill when one sees the damage they do on surrounding land.

In common with many of the greenkeepers, David has been hampered in his preparations this year by the early spring drought which has left several fairways distressed and subject to burning. He has counteracted the worst of the dry weather by applying wetting agents and quadratining.

And in order to avoid the danger of cutting too low, greenkeeping staff have been double cutting using two Toro’s in sequence. It is surprising just how much the second machine picks up despite the fact they both have their blades set at the same height!

As the late great Henry Cotton once said of Ganton, "The bunkers are receptive, the greens are not." One thing is for certain, they are firm and true and a real test for the approach shot.

As with many private courses around the country, David is constantly working with his committee to avoid the worst excesses of that common phenomenon, overplaying. Judging from my guided tour of the course under the kind auspices of the club secretary, Air Vice Marshal R.G. Price CB, David and his hard working team of one first assistant and three assistants are winning the battle.

Ganton does not suffer from subsurface compaction, being blessed with quite a free draining soil. However, quadratining is important in order that wetting agents can be introduced into the soil.

The club has a ten-year rolling programme on equipment replacement using machines from the major manufacturers, such as Toro and Cushman.

One of the on-going battles David and his team are fighting is to eradicate the remaining meadow grass on the course in favour of fescue bents. In this, as in all matters relating to the course, David has an ongoing and positive dialogue with both his Chairman of Greens and Secretary.

Ganton is not an easy course to manage but my whistlestop tour convinced me that the greenkeepers will have a testing but thoroughly enjoyable national tournament.

For the historians Ganton is of great interest. The club celebrates its centenary in 1991. It was fortunate enough to have the legendary Harry Vardon as its professional, followed by Ted Ray, both of whom won the Open Championship on each side of the Atlantic.

After the Ryder Cup in 1949 the course was tightened up and the 12th hole extended; no other major changes have been made and the full course now measures 6,882 yards. Since the war Ganton has hosted many major championships, both professional and amateur. The wind generally has a significant effect on scoring. Bernard Gallacher was 5 over par in winning the Dunlop Masters in 1975 while Faldo was the 10 under par winner of the PGA Championship in 1981.

The last four holes provide a particularly testing finish and the 18th has provided some dramatic twists of fortune in several championships. To quote Robert H.K. Browning: "This hole makes a spectacular and nerve-testing finish; many a match has been lost, or card ruined, by three putting this final green".

The regal Ganton Golf Club - ready to provide a true test of skill for BIGGA greenkeepers next month.
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Two companies, both very well known in the amenity and sports turf trade, have now combined under one ownership.

The Moyeses Stevens Group Ltd, the holding company of Moyeses Stevens Ltd, the London florist and Roffey Brothers Ltd of Bournemouth has acquired T Parker & Sons (Turf Management) Ltd and Parker Mower Repairs Ltd of Worcester Park from the Parker family.

Jennifer d'Abo, Chairman of Moyeses Stevens has become Chairman of the Parker companies, Mr Jim Parker remains as Managing Director but other members of the Parker family have resigned as Directors.

Stephen Billycald, John Wynne-Williams, Charles Lumley-Ellis and Nicholas Wood, Directors of Roffey Brothers, have been appointed Directors of the Parker Companies.

Parker has been a major customer of Roffey Brothers for several years with Roffey supplying most of the Turf Dressings sold by Parker.

The directors of both companies believe that there is great potential for developing together the supply of fertilizers, chemicals, grass seed, dressings, equipment and machinery to the expanding sports ground, golf course and amenity market.

Roffey and Parker will continue to operate as separate companies but will work closely together to offer a range of products through both companies to meet the requirements of the growing amenity and sports turf market throughout the South of England.

KUBOTA ENGINES MAN VISITS RANSOMES

EATED at the wheel of a Ransomes Motor 350D is Mr. Yoshiyuki Mizushima, Export Manager, Kubota Engine Division, responsible for worldwide sales.

He flew in specially from Japan for a meeting with top management of Ipswich-based Ransomes Sims and Jefferies. Ransomes is one of Kubota's main engine customers in the UK and the purpose of the visit was to discuss future co-operation and working relationships.

Also pictured are Kubota's General Sales Manager Mr. John Cook and Mr. Eizo Kato (right), Kubota's Chief Engineer for UK Applications.

TURFLAND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTS NEW TERRITORY MANAGER

Roger Moore has been appointed Territory Manager by Turfland Professional Equipment Ltd to lead the company's sales activities in East Anglia, Greater London and South East England.

Position is a new one which has been created by an upturn in sales and diversification of the company's wide range of products.

Turfland distribute a comprehensive range of turf-care equipment into the rapidly expanding sports, leisure and amenity industries.

Products include Brouwer gang mowers, turf cutters, turf harvesters, Vac cleaning system, ventilators and rollers, together with Brillion seeders, the Rotadairon stone-burying machine and the latest addition to the range, the MPG 2000 turf laying machine.

Roger is a qualified horticulturist and worked five years as head gardener for a local authority before moving into the sales field.

His most recent experience was as a sales representative for a major manufacturer of audio equipment and ancillary products, dealing with retail outlets and distributor networks nationwide.

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Salary negotiable depending on experience. No accommodation.

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**COURSE MANAGER**

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**Rothley Park Golf Club**

require a

**Head Greenkeeper**

(Post available in the Autumn)

Rothley Park Golf Club wish to appoint a Head Greenkeeper in the Autumn and would like to receive advance applications from those considering a move at that time.

The course is parkland covering 130 acres.

Candidates will:

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- Possess a sound understanding of modern machinery.
- Be able to motivate and manage existing staff.

The successful applicant will be expected to maintain the golf course in optimum condition throughout the year.

Remuneration is by negotiation, but is unlikely to be less than £15,000 per annum.

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