

HURLINGHAM, 1962

by Harry Bennett

THE 17th exhibition of equipment and materials for turf maintenance, organised by the National Association of Groundsmen, was held in the grounds of the Hurlingham Club on the 3rd and 4th of October, in glorious weather. Although the opening day coincided with the one day railway strike, exhibitors said it had not interfered with business to any great extent.

As usual, there was a most comprehensive display of machinery and equipment which, while giving the opportunity of comparing the numerous types, must have made choosing extremely difficult. Every type for every purpose from the preparation of the ground to the mowing was on view with experts to explain the advantages of each.

Most of the stands were on the cricket ground with those showing heavy equipment round the outside. No. 3, the Parker stand, was almost an exhibition in itself. Apparently there is nothing in the way of machinery, equipment or materials that this firm does not supply and most of it was on view.

Special Award

Next was the Hargreaves stand with the well-known "Sisis" range. A new addition here was the 36 inch Super Coultas Seed and Fertiliser Spreader which had gained the "Award of Merit" for the outstanding production of the year.

A little further on J. Gibbs Ltd. had a display ranging from tractors to hand machines and, nearby, Lloyds of Letchworth showed a full range of mowers and other equipment.

Ransomes had their usual comprehensive display of mowers, including the new 24 inch Matador.

The ATCO exhibit was also very comprehensive, with motor mowers, hand models, rotary models and the Atco-scythe and attachments.

In the middle of the ground on stand

THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the North and Midland Section will be held in Nicoll & Smibert's Restaurant, 2/4 Nethergate, Dundee, on Wednesday, 14th November, 1962, at 7-0 p.m. Election of Office Bearers, etc.

W. RITCHIE,
Secretary.

40, Craig & Co. showed new and re-conditioned mowers and small cultivators, and close by the Burnet Sports Turf Improvement Services were showing "Nitroform", the long lasting 38% nitrogen fertiliser.

Cannock had a display of grasses for identification and samples of turf showing the effects of Cannock products.

Carters, on an attractive stand, also showed grasses in growth and turf mixtures. The 1962 handbook issued by Carters is both instructive and interesting.

S.T.R.I.

The Sports Turf Research Institute information tent, at which representatives of the Institute were in attendance, was attracting much attention all day.

Going from the Cricket Ground, at the corner of Bowling Green Avenue was the Relf & Kendall workshop where actual repairs and renovations were being carried out. Also on view here was a museum piece: a mower dated 1832.

Just opposite, May & Baker were showing the full range of their products.

The Pattison stand on River Avenue displayed equipment and requisites for golf courses and the number of their products seems to increase each year. One of the new ones this year was the "S.P." self-propelled turf piercer which was attracting a good deal of attention.

Next door, Frank Keep (1958) Ltd., who supplied fertilisers and dressings, appeared to be very busy.

The Eclipse Peat Company's "Humull" can now be supplied already mixed with sand and they particularly recommend their "Vitapeat".