

# NEWS

International with his intensive knowledge of turf care.

Further details are available from Mr. C.M. Bakhurst, Managing Director V.E.B. International Ltd., Stags End House, Gaddesden Row, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

## V.E.B. INTERNATIONAL LTD.

V.E.B. International Limited, who recently completed the construction of a 27 hole golf complex in the south of France at St. Cyprien, have been awarded a three year Maintenance Contract to look after the new course. The turf consultant during this period will be Donald Harradine, the well known international golf course architect, who works closely in association with the V.E.B. Group outside the U.K., and the Head Greenkeeper that has been appointed is Mr. Leslie Beetham, previously Golf Manager at the Corfu Golf and Country Club.

Mr. Beetham is a highly experienced greenkeeper, having previously been Head Greenkeeper at the West Bradford Golf Club, the Fixby Golf Club and Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club. During his career he has been responsible for course preparation for the British Open championship, and many other major golf course events, and he strengthens the overseas team of V.E.B.

Mr. Leslie Beetham



## ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

It was agreed at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee that the handicap limit for the Annual Tournament be 18 maximum. This does not preclude higher handicap golfers from entering but they must play off 18.

## **31st INTERNATIONAL GROUNDSMEN'S EXHIBITION AT MOTSPUR PARK**

THE Chairman of the Sports Council, Sir Robin Brook, C.M.G., O.B.E., will perform the official opening ceremony at the 31st International Groundsmen's Exhibition at 12 noon on Tuesday, 7th September, 1976, at the University of London's Athletic Ground, Motspur Park, New Malden, Surrey.

The 31st International Groundsmen's Exhibition runs from the 7th to 9th September inclusive, opening times from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on 7th and 8th, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 9th September.

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## **EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO HOLLAND 1976 - for GREENKEEPERS AND GROUNDSMEN.**

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th**

THE party will leave the Corporation Street car park, Rugby at 3.30 p.m. this is quite a safe car park under frequent Police patrol and is free, the coach will stop at Cambridge for a cup of tea etc., on the way to Harwich where the Party sail on the "SS Juliana" at 10 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th**

The Party arrive at their destination the "HOTEL PAVILION" in Rehenen for breakfast at 9 a.m., and hope to attend the service to the Men of Arnhem at the Oosterbech cemetery later in the morning, then afterwards the Party has a cruise on the River Rhine to Zutphen, on returning the coach will return to the hotel for dinner. Remainder of evening free.

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th**

The Party are to be welcomed and take coffee at the Pappendal Sports Centrum and grass and Drisplay trials. Lunch will be taken and the ladies will go into Oosterbech for the afternoon, the evening in Amsterdam including a Canal tour and 4 hours free in the city.

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st**

The Party are guests of Mommersteeg International Plant Breeders. Welcome at 10 a.m. with coffee, ladies in the afternoon to the town of S'Hertogenbosch to see the shops, men to join up later for at least one hours shopping time. The Party will, after visiting S'Hertogenbosch proceed to the Hook for the return journey on the "SS Edmund" to Harwich.

The cost of the trip will be £45. A deposit of £5 per person should be paid by the 8th May, made payable to:

**Mr. K. Spiby,**  
31a Porthill Road,  
SHREWSBURY,  
Salop. SY3 8SA.  
Telephone: Shrewsbury 4582.

### **ELVIN PENNANTS LTD.**

ELVIN Pennants Limited, of Spa Road, Hockley would like to make it clear to their customers and friends within the trade that, despite rumours that have been circulated, they are still in business, in just as big a way as ever. These rumours are those which circulate through every trade at sometime or another but are completely unfounded. It is true to say that business is just as good as ever, thanks to the continued efforts of our Colleagues, Mr. John Miller and our New Representative Mr. Andrew Wallace in the Midlands, to whom all credit is due.

We still have catalogues and up to date Price Lists, for circulation, which will be forwarded by return, to any prospective Clients that care to ask.

## NEW UK DISTRIBUTION NETWORK FOR JACOBSEN

ROLFE'S International Turf Equipment of Romsey, Hampshire, have appointed ten main distributors in the UK to form a new national network for Jacobsen turf equipment for which Rolfe's are sole UK concessionaires.

The main distributors will operate on a regional basis and will appoint various dealers in their areas. The distributors will be responsible for demonstrations, sales, spares and service of all Jacobsen machinery. In addition, distributors will provide full operator training, maintenance and service instruction. All the distributors are established suppliers of agricultural and horticultural equipment and, as part of their agreement with Rolfe's are all committed to carry Jacobsen spares in stock.

Jacobsen equipment maintains more golf courses throughout the world than any other make. The company can claim a number of industry firsts, including production of the first golf course powered greens mower, the first riding attachment for power mowers and the first hydraulic triplex greens mowers.

Jacobsen manufacture a wide range of specialised mowers with cutting swaths from 18 inches to 21 feet. The product range includes: reels, rotaries, riding mowers, snow throwers, mowing tractors, trailer type gang mowers and an extensive line of heavy duty commercial turf maintenance equipment.

Main distributors appointed by Rolfe's are:

John Wilder of Wallingford, Kellands of Bridgwater, Kings Heath Mowers of Birmingham, Turf Equipment Services of Saffron Walden, John Riches of Norwich, Fearnco of Sheffield, Fewsters Agricultural Services of Hexham, A & J. Bowen of Glenrothes, Achurch & Sons of Horncastle, Grant Currie of Epping and B. A. Rolfe & Sons of Romsey.

Jacobsen turf care equipment is used by golf courses, sports grounds, private parks and local authorities throughout the UK. The Jacobsen Manufacturing Company is a member of the Allegheny Ludlum Industries of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which has an annual sales volume in excess of \$500,000,000.

Further details of local distributors and products available can be obtained from Rolfe's International Turf Equipment, Winchester Hill, Romsey, Hants. SO5 8YY. Telephone: 0794 513185.

Jacobsen F 133 5 reel gang mower.



## PURCHASE OR HIRE FROM HUXLEYS

OVER a hundred people attended Huxley's demonstration of 'Modern Maintenance Machinery for Purchase or Hire' at Alresford Golf Club on 22nd March.

The guests included representatives of Golf Clubs, Local Authorities, Sports Clubs, Hospitals, Parish Councils and Government Departments, and the programme appeared to be of particular interest to everyone.

During the slide lecture in the morning, examples were shown of how customers had saved time and money by hiring machines from Huxleys to cope with seasonal problems. Turf cutting, trenching, sand-slitting and leaf clearing were now jobs that could be completed quickly without employing contract labour. Details were also given of customers who had been able to cut grounds maintenance costs by using modern, high work rate machinery such as the Ransomes Motor 5/3 Hydraulic Mower and the Cushman Turf Care System.

A comprehensive demonstration of the latest 'Cost Cutting Machinery' took place before lunch, and the guests were invited to see a wide range of machines available for purchase or hire in operation during the afternoon.

Huxleys showed that, by considering the use of Hire Purchase, Leasing, Short Term Hire and Contract Hire, customers could afford to use the latest high performance machinery to maintain standards while keeping within their budget. The latest Ransomes Hydraulic Three Gangmower could be Leased for as little as £11 per week, and owners of the Basic Cushman Turf Truckster could hire the Top-Dresser, Sprayer and Quick Aerator from Huxleys when required.

Everyone appeared to find the day both enjoyable and constructive, and Huxleys are already planning a similar event next year, based on a different theme.

**Huxleys have now supplied over forty Ransomes-Hohn Triplex outfits to Golf Clubs throughout London and the Home Counties**



## LONGER LIFE GOLF COURSE ACCESSORIES

ONE man who has a lot to do with the appearance of golf courses all over England and Scotland is 66 years old, Bill Fairley, who has been with Ransomes Scotland (Grass Machinery) Ltd., at Edinborgh over 35 years.

His responsibility is the production of Ransomes well known range of high quality golf course accessories – greens flags and poles, putting cups, tee markers and other equipment.

At the St. Ninians Road premises he set up a small workshop where he used a variety of skills in the manufacture of the accessories – from the casting of polyester resin to make tee markers, to silk screen printing for flags, and a special method of painting flag-poles.

Originally Bill Fairley worked single handed on this but as demand grew for the equipment, which gives an individual and stylish finish to a well-tended course, he needed more assistance and now two others work with him.

Recently the work has been made easier by the introduction of a new vacuum application process which will make tee-plaques and direction and rule signs even longer lasting than before.

The process, for fixing letters and numerals to the signs, is the same as that used by many local authorities for making road traffic signs.

Pre-cut letters are arranged on the plaque, and then the machine evacuates the air, drawing the letters hard onto the surface. Once a full vacuum is reached, heat is applied, which cures the adhesive used, ensuring a positive long life bond between the legend and the sign board.

With this process Ransomes can provide exceptionally hard wearing signs for golf courses or indeed any other use, providing they use the standard plaques which are 5 in. x 7 in., 7 in. x 14 in. or 10 in. x 14 in.

There is no change in price for the signs following the introduction of the

new process so the new type signs represent even better value for money. Release date: 3rd March, 1976.

## GRASS SEEDS FOR SPORTS AND AMENITY TURF

MOMMERSTEEGS' outstanding new perennial ryegrass Grandstand is now available in an exclusive Mommersteeg mixture MM.30.

20% GRANDSTAND Perennial Ryegrass  
 45% STADION Perennial Ryegrass  
 35% NOVORUBRA Creeping Red Fescue

100%

This new turf mixture offers greenkeepers fast establishment, frost and disease resistance, low dense growth, rapid recovery from damage and an outstanding appearance. It also has a low nitrogen requirement and is extremely hard wearing.

Price of the new mixture is £46.20 per 50 kilos with reductions for larger quantities.

As from spring 1976, Mommersteeg mixture MM.24 will contain 5% Pastremo and 5% S.51 instead of Timo, and Mommersteeg mixtures will be available in the following pack sizes:

MM.11	5, 10 and 25 kilos
MM.12	25 kilos
MM.13	25 kilos
MM.14	25 kilos
MM.15	25 kilos
MM.16	10 and 25 kilos
MM.21	25 kilos
MM.22	10 and 25 kilos
MM.23	25 kilos
MM.24	25 kilos
MM.25	25 kilos
MM.26	10 and 25 kilos
MM.30	25 kilos

For further information please contact Richard Frost at Wellingborough, (0933) 680674.

## THEFTS FROM GOLF CLUBS

NUMEROUS thefts of golf clubs and equipment have occurred within the Surrey Constabulary police area during the first four months of this year. In nearly all cases these offences occurred in the club house or club car parks.

The culprits are adopting two main ploys. One of their methods is to pay the green fees on the pretext of playing a round of golf. Having 'bought' time, the offenders are going to the changing rooms where they then force open the locker doors, removing equipment therefrom. The locker doors are then pushed back into the closed position so as to 'delay discovery'.

The gaining of entry into vehicles left in the car parks and club grounds is another method currently being practised. Doors and car boots are being opened by means of a duplicate key and property left in the car has been stolen.

In a number of instances thefts from parked vehicles have occurred when an advertised event has been in progress at the club house, such as the A.G.M., a bridge party or the Captain's dance.

In addition to ensuring the adequate safeguard of property members are advised to report immediately any suspicious incident to the police.

## UNIVERSAL TRUCK-TRAILER

A VERSATILE load-carrier, designed to be either a two-wheeled tipping trailer, a four-wheeled turntable truck or a dual-purpose "convertible" model, has been introduced by Link-Hampson Ltd., of Newbury, Berks.

Carrying capacity is 10 cwt., on a platform measuring 59 in. x 29½ in. (1.0 metres x 0.75 metres), with 12 in. (0.3 metres) high sides; the tailboard and both sides are hinged for easy loading and unloading, or may be detached altogether if larger objects are carried. Front wheels swivel through more than 180° on the turntable truck, which can be turned within its own length.

The two-wheeled version has a draw-bar with a jaw of adjustable height to fit most standard mini-tractors, and is tipped simply by pulling a release catch on the front. Conversion into a hand-drawn turntable truck is a simple nut-and-bolt job, said to take only a few minutes.

Strength and weather-resistance are assured by an all-steel frame, undercoated with red oxide and finished in Poppy; treated Malaysian ¾ in. ply bodywork; and metal cappings to protect the tops of the timber panels. The 16 in. wheels are pneumatic-tyred.

Recommended retail prices, exclusive of VAT, are £92.00 for the tipper, £112.00 for the turntable truck; the kit to convert from two wheels to four costs £35.00.

For further information, please contact: Colin Honeybone, Newbury 46656. 539/16276.

**Link-Hampson tipping trailer in convertible to 4-wheeled turn-table truck. Carrying capacity is 10 cwt.**

