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# NEW HERBICIDE FOR CONTROL OF AQUATIC WEEDS

Introduction at Association of Drainage Authorities' demonstration on July 7-8

A new use for an already proven herbicide — the control of aquatic weeds — was demonstrated in the United Kingdom at its first public showing in July.

The product is Casoron G which was introduced at a Demonstration of Aquatic Weed Control Methods organised by the Association of Drainage Authorities at Yaxley, near Peterborough, on July 7-8.

Granular in form and containing dichlobenil as the active ingredient, Casoron G is already approved by the Ministry of Agriculture for control of a range of aquatic weeds — following Ministry clearance in the UK, Casoron G is also registered for use in water in the USA, Australia, Holland and certain other European countries.

It is both widely used and carries Ministry approval for control of many land weed species. Casoron G has been developed for use in the UK by Duphar-Midox of Smarden, Kent — a subsidiary of the giant Dutch Philips Group, which manufactures Casoron G in Holland.

For the Demonstration in July, Duphar-Midox treated 200 yards of a drain about 2 ft. deep and 3 yds. wide —up stream was an untreated control.

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Application is by hand or air assisted knapsack applicator direct to the water surface or exposed bottom mud. Care must be taken to ensure even distribution of granules.

The application rate is dependent on surface area and depth:—

Depth in feet	Rate lbs./acre
1	40
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Application is in the late spring usually in May as an early postemergence treatment. This avoids de-oxygenation, which can result from gross weed collapse following postemergence treatment. Later applications can however be made if needed. Following treatment, water should not be used for irrigation purposes for four weeks.

#### SUSCEPTIBILITY OF AQUATIC WEEDS TO CASORON G

#### SUSCEPTIBLE EMERGENT

SUBMERGED Callitriche stagnalis (Starwort) Ceratophyllum demersum (Hornwort) Chara spp (Stonewort) Elodea canadensis (Canadian pondweed) Hottonia palustris (Water violet) Lemna trizcula (Ivy dockweed) Myriophyllum verticillatum (Curled water-milfoil)

Alisma plantago-aquatica (Water plantain) Equisetum fluviatile (Water horsetail) Equisetum palustra (Marsh horsetail) Rumex hydrolapathum (Great water dock) Sagittaria sagittifolia (Arrow head) Stratiotes aloides (Water soldier) FLOATING

Hydrocharis morsus-ranae (Frog-bit) Ranunculus aquatilis (Water crowfoot) Submerged continued] Potamogeton crispus (Curled pondweed) Potamogeton pectinatus (Fennel-leaved pondweed) Zanichellia palustris (Horned pondweed)

#### MODERATELY SUSCEPTIBLE

SUBMERGED Myriophyllum spicatum (Spiked water-milfoil) Utricularia vulgaris (Greater bladderwort) EMERGENT Nasturtium officinale (Water cress) Oeanthe spp (Water dropworts) FLOATING Lemna gibba Potamoqeton natans (Broad-leaved pondweed)

Ministry approval currently covers those species in italic

#### MODERATELY RESISTANT

SUBMERGED Potamogeton lucens (Shining pondweed)

SUBMERGED

EMERGENT Glyceria fluitans (Flote grass) Iris pseudacorus Glyceria maxima (Yellow flag) Sparganium ramosum

#### RESISTANT

EMERGENT Butomus umbellatus (Flowering rush) Carex spp (Sedges) Jumcus spp (Rushes) Phalaris arundinacea (Reed grass) Phragmites communis (Reed) Typha spp (Reedmace) FLOATING Nuphar lutes (Yellow water-lily) Nymphasa alba (White water-lily) Polygonum amphibium (Amphibious bistort)

FLOATING Lanma minor (Duckweed)

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### TRADE NEWS

#### THE JACOBSEN TURF KING

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The Jacobsen Turf King is just one of the range of professional turf care machines from Jacobsen, probably world leaders in this field, all of which are immediately available for demonstration anywhere in the country from Rolfe's Mini-tractors, Winchester Hill, Romsey, Hants.

# LANSDOWN GOLF CLUB INSTALLS AN £8,500 AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Lansdown Golf Club, Bath, like so many clubs, have experienced irrigation problems. Keeping the greens in peak condition during dry weather has caused many difficulties for the groundsmen as well as being a time-consuming occupation.

The club's "projects" committee has successfully tackled this problem and really "gone to earth". An £8,500 automatic irrigation system — the first of its kind in the West Country — has been installed. It will produce a course on which the greens should always be in perfect condition. Golfers will be able to play their approach shots on to the greens with much greater control and should be able to putt much more accurately.

The system — designed by Wright Rain Ltd. of Ringwood, Hants., and installed by John Wallis Titt & Co., Ltd. of Warminster — will enable the club to apply, automatically to each green at night, exactly the right amount of water to keep it in tip-top condition.

The system will also cut labour costs. No labour will be needed to water the greens, so groundsmen can spend more time on other essential jobs. Also, the danger of burning greens with fertilisers is eliminated as they will always be washed down into the soil.

The system consists of "pop-up" sprinklers let into the turf on the edge of each green. Each green has four or five sprinklers surrounding it. These sprinklers are only  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches deep and 3 inches wide. When sunk into the ground with the tops at grass level they hardly show at all.

Under water pressure the tops pop up about half-an-inch and the water sweeps across the green in a fine spray.

The whole operation is controlled by an electronic automatic sequence controller which operates a small electric pump. This is installed near the clubhouse in a special building which also contains a 6,000-gallon water tank. All the greenkeeper has to do is to programme the controller so that the greens are watered one at a time in sequence for a certain length of time. Some greens may need more water than others and the programme can easily be arranged to allow for this. Each set of sprinklers are controlled by a solenoid valve let into the ground near the greens.

At Lansdown it has been decided that the automatic watering will take place in the early hours of the morning when the minimum of evaporation takes place. A 15-minute watering puts 500 gallons into each green, each night, and provides, over a week, the equivalent of three-quarters of an inch of rain.

On the majority of golf courses it is possible to lay all pipes and cables by mole plough and the complete installation takes two months. Due to the rock strata at Lansdown it was necessary to use an excavator and this increased the time for the installation; but even so, play was not interrupted at any time.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

Letter recently sent to the Hon. Secretary from Australia— Dear Mr Dix, c/o Kingswo

I hardly know how to start this letter to you. I am a member of the B.G.G.A. and receiving the Journal way down under.

I was head greenkeeper to Formby Golf Club, Lancashire, for 20 years and then head greenkeeper to the Wentworth Golf Club. But in June 1970 I emigrated to Australia. I have worked at Victoria Golf Club, but six weeks ago I was engaged as course manager to Kings Wood Golf Club which is in Dandenong, about 20 miles from Melbourne. It is an 18-hole course, 6,800 yards long with 1,000 members. My new address is c/o Kings Wood Golf Club, Centre Dandenong Road, Dingley, Victoria 3172, Australia.

I will tell you something about greenkeeping in Aussieland. I have a good friend at Kingston Heath Golf Club from Blackburn Golf Club. He has been here four years. His name is Bill Hunt.

The worst enemy here is fungus. With

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the temperature always about 70-75 degrees, there is always fusarium knocking about. May & Baker have a plant here which is a good thing. Grass grows here all the time, never stops growing. We never see snow or frost but plenty of rain and wind. We never need to use top-dressings, only sand, or light sand, as the more nitrate we use the more chances of fungus. So we have to be very careful what we use. Ransomes also have a plant here.

I hope you have a successful season in the U.K. I write to my pal, Harry Walsh, from the North-West Section where I send my subs, so I know what is going on. Please write back as a letter is always welcome.

May I wish you all good luck. With kind regards from

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## THE WRITING ON THE WALL

#### **Patrick Smartt**

It was reported in the Press some time ago, that someone had been writing THINGS on the wall. Not, in this instance, in some junior school, public convenience, or Ban the Bomb on any brick wall available, but in a golf club.

The underlying causes of this desire to scribble on walls will be attributed by "Trickcyclists", Freudians and other plausible explainers, to circumstances or environment in early days. Frustrations or inhibitions. Budding authors nipped in the bud. Frustration breeds revolutionaries, and rather than drive them underground it might be a good idea to give them rein and let them have one glorious binge of wall writing.

At the time I write spring is at hand. The clubhouse is to be redecorated, so why not let the malcontents loose with buckets of highly coloured paint to splosh their slogans on a wall. It would at least be less dreary than the Suggestion Book. The effect could be both startling and entertaining. Imagine passing through the portals of some distinguished club to observe: "Down with the Captain" splashed across the wallpaper.

Abusive references to the Secretary such as: "The secerty is an orful ass." While possibly containing an element of truth (seldom), might cause vacancies unless he took the view that boys will be boys. "I sor the steward kissing the waitress" in purple lettering over the bar would make a good talking point; raising the status of the steward in the eyes of the more timid members, and a questionable speculation on the part of the lotharios.

It might, though, be embarrassing on taking a guest into the dining room to be faced with: "The nosh here is friteful."

The temptation to pay off old scores would prove irresistible. Consider the relief, after years of a self-denying ordinance, of seizing a brush and in bold strokes writing: "I sor Bloggs kick his ball out of the ruff." And the member whose dance at the Club Ball was cut by the Lady Captain: "You musta been a beautiful baby. Gawd, just look at you now."

There is a hesitation in imputing practices of which one is ignorant, but if girls write on walls would we find jealousy raising its ugly head in the Ladies Room, with: "Gert loves Cuthy," and a rather shaky sketch of a heart pierced by a putter of improbable design?

This business of writing on the wall would also offer some advantages. On those Sunday mornings when you cannot get near the bar for the crush of members and a visiting society, an announcement in ringing tones that someone has written something rather murky in the changing room, and the bar is yours for sufficient time to order a drink, possibly two.

There is, alas, always somebody who goes and overdoes it, and we are left with the clot who scrawls in letters a foot high: "Henry Craw-Thomas carnt play goff for toffee." on the very day that distinguished correspondent chooses to visit the club.

While writing this, the television has been playing a wartime dance tune; "These foolish things." In which we have been indulging in flippancy. It may be fitting to end with a true story. A member had arranged a match between the Old Fools and the Young Fools a first of April. He on also asked a member addicted to the ridiculous to think up a jape for the occasion. When members arrived they were disconcerted to find "Out of Order" posted on the door to the "Gents". The thick woodland surrounding the 1st tee became overcrowded. The matter eventually came to the secretary's ears. In some umbrage he enquired of the steward why he had not been informed. The steward "knew nuffink."

I shall not disclose the name of the perpetrator. At over 60 he should perhaps have eschewed an upsurge of youth. A moment I shall not forget for many years, if ever.

#### SITUATIONS VACANT

- A NORTH LONDON GOLF CLUB requires a 1st Assistant Greenkeeper. Wages by negotiation. Preferably single. Application with details of experience and brief personal history to the Secretary, Muswell Hill Golf Club, Rhodes Avenue, Wood Green, London, N.W.2. Telephone 01-888 1764 or 2044.
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# News



# from the Sections



Chairman: C A. MOORE (Stanmore)

By F. W. Ford Hon. Secretary: 68 Salcombe Gardens Mill Hill, N.W.7 Tel: 01-959 2847

#### A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel on Wednesday, 26th May 1971, Mr J. Wallis-Arthur presiding.

Following the reading of the minutes of the last A.G.M. and Secretary's report, the balance sheet was adopted. In proposing the balance sheet, J. K. Glass said the secretary was to be congratulated on its presentation. Seconded by J. Kirkpatrick.

#### Matters Arising

It was confirmed to the meeting that all future meetings would take place at The Ship Tavern, 27 Lime Street, London, E.C.2. More details in later magazine.

It was proposed by the secretary on behalf of absentee A. E. Creese, that first-year competitors should play together. Once again, this proposal was turned down. However, it was agreed that to make sure the newcomers know the fundamentals of golf, three cards signed by their club secretary must be submitted with their entry.

#### **Election of Officers**

The following were elected for the year: — President, Mr Jack Wallis-Arthur; Vice-Presidents, Messrs D. M. Craig, F. W. Hawtree, C. P. Simpson, G. W. Worrell, J. Field, K. J. Hemingway, F. Brittin, W. J. Holloway, P. A. Marshall, C. Diebel, C. J. Fowler, K. Thomas and V. L. Waeland; Chairman, C. A. Moore; Vice-Chairman, F. W. Ford; Committee, J. K. Glass, D. H.

Major, E. W. Folkes, J. Kirkpatrick, P. Moore, W. F. Machin, C. E. Ryan and D. S. Gould; *Executive Committee*, E. W. Folkes; *Secretary and Treasurer*, F. W. Ford.

#### **Any Other Business**

It was proposed and passed that the 1972 A.G.M. will be held at a golf club preceded by an 18-hole competition in the afternoon. The President's Cup to be played for. Full details in later magazine.

That the ruling one prize only to be adhered to in all future competitions.

That the Southern Section should form a benevolent fund to enable larger grants to be paid to widows and dependents. A bottle of whisky was presented by C. E. Ryan and will be raffled at the next meeting to get the scheme going.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

#### **New Members**

A warm welcome is extended to our new members whose names are listed below. J. E. Atkins (Chesterfield).

S. Borg and M. Burns of South Herts.

#### Retirement

Mr C. R. Cooke has written to say he is now retiring at last from the head man's job at St George's Hill. He says that the club have settled him into a nice little cottage not too far away and that the cottage garden will keep him busy for at least six months knocking it into shape. He sends his regards to all his friends and I know you will all wish him a long and happy retirement.

Greetings also from Harry Hughes in Devon.



Chairman: A. ROBERTSHAW

By J. Parker Hon. Secretary: 8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden, Bingley, Yorks.

#### Spring Tournament

Forty-two members took part in the Annual Spring Tournament played over the course of the Garforth Golf Club, Leeds, on Monday, 17th May, by courtesy of the club committee. This was the section's first ever visit to the course and a most generous welcome and kind assistance was given by all members of the club staff.

Following tea, the prizes were presented by Reg Lewis, the club professional.

Results-Scratch Prize: M. Barrett 79-84 163.

163.
1st Division: 1st, P. Ford 73-73 = 146;
2nd, D. Roberts 78-74 = 152; 3rd, C. Geddes 77-75 = 152.
2nd Division: 1st, R. Lambert 73-66 = 139; 2nd, M. Rooks 76-65 = 141; 3rd, D. Sellers 76-66 = 142.
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Veteran's Prize: S. Smith. Vice-President's Prize: T. Toulson. Our thanks are due to the following firms. who kindly contributed to our prize fund Stephen Toulson & Son; Rigby Taylor Ltd.; Hayters Ltd.; Webb Ltd.; Flymo; H. Pattison & Co. Ltd.; Ransomes Sims & Jefferies; Stewart & Son; Atco; Pressure Jet Markers



Chairman: T BRENNAN. (Royal Birkdale)

By H. M. Walsh Hon. Secretary: Horrobin Cottage, Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat, Bolton, Lancs.

#### New Treasurer

I would once again like to draw the attention of all members to the address of our new treasurer. Will you please forward subscriptions, which are now due, to R. Janovskis, Esq., 303 Moor Side Road, Swinton, Manchester.

#### **Annual Draw**

Will members please let me have all monies, counterfoils and unsold tickets by the date printed on counterfoils.

#### **New Members**

We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their association with us will be a happy one :--

Hon. Member -R. Daniels, Parks & Sportsground Machinery.

G. E. Lloyd, Hillside Golf Club, Southport. C. Brown, Hillside Golf Club, Southport.

W. G. Watt, Hillside Golf Club, Southport.

F. Brocklehurst, Houldsworth Golf Club, Manchester.

G. Corcoran, Lee Park Golf Club. S. Gregson, Hesketh Golf B. Club. Southport.

# EAST MIDLA

Chairman: CARRICK

**By S. Fretter** Hon. Secretary: 4 Queens Drive. Leicester Forest East. Leicester.

Annual Spring Golf Tournament The Annual Spring Golf Tournament was held at Kibworth Golf Club on Wednesday, 2nd June 1971, by kind permission of the captain and committee. The weather was very good, and also a good entry of greenkeepers, visitors and vice-presidents. Our thanks to the steward and his wife, to the inside and outside staff, and also to the professional for the use of the trolleys. Our thanks also to Mr A. Thornton, Mrs Mott, Mr K. Buckledee, Mr Vaughan for helping with the starting, raffle, etc. Our thanks also to Mr D. Whitehead for the buying of the prizes. Also thanks to the following for prizes: Messrs John Player and Sons; Messrs Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd; H. Ltd.; Leicester Pattinson Horticultural Engineers; Rigby Taylor Ltd; Leicestershire

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#### Greenkeepers

1st prize, R. O'Hara (Stanton on the Wolds), 63 net; 2nd, I. Toone (Kirby Muxloe), 71 net; 3rd, A. Shaw (Radcliffe on Trent), 73 net (last nine); 4th, W. Tuckwood (Charnwood Forest), 73 net; 5th, M. Lake (Northampton County), 73 net; 6th, G. Dunckley (Northampton County), 74 net; 7th, C. Fillis (Northampton County), 75 net; 8th, J. L. Bowley (Charnwood Forest), 78 net (last nine); 9th, W. Woods (Stanton on the Wolds), 78 net; 10th, D. Warrington (Birstall), 78 net; 11th, J. Carrick (Northampton County), 78 net; 12th, F. Frost (Derby County), 79 net (last nine); 13th, D. Bagshaw (Stanton on the Wolds), 79 net.

First-Year Greenkeeper's Prize

S. Ablett (Northampton County), 96 net. Vice-Presidents

1st, R. E. Whitcombe (Chilwell Manor), 74 net; 2nd, R. Bailey (Kibworth), 76 net.

Visitors S. James, 77 net.

#### New Members

I would like to welcome on behalf of the above greenkeepers the following new members to this section.

S. Ablett, Esq., 15 Cranford Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton.

R. A. Barrass, 57 Griggs Road, Shelthorpe, Loughborough.

J. Roberts, 2 Lilac Close, Keyworth, Notts. P. Malin, 39 Grantham Road, Radcliffe

on Trent, Notts. I. P. Frost, 24 Leverton Green, Clifton, Nottingham.

#### Vice-Presidents

H. L. Hedley, 96 Station Road, Cropston, Leicester.

A. Clarke, 21 Station Road, Birstall, Leicester. LE4 3RB

J. L. White, 8 Wavertree Drive, Leicester. LE4 7NU

#### Subscriptions

Would all members please note that subscriptions are now due.



Chairman: J. SIMPSON By G. Jeffrics Hon. Secretary: 55 Brackenfield Road,

Framwell Gate Moor, Durham.

#### Spring Tournament

Our Spring Tournament was held on Thursday, 22nd April, at Durham City Golf Club, by kind permission of the captain and committee. The weather was in our favour, being warm and with bright sunshine.

#### Results

The winners over 18 holes were: R. Hinson (Tynemouth), net 70, salver and carry bag; R. Hutton (Eaglescliffe), 73, L. Jones, putter and voucher. 2nd, T. Nutman (Tynemouth) 76, voucher; 3rd, C. Maston (Billingham), 77. The winner of the trades prize was G. Vaughan of Ransomes, association tie.

Our chairman, Mr J. Simpson, thanked the captain and committee for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse. He then introduced the captain of Durham Golf Club, Mr T. Warren, who had kindly consented to present the prizes. Thanks to Tom Oliver for handling the raffle, and to the steward and stewardess for a splendid meal.

#### Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament will be held on Thursday, 23rd September 1971, over the Ponteland Golf Course by kind permission of their captain and committee.



Chairman: M. GEDDES, 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glamorgan. By S. A. Tucker Hon. Secretary: 36 Clase Road, Morriston, Swansea, Glamorgan.

#### **Autumn Meeting**

Our Autumn Meeting will be held at Swansea Bay Golf Club, Jersey Marine, on 8th September. All members intending to play in the competition must send their entry in seven days before the meeting. If this is not done they will not be able to play in the competition. Address to send entry is above the section notes.

#### Subscriptions

To all members who do not pay their subs at the annual meeting or send them in before, please remember they are due and send them to Mr Geddes, 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

#### **David Whitehead**

I am very sorry to announce the death of David Whitehead, an apprentice greenkeeper only recently joined the Association from Portmadoc Golf Club, through tragic circumstances (motor cycle accident). We send to his family our very deepest sympathy in their tragic loss.

#### PROGRESS

My game must be improving, Since all my efforts show, I miss the ball much closer, Than I did a week ago.