

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. John Parker, our Superintendent of Grounds, on 28th May at the early age of 59. Mr. Parker had suffered a minor heart attack about a fortnight previously, from which he was apparently making a good recovery in hospital, when he had a further, and fatal, attack. John Parker was a native of Bingley and an old boy of its Grammar School. He first joined the ground staff before the last war—in which he was later to serve—and then left to take up greenkeeping; for many years he was Head Greenkeeper of the Nevill Golf Club at Tunbridge Wells in Kent. He re-joined the Institute's staff in 1958 as Assistant-Superintendent of Grounds and upon the retirement of Mr. F. G. Smith at the of 1962 succeeded him as Superintendent. For many years he was Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the B.G.G.A. Northern Section. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him but most of all by his widow, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

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RANSOMES' TROPHY FOR INTERNATIONAL GOLF GREENKEEPERS & SUPERINTENDENTS

The new International Golf Greenkeepers & Superintendents trophy presented by Ransomes for their competition next October. Teams from U.S.A., Canada, Europe and all four home countries will be competing (Photograph R.S.J. Limited)



SITUATIONS VACANT AND WANTED

FOXHILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB CHERTSEY, SURREY

Two championship golf courses under construction at Foxhills, Chertsey, will shortly need the services of a man with solid experience in Greenkeeping and, ability to direct efficiently a staff of 10 with the most modern equipment. The right man will be offered a salary well above average, a house in pleasant surroundings, and a great deal of responsibility.

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Pevero Golf Club, Costa Smeralda require Head Greenkeeper. The new Costa Smeralda Golf Course, designed by Robt. Trant-Jones and recognised as one of the most beautiful Courses in Europe, has a fully automatic watering system and the maintenance is highly mechanised.

Greenkeepers with outstanding knowledge and ability and who can speak some Italian should write, giving full details of experience to the Golf Manager,

Pevero Golf Club,
PORTO CERVO,
Costa Smeralda,
Sardinia,
Italy.

SITUATION WANTED

Experienced Greenkeeper, aged 41
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W. Williamson, 6 Blackie Avenue,
Parafield Gardens, South Australia 5107.

Situations Vacant (cont).

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**The Manager
Wilton Works Recreation Club
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The Baly Hally Golf and Country Club at St Johns, Newfoundland, Canada is accepting applications for the position of Greens Superintendent Permanent Position.

Those applying please state:

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Present Salary, Salary expected,
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SISIS THATCH CONTROL REEL FOR ROTORAKES

SISIS Thatch Control Reel, which can be fitted to existing models of the SISIS Duo-Rotorake and Auto-Rotorake, is now generally available.

The purpose of the Thatch Control Reel is to sever horizontal surface growth, whether of weeds or broad leaved grasses, and thus to assist in preventing a buildup of thatch. It is not intended that the blades should cut beneath the green leaf and therefore be in contact with the soil. This is not a scarifying reel and any attempt to use it as such could severely damage both the turf and the machine. If used correctly, tine wear will be at a minimum.

The reel consists of 24 triangular cutting blades mounted at $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (19 mm) intervals along a shaft. Two of the three points are offset, one by $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6 mm) to the right and one by $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6 mm) to the left. In action, therefore, the reel cuts at $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (6 mm) intervals across its 18 in. (45.7 cm) width.

This makes three types of reel available for use in SISIS Rotorakes:

- Thatch Control Reel
- Thatch Removal Reel for cutting out existing accumulations of dense fibrous growth.
- Surface Scarifying Reel of spring wire tines.

COURSE MANAGEMENT THEME AT OPEN EXHIBITION

THE CONTRIBUTION of modern, high work-rate grasscutting equipment in total golf course management was emphasised by machines displayed by the Institutional Division of Flymo Limited of Watford at the exhibition associated with the Open Golf Championship at Troon (9th to 13th July).

Highlight of the display was the Toro Greensmaster 3 – the first ride-on triplex greensmower introduced to the United Kingdom and now in use on many championship courses.

The Greensmaster 3 has had widespread acknowledgement of advantages gained in time and labour, as well as superb finish to greens achieved by the most advanced concepts of engineering and design. The machine is used to cut 18 greens in less than four hours. Thatching reels, fitted in about 10 minutes, also enable de-thatching to be undertaken in about four hours to provide a comprehensive turf management programme.

More than 100 golf clubs and local authorities in the United Kingdom have purchased GM3's including three clubs which have two machines.

Another complementary unit in the Toro golf course turf management line-up on display on the stand of Flymo Limited was the Toro 70 in. Professional ride-on triplex mower used for bunkers, tees and aprons. With a cutting rate of $1\frac{3}{4}$ acres an hour, the 70 in. Professional has advantages of extreme manoeuvrability and contour-hugging characteristics.

J. H. HANCOX SPECIAL AUTOBARROW SPRAY UNIT

J. H. HANCOX LIMITED of Wood Lane, Earlswood, main distributors for Autobarrow Products in the Midlands, have supplied Stourbridge Parks and Crematorium Department with a specially designed Autobarrow Spray Unit for all-year-round use.

The unit incorporates an 80-gallon tank mounted on a strengthened version of the standard Autobarrow multi-purpose handling unit. The spray attachment has also been re-designed for variable height adjustment which gives an increased spray area.

An all-season programme is planned for the basic handling unit which is adaptable to any mechanical handling job and built to carry a variety of easily detachable bodies to cope with all maintenance work from spraying to waste collection on park land areas.

The Standard Autobarrow unit is powered by a Villiers F15 engine and has a payload of 9 cwt. and a turning circle of 7ft. Its unladen weight is 2 cwt. 28 lbs. Further details are available from J. H. Hancox Limited.



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