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# TEE SHOTS

Elsewhere in this issue is a reproduction of a letter published in *Golf Illustrated*, written by Jonathan Franks of Twyford Seeds Ltd., urging a 50p levy on all golfers to provide funds to assist in the training and professional education of Greenkeepers and to help the development of the art of greenkeeping. Such efforts from people professionally outside the Association are most welcome and most necessary if an increasing number of greenkeepers are to be attracted to the game and suitably trained in the future. Following the proposal adopted at the Annual General Meeting that all golf clubs in the country should be approached by letter and invited to make an annual contribution to Association funds for the same purpose, perhaps at long last we can see real progress being made to further Greenkeepers and the art of Greenkeeping. Club Secretaries please note.

During a recent visit to Ransome's headquarters at Ipswich I learned that the Grass Machinery division now contributes the largest proportion of revenue of the five operating divisions for the first time in the company's history. The recent decision to discontinue production of combine harvesters means not only will there no longer be any British manufacturer of this type of equipment but that additional manufacturing capacity will be available to increase production of grass machinery.

Although the Association will not be organising a Turfgrass Symposium next year Synchemicals Ltd. are staging a one day seminar entitled "Turf '75" at the University of Reading where four papers will be presented. Further details of these together with dates and times of attendance will be published in a future issue.

At the Annual General Meeting several people asked me if they could look forward to the journal increasing in size similar to *Golf Illustrated* as the Association grew in numbers. The answer is No because the other publications covering the sport and recreational field are the same size as *The Greenkeeper* and our advertisers are prevented from the necessity of having material prepared especially for us, which they would have to do if we changed our format.

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E. J. Huxley, Huxleys Garden Machinery, Staines and Alresford.

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*We recently invited Huxleys Garden Machinery to contribute a short article on the hiring side of their business. What follows is their response.*

I feel I cannot open this article in a better way than by quoting from the front cover of my firm's Hire Brochure: "... obviously if you can find a use for a machine during most months of the year it will pay you to buy . . . in this Brochure we have listed some machines which you may find more economical to hire from us (without operator) for various reasons—high capital cost—limited use—high maintenance costs". This was the theme on the front cover of the first Hire Brochure we produced, in December 1970, and the message remains the same on the cover of our latest issue which lists over 50 different pieces of equipment. Our Hire fleet now numbers some 200 machines (we operate 7 Ryan Greensaires, plus a standby machine, for example).

During the latter part of 1970 we were looking for some means of expanding our business which for years had been a specialist one, concentrating mainly on sales and service to the professional users, such as Golf Clubs, Sports Clubs, Local Authorities and Estates. We had two businesses established in good areas—Middlesex and Hampshire. The tendency amongst most of our competitors seemed to be to look for something to manufacture or import: somehow this did not seem to fit in with the

way we were going. We decided that the short-term hire of specialist equipment had great possibilities **provided it was done properly**. It is now apparent that we took the right decision because the hire side of our business has progressed over the last three years in a very satisfactory way: what about the advantages to the customer?

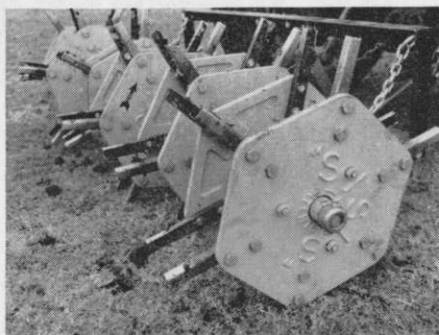
Nowadays the purchase of expensive machinery must be justified: even for so-called 'wealthy' Clubs it hardly makes sense to lay out a large sum on the purchase of a piece of equipment which will only be used for a week or two each year. The expense is not confined to the original purchase—other factors such as storage space, depreciation and maintenance must also be taken into account. No Club could afford to keep the large range of equipment which we offer for hire. It is pleasing to us to realise that in our small way we are contributing to improvements in the condition of many Golf Courses and Sports Grounds. Our turf maintenance equipment, for instance, is in great demand in the Autumn and Spring and Clubs are able to make great improvements in the quality of their playing surfaces by hiring machines from us for use by their own skilled staff—machines which would certainly be beyond the reach of most Clubs to purchase. We do not hire to Contractors, incidentally; it is a condition that our machines must only be used by the hirer or his employees. We offer to instruct the operator in use and maintenance: indeed with certain

machines we insist that this is done.

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Our hire section is now in its fourth year and in that time we have learned a lot. We have made mistakes, of course, but hiring is now an established part of the business and it has, I think, made my firm quite well-known in the South East of England. I think I can claim without boasting that we are providing a valuable service to the customer.

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## The S.T.R.I. Cup—18 holes Stableford

1st	Prize	S.T.R.I. Cup and Travel Bag ... ..	M. Owen	35 pts.
2nd	"	Hargreaves Cup & Golf Bag ... ..	R. W. Lance	35 "
3rd	"	Bath Towel ... ..	B. F. Mott	34 "
4th	"	Bottle Whiskey ... ..	G. Payne	34 "
5th	"	Vegetable Dish ... ..	B. E. Payne	33 "
6th	"	Compact & 2 Pkts. P/Cards ... ..	D. Roberts	33 "

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## Jubilee Cup Inter-Section—36 holes Medal

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## "Coming of Age" Cup (60 yrs. and over)—18 holes Medal

1st	Prize	Maxwell Hart Trophy & Barometer ...	P. Whitehead	74
2nd	"	Travelling Rug ... ..	R. Lewis	75
3rd	"	Bottle Whiskey ... ..	W. Summer	80

## Senior Division—36 holes Medal

1st	Prize	Ransomes Cup & Wrist Watch ... ..	G. Payne	103
2nd	"	"Golf Illustrated" Cup Sheets etc. ...	J. Robinson	105
3rd	"	"Universal" Cup and Clock ... ..	G. Woodward	105½
4th	"	Table Lighter ... ..	F. Ainsworth	105½
5th	"	Kitchen Set ... ..	D. Roberts	106
6th	"	Wallet ... ..	D. H. Major	106
7th	"	Tankard ... ..	R. S. Howlett	106
8th	"	Hand Towels ... ..	R. W. Lance	108
9th	"	½ Doz. Golf Balls ... ..	R. H. Plain	108½
10th	"	Sherry Glasses ... ..	E. R. West	109
11th	"	Thermos Flask ... ..	B. E. Payne	109½

## Junior Division (12 to 24)

1st	Prize	"Pattisnon" Trophy & Wrist Watch ...	A. Martin	103
2nd	"	President's Cup, Sheets etc. ... ..	T. Davaccia	106
3rd	"	"Mays" Cup & Toilet Case ... ..	T. Patchin	106
4th	"	Clock ... ..	R. Peters	107
5th	"	Edging Shears ... ..	H. McAddey	108½
6th	"	Kitchen Carvers ... ..	J. Sirviss	109
7th	"	Tankard ... ..	C. J. Rogerson	110½
8th	"	Hand Towels ... ..	J. E. Cryer	111
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