

# Equipment on lease

THE demand for high performance grass maintenance equipment is increasing due to the dramatic rise in operating and labour costs. Clearly, a machine which enables one man to cut a very large area is cheaper to operate than a number of smaller machines needing several men to cut the same area in the same time.

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Interest rates are fixed for the entire leasing period when the agreement is signed, so the lease itself will not be affected by inflation. Leasing allows more accurate budget planning, and frees capital for concentration in other

areas. Leasing rentals are fully tax deductible and the tax relief gained on the lease payments can be claimed as a business charge against profits. This can lead to a smaller tax liability than the usual "capital allowance".

How does the plan work? Ransomes Leasing Company pays the capital sum to the dealer who supplies the machine. The lease is split into a primary period of three years, during which a fixed quarterly payment is made, and a secondary period of four years with a much reduced annual payment. If it is decided to dispose of the equipment after the initial three year period, this is just as easy as if the machinery had been purchased outright.

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# SECTION NEWS

## A nationwide round-up of news from the branches

Welcome to J. McMillan, his two sons and first assistant D. Lane of the Bush Hill Park Golf Club, who joined our ranks in December.

### Welsh Section

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A good attendance in December greeted Dr. Clutterbuck from the S.T.R.I. on his first visit to the Southern Section and it was most gratifying to see so many of our younger members present. Dr. Clutterbuck talked about the texture, structure, air and compaction in soils on golf courses, going on to sand slitting, grades of sand and finally showing some most interesting slides. A big thank you to your Committee for organizing and sponsoring the Christmas raffle which concluded the evening. Proceeds £30.55.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, March 21 at the Walton Heath Golf Club. The Club has again very kindly extended the courtesy of the course for the afternoon 18 hole four-ball better ball Stableford competition. Entrance Fee 50p to be paid on the day. Tickets for the Dinner now available from me at £3.50 each. Entertainment will be provided by Stan Taylor described by The Stage as "A brilliant dialect comedian and the finest and most versatile dialect comedian in the United Kingdom."

### Amended Handicaps

M. Jones	7	to	8
D. Jones	8	to	9
M. Parry	9	to	11
J. Sarsby	10	to	12
C. Thompson	10	to	12
G. Cox	9	to	11
J. Borja	24	to	18

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr. Henry Stead on his new appointment as Head Greenkeeper at Bargoed Golf Club. Well done Henry, may your reign be a long and prosperous one.

### Sheffield Section

*President:*  
S. K. ARNOLD

*Hon. Secretary:*  
B. V. LAX  
153 Kilton Road,  
Workshop,  
Notts.

OUR lecture on December 5th was very well attended, and I am sure that everyone found the talk by Dr. Clutterbuck of S.T.R.I. very interesting.

Dr. Clutterbuck's subject was soils and sands for golf courses, and in his talk he raised some very interesting facts. He stressed that the basis of all turf culture must be a good soil, afterwards, in the question and answer spot, some very good points were discussed

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out of which most of those present must have gained helpful knowledge.

We thank Dr. Clutterback for a really enjoyable afternoon, and hope to be able to meet him again in the future.

Our lecture on the 6th of March is one to be given by Mr. C. J. Head (Chipmans Ltd.).

### Northern Section

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OUR thanks are due to the Committee and Members of Howley Hall Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of their Course and Clubhouse, to enable us to play a Turkey Trot Competition on the 5th December. 36 Members participated in the event, and the winners were as follows:—R. Gaunt, 31 points; W. Heeles, 30 points; A. C. Burge, 28 points; R. V. Lambert, 27 points.

The Annual Dinner was held at Oakdale Golf Club, Harrogate on Friday, 13th December 1974. Members and guests had a most enjoyable evening. Guests included Mr. J. R. Escritt, Director of the Sports Turf Research Institute, Mr. H. G. Sedcole, Captain Oakdale Golf Club, and retired greenkeepers. Following the dinner members of the Oakdale Golf Club put on entertainment in the form of a Cabaret—altogether a very good evening, it is a pity more greenkeeping members did not participate.

### South Coast Section

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MR. J. F. Franks of Twyford Seeds Limited gave us a most informative talk on Tuesday, 3rd December 1974 at Alresford Golf Club. He spoke of the many considerations which have to be taken into account when choosing a

grass variety or mixture to suit special conditions.

Mr. Franks mentioned a new variety 'Pencross' which had been introduced on many of the new golf courses and he explained the complicated, lengthy procedure which had to be followed before a new variety could be introduced on to the market. Mr. Franks then showed us a splendid cine film illustrating the Barenbrug range of grasses. It was a very interesting and entertaining evening and we wish to thank Mr. Franks for fitting us into his already tight schedule. The Committee were disappointed that Mr. Rupert Furneaux was unable to accept their invitation to attend their lecture evening.

The Section held a Christmas Dinner/dance at the West Cliff Hall Hotel, Hythe, on Friday, 13th December 1974. Despite misgivings about the choice of date, the function proved to be a great success and it is hoped that it will be the first of many. Members were delighted when Eddie Fox won the Star Prize. He deserves a bonus for all the hard work he undertakes as Tournament Organiser etc.

We wish to thank Mr. Lennie Nott of Thoresen Car Ferries Ltd. for providing the two passenger return tickets. Our special thanks to Mr. Don Stewart and staff of West Cliff Hall Hotel for the delicious meal and for looking after us so well during the evening. Thanks too to the Trio who provided a marvellous selection of tunes to which we could step the light fantastic, and our congratulations to Jim Fry and John Payne for organising a splendid raffle.

It is hoped that the recent escalation in petrol prices will not prevent members from attending the last of our winter lectures which will be held on Tuesday, 4th March 1974 at 7 p.m. at the premises of Huxleys Garden Machinery, The Dean, New Alresford (please note the venue).

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We are pleased to welcome the following members and we hope their association with us will be a long and happy one:—R. F. Plews, Vice President; T. Watt and D. Walker, Puttenham Golf Club; P. R. Sayer; Romsey Golf Club.

### North-West Section

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Bolton, Lancs.

THE February talk will be given by Mr. A. Lees of S.A.I. Horticulture. Venue—Swinton Park Golf Club. Time, 7.30 p.m. Date, February 10th.

### Midlands Section

*Chairman:*

G. HART

*Hon. Secretary:*

A. KITE  
5 Lullington Close,  
Sutton Coldfield,  
West Midlands.

THE Midland Section's Annual Dinner Dance is to be held at The Elms Hotel, Aldridge, Staffs on Friday 23rd May 1975. The reception will be at 7.00 p.m. in the ballroom and, there will be a four course meal followed by entertainment from a dance band. Tickets will be £3.00 inclusive and can be obtained from the Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members.

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