

## 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.

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# Standing Conference for Golf Greenkeeping

THE winter tour of the Training Co-ordinators, Mr. & Mrs. G. Richards, has been completed. Every golf club has had the opportunity of being represented at one of the 34 meetings to discuss the new training scheme for golf greenkeeping and in addition Mr. & Mrs. Richards have met head greenkeepers in every section of the B.G.G.A.

The main comments from these discussions were reported to the Standing Conference at a meeting in London on 16th March. The Conference made the following decisions:—

1. That golf should work towards having a qualified service. As an interim measure head greenkeepers will be given the opportunity, if recommended by their clubs, to register as qualified with the Standing Conference.
2. That training courses recognised by the Standing Conference will be started in the autumn 1976 at colleges, and a booklet giving full details will be sent to clubs shortly.
3. That the chairman, Mr. F. Fawcett, should be one of the panel of selectors for the Government sponsored one-year full-time residential course for adults in greenkeeping at Askham Bryan college, York.
4. That experienced assistant greenkeepers should have the opportunity qualifying by examination and that short crash courses be arranged at colleges, where necessary.
5. That the "on course" training should be tested as part of the qualification.
6. That it would be advisable for a training liaison officer to be appointed in each county and a small advisory committee formed to work with each college providing the courses.
7. That when the Training Services Agency has made the specific offer of grant-aid for the training scheme,

details would be conveyed to all clubs.

8. That the Standing Conference could not give guidance to clubs on wages for trainees.
9. That an effort should be made to encourage clubs to support the B.G.G.A., S.G.G.A., or I.G.G.A., especially for their educational value.

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## 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.

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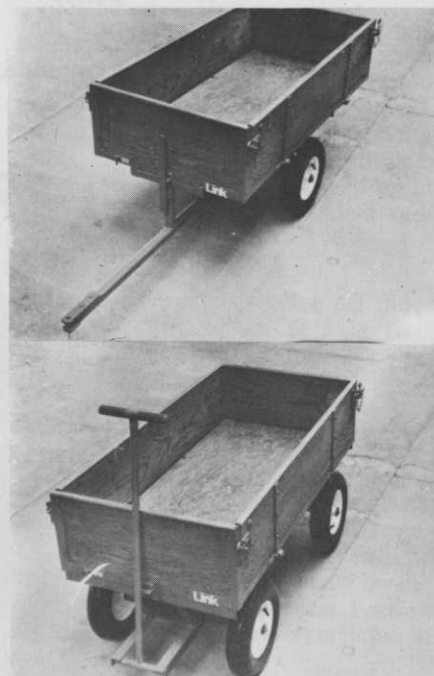
The two-wheeled version has a draw-bar with a jaw of adjustable height to fit most standard mini-tractors, and is tipped simply by pulling a release catch on the front. Conversion into a hand-drawn turntable truck is a simple nut-and-bolt job, said to take only a few minutes.

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# SECTION NEWS

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



### South Coast Section

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THERE was a very good attendance at Alresford Golf Club on Tuesday, 2nd March 1976, when members enjoyed the generous hospitality of Huxleys Garden Machinery. The topic of the evening was "Further Thoughts on Hire". Eddie Fox concentrated on aspects of drainage and showed a series of slides illustrating the method used to improve drainage on the 1st green at Alresford using a turf cutter and AF trencher, and he also drew attention to the use that had been made of other machines in experiments to cope with particular drainage problems. Paul Huxley referred to the other machinery which was now included in their Hire Fleet and there were many envious sighs when the various attachments to the basic Cushman turf truckster were shown! Our grateful thanks to "Huxleys" for a very interesting and enjoyable evening.

Many members were given the opportunity to inspect at first hand the work which had been done on the 1st green. On Monday, 22nd March, Huxleys Garden Machinery held a display of their "Modern Maintenance Machinery for Purchase or Hire" at Alresford Golf Club.

A few of our Greenkeepers were also

given the opportunity of another day out when they accepted an invitation from A. Brewer & Co. Ltd., of Salisbury to a Golf Tournament held at High Post Golf Club. Almost eighty representatives from various Golf Clubs and Trade firms took part and it was most unfortunate that the weather that day was diabolical

We welcome to the Section Mr. M.D. Webb of Alton Golf Club and hope that his association with us will be a long and happy one.

### North West Section

*Chairman and Hon. Secretary:*  
H. M. WALSH  
34 Kingsfold Close,  
Broughton,  
Bolton, Lancs.

#### Lectures

OUR sincere thanks to Mr. R. Young of Chipmans Ltd., for the very interesting talk which he gave on the importance of correct drainage. This concluded this winter's series of talks, and my thanks to all the speakers concerned, and to the members who turned up in quite good numbers to give their support.

#### Spring Tournament

Monday, May 17th. Tee off times from 8.15 a.m. at the Hillside Golf Club, Southport. Details in the previous issue of the journal.

#### In Memoriam

It is with deep regret I have to inform members of the sudden passing away of our friend, and fellow greenkeeper, John Pearson, a stalwart member of the Association, and will be greatly missed by his friends in the North West, who extend to Mrs. Pearson and family their deepest sympathy in their sad loss.

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### Our 1976 Fixtures List:

15th June Southerndown Golf Club  
21st Sept. Swansea Bay Golf Club  
13th Oct. St. Pierre Golf Club

On the 4th March, 1976, Mr. Tom Jones died, who had been the Head Greenkeeper of St. Mellors Golf Club for the past 43 years. We all knew Mr. Jones had been ill for quite some time. He will be sadly missed by all.

## Midlands Section

*Chairman:*  
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5, Lillington Close,  
Sutton Coldfield,  
West Midlands.

ON Wednesday, 9th March, 1976, at the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club, a lecture was given to the members of the Midland section by Mr. Derek Brown, the Sutton division officer for the Birmingham City Council Recreation and Amenities Dept. The lecture was on the subject of trees. Mr. Brown talked for several hours on what turned out to be a very interesting and absorbing subject. He also answered the questions put to him by the people in attendance. Like myself I am sure, most people present were not aware of the many aspects that could be attributed to even the most common tree.

We would like to offer our most sincere thanks to Mr. Brown for entertaining, and indeed educating us with his lecture. We also offer our thanks to the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club for the use of their facilities, and finally to Bernhard's Rugby Nurseries Ltd., for their invitation to look around their many acres of young trees in the coming autumn.

I would like to remind all the Midland members that your Subs. are due

on the 1st May, 1976, and should be received by the Treasurer Mr. E.V. Thomas, 78 Hillmorton Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, W. Midlands, by no later than the last day of May, failure to do so will result in loss of privileges i.e. entering of golf tournaments, receiving of journals etc., also as a result of you failing to pay your subs. on time extra expenses are incurred by the section, expenses that we can ill afford, so PLEASE Pay up, no excuses.

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AT the Annual Dinner at Walton Heath Golf Club on Friday, 26th March, once again a most enjoyable day was had by all. The course — in first class condition, thanks to Fred and his Staff, and the dinner in the evening, our sincere thanks to Mr. T. Stanley and his

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| 1st | 1st with 43 points | – B. Streeter<br>G. Channer. |
| 2nd | 2nd with 42 points | – G. Brown<br>E. Stillwell.  |
| 3rd | 3rd with 38 points | – J. Newman<br>C. Mitchell.  |

Our thanks go to Mr. Holloway, Captain of Walton Heath who proposed the toast to the B.G.G.A.

It was a pleasure to have in our company, the Chairman of the Association, Mr. Vic Smith who spoke on behalf of the Association.

Our President, Mr. Jock Glass proposed toast to the guests and our further thanks to Mr. Ted Ray for his reply.

The guests included Mr. Dix, Mr. Michael Bonallack, Mr. Lynde, Capt. of the London Golf Captains, our Editor Mr. D.B. Hopkins and two of our oldest members Mr. Bert Dash and Mr. Stan Morton.

Our thanks also goes to G. Nurton, J. Field and B. Diddams for their work behind the scenes and also for the donations for the raffle given by members of the Trade.

Mr. B. Ryan once again made a great success of the Benevolent Fund Raffle – thank you Bonzo.

Our March lecture was given by Mr. Palin of Suttons Seeds Ltd.

We had quite a good turnout for what proved an interesting evening. Amongst the problems of turf culture discussed were the best methods of fibre control & eventual eradication. Mr. Palin stressed the difference between fibre and thatch, fibre being undecomposed grass roots and leaves, thatch the entanglement of growing tissue. In his opinion, it is more important to slitt with the close pattern type of aerators e.g. HAHN SPIKERS) as a weekly job than to scarify turf when fibre control is