

Greenkeepers Dream Time!

IF a greenkeeper has nightmares it is probably about a horde of furious members with wedges waving angrily in the air or perhaps he has more pleasant dreams - dreams of greens free of water, with no compaction and the grass growing evenly. But this time the members are angrily waving their putters in the air after a missing putt. But the greenkeeper stands, watches and smiles because he can't be blamed. The secretary invites him into the club for a drink because he too won't get any moans and groans over the bar.

There is no perfect answer but the old adage if you look after the turf then grass will look after itself is still true. Compaction is inevitable with constant mowing and the tread of hundreds of pairs of feet.

Drainage will vary but is always a problem particularly on heavy clay soils.

Mechanical means are the accepted way of alleviating the problem and they do just that. But now modern technology can help the mechanical means do an even better job.

Imagine a product which you can spray on the course which will activate and increase all the millions of micro organisms. Imagine them working away in the soil intent on restoring the soil to its natural level of fertility. To reach that point they have to breakdown the soil to overcome the compaction and the drainage so that the grass roots get a chance to dig down and rather up the benefits in the soil.

Imagination or dreams? No it's an easily applied product of modern technology readily

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The BIGGA will have its own stand situated in the West balcony area of the main hall and which will be manned by members and it is hoped that the Executive Director, Neil Thomas will be in attendance.

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