



The winning BIGGA team at the Kubota Challenge.

BIGGA team wins Kubota Trophy - again

Defending the Kubota Team Challenge for the third consecutive year was the daunting prospect for our quickly assembled BIGGA team attending the sixth Kubota Challenge.

The eight players representing the Association only qualified for the event ten days prior at the National Tournament at Ayr Belleisle.

The Kubota Challenge is a 4-team event with the Stewards Association, the Secretaries Association, the BIGGA, and for the first time, a team representing the English Golf Union.

On Monday, October 10th the semi-finals brought the Greenkeepers against the Stewards, and matches were even until the notorious 10th hole, and for once it was not the water that took its toll, but the hospitality caravan on the 10th tee. The Stewards, never ones to refuse a drink, could not resist! Match result - Greenkeepers 7, Stewards 1. The second semi-final saw the English Golf Union beat the Secretaries in a close game.

The Tuesday morning of October 11th brought about the traditional tractor driving competition, with the greenkeepers being well and truly handicapped. Whilst the other teams had the use of the very manoeuvrable ride-on Kubota G3 mower to drive round the obstacles, our team

was given the larger rear-wheel drive rotary mower. This gave our team a real opportunity to show off their driving skills, but alas, all that was left was a greenkeeping team with their pride damaged, not to mention smashed drain pipes all over the car park! No, we did not win that competition!

On to the golf and the final, which promised to be a close contest.

The English Golf Union making their debut in the event, really played well, but could not hold back our team who won 6½ - 1½.

The two days at The Belfry were thoroughly enjoyable and this was endorsed by all competitors and guests. The hospitality shown to all teams by Kubota was exceptional and the organisation by Sporting Concepts admirably led by Peter McEvoy was sincerely appreciated by all.

To the following team members we thank them for representing the Association at such short notice and winning with such 'modesty'; they were a credit.

Anthony Witt, Jimmy Richardson, Brian Payne, Mick Hannan, Edwin Walsh, Charles White, Billy Fletcher, Ritchie Barker.

In the play-off for the third and fourth place the Secretaries defeated the Stewards 4½-3½.

Brian Hurtle, marketing director of Kubota (UK), one of the leaders in small tractors, confirmed that the event will continue in 1989 and would once again be staged at the Belfry on Wednesday 11th

and Thursday 12th October 1989.

Kubota Challenge Trophy Brabazon G.C. The Belfry October 10th-11th Greenkeepers beat EGU 6½pt to 1½pts Final (Greenkeepers first)

Charles White (Largs G.C.) beat Jack Humphries (President Midland G.U.) 5 and 4.

Edwin Walsh (Whitefield G.C.) beat Richard Palmer (Member Executive Committee) 2 and 1.

Jimmy Richardson (Whickham G.C.) tied with Keith Wright (Secretary EGU).

Richard Barker (Longchilse G.C.) beat Geoff Bacon (Member Executive Committee) 1 hole.

Brian Payne (Burnham Beeches G.C.) lost to Cyril Rose (Member Executive Committee) 2 holes.

Mike Hannon (Moortown G.C.) beat Rex Warren (Past President EGU) 3 and 2.

Anthony Witt (Surbiton G.C.) beat Paul Fisher (Chairman of Committee) 2 and 1.

William Fletcher (Troon Munciple G.C.) beat Peter Dulton (President elect EGU) 5 and 4.

BIGGA to visit GCSAA Anaheim Show

Details of the BIGGA trip to Anaheim were included in the September issue of THE GOLF COURSE and, with the postal strike causing delivery of the magazine to be delayed, an extended booking date has been agreed with the Tour Operator. It is clear that we will have a good sized party travelling to Anaheim and any members who wish to join the party should contact Headquarters Office without delay.

Details: Depart Gatwick Airport 8th February, 1989.

Depart Los Angeles Airport 15th February - Arrive Gatwick 16th February, 1989.

Seven nights accommodation based on twin beds, £561 + £27 insurance.

The above cost includes all transfers to and from Los Angeles Airport. The price will apply to those members wishing to extend the trip on an independent basis.

Child discount 40%. Single room supplement £126. Third passenger reduction £98 (sharing full fare passenger in three-bed room).

We will be based at the Hotel Quality Inn, adjacent to the Convention Centre, and flights will be with British Airways.

Please write to Headquarters Office with details of any extension required on

the basic package. Booking *must* be accompanied with a cheque for £85 per person representing deposit plus insurance. The above price *DOES NOT* include Conference Registration. Normally, this is available in advance at \$190 per person. Neil Thomas reports that BIGGA has negotiated a special rate with the GCSAA and, as a result, members of our party are able to register for \$50 per person. Registration permits access to all GCSAA Education Sessions (including the Opening Session and Reception, and the major Speaker Sessions), all Allied Association Sessions and the Trade Show on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Members booking will receive a Registration Form for completion and return to Headquarters Office and the \$50 converted to Sterling will be added to the final accounts in due course.

A new look and dimension in compact tractors

Iseki has recently launched a brand new range of tractors for the professional turf & horticultural market.

The new range Iseki TU Series is additional to its successful TX range and comprises 3 four wheel drive models from 19 horsepower to 27 DIN horsepower, all of them containing new practical features and showing both a dramatic design and for the first time a flat floor deck for excellent operator comfort.

The smallest of the range, the 19 horsepower DIN (21.3 horsepower SAE) TU 318 utilizes a new Iseki powerplant of 1006 cc a 3 cylinder diesel engine, and has a transmission of 6 forward, 2 reverse manual or the option of hydrostatic drive with 3 speed ranges. The new operator compartment boasts a completely new dashboard with warning lights for the major functions of the tractor and an easy step thru flat floor deck, a first on this size of tractor.

Power steering is standard on the new Iseki TU series whilst range and gears on the machine are situated to the right and left hand of the operator, along with PTO engagement and operation of the hydraulic valves.

Interestingly, Iseki has also incorporated splash guards around the footwell to stop water and debris from entering the operator area.

Technically speaking, the new 3 cylinder engines on all the TU series is rubber mounted making it one of the quietest around whilst electrics are on one side of the engine, lubricants and valve blocks on the other.

Moving up the scale is the 22 horsepower DIN (24 Hp SAE) TU 320, again with a new Iseki 3 cylinder powerplant of 1170 cc and with either a 6 forward 2 reverse manual transmission or 3 speed hydrostatic drive.

As with its smaller brother the new TU 320 has a wheelbase of 1.58m and with the new front axle incorporating four wheel drive boasts exceptional manoeuvrability with a turning circle of 2.5 metres using the wet disc brakes.

Fuel capacity is 25 litres whilst lift at the rear end is 1000Kg capable of handling large implements and coring machines.

Finally the largest machine in the Iseki TU range is the TU 324 with its 1296 cc four cylinder diesel engine producing 27 horsepower DIN (30Hp SAE). The new TU 324 is available with a 6 forward 2 reverse Transmission giving graduated speeds across the working range up to 25Km/hr. With lift capacity of 1000Kgs the new 324 is capable of lifting and operating a multitude of implements for the turf and horticultural markets.

Neptune goes nationwide

Neptune Scotland Ltd, producers of the Neptune range of organic seaweed soil improvers, has just announced that representation and distribution is now complete throughout Britain and Ireland.

The new distributors are: Stewart & Co (Seedsman) Ltd, Maxwell Hart Ltd, James Coburn & Son, Maxwell Hart Ltd (Northern Sales & Distribution Centre).

John Walker, managing director of Neptune, said: "Initially we were almost caught on the hop with sales enquiries from all over the country. It has always been my intention that we would offer more than simply a product for sale. To that end I'm delighted with our distributors who all have the ability to deliver an in depth service, product knowledge, technical know how and after sales back up. We, for our part, will concentrate on ensuring delivery and continued research."

Japanese distributor for Huxley . . .

Huxleys Grass Machinery has appointed a distributor in Japan for its range of Hydraulic Reelmowers for compact tractors.

Under the agreement, the Toko Sangyo Company Ltd of Tokyo has become the exclusive stocking distributor for Huxley Hydraulic Reelmowers throughout Japan with responsibility for demonstrations, sales, service and spare parts back-up. Huxley mowers have already been shipped to the company who intend actively promoting the range to golf clubs, local government departments and private users through its four branch offices within the country.

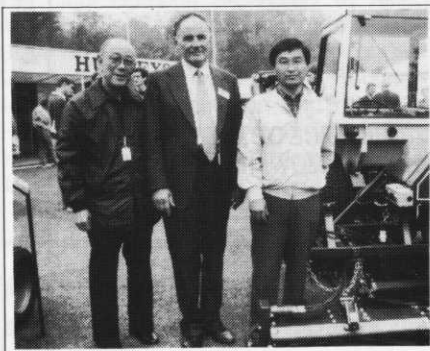
Kenneth Kamamura, who looks after Toko Sangyo's International Division,



The innovative Iseki TU Tractor.

OUT AND ABOUT

said the company had been looking for a range of hydraulic reel-mowers suitable for use with compact tractors for some time. "Our North America contact spotted an article on Huxley mowers in a magazine and sent us a copy", he said. "We then approached Huxleys who mailed us a video and all relevant information. The overall impression was that Huxley mowers had been purpose-designed for compact tractors, were well-built and competitively priced and could do extremely well in Japan.



Ted Huxley (centre) with Kenneth Yamamura and Isao Emoto of Sangyo.

... and new dealer for Ireland.

Dublin-based Broderick Grass Machinery Ltd has been appointed the official sales, service and spare parts dealer in the Republic of Ireland for the Cushman Turf Care System and Royer Soil Shredders and Powerscreens.

The appointment was confirmed at September's Royal Windsor Show by Huxleys Grass Machinery, the distributor for the two product ranges in the British Isles. It followed the takeover by Broderick in early September of Brophy's Lawn & Turf Machinery, the company previously handling the Cushman and Royer ranges in the Republic of Ireland.

Tony Brophy, founder of the now-absorbed company has joined Broderick Grass Machinery Ltd with specific responsibility for service. He will also be helping the Broderick sales, service and parts departments familiarise themselves with the Cushman and Royer ranges prior to full product training by Huxleys during the coming months.

Noel Broderick, managing director of Broderick Grass Machinery Ltd, said that he intended to direct his company's established all-round sales, service and spare parts strengths to increase Cushman and Royer market shares in the Republic of Ireland."

Nigel Pring wins Jacobsen tournament

The Jacobsen's Tournament was held this year at Hunstanton Golf Club on 11th October and this fine links course was in superb condition.

A strong wind prevailed and this proved a real test for the 40 greenkeepers who had qualified for the Final from their respective Section Tournaments.

It soon became clear that the card for

36 points handed in early on by Nigel Pring of Wells Golf Club was likely to prove difficult to beat. In fact, only one other competitor - the redoubtable George Brown from Turnberry Golf Club, really challenged, and George came in with 35 points.

Both were excellent scores on a difficult scoring day, and Nigel was a worthy winner.

This was Neil Thomas' first visit to the Jacobsen Tournament as BIGGA's Executive Director and he was struck by the warm hospitality prevailing and the excellent accommodation provided through Chris Smith of Jacobsen. There was a warm welcome from the Hunstanton Club who have supported the tournament over the years.

Following dinner in the club house, Chris Smith presented the prizes, with Nigel Pring naturally delighted to win a trip to the GCSAA Show and Exhibition in Anaheim next February.

Jack McMillan, our chairman and Neil Thomas responded on behalf of the Association.

The evening was tinged with some sadness as this was the last Jacobsen Tournament. In a welcome initiative, Chris Smith has suggested that monies spent on the Tournament would be better utilised in future in supporting greenkeeper education and training.

With effect from January 1989, Jacobsen will be making a substantial annual investment in greenkeeper education and the Association is very appreciative of the lead taken by a national company in this field.

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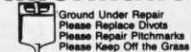


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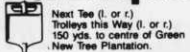
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For Less

BIGGA looks forward to a close relationship with Jacobsen in the future. The Association will not be totally losing the company as far as golf is concerned, as Jacobsen will be the principal sponsors of the National Tournament and this represents the opportunity for old acquaintances to be renewed.

This was an excellently organised event and though it will be no more, members should, in an evolving situation, look optimistically to the future, and to the benefits which can accrue from the level of support Jacobsen are prepared to give to the future education and training of greenkeepers.

BIGGA National Tournament

Ayr Belleisle G.C.
September 26th-28th

MONDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER

18 Holes Medal and First Round of 36 Holes

Hargreaves Cup - Donated by Sisis - Edwin Walsh, 71 nett
Maxwell Hart Cup Over 50's - Harry Diamond, 76 nett
Coming of Age Trophy - Gordon Payne, 76 nett
Vitax Putting Trophy - Alistair Connell

TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER

18 Holes Medal
Hamilton Stutt Cup & Prize - Mike Sheenan, 70 nett
Supaturf Challenge Cup & Prize - Mick Hannam, 71 nett

36 Holes, Senior Division, 0-11 INC
Toro Cup & Prize (Best Gross) - Tony Gilles, 153 gross
Ransomes Cup & Watch (Best Nett) -



Fine weather, as always, was a great help and again featured as a highlight of the day at the annual Parker Golf Secretaries Tournament at which 80 Golf Clubs were represented and a splendid 18 holes golf was enjoyed by the competitors.

The competition was won by Liam O'Grady of Gillingham Golf Club with 41 points. The photograph shows the winners who recieved their trophies from Mrs. M. Parker, the wife of Parkers managing director, Jim Parker.

Edwin Walsh, 143 nett
Universal Cup & Prize (2nd Nett) - Tony Witt, 144 nett
Golf Illustrated Cup & Prize (3rd Nett) - Mike Sheehan, 147 nett

36 Holes, Junior Division, 12-18 INC
Pattinson Trophy & Prize (1st Nett) - Peter Woodward, 152 nett
Presidents Cup & Prize (2nd Nett) - Bill Fletcher, 153 nett
Mays Cup & Prize (3rd Nett) - Derek Ganning, 157 nett

Jubilee Regional Cup - Edwin Walsh, Peter Shaw, 459 nett
Northern Region - Barry Heaney,
Chipmans Under 25 & Prize - Richard Owens, 165 nett
Aitkens Putting Cup - Alistair Connell,

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER

18 Holes Medal
Fisons Bowl & Prize - Tony Witt, 64 nett
STRI Cup - Mick Hughes, 66 nett
Trade Prize - Robert Bruce,

54 Hole Gross
News of the World Trophy & Prize - Edwin Walsh, 231 nett

54 Hole Nett
S.A.I. Tray & Prize - Tony Witt, 208 nett
Rufford Top Dress Rose Bowl International Guest Prize - Barry Britton (Canada), 74 nett

Stewarts of Edinburgh Nearest the Hole - Jimmy Richardson (Monday) Hole in One, Jimmy Richardson (Tuesday) 14 inches, Gordon Moir (Wednesday) 10' 7"

RHONE-POULENC PUTTING COMPETITION WINNERS - Mark Esposito, Peter Shaw, Michael Hughes, Derek Wilson, James Devlin, Gavin Rowan, Jim Paton, Richard Owens, Kevin Johnson.



Frank Garvey of Ruffold presenting Barry Britton, President of the Canadian Golf Course Superintendents Association with the Rufford Top Dress Rose Bowl - the International Guest Prize.