

CLIPPINGS

By The Mower

Greenkeepers golf tournament in Switzerland

We hear from ex-pat. Ian Tomlinson that he is organising a Greenkeepers Golf Tournament in Switzerland and inviting eight of the clubs on the French side of Lake Geneva to take part. Ian, who moved out to the Lausanne Golf Club as course manager some four years ago has to complete his course alterations at the same time as maintaining his greens through the playing season. Come november, everything is buried under several feet of snow, so it is on with the skis until the thaw reveals the chaos to be cleared before the golfers arrive. He is hoping that this first Swiss Greenkeepers Championship will attract a sizable entry. We hope the Brits will give a good account of themselves with the little white ball.

Open day at the STRI

The Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley are throwing open their doors for two days on the 28th and 29th June to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Institute. Great strides in the work of this self financing body have been made under the directorship of Dr Peter Hayes and although golf course work has always been a principle market, other sports, particularly football and racing have made an increasing call on the services offered by the STRI.

Visitors to the trial grounds will be able to see how turfgrass cultivators are tested, various methods of construction, with particular emphasis on sand green research.

It promises to be an educational couple of days. We wonder just how many laymen members of golf green committees will take advantage of an opportunity to improve their knowledge?

Hawtree & Son to design new Harrogate course

Harrogate will have yet another golf course to add to those at Oakdale, Starbeck and Pannal in the near future.

It will be sited inside 140 acres of Rudding Park, where the magnificent Rudding House has already been converted into a luxury hotel.

The owners have been looking at suitable land for an 18 hole golf course for some time and there were intentions to use adjacent farm land and disused railway line, but they have now decided to put the course inside the park.

The design of the £1m plus scheme has been contracted to Hawtree & Son.

Technical hitch on Nomix Panther Lance

The revolutionary hand held Nomix Panter Compact Lance, designed to spray chemicals with pin point accuracy with minimal drift, has met with a manufacturing technical hitch according to Marketing Manager Mark D'eath from Chipmans.

The lance was due on the market this month but it is likely to be delayed until sometime early in June.

It appears the American end of the project have put in such a large order it has caused problems with the launch in the UK.

The Nomix lance is a completely self contained unit with its chemical pack loaded into the handle in a similar way to the arming of a hand held machine gun. The pack contains just 750mls of chemical, weighs under 2kgs, and using a total droplet control system can cover three miles of fencing with a 15 centimetre band.

Message from East Anglia

Message from Mick Lathrope, secretary of East Anglian Section BIGGA wishes the Golf Course well as an independent magazine. Mick says he still thinks the magazine is the best greenkeepers.

No Ryder Cup tickets for BIGGA members

Neil Thomas, BIGGA's administrator, has failed in his attempt to negotiate with the PGA over complimentary tickets for members of the association. The PGA have given a real snub to members of BIGGA over their request and have suggested if any greenkeeper who is in BIGGA wants to see the Ryder Cup they apply for tickets as a member of the general public.