



Smiles all round! Peter Roberts (left) general manager Toro Irrigation, David Golding education officer BIGGA and right Graham Dale sales manager Toro mower division of Lely Import Limited, reveal the Young Greenkeeper's award plaque.

## "Young Greenkeeper of Year" Scholarship includes US trip

Following a series of recent discussions, David Golding, BIGGA's Educational Officer, has now confirmed the creation of a new scholarship award for British student greenkeepers. Known as the "Toro Young Greenkeeper of the Year Award" the scheme is open to Phase II City & Guilds and Scotvec students studying at, and nominated by, any of the ten "Turf Colleges" recognised by the Greenkeepers Training Committee. The scholarship features an eight week visit to the USA. Sponsorship for this excitingly new development is provided by the Toro Company through its UK distributors, Ringwood based Toro Irrigation Ltd and the Toro Mower Distribution Division of Lely Import Ltd, St. Neots.

"We are delighted that Toro have contributed in such a positive and practical manner" says BIGGA's David Golding. "As for the scholarship, it is a wonderful opportunity for a young greenkeepers to visit our cousins across the water and learn from the best of their golf course management techniques."

During the scholarship time spent in America, the award winner will join the

"Winter School for Turf-grass Managers" course at the University of Massachusetts. The course, which is run by the University's Department of Plant & Soil Sciences, will last for six weeks and cover subjects ranging from soil fertilisation, grass diseases, golf course irrigation, work planning and management to servicing an internal combustion engine!

In addition, the winning student will also spend time at the Toro Corporate headquarters and Mower Division in Minneapolis and at the Toro Irrigation manufacturing complex, Riverside, California.

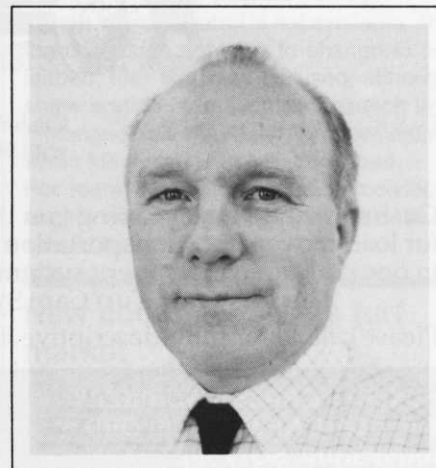
"Both Graham Dale and myself are keen to promote added interest to the effort many young greenkeepers are putting into their studies" says Peter Roberts, general manager, Toro Irrigation Limited. "As their knowledge and experience grows, they will be looking for even more sophisticated equipment to help them during their working careers - so why not help them now!"

## Turfmaster Manager

As part of moves to strengthen manufacturing and quality control, David Cheshire has been appointed manufacturing manager, of Turfmaster Machinery.

Mr Cheshire is a product engineer with a

design and project engineering background. He joins Turfmaster with extensive experience in a number of light engineering companies, particularly Electrolux and Millpledge Systems.



David Cheshire

## Cotswold open day for Toro

The Cotswold Hill golf club wanted 700 members to have exactly the right insight into how the club was maintained, according to Head Greenkeeper Tony Williams. "It is very important that all members, get some understanding of the work done through the winter and summer months and see the equipment required to maintain a first class course."

An Open Day was held whereby all members were welcome to the club to find out for themselves how much time and effort is spent maintaining the course (designed by Course Director Maurice Little) to the exceptionally high standard enjoyed today.

Tony, who has four ground staff working for him, described what is entailed in achieving the perfect playing conditions. The members day coincided with the delivery of four new Toro turf machines, two Greenmaster 3000's and two Reelmaster 216 2-wheel drive mowers supplied by County Mowers, of Whitney, Oxford. Tony, who started work at Effingham Golf Course with his father admitted that he will only use Toro Greenmasters on his greens. He has had demonstrations of other greensmowers but always comes back to the Toro. After liaising with Maurice Little and Brian Berry, chairman of the greens, they agreed that the lightness of the Toro Petrol Greensmower was

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ideal. Fitting grooming reels has also increased the 'professional' look of the greens, removing thatch and horizontal grasses.

At the end of the day everyone agreed that the exercise had been a real success and one or two members even admitted that perhaps they would spare a thought for the organiser's next time they were in the bar.

petrol as a safeguard of our environment, they are aware of the problems arising from the un-availability of two star petrol - the grade most widely used for powered turf-grass machinery.

The Association has issued the following guidelines for four-stroke engines used to power mowers and other machinery. All engine manufacturers approve and

combustion chamber and valves.

This action is recommended as a precautionary measure, as in a few instances the use of unleaded petrol could result in existing carbon deposits breaking loose causing mis-firing and internal damage.

Where two star petrol is not available, and the user does not wish to change to unleaded, four star may be used, although some engine manufacturers caution that prolonged use may lead to over-heating when full power is being developed.

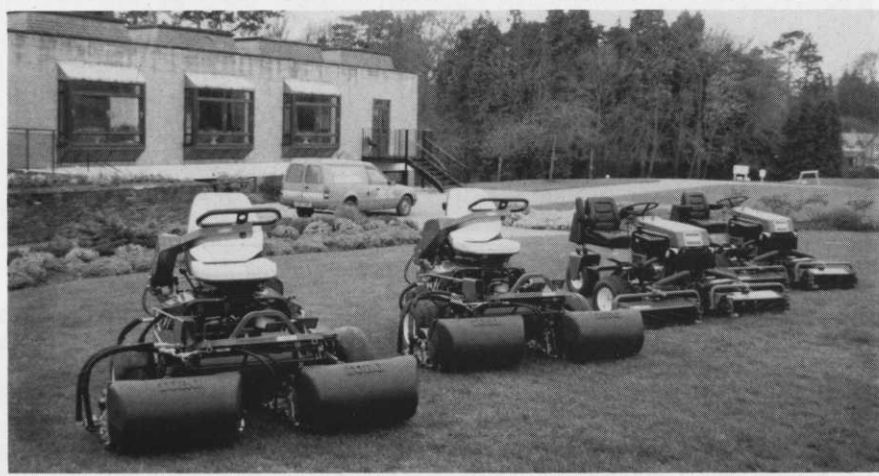
For more detailed information individual engine manufacturers or concessionaires should be consulted.

## New company enters turf market

The multi-million pound market is about to be joined by a new South Humberside company which expects to be one of the top five producers in the UK in its first year. Tillers of Worlaby, near Brigg will produce several different grades of seeded turf aimed at the top end of the market - primarily for golf courses, bowling greens and general landscaping.

Managing director Tim Fell has wide experience in both horticulture and agriculture - he established Lindum Seeded Turf in 1984, a business which he ran successfully for five years until setting up this new venture.

A graduate in Agricultural Botany, he spent several years as an agrochemical sales-



Toro machines at Cotswold Hill Golf Club

## Guidelines for use of leaded and unleaded fuel

Whilst the Garden Machinery Association whole heartily support the government moves to promote the use of unleaded

recommend the use of unleaded petrol in new engines.

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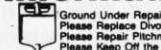


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man for Fisons, before returning to the family farm in Lincolnshire.

Investment in the new company is in excess of £1/2 million and the first field-grown turf will be available from the spring of 1990.

Tim Fell told THE GOLF COURSE; "We have spent considerable time finding the best soils for turf production, selecting A1 high quality speciality seed and putting together an experienced team of growers and sales personnel - we are aiming for the top in terms of output and quality".

The company plans to sell through wholesale distributors, large volumes of high quality turf which will be available all year round.

### Mower saves hard work on banks

One of the country's most beautiful golf courses, Broadstone in Dorset is a tough test of golf. The undulating heathland also poses supreme problems for maintenance with its many steep banks.

In the past, tee banks and similar areas, have been cut by hand - with difficulty and labour intensive. However, the recent purchase of a Ransomes Turftrak 4-21D with its four wheel drive and a 60in rotary deck has allowed most of these steep areas to be cut by machine - with a greater degree of safety, in less time by one man. "It is amazing where it will go", said Adrian Archer, course manager. "As yet we haven't used it anywhere near it's potential".

The club bought the Turftrak following a demonstration by Stanley West Ltd of Ferndown because they saw and believed in its sure-footedness - furthermore 'the price was right'.



Adrian Archer cutting a tee bank with the Ransomes Turftrak

In justifying the selection of the 21hp model Adrian stated that this diesel provides ample power without being stressed. The wide tyres not only provide exceptional grip but never mark the turf. The good weight distribution of the Turftrak was seen as an important contributory factor in both grip and in minimising turf damage.

The rear hydraulic linkage - category 1 - will allow him to use Broadstone's existing implements for the full range of slitting, sanding and other duties. He also intends to buy the triplex reel mower unit. As staff become used to the Turftrak's capabilities, Adrian expects them to take it into places "where no machine has gone before" - and to do it with ease.

Already he has been amazed at the ease with which the machine climbs grassy banks, only tempered by the worry of finding rabbit burrows in its path to upset

the equilibrium, a problem only likely to be encountered when working at extreme angles.

Adrian commented about the speed with which the machine could cut but then added that perhaps this comment should be deleted as some club members already thought that his staff drove too fast!

The machine has already become a favourite with the five staff for its comfort, quietness and effortless manoeuvrability - it has full hydrostatic steering. Other plus points already noticed have been the strong halogen lights and the large toolbox which takes waterproofs as well as the tools required for basic maintenance. Another plus - was the ease of tensioning the drive belts or the speed and simplicity of changing or removing equipment.

The prime use for the machine - the one for which it was principally bought - is for



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cutting the extensive areas of the rough at Broadstone. It is also a safer method of cutting steep banks than using hover mowers with ropes.

## French students at Sisis

Sisis Equipment (Macclesfield) Ltd hosted a party of French greenkeeping students, from the Lycree Agricole Henri Queille at Neuvec, in mid May.

The students travelled from France by coach and spent two days with Ransomes

professional products outside North and South America;

Ransomes USA will control the United States manufacturing and distribution operations of Ransomes professional grass machinery products together with sales of all Ransomes professional products throughout North and South America. Ransomes Consumer Division will look after the UK and European manufacturing and distribution of Ransomes' consumer products including the businesses of GD Mountfield and the recently acquired

Roy Ashwell, Managing Director of G D Mountfield Limited, becomes the Director responsible for Ransomes Consumer.

Eric McCoy and Helmut Adam continue as Directors responsible for Ransomes Commercial and Ransomes USA respectively. Colin Booth and Keir Wyatt will continue as Finance Director and Marketing Director, respectively, of Ransomes Commercial.

## Jacobsen exclusive for IOG students

For many years the Institute of Grounds manship has led the UK in organising seminars, training courses and examinations on all aspects of turf culture. Now with the help of the Jacobsen Division of Textron Inc in the UK the Institute is to organise a Turfcare Seminar for 20 top students from colleges throughout Britain. Students will be invited to attend on the recommendation of the Institute in association with accredited educational centres. The three day venue will feature lectures and demonstrations from respected worldwide turf care professionals and educators.

In addition to the August seminar, two British students, along with an IOG representative, will be invited to attend the US Jacobsen College Student Seminar at Racine, Wisconsin, the home of the Jacobsen company.

The Jacobsen College Student Seminar has been running in the United States for over 25 years and is recognised as being the major event in the Turf Care Industry.

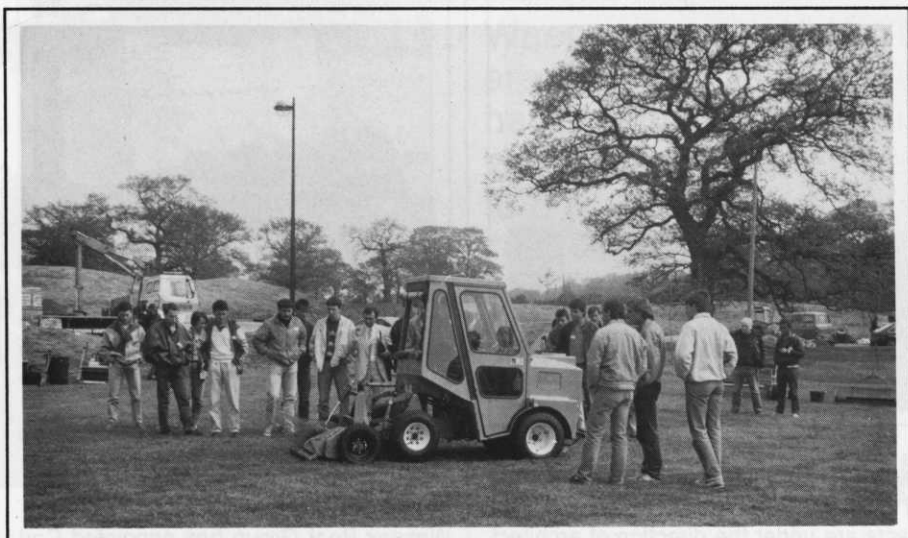
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John Ashton demonstrates the Hydromain 20

at Ipswich before arriving at the Macclesfield factory.

Pictured John Ashton, one of the Sisis demonstration team, putting the Hydromain 20 through its paces at a local golf club.

## Name change at Ransomes

Ransomes Sims and Jefferies PLC is to ask for shareholder approval, to change its name to Ransomes PLC. This change in name reflects recent changes in the Group's activities, particularly its withdrawal from the farm machinery market to concentrate on grass machinery, where it is one of the world's leading manufacturers. It also proposes a restructuring of its business into four divisions reflecting the key markets in which the company now operates:

Ransomes Commercial Division will handle the UK and European manufacturing and distribution operations of Ransomes' professional grass machinery, together with worldwide sales of all Ransomes

Granja, France and BTS Green, Italy.

The Property Division will be responsible for Ransomes' property activities through Ransomes Property Developments Ltd and Ransomes Park Ltd which are involved in property developments and investments respectively within Ransomes' 170 acre site, outside Ipswich.

This restructuring of the Group's operations will give greater focus to the four key areas of Ransomes business. It will also enable Bob Dodsworth to devote more time to the development of Ransomes' worldwide business. He previously combined his role as Group Chief Executive with the management of Ransomes' Ipswich operation. He will be supported by a newly appointed Group Financial Director, Geoffrey Comer.

A number of Board changes have also been made. Geoffrey Comer a chartered accountant becomes Group Financial Director. He joins Ransomes from London International Group where he was Group Treasurer.

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Bristol-based Kerrypak also offer golf practice netting either for cladding existing golf net frames, or in full frame kit form. Designed to professional standards, the kit is easy to assemble, and dismantles to a compact size for easy storage.

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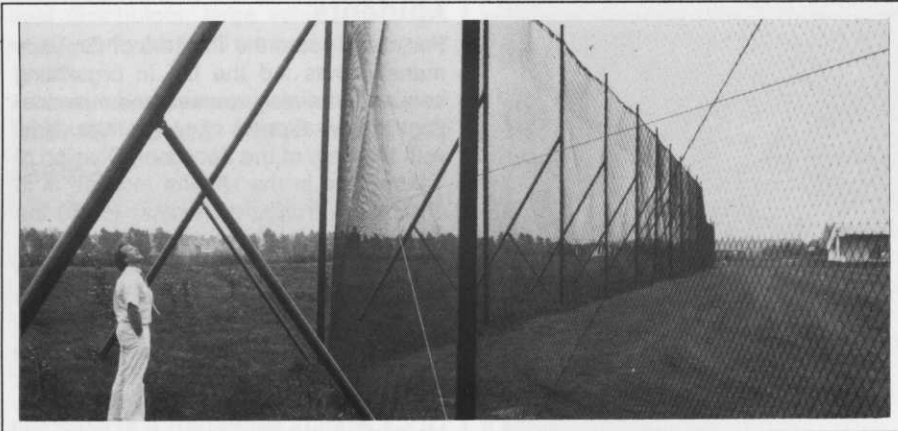
the clients planning permission that the course must be constructed by a recognised contractor under the architectural supervision of a member of the British Association of Golf Course Architects. This is a sure way of stopping housing applications in conjunction with golf courses being used purely for financial gain on planning and with a poor quality golf course resulting.

The company is also involved in the reconstruction of the Eden Course at St Andrews including the first ever lake on

providing a construction management team again working under the direction of Donald Steel at Vila Sol, an 18 hole course on the Algarve.

## Grass care system from SCH

S.C.H. (Supplies) Ltd has recently introduced a new grass care system which has been named the 6-1 Grass Care System. The system in standard form, has a working width of 48ins (122cms) and is an ideal low cost grass care system for



Tildenet safety perimeter netting

## Pierson's progress

Brain D. Pierson (Contractors) continue to dominate the UK golf construction scene with two 18 hole courses currently under construction at Tarporley in Cheshire and at Bodmin, Cornwall. The latter to a design by Hamilton Stutt is the first occasion where it has been written into the agreement of

the hallowed turf as well as the completion of the new Jubilee course. Both these contracts are under the direction of architect Donald Steel and links management trust secretary Alec Beverage. Throughout the construction Walter Woods links supervisor and his staff have been of great assistance. On the continent Pierson's have been rebuilding at Chantilly and they are



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## New manager for Wessex Peat

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