

# CLIPPINGS

## By The Mower

### **Bio-degradable Tee Pegs**

An enquiry has been received from Detroit, in America asking for information about the manufacture of tee pegs made from compressed corn stalks or any other material which will break down when it is wet.

Plastic pegs, so common on our courses, cause immense damage to the cutting blades of cylinder mowers so it would be useful if our readers can throw any light on the manufacture of tee pegs in a less harmful material.

In the US wood pegs are used universally, but as these cost a minimum of 2p per peg in Britain, golfers are content to harvest a collection of discarded plastic from around the teeing ground.

### **Pesticide Storage - Are You Legal?**

Manufacturers of security pesticide cabinets have had a busy three months supplying those golf clubs who have planned to beat the Control of Pesticide Regulations which come fully into effect this month.

No longer will it be legal to store amenity turf chemicals in the greenkeeper's sheds or in the staff canteen (as was seen on one course which shall be nameless), but they must be kept under lock and key.

In addition protective clothing must be worn when spraying, adequate washing facilities provided and training given to operators.

From 1st January next year, employers, and that includes golf club committees, must not allow any work to take place which is liable to expose anyone to a substance hazardous to health without first evaluating the risks and then conforming to the requirements of all the COSHH Regulations.

### **Alliance Victory for Beverley Greenkeeper**

Yorkshire greenkeeper David Norton from the hundred year old Beverley and East Riding Club took a very profitable day off, when he went to neighbouring Flamborough Head to play in the East Yorkshire Winter Alliance.

David who plays to a six handicap partnered fellow member Neil Burnley off three, to win the event over the inward half after a three way tie, ten under par.

Norton said the Flamborough course, high on the cliffs overlooking the North Sea was in wonderful condition, "The best seen this year in Winter Alliances, the greens were smooth and true and the fairways well defined".

### **Yorkshire Course Developments**

The championship course at Moortown, Leeds, scene of this Ryder Cup victory in 1929, will open two new holes this season, as a result of threatened injunctions by local residents, who complained that mis-hit shots at the 12th and 17th holes were endangering their safety.

Residential housing built when the old Moor Allerton course was sold off now surrounds Moortown and although the magnificent course is not affected, the new neighbours have forced the club into making alterations.

There is however a bonus as the two new holes carved out of scrub and woodland will extend the course to 6,835 yards and increase the SSS to 74.

The official opening will be made by the R & A Captain Sandy Sinclair during the British Seniors Championship in August.

At Bedale, one of Yorkshire's oldest clubs, they are building six new holes on an adjoining 30 acres with the intention of producing a 6,500 yard championship standard course, though it will be two years before they are brought into use.

### **New Chairman at BITA**

Robin Hume, the Managing Director of Turf Irrigation Services based at Sandbach, Cheshire has succeeded Peter Roberts, General Manager of Toro as Chairman of the British Turf Irrigation Association.