

## EXHIBITION

# IoG says farewell to Windsor

This year's exhibition will be the last to be staged at Windsor Race Course

**T**he 45th staging of the IOG Sports & Leisure World Trade Exhibition at Windsor will be the last to be held on the race course site.

There are still a few people around who were present at the first exhibition in the grounds of the Hurlingham Club in 1938, when most of the leading manufacturers and two seed firms displayed their wares, but compared to today's event it was unrecognisable.

Outdoor leisure is a multi-million pound business and this is reflected by the growth out only of equipment to maintain natural and synthetic surfaces, but of the number of companies who have entered the market.

Hurlingham became too small in 1966, which necessitated the move to Motspur Park and now Windsor Race Course has outgrown its usefulness forcing the Exhibition to take to the road once more, this time to a purpose built show ground at Peterborough in 1990.

The decision was hardly received with universal favour, not because the site was other than ideal, but from a feeling among the exhibitors, that London with its adjacent airports and vast range of hotels offered more to the visitor than a corner of East Anglia.

There still exists a belief by the uninited "southerner" that everything north of Watford is a barren uncivilised wasteland and they may continue to hold that view as next year they drive northwards on a duel carriageway past open fields and dense woodland, but the journey should not take more than an



*Huxleys new 358 Greensmower with optional hydraulics third wheel drive*

hour, about equal to the time spent queuing in traffic jams on the approach to Windsor.

There are many who are looking forward to Peterborough 1990 and believe it is a positive step by the IOG to cement the foundations for an even better trade show over the next ten years.

**F**ollowing a highly successful first year for the all British golf greens mower, Huxleys Grass Machinery have introduced four optional attachments to enhance the operation and capabilities of the machine:

Four-bladed utility mowing units, which fit in place of the standard greens units and provide a height of cut from 3/16 in to 3/4 in. They are suitable for work on tees, greens approaches and other fine turf areas requiring a longer finish than that produced by the eight-bladed greens units;

Hydraulic third-wheel drive option to enhance grip and climbing ability, particularly useful on two-tier greens;

Turf Combs to help produce faster, truer putting surfaces without any alterations to the height of cut; Powered verti-reel units for the removal of lateral growth within the turf surface.

Huxleys also has a new Cushman with a diesel engine available in three or four wheeled versions.



*Toro Super 700 series sprinklers*

**A** number of new irrigation products from Toro will make their UK debut at this year's IOG exhibition.

Sprinklers - the sharp end of any irrigation system - will be highlighted by the introduction of the redesigned Toro 700 series range comprising Standard, Commercial, Shrub and Hi-pop models offering an almost instant nozzle change facility. To change from one nozzle size to another the user simply releases one holding screw and 'clicks' the replacement nozzle into position.

Completely new, the Toro 740 pop-up sprinkler reduces pumping power costs. Operating at low pressures, the 740's innovative rotating crown-

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head provides maximum throw plus even water distribution in the mid-range and close-in to the operating position.

The Toro VT-12 Solid-state Controller displayed at Windsor will be just one of a comprehensive range of hi-tech. controllers on view. The VT-12 provides up to eleven starts per day (or night) working to a 7-day schedule. Designed to compliment the Toro Vari-time 4000 and Vari-time II, the VT-12 is ideally suited for controlling watering programmes on athletic sports field, parkland or golf course greens, tees and fairway schemes.

All Toro products will be exhibited on Stand F7-10 at Windsor '89.

**A**F. Trenchers will be displaying a full range of trenchers manufactured by AFT at Colchester, on their stands 18-21 at Windsor.

The types now include self winching and wheel driven, pedestrian, track laying and tractor mounted types. Of particular interest for sportsfield drainage are the Wizz Wheel High speed tractor mounted trencher complete with soil collection system and high level discharge soil elevator and dual use hopper for backfilling both sand and shingle.

**N**ew products distributed in the UK by Claymore; include the new Green's Caretaker mounted hydraulic cylinder mower. Joining the existing range of Green's pedestrian cylinder and trailed gang mowers.

The Bolens range now includes two ride-on mowers, six lawn tractors, four estate tractors and a wide and comprehensive selection of attachments.

The Sabo-Roberine range of self propelled fully hydraulic multi-unit cylinder mowers now include the lightweight K600-3D triple mower - a remarkably efficient and economical machine - and the new 5-gang golf course version of the successful K1602 - diesel.

**T**urf Machinery Hire are the United Kingdom distributors for Turfco self-propelled and tractor operated top dressing machines, turfcutters & self-propelled edgers.

Following the introduction at the British Landscape Exhibition in June, Turf Machinery are showing a Cushman turf vehicle fitted with a brand new engine conversion. The engine has many advantages over the original, a terrific saving on price, it also has a better power to weight ratio, solid state ignition and many more up to date features, environmental friendly - runs on lead free petrol. The company also provide a range of specialist machinery for hire including Vertidrain, Ryan Greensaires - GA30, Core Collector.

Turf Machinery Spares are the United Kingdom distributors for the R & R products company of Arizona, who manufacture top quality replacement parts suitable for most imported turf & grass machinery. Prices reflect considerable equal to, or better than the original. Stand no: C Ave 07& 08.

**T**he range of Multicore Turf Aerators has achieved significant success throughout the world and in the UK where it is now being successfully marketed by Lawnmower Specialists Ltd, Blackburn, Lancashire. There are three competitively priced models in the range The Multicore Greenkeeper which is one of the most complete coring machines available for golf greens and tees, cricket wickets and bowling greens, available as a pedestrian or ride on version is unique in the fact that there are a range of 8 easily detach-



*The Multicore Aerator with mini-tines hollow cores a badly thatched green*

able heads which include: 2 types of slitting head, seeding head, soil tining heads with various sizes of solid tines 3/8", 1/2" and 5/8" jumbo coring head giving spacing of 1" and 5/8" centre with the tines providing 49 holes per square foot or 7/8" centre with the mini tine head providing 98 holes per square foot.

Adjustable depth setting and the variety of the heads gives multicore all year around application.

For faster deeper aerating the Multicore Contractor is for coarse turf work including outfields, Tees and fairways.

A pedestrian self propelled machine (a sulky seat is available to convert to a ride on) is powered by 8hp engine and will core 21,250 square feet per hour.

The latest edition to the range is the TM100 compact tractor mounted, suitable for all purposes. Lawnmower Specialist Ltd, Sandy Lane, Lower Darwen, Blackburn, Lancashire. Tel: (0254) 672424 for details and demonstration.



*Claymore's Green's Caretaker*