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Iseki and Reekie sponsor quiz



Graeme Myles is presented with his prize

A RECENT competition held by Reekie Golf Course Equipment and Iseki Tractors was won on a high note by Graeme Myles, head greenkeeper at Huntly Golf Course.

The competition was open to all greenkeepers in Scotland and the competitors had to answer various questions with regards to the full range of Iseki Tractors.

Graeme's name was drawn out of the hat by Mr G R Reekie, chairman of the G Reekie group of companies, at the Scotsturf exhibition. Graeme has been head greenkeeper at the club for two years and with his £350 prize money chose a midi hi-fi system.

Reekie Golf Course Equipment intend to sponsor this competition along with Iseki on an annual basis.

THE United States Golf Association's Green Section have invited Nicholas Park, a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews greenkeeping panel, to address four regional conferences in the north east United States during March. Mr Parks, topic is "Trends and problems in British

greenkeeping". Other well known names on the programme include, Eric Shiel, regional director of the USGA and Melvin B. Lucas Jr, CGCS, a former President of GCSAA. Mr. Park will be visiting Golf House, the home of the USGA and the centre for balls and implements testing worldwide.

ALGINURE PLUS - for turf

A TOTALLY new addition to Alginure's range, designed for easier handling by greenkeepers, groundsmen and others responsible for turf maintenance, has been launched.

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NOTEBOOK...

Wentworth Winner!

GOLF LANDSCAPES of Brentwood, have been awarded the contract, valued at nearly £1million, for the construction of the South Course at Wentworth.

The contract will be under the supervision of Martin Gillett, one of the company's specialist contract managers, with close liaison with the two directors Peter and Bob Dunning. Work is due to commence in mid-March with completion planned for October this year.

Kevin Munt, Wentworth's course manager, and a BIGGA Board of Management member is 100% behind the choice of sand-only construction for the greens and with the decision to turf them with "Inturf" rather than seed. Having had the third green on Wentworth's West Course rebuilt with this method of construction, Kevin is looking forward to having one crew working on 18 greens built of the same medium, which will require a totally different maintenance programme to the existing courses.

ED's note: A feature on the South Course at Wentworth will appear in next month's the Golf Course. Also there will be an article by Mike Canaway of the STRI on the R & A funded research programme for pure sand greens.



Supervisory roles for students

ELMWOOD College provides a complete range of courses for the greenkeeper - starting with the first year apprentices and going right through to those suitable for the head greenkeeper and course manager.

The students pictured above have just attended the 1988 one-week Supervisory Management course, which includes such topics as role of the supervisor, communications, labour profiles, accounts, stock control, conditions of employment and associated legislation, staff motivation, budgeting, new pesticide legislation, public speaking and interviews.

The course, now in its sixth year, brings in several external speakers, experts in their field.

Mike Taylor, head of the horticultural and greenkeeping department at Elmwood has

asked us to express his thanks to the following for their support: John Souther, managing director, Souters of Stirling; Jimmy Neilson, head greenkeeper, Murrayfield Golf Club; Walter Woods, links supervisor, St Andrews and chairman of the college's greenkeeping advisory committee; Jimmy Kidd, estates and golf course manager, Gleneagles; Joe McKean, member of the college greenkeeping advisory committee; and Cecil George, head greenkeeper Lenzie Golf Club and Scottish education committee representative for BIGGA.

On the Sunday prior to the commencement of the course, Walter Woods gave a conducted tour of the Old Course at St Andrews. It is hoped that for the 1989 course there will be a visit to Gleneagles golf course and estates.

THE British Turf Irrigation Association has just produced a second edition of *Your Guide to the BTIA*. The first edition was very well received after it appeared in July 1986.

Now, in the second edition, the Minimum Standards have been made more detailed and wider in scope. This will help everyone specifying or ordering an irrigation system.

As Dr. Peter Hayes, Director of the STRI, says in his Foreword, "Irrigation is a complex technical subject, and those who install new systems, or have existing ones upgraded,

do not know all the questions to ask or the points to check. In this booklet, the Association commits its members to making adequate provision for all essential features of a system, and provides for action by the Association if anything remains unsatisfactory afterwards."

The Standards now deal not only with golf greens, tees, but also with fairways, with bowling greens and other sports turf areas, and even with landscape irrigation. There are several sections of useful formulae and figures to make it easier to

follow the calculations and technicalities in specifications

All this is accompanied by information on the Association itself: the qualifications which its members have had to demonstrate, the conditions of work and code of ethics they follow, and the Association's guarantee to take action in case of any dissatisfaction with a member's work which remains unredressed after due complaint.

The guide, available at £2.50 post free, from the Secretary, BTIA, 3 Ferrands Park Way, Bingley, W. Yorks. BD16 1HZ

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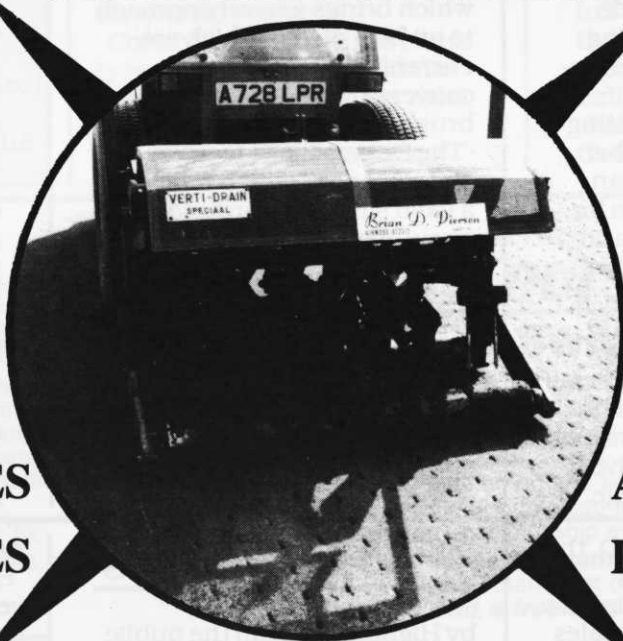
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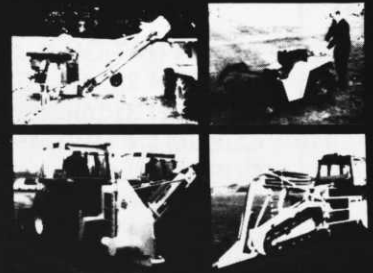
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NOTEBOOK...

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They are the winners of a recent competition in which clubs requesting a drainage survey from BTR Landscaper would be entered into a free draw. The prizes for the eleven winning clubs was sponsorship for one of their Medal competitions in the form of a perpetual BTR Landscaper Trophy, a replica trophy, plus attractive prizes for the first three placed competitors.

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Hand written applications with supporting C.V. (preferably typed) should be addressed to:-

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RESEARCH UPDATE...

Fusarium patch disease, caused by the fungus *Microdochium nivale* (previously *Fusarium nivale*) was first recorded on golf greens in 1931. Mr F T Bennett, recognised as a pioneer researcher on turf diseases, reported the disease as being the commonest, most disfiguring and damaging disease of turf known at that time. More than fifty years later, despite the development of effective fungicides, this statement is still true today. This article details the cultural and environmental conditions that favour fusarium patch and pink snow mould (also caused by *M.nivale*). For both diseases the most effective prevention and control methods available are described.

AS the cold, wet winter months are now with us, many greenkeepers, during the inspection of greens under their charge, will have seen the all-too-familiar symptoms of fusarium patch disease.

If effective control measures are not deployed, under favourable conditions fusarium patch will spread and may cause significant damage.

Indeed, fusarium patch may scar the surface to such an extent that an uneven putting surface is produced with deleterious effects on the visual attractiveness and playing quality of the green. Pink snow mould can be very destructive under prolonged snow cover, as experienced in more northerly regions.

The ability to recognise the early signs of fusarium patch and pink snow mould is essential, as is a knowledge of the environmental conditions that favour these diseases and measures that should be taken to control their growth.

Fusarium patch usually first appears as small (up to 5cm diameter) orange/brown water-soaked circular spots (Figure 1) which, under favourable conditions, may increase rapidly and coalesce together to form large circular patches. Correct diagnosis of these early signs is important as the best possible control will be achieved if the disease is treated at this early stage.

Under prolonged humid conditions sparse white or pink mycelium may be seen around the edges of each patch which tends to mat the green leaves together. A pale straw colour at this time indicates that the disease has become

less active, perhaps due to a drier climate.

Eventually scars are formed (Figure 2) which, particularly in the winter months, heal up slowly and are consequently prone to invasion by moss, undesirable grass species and weeds. If treatment is delayed

**by Nell Baldwin
plant pathologist at the
Sports Turf Research Institute**

until these later stages of disease development, only poor control will be achieved.

M.Nivale may also develop under snow, in which case the correct name is pink snow mould (Figure 4). After prolonged snow cover, large bleached patches of turf may appear, covered by white or pink mycelium, matting the leaves together.

If the disease cycle for fusarium patch is examined (Figure 3), useful information

on how it can be prevented or controlled can be gained.

The fungus responsible for fusarium patch, *M.nivale*, is a common soil fungus, universally present in golf greens, surviving unfavourable conditions in the thatch layer as pieces of dormant mycelium.

When conditions favouring disease outbreak prevail, then this mycelium can start to grow, produce spores, infect plants and spread to form the characteristic orange/brown patches typical of the disease. The active fungus can then spread by wind and/or water splash to areas of healthy turf in which new outbreaks of fusarium patch or pink snow mould can then take place.

If steps are taken to reduce or even eliminate the factors that favour disease development, then the cycle can be slowed down or even stopped. This can be achieved through an integrated disease control programme.



Figure 1: Early symptoms of fusarium patch disease