

**NEWS ROUND-UP**

**PEOPLE, PRODUCTS AND DEVELOPMENTS**

**IN THE GOLF COURSE INDUSTRY**



**New Powered Aerator from Sisis**

The new Sisis Hydrocore is a powered aerator developed from the well proven Autocrat, ideal for all fine turf areas.

It is a highly manoeuvrable machine which will turn in its own length. There is also a reverse gear for tight spots and the tines are raised and lowered hydraulically.

With its speed of operation and its 3ft. (91cm) working width, the Hydrocore gives a fast rate of coverage; an average size golf green can be completed in approximately 30 minutes.

Interchangeable hollow coring, slitting and solid tines are available for penetration to 3" or 4". Adaptors can be fitted to the tine holder tubes to effectively double the effect of the Hydrocore. By fitting a set of 8 adaptors and 16 tines approx. 150 holes per square metre can be achieved. When hollow coring, a considerable amount of thatch is thus removed as well as the extensive relief of compaction. The tines enter and are withdrawn completely vertically so there is no tearing of the turf and minimal disturbance of the playing surface. Depth of penetration is adjustable. Integral swath boards are fitted to windrow the cores when hollow tining.

**NEWS 1**

**Appointment of Head of Horticulture**

**NEWS 2**

**New Pump from Grundfos**

A horizontal single stage Jet Pump, suitable for a wide variety of water supply applications, has been introduced by Grundfos Pumps Ltd.

Designed to cater for shallow well water supply, boosting and sprinkling, the new pump, known as the JP5, is suitable for both continuous and intermittent operation.

Both JP5 and CH pumps can be supplied with a booster set for automatic operation, comprising a diaphragm pressure tank, an adjustable pressure switch, pressure gauge and five-way adaptor.

Further information and prices can be obtained from:-

**Grundfos Pumps Ltd.,  
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**NEWS 3**

**Irish Farmer seeks finance for new golf course**

A top golf course architect has given the thumbs up to an Irish farmer's plans for developing a new first class 18 hole golf course near Dublin.

Farmer, John Wilkinson wants to turn about 130 acres of farmland just 13 miles north of the city centre into a course to ease massive waiting lists at local clubs.

Keen golfers face a wait of up to 10 years to join one of the other 10 clubs in the Leinster area.

Most clubs are refusing waiting list applications because of the huge backlog among an estimated 50,000 golfers within 25 to 30 miles from the centre of Dublin and John Wilkinson is looking for backers to help him get the project off the ground.

Eddie Hackett, one of Eire's best known golf course designers has drawn up a detailed Feasibility Report and plan for the course.

His proposed course would be in the shape of "an impressive

arc" and consist of two loops of nine holes each, starting and finishing at a Club House. The total length would be 6,700 yards, giving a par of 72 (ss 74). There would be four par three holes, four par fives and ten par fours. The eighth hole would be a "fine dog leg line of play" and the long holes would be broken up by shorter ones. Existing trees, hedges, ditches, a stream, a large pool and a river would provide a course of very varied and attractive character.

Mr. Hackett envisages that the course could be constructed and opened within two years. He summarised the excellent potential for the course as follows:

"I must say that a combination of situation, pleasant and varying gradients, adequate acreage, good drainage, magnificently featured land, mixture of terrain... and superb golfing virtues, would all combine to make a golf course here uniquely attractive and memorable".

**NEWS 4**

Mr. Tony Bass, has been appointed as Head of Horticulture at the Cambridgeshire College of Agriculture and Horticulture.

Mr. Bass has been at the Farm College in Milton since April 1986 and prior to that was a Lecturer at the Northumberland College of Agriculture for three years.

The newly-formed College is an amalgamation of three centres - the Cambridgeshire Farm College

of Milton, its Agricultural Education Centre at Sawtry and the Horticultural Station of the Isle College, Wisbech.

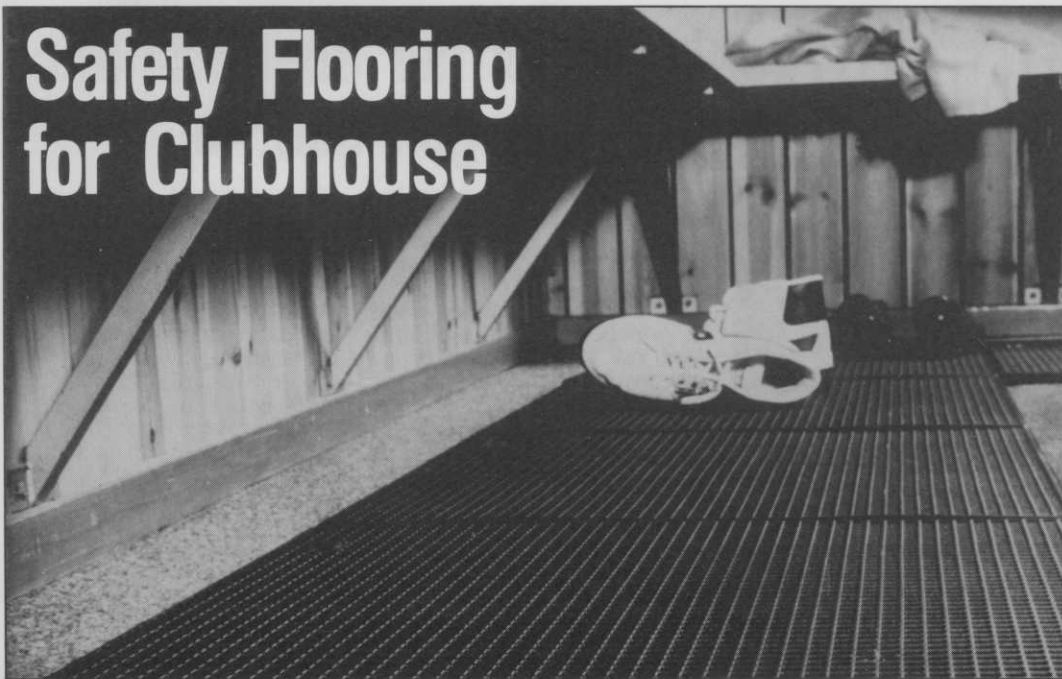
In addition to a range of part-time and short courses, other courses offered by the College include:

- National Certificate of Horticulture
- Amenity Commercial Interior Landscaping



*Booster Set (centre) and Hydrostat (left)*

# Safety Flooring for Clubhouse



*Increased safety with Perstop floor slats*

The new floor slat from Perstop Form, provides the perfect solution for hard, cold and wet floors.

Easy to install, clean and maintenance free, the floor slats are manufactured in a special grade of low density polyethylene, chosen particularly to provide the correct cushioning effect.

Resistant to most chemicals, the slat is hygienic with surface profiles that enable good drainage and have no dirt trays.

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The floor slat reduces the risk of skidding and slipping by keeping the walking surface dry.

Several sections can be linked together to cover large floor areas, without the need for additional parts, and are easily cut to shape to fit awkward corners.

Available in standard brown or beige ex-stock, but with other colours available on request and subject to minimum order quantities, the dimensions of the slats are 600 x 600 x 15mm; the weight is 0.9kg.

Contact: The Editor, Golf Greenkeeping for further details.

# New Company organisation for Mallard Trucks

Formerly known as David Brown Developments, the company, after major re-organisation has adopted the trading name of Mallard Trucks Ltd. They will continue manufacturing at their Ferry Road, Fiskerton, Lincoln address and David Brown - a well known figure in the industry - will continue his role in product design and development, and carry responsibility for sales and leisure markets.

The re-organisation has meant becoming part of the Wood Group Ltd., a substantial private group of companies with a turnover of some £25m. The group is run by Mr. Sidney Wood who will have a non-executive role as Chairman of Mallard Trucks. Two new Directors have been appointed to the Board of Mallard, Mr. David Kilby - Finance and Mrs. Chris Hewitt - Marketing.

Product developments in the pipeline include a new Mk.5 4-wheel truck - shortly to be released - and a completely new Golf Caddy Car. Both of these will utilise the unique transmission developed by David Brown, which links the latest Ford 4-speed gearbox to a variety of suitable air or water-cooled, petrol and diesel engines, thereby giving the customer an unsurpassed range of power options together with a full 1-ton carrying capacity. Fitted with the Mallard Multilift, all of the trucks in the range can be connected to a wider range of existing turfcare implements and this, without the removal of the 1-ton capacity body.

**NEWS 6**

# New Safety Blade for Rotary Mowers

A revolutionary new blade to replace conventional steel blades in rotary mowers has been developed in Australia by Merlin International, Melbourne, and is being distributed throughout the UK and Eire by Garfitts Ltd. of Sheffield.

The new Merlin blade is manufactured from a rugged polyamide composition "Zytel" developed by DuPont Corporation. Its performance on wet and dry grass equals that of a steel blade, but the well-known dangers inherent in the latter are reduced drastically in the new product.

Cable-cutting, for example, is virtually eliminated with a Merlin blade, which tends to reject the insulated cable rather than tangle with it.

The fear of flying chippings from stone and concrete is all but removed, and in the event of the feet coming into contact with the rotating blade, any injuries will undoubtedly be less than if caused by a comparable steel blade - although strong footwear must always be worn when using a hover mower.

Garfitts of Sheffield, are the leading manufacturers of steel replacement blades for rotary mowers and John and Derek Cooper the joint M.D.'s are enthusiastic about the new Merlin blade.

"Anything that contributes to greater safety in the garden has to be welcomed", says John Cooper, "and I see the Merlin blade as a positive advance in rotary mowing. Garfitts have a strong connection with the mower repair industry throughout the British Isles, and I'm sure we will quickly establish supplies for greenkeepers wishing to replace his present steel blade.

**NEWS 7**

# Two new Representatives join SISIS



Mark Mills, joins as a Sales Demonstrator. He is single and lives in Ashstead in Surrey and will cover the South East of England as Demonstrator/Sales Mark was formerly with Sisis Distributors, T. Parker & Sons Ltd., Surrey.



Tony Cundall, will cover the Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Staffordshire area.

He previously worked on the greens staff at Crewe Golf Club and then became a landscaping contractor. Golf was a major hobby but for the past 6 years all his spare time has been taken up with fund raising as an active committee member of the South Cheshire branch of the Muscular Dystrophy Group.

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