

NEWS ROUND-UP

PEOPLE, PRODUCTS AND DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE GOLF COURSE INDUSTRY

Nature Conservationists meet golfers on their own ground



To any greenkeeper, the tranquility and beauty of the golf course is as much a part of the game as the challenge and competition it offers. Yet, how many greenkeepers paused to consider the vital role they played in preserving and safeguarding the important wildlife habitats of this country?

To raise money for the British Wildlife Appeal, the British Wildlife National Golf Classic, is set to 'tee off' in January 1988, and some 500 golf clubs and 70,000 golfers are expected to participate. Club members will be invited to take part in their individual Club competitions between January and July 1988, with the winners progressing to one of nine regional finals being held around the country. Regional finalists will then go on to play in

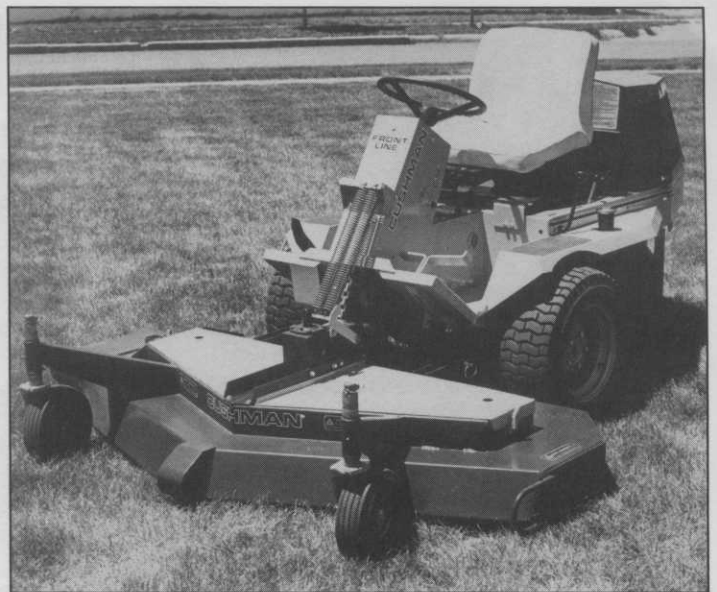
the Women's Professional Golf Association Pro-Am to be held in September.

Entrants will be asked to donate a fee of £5.00 and this, together with all monies raised by the event, will be used to support the British Wildlife Appeal in its fight for Britain's countryside. The Appeal, aims to raise £10 million by 1990 to protect and maintain the natural habitats of Britain's wildlife - a cause which any greenkeeper would be proud to support.

Further details on this project can be obtained from:

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New diesel rough cut mower from Cushman

A new 3-wheel model Cushman Front Line mower has been launched by the American manufacturers, OMC Lincoln.

Powered by a 21.5 hp three-cylinder diesel engine, both the engine and remote coolant radiator are fitted with rubber-isolation mounts to minimise vibration. The 806 has manual steering and is capable of zero turning radius with an outside

turning circle of just 150 inches with a 72-inch mower deck. Other available attachments include the Cushman Grass Caddy for picking up clippings, a 51-inch two-stage commercial snow blower, a 54-inch snow blade, 60-inch sweeper brush and a 60-inch flail mower.

Contact:
U.K. Cushman dealers for further information

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Top Ten American Golf Courses

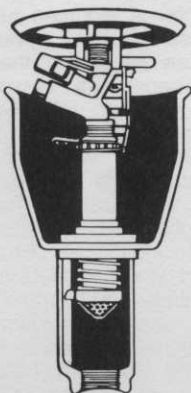
The November issue of *Golf Digest* has announced the biennial rankings of America's 100 greatest golf courses, and 86 have managing greenkeepers who are members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

According to the magazine the criteria for selection are based on seven categories: shot value, design balance, memorability, aesthetics, tradition, conditioning and resistance to scoring.

The leading courses in the conditioning category are:

- (1) Augusta National G.C.
- (2) Muirfield Village G.C.
- (3) Oakmont C.C.
- (4) Shoal Creek
- (5) Cypress Point Club
- (6) Winged Foot G.C. (west)
- (7) Seminole G.C.
- (8) Scioto C.C.
- (9) San Francisco G.C.
- (10) Los Angeles C.C. (north)

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NEW GOLF MAGAZINE TO BE LAUNCHED NEXT YEAR

A new monthly golf publication is due to be launched in the Spring of 1988, with a £1 million pound budget.

Published by the Peterborough based Pursuit Publishing Company, the magazine is to be called 'TODAY'S GOLFER' and will compete with the established golf publications such as Golf World, Golf Monthly and Golf Illustrated.

The lucrative golf magazine market is already saturated with a great number of free regional publications piled high in the clubhouses each month for members to take away.

This new golf monthly will be sold off the bookstalls and comes from the publishers of Angling Times the leading group in the fishing magazine market, and is aimed at the amateur player.

Bill Robertson, currently the Editor of Golf Illustrated will head the editorial team and moves into the Editor's chair on 30th November.

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Five Weeks Work - Without Pay!

Would any golf course care to offer a five week working experience to a keen, 6' 3" German Schoolboy from Hamburg, who has set his heart on joining the profession?

Seventeen-year-old Franz Bach lives alongside a new course at Grambek, owned by his family where he spends all his spare time assisting on the course. He is already experienced in many aspects of golf course maintenance, but wants to come to Britain during his summer holidays to work alongside greenstaff, particularly on green's maintenance.

Franz is not looking for any payment, though if a club would care to make some contribution to his living costs, he no doubt, would be very grateful.

This is an excellent opportunity for a club to benefit from the services of a most willing extra hand during the height of the season and at the same time give him valuable experience in our greenkeeping techniques.

Golf is steeped in the family. His sister plays for Hamburg and his Mother has represented West Germany.

Offers to either the Editor of Golf Greenkeeping (0937 63181 or through a London based friend of the family Mr. John Schouw, 39, Holly Tree Close, Inner Park Road, Wimbledon, SW19. Tel: (01 686) 4411.

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Polymark Beaver Take-Over

F. H. Tomkins P.L.C., the industrial management company, has acquired Polymark Beaver Equipment Ltd., manufacturers of professional and commercial grass cutting equipment.

Tomkins already owns Hayters P.L.C. and this new acquisition will compliment the current range of Hayters' rotary grass cutters. It will significantly strengthen Tomkins' position in the professional lawnmarket and further establish its products overseas, particularly in America.

Recently, Tomkins have invested more than £1m in improved production facilities at Hayters' Bishop's Stortford factory and this will benefit the combination of Hayter and Beaver and aid the strengthening of distribution arrangements.

Greg Hutchings, Chief Executive of Tomkins, said,

"We are very pleased to be making this infill acquisition which will complement and extend our already strong position in the lawnmower market. It clearly demonstrates our commitment to developing and expanding our existing business".

F. H. Tomkins recently made unsuccessful overtures to Britain's biggest grass cutting company - Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, and this take-over of Polymark Beaver confirms their determination to gain a sizeable piece of the turf maintenance market.

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Natalie Devlin, the 1986 Miss Scotland, with the Ryder Cup on display on the United Distillers stand at the CBI Conference and Exhibition in Glasgow. Johnnie Walker Scotch Whisky, one of United Distillers' leading brands sponsored the European Ryder Cup team which won the tournament in September for the first time on American soil.

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New Finance Package for Kubota Machinery

Under the new arrangement, Kubota's full range of machinery - tractors, grass mowers, backhoes and rotary cultivators - can be funded by an operating lease, which involves paying a fixed monthly or annual rental, enabling easier forward budgeting and improved cash flow.

In addition, Kubota equipment accessories can be included in the agreement, which can also cover all major services, maintenance and repairs. In cases of extended breakdown replacement machines are provided. A set of replacement tyres are also included in the agreement.

A new finance scheme - 'Kubotaplan' - aimed specifically at the grass maintenance market has been launched by Highland Leasing Ltd, the UK's leading agricultural finance house, in conjunction with Kubota (UK) Ltd.

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THE IRRIGATORS



Huw Morgan and Laurence Pithie (extreme left and right) with T.V. Star Jimmy Jewel, from the award winning T.V. play 'Arthur's Hallowed Ground', the story of a cricket groundsman protecting his wicket from the threat of vandals.

Greenkeepers Win Trip to Houston

More than 100 people attended the Institute of Groundsmanship's third annual Education and Training awards ceremony held in the main library of the Reform Club in London's Pall Mall on Friday 30th October 1987.

Although more than 40 awards were made, highlight of the evening was the announcement of the winners of the 1987 Groundsman of the Year competition, organised by the Institute, sponsored by Scottish Agricultural Industries plc. Greenkeepers won the two top prizes of a trip to the GCSAA Convention in Houston in February.

Winner of the Young Groundsman of the Year title was 21-year-old **Huw Morgan**, Head Greenkeeper of Fairwood Golf Club, Swansea. He received a framed certificate, engraved crystal whisky decanter, as well as the top prize of an all-expenses-paid trip to Houston, Texas.

Winner of the Master Groundsman of the Year competition was **Laurence Pithie** (35), Golf Course Manager of the Minchinhampton Golf Club near Stroud, and runner-up in last year's competition. He received a similar prize.

Twenty-one year old Huw Morgan has been at Fairwood for two years and is responsible for the maintenance of the 147 acres parkland course, along with his staff of four.

Married, he enjoys all sports, but especially golf and football, and he is also a keen gardener.

His father, Vivian, is Course Manager at the Pontadawe Golf Club.

Laurence Pithie (35), has been at his club since 1981 where he is responsible for two golf courses: one, on National Trust land, has to be run without any of the aids of modern sprays and chemicals, but at the other Mr. Pithie is free to use whatever modern devices the budget will allow! On this New Course Laurence has undertaken a number of major construction projects during 1987, including the addition of a lake.

Married with two young children, he has a famous next-door neighbour. The Minchinhampton Club borders on the estate of the Princess Royal at Tetbury. His hobbies and interests include, playing golf, badminton, football, travel photography and stamp collecting.

During his 1970-72 apprenticeship he gained all four City & Guilds certificates in greenkeeping, and last year successfully completed a correspondence course in golf course management.

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APPOINTMENT



ROGER DIX,
General Manager at
Monro Horticulture Limited

General Manager appointed at Monro Horticulture Limited

Monro Horticulture Limited, created from the combination of Fyffes-Monro Horticultural Sundries Limited and Kenneth Wilson Horticulture, in February this year, has appointed Roger Dix as General Manager.

Roger Dix joins Monro Horticulture Limited after seven years with J. W. Chafer Ltd. the Doncaster based company specialising in liquid fertilisers, chemicals and crop spraying machinery, where he was a director. Previously with the agricultural division of ICI, at their Millbank headquarters he also worked in Africa.

Commenting on his appointment as General Manager, Roger Dix told *Golf Greenkeeping*, "Monro Horticulture occupies a highly respected position in the industry. The enlarged company has several exciting developments in hand, which will bring many benefits to our customers and contribute to Monro's future growth and prosperity".

Now giving national coverage from seven depots, the expanded company is recognised as a major national supplier to the horticultural industry.

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New 3-wheel Drive Triplex from Triplex

Greenkeepers can now get 3-wheel drive on Jacobsen's Tri-King 1471. The new option gives golf course managers better traction and manouverability for improved performance on slopes and in wet conditions.

Jacobsen's 3-wheel-drive option was developed after discussion with turf managers who said there was a definite need for 3-wheel drive for hill-climbing, side-slope mowing and traction in wet conditions.

The hydraulic motor on the rear steering wheel significantly improved traction performance. The 3-wheel-drive Tri-King is able to mow up slopes where other triplexes either slip, stop, or must raise their reels to get traction.

The new 3-wheel-drive option - together with other options such as 5- or 10-blade reels, grass catchers, grooved or solid front rollers, front micro-height adjusters, and traction wheel weights - lets greenkeepers set up the machine to match their conditions.

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