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In January this year the newly formed Association of British & International Golf Greenkeepers' came into being, formed by the amalgamation of the long established British Golf Greenkeepers' Association, the southern based English & International Golf Greenkeepers' Association and the Scottish Greenkeepers.

This coming together, following years of acrimony among certain members of the greenkeeping profession, was precipitated by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews in the interest of furthering the future and recognition of those men who maintain our golf courses, without whom there would not be a game to play.

Such a move was welcomed by all sections of the golf industry, the greenkeepers themselves, the controlling bodies in golf and those who come under the general heading of - Trade.

All accepted the work involved in organising an Association could no longer be left to honorary officers regardless of their dedication and must be the responsibility of a full-time official.

The decisions made twelve months ago should now be bearing fruit, but greenkeepers

nationwide are asking - WHEN, and so they might.

Last month the National Greenkeepers' Tournament held at Verulam Golf Club, St. Albans, was organised by the Mid Anglia Section of the now defunct BGGA. It was a highly successful tournament, patronised by many of the active participants of previous years, in fact the majority of competitors were the 'Old Faithfuls'.

This year there was no Annual General Meeting for the new Association and greenkeeping business was confined to informal discussions in the 19th hole.

The Chairman Mr. Walter Woods did attend and said a few words at the conclusion of the prize giving, but the newly appointed Executive Director Mr. Neil Thomas did not. He was said to be moving house to Bingley where his office will be incorporated within the headquarters of the Sports Turf Research Institute.

Cautionary words of advice from many quarters warned of the dangers of rushing into the new venture. Advice largely ignored by its architects, for reasons best known to themselves. To bring together three distinct, separate bodies, each with its own administration, varying philosophies and regional differences requires delicate negotiation and a degree of diplomacy.

What has now been created is a vacuum. The old groupings have gone and the new, as far as greenkeepers are concerned, is not functioning.

This could have been avoided if the BIGGA had been set up as an umbrella association with three individual associations continuing to operate until the time was ripe for a smooth transfer.

Finance has never been a problem. As reported last month the R&A in a massive grant payment to various golf bodies around the world allocated £37,500 to form the new Association.

Greenkeepers are expecting positive action from their management committee, with the priorities of improved status, better working conditions, an enhanced training scheme and an agreed salary scale reflecting their contribution to the game of golf. So far, all they have received are promises.



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PEOPLE, PRODUCTS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GOLF COURSE INDUSTRY 'Why is it that all the news that comes out of Northern Ireland is bad?'

This was the question put to golf writing colleagues over dinner in the magnificent club house at Royal Portrush.

'Because that is what the English want to read', was the reply.

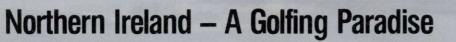
Unfortunately the answer was not far from the truth, but one cannot do more than express sorrow that so much of the better facets of life in the province does not receive the publicity it should and that certainly goes for golf.

and that certainly goes for golf. The reception and hospitality enjoyed over a long weekend at Royal Portrush and the nearby Portstewart Golf Clubs could not be faulted and although we were in somewhat of a priviledged position, playing a team match between the golfing scribes of Yorkshire and our counterparts from the Belfast press the reaction of others from the mainland to the golfing delights of County Antrim confirmed similar feelings.

The Northern Ireland Tourist Board have what must be one of the hardest jobs in the world to convince people that Ireland is the place to go for a golfing holiday. What must be even more frustrating, is the fact, they have a product that is quite superb.

Royal Portrush, regarded as one of the top courses in the British Isles hosted the Open Championship in 1951. It is the only course in Ireland to have done so and fittingly, was won by Max Faulkner. If ever a links was worthy of staging the event again, it must be here, but sadly,

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Laid out by Harry Colt in its present form it was described by Bernard Darwin a golf writer who stands tall even in the company of men such as Henry Longhurst, 'as a monument to Mr. H. S. Colt, more enduring than brass'.

Every hole is a challenge, even those that seem reachable with no more than a good drive and a pitching wedge to the putting surface. The famous 5th-hole is a case in point. It was here the ravages of the Atlantic Ocean undermined the cliff face and the green almost fell into the sea. Members and golf lovers the world over rallied round and raised sufficient money to build a retaining wall to hold the green in place.

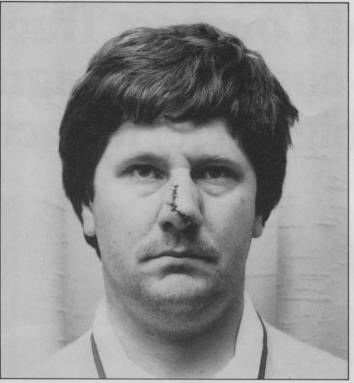
The Dunluce Course, better known of the two at Portrush (the other is the Valley) is the favourite of Fred Daly, the only other Open Champion from Ireland. He was born at Portrush and though now in his seventies is still a far better than average player.

The Causeway coast is also renowned for one of Ireland's best known exports - Black Bush. For those who have not imbibed a 'drop of the Irish' they have a treat in store.

The distillery at Blackbush dates back to the beginning of the 17th century when a licence 'to distil whiskey' was granted by James I. It is now exported to 106 countries around the globe.

Each year in June, Black Bush sponsor the Causeway Coast Amateur Golf Tournament, played over the links at Royal Portrush, Portstewart and Castlerock. Entries come from all over the world and this year there were golfers from Canada, the USA, Australia and Zimbabwee as well as strong contingents from the UK.

The weather was not especially kind for the tournament, but to quote a phrase 'the price was right' and there was always the whiskey to provide the internal warmth.



Last month we reported the appalling accident that befell Woodcote Park's Head Greenkeeper Eric Green, when the cover blew off the box housing the control valve alongside the seventh green.

Eric is now recovering from his injuries and is well enough to take a two week holiday with his family.

Since the events of that July evening, when Mr. Green, accompanied by his wife Carol and their daughter were inspecting the updated irrigation system installed by British Overhead Irrigation Ltd., the club have employed an independent consultant to check the scheme and an investigation has commenced by the Health and Safety Executive.

Irrigation systems as was pointed out last month can be extremely dangerous if they do not meet the exacting standards laid down by the only controlling body in this country, the British Turf Irrigation Association. (above)

Eric Green needed 17 stitches in his nose when a plastic coupling broke off the control valve.

(below) Eric shows the broken valve.



NEWS ROUND-UP

One of the leading members, Bill Hawthorn of Watermation Ltd. has commented.

The horrific accident to Eric Green, Head Greenkeeper at Woodcote Park Golf Club resulting in facial injury occurred because of a failure of the plastic nipple underneath the manual hydrant. Failures of this nature are not uncommon if this method of installation is used. For this reason many years ago Watermation devised a different method of mounting valve assemblies at the greens having the hydrant supported on a metal nipple attached to a robust metal tee, in order to withstand the mechanical loads which inevitably are placed upon the hydrant when hoses are attached.

Toro, whose General Manager Peter Roberts is Chairman of the Association, has recently published a guide entitled 'The Thinking Man's Guide to Golf Course Watering', a publication that all golf green committees should read before asking companies to submit tenders for irrigation systems.

Naturally this booklet is biased towards the Toro product as any sales literature should be in a competitive market.

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We are publishing the photograph's of Eric Green's injuries, not from a sense of tabloid press sensationalism, but simply to bring home to Greenkeepers and those involved in Golf Club Management, the need to be ultra careful when dealing with water under extreme pressure.

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NEWS ROUND-UP

NEW GREENKEEPER GOLF CHAMPIONS

Mel Guy, Head Greenkeeper at the South Leeds Club has won the National Greenkeepers News of the World Cup for the best gross score over three days at Verulam G.C. at his first attempt.

Mel, has been a greenkeeper for only two and a half years, stepping into the job, when he was made redundant as a fabrication engineer.

A six handicap member at South Leeds he had often helped the club with engineering work and then made the decision to move permanently to greenkeeping. Eighteen months ago he was appointed Head Greenkeeper, but still remains a playing member at the club.

His gross score of 79, 73, 79 for a 231 total, although higher than most winning scores over the past few years was enough to get his hands on one of the most prestigious trophies in amateur golf. Congratulations are also due to the Northern team who won the

Team Championship for the first time in many years.

Backing Mel Guy were Mick Hannam from Moortown and the evergreen Don Roberts, the retired greenkeeper at Bradford's West Bowling. Their total three day score was sixteen shots ahead of the field.

It is also worth a mention that Mick Hannam, Captain of the club at the 9-hole Roundhay course last year achieved the first 'ace' of his career in a recent monthly stableford. Although he finished with 35 points, he was still nine points adrift of the winner. Not surprising to those who know the scores put in by some of the Roundhay members in the local pro-ams!

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A small advertisement in the Yorkshire Post under the Personal Column is expected to produce a deluge of replies. Headed -Unattached Gentleman Golfers, it read; 'Do you require an attractive tall blonde lady caddy in her early 40's, with perhaps hopes of forming a friendship off the course. There is no indication whether she was prepared to carry or required a trolly.

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FEATURE

Echoes from the long, not so hot summer.

... by Fred Hawtree

Another mish-mash of delicately balanced social, technical, historical and personal gossip from the fluent pen of you know who.

South-Westerly

Spoke to Bill Pile, Devon and Comwall Secretary, on the telephone. How was he getting on since he left the Downes Crediton Golf Club and started travelling the West Country on behalf of D O Hunt Limited of Devon? They supply everything for the golf course, except machinery!

He likes the life, he likes the job, he likes meeting his members more than ever before. In addition to golf greenkeepers, he also calls on bowling greenkeepers or, more usually, the bowling club committee. They get some useful advice as part of the deal. One club was told to cut back

trees and bushes to get some light and air to the rink. This was so effective that they slashed their order for fertiliser from 50 to 25kgs. Bill was still happy: "They'll come back again".

Don Hunt, founder of the firm and President of Bill's Section, is Chairman of the Green Committee at the Teignmouth Golf Club on Haldon Moor. If you have ever played at Mont Agel, you will remember the view of Monte Carlo harbour spread below you as you look over the back of the old 4th Tee. The club house at Haldon offers you an equally impressive panorama, even if the yachts are less opulent and the River Teign differs in certain important respects from the Mediterranean.



Jack Moor's new office and machinery sheds are also impressive. The staff dining room has fridge, cooker and all, not to mention the pink curtains.

Some bright firm should sponsor a Ground Staff Quarters of the Year competition. It might encourage any clubs still living in the corrugated iron era to see how it should be done.

Beyond the Tamar

Being in Caradon recently, (Caradon? Caradon?, you ask. It is the first bit of Cornwall beyond Plymouth). I took time out to cast a jaded eye over the new St. Mellion. After passing below the flags of all nations at the entrance and through two rows of black blobs, which turned out to be spherical pine trees, I was apprised of the green fee. (£25 to play the 'Nicklaus' but knock off a fiver if it's with a member).

So I walked past the back of the 9th Green instead but haven't slept a peaceful wink since, due to nightmares in which the earth rolls and heaves on a scale far beyond anything which Richter could devise for your average seismograph.

Volcanic ranges have popped up between fairways as the earthquakes proceeded and there are ant-like machines crawling all over them to cut the grass. The foothills are very much in play and most of the peaks as well. If this is a stadium course, there did not seem to be a lot of elbow room for spectators, but I only saw one or two holes. At least they will get good exercise on 'them thar hills', if their ankles stand up to it.

I do not know what Cornwall did to deserve this fate, but J Nicklaus has certainly put his stamp on it and nobody will ever be able to rub it out.

Unfortunately the local planners, after years of jealously guarding their farming hinterland, have got a little bit of Ballybunion crossed with the Grand Canyon slap in the middle of it. Even their attempts to oppose further building development were frustrated owing to the employment which it would attract. They are now in deep shock and grow wild-eyed whenever they hear the word 'golf'. The members of the British Association of Golf Course Architects still try to fit the golf course to the site, not vice versa, and hope that a simple diet and devoted nursing, accompanied by gentle repetition of this message, will restore Caradon's faith in humanity and hope for the future.

By the Plym

On the way back to Sludgecombe, filial piety demanded a diversion to look at the 9 hole Elfordleigh Golf Course at Plympton. Hawtree I designed it in 1930. (A month or so previously, filial and grand-filial piety had taken both II and III to Highwoods Golf Club at Bexhill. The greens had sunk a bit on the filled side in the sixty years since their construction, but were still puttable and not much else had changed).

Elfordleigh was an early venture in the hotel-cum-golf course development. It did not do so well as its contemporary, the Selsdon Park Hotel, but then Selsdon was only nine miles out of London and on a much grander scale. Nevertheless, Elfordleigh has survived its ups and downs for nearly 56 years under various owners. Now it is on a high.

There is a brand new pro's shop by the 1st Tee. There are more tees and bigger tees, some with stone walls holding them up to make full use of the limited space.

The site has fairly strong slopes and a stream, so you can guess the final development at the bottom of the valley. Only one guess, I'm afraid. That's right a water hazard.

Incidentally, I looked out the ledger to see how much Elfordleigh cost in 1935. You can have as many guesses as you like for this one. The answer is £2,500. 400 times less, proportionately, I understand, than its new competitor on the other side of the Tamar, but 'fings', in case you hadn't guessed, 'ain't what they used to be'.



Westward Ho!

John Davis, Secretary of the Royal North Devon Golf Club has given me a file containing my father's advisory reports on Westward Ho! links from 1926 until 1935, by which time, as a member of the Board of Greenkeeping Research at Bingley, he got the club to become subscribers to that developing organisation.

In view of the reaction in greenkeeping to the discovery that too much fertiliser is too much fertiliser, I skimmed through the reports to see what materials they recommended in those days. I summarise as follows:

- 1926- Dried Blood
- 1930 Malt Culms
- Fish Guano Compost 1931 7lbs Sulphate of Iron
- 3lbs Sulphate of Ammonia to each cubic yard of compost ('Neither more nor less')
- 1932 [']Discontinue S/A and S/I on Greens 4,6,7,8,9 and 18. The rest: 5lbs S/I 3lbs S/A
- in 11/2 cubic yards compost' 1933 Back to Dried Blood and
- Malt Culms, in compost 1934 Poultry manure replaces
- Malt Culms 1935 1 cwt Peruvian Guano in
- 11/4 cubic yards compost

'What no Super?' you ask. It appears just once, in the very last report: '31/2lbs Superphosphate per Green in the August dressing with Rape Meal and Sulphate of Ammonia'. Why? Perhaps I can hazard a guess.

In 1932, T W Evans PhD, AIC, the chemist at Bingley, wrote in the Journal: 'In conclusion, it can be stated that swards cannot be maintained indefinitely by a system of top-dressing with compost and nitrogenous fertiliser...'.

In 1931, Evans had said, 'An occasional dressing with a complete fertiliser, providing the phosphoric acid and potash in it is very low, may be applied to greens on poor soil...'. But then he continues, 'It cannot be too strongly emphasised, that the regular use of mixed fertilisers containing high percentages of phosphoric acid and potash is to be avoided....'.

Who led us astray?

'Open' University

The Observer's Peter Dobereiner sounded a few alarms on behalf of the English adverb when he suggested what players' comments might be heard during pre-Open interviews. 'I am hitting it good but putting horrible' was one of them. 'I am playing solid enough' was another. Alerted to the dangers, one became oversensitive to the foibles of BBC commentators. In between 'super- shots', Tony Jacklin described one competitor as 'fortuitous' which seemed to cast an unnecessary slur on his parents who may very well have intended to have a golfer in the family. But Jacklin does at least believe in the preservation of the adverb. Indeed, he manufactures them and will turn 'over-confident' into 'overly confident' at the drop of a hat. I think I overheard a 'routinely' too. Time for Dobereiner to go to work on these as well.

Harry Carpenter turned a neat phrase when describing a par round in the wind and rain on the Friday. It 'staggered belief'. My memory of belief up to that time had been that you beggared it. Edwardians would sometimes express amazement by 'Well, I'm beggared. This may have been a mild form of a stronger expression to which people take less exception to-day, but it sounds a shade old-fashioned. I will ask my grand-children if that traditional game called 'Beggar your neighbour' is still an acceptable pastime among the young or has been toughened up so that they stagger him now?

Belief was both staggered AND beggared by David Miller, writing in The Times when he described the 7th at Muirfield as 'illusory'. One knew what he meant but have you ever tried cutting a hole in an illusory green? It's easy if you have got an illusory hole-cutter.

Royal Guest

It was a pity that King Hassan II of Morocco had to cancel his golfing trip to Scotland and perhaps to the Open, due to pressure of work back home after his State visit to Britain. While he was here the Press never missed a chance to score a point over his punctuality, protocol and private entertaining. There was a good deal more about the fact that he was five minutes late for lunch than there was about who else was there. They forgot that the King is a golfer and has never vet been penalised for an infraction of Rule 27, although I should be surprised if it ever got into the Arabic version.

When the Queen went to see him, much was made of her lonely vigil in a tent in the middle of the desert and of her long wait for her dinner guest on the Royal Yacht a couple of days later. In my experience she was lucky that he even turned up on the right day. In humbler circles, have responded to urgent calls for week-end consultations in Tetuan and waited until Monday before learning that the meeting had been put off for a week. Last Autumn I was bidden to a meeting at 11 a.m. for an audience with a Princess. At 1.30, we decided that she was probably

tucking into her cous-cous at some other table. You have to get into the manana mood if you are to earn your Queen's Award for Export. Tap the foot, drum the fingers as she did and you'll be out on your ear. The Royal Household also seemed to me to be asking for trouble when whoever writes the menu picked that sauce with 32 components to accompany the salmon. It is said that you can knock up a Sauce Bigarade, which has only 16 ingredients, in a matter of 25 minutes, though I should not like to try. But do not think that you will knock up this other one in 50 flat just because it has twice the number of working parts. They can not be spooned into the pot and stirred till ready. The 'saucier' has to get up early in the morning after a night of prayer and pure thoughts. Taking just two ingredients, he begins the rites. He is towelled down at intervals during the day by his aides as each critical stage is reached and another subtle element added. At 8.47 p.m., assuming the dish is to be served at 8.50 No. 32 goes in and a minute later the sauce is rushed to the table to be served at the peak of perfection.

The Spanish say that a good paella is always better when you get round to the second helping because it has matured while you were scoffing the first. There are classic French dishes which must gently simmer or *mijoter* for a time if the ultimate blend of flavours is to be achieved. Not so this concoction on the Britannia. Keep it hot on the back burner for an hour and you might as well open a bottle of Heinz Tomato Ketchup.

But even if served in the new squeezy container, which deposits its contents on the floor when shaken instead of on the ceiling as the glass one used to do, I feel that some pretty sharp reprimands would have gone down to the galley if the familiar red bottle had appeared amongst the gold plate just because the guests sat down an hour too late.

P.S.

Only a month ago, I congratulated B I G G A on getting an 'I' into its title because it sounded like an Institute.

Now I am not so sure.

The Chairman of the Championship Committee at the Open presentation ceremony thanked the British and Irish Golf Greenkeepers Association for raking the bunkers.

Still, whether Institute, Irish, or International, the blazer badges will still be O.K. **FEATURE 1**





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Golf Club's **Sports Forum** raises £2,000

Moor Allerton Golf Club came up with an enterprising idea to raise funds to finance the construction of their new 14th hole during the Benson & Hedges Tournament played at Fulford.

Capitalising on the talent available in Yorkshire during the week, they recruited Peter Alliss, Tony Jacklin, Mike Parkinson and their own tournament professional Howard Clark to participate in a golf forum and then sold tickets for the evening at £10.00 a head.

For Peter Alliss it was a return 'home'. Moor Allerton was the club where he was appointed the consultant professional when the Trent Jones designed course opened twenty years ago. He stayed for ten years in a converted farmhouse with his good friend, Head Greenkeeper, Colin Geddes as his next door neighbour.

Moor Allerton's General anager, Ted Goldberg, told Manager, Golf Greenkeeping it was a superb evening. Over 200 golfers packed the clubhouse, keeping the panel under the chairmanship of Mike Parkinson on their toes for three hours.

It will cost £12,000 to move the 14th hole, brought about because of complaints from an adjacent weekend caravan site, who had threatened injunctions after mishit shots landed among the campers. Work is now at an advanced stage with turf laid on a sand base. Later this year the new tee will be constructed and the hole brought into use by the spring of 1988.

The project has been so successful we hear further improvements to other parts of the course are in the pipeline.

So often when course alterations take place, committees see the only way of finance is a levy on the members. Moor Allerton have already raised half the cost organising sponsored events and expect the remainder to be in the bank by the end of the year.

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CHEERS

A member of the Highgate Golf Club, millionaire 'Rabbit' golfer, Mr. Edward Mowle has left £400.00 in his will to buy drinks all round in his club's nineteenth hole.

Mr. Mowle of St. John's Wood who died in January left £1,394,136



Europe's Ryder Cup Captain Tony Jacklin, Michael Parkinson, Howard Clark and golf commentator Peter Alliss in fine form at Moor Allerton.

Gearing up for 1989 **Ryder Cup**

One of Britain's newest, yet highly regarded golf courses is already gearing up to host the 1989 Ryder Cup.

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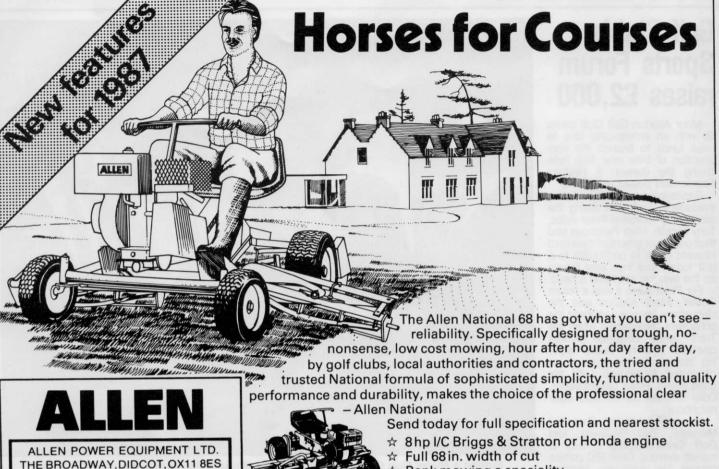
The Belfry won many friends in 1985 and much respect when the European team won the Ryder Cup for the first time since Lindrick in 1957.

Lee Trevino the American captain said Derrick Ganning, the Belfry's course manager, was the '13th member of the European squad' as his tribute to the excellent condition of the course. A tremendous compliment and one of the reasons why the Belfry is anxious to ensure perfection for the return match in 1989.

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ROYAL WINDSOR'87

Windsor Show set to break all records.

Over 50,000 sq. m. of display and demonstration areas have been booked for this year's loG Sports and Leisure World Trade Exhibition, the 42nd such event organised by the Institute of Groundsmanship. A record 342 companies will be taking part, displaying some of the latest developments from the UK and 27 overseas countries.

The exhibition takes place at the Royal Windsor Racecourse, Maidenhead Road, Windsor, Berkshire on 15th, 16th and 17th (Tuesday to Thursday) September, and will be open from 10.00 a.m. till 5.00 p.m. daily. Admission will be by catalogue costing £2.

Sixteen of the country's leading horticultural colleges will be supporting an extended Education and Training Centre at this year's exhibition. Participants include Askham Bryan, Aylesbury, Brinsbury, Cambridgeshire, Capel Manor, Cheshire, Evesham, Hampshire, Merrist Wood, Myerscough, Norwood Hall, Pershore, Plumpton, Somerset, South-East London, and South London.

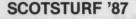
They will be taking part with such bodies as the Agricultural Training Board, Amenity Grass Marketing Association, British Agricultural and Garden Machinery Association, the British Association of Landscape Industries, City & Guilds of London Institute, the Health and Safety Executive, the National Turfgrass Council, the National Playing Fields Association and the Sports Turf Research Institute.

Over 30 organisations will be demonstrating products on more than 11,000 sq. m. of working demonstration plots, with separate facilities being provided for irrigation equipment.

Two large marquees have been provided this year for exhibitors who prefer to be indoors. Pavilion A has been taken over by the U.S. giant Jacobsen, and Pavilion B will be occupied by a number of individual firms.

The 1988 event will take place from 20th to 22nd September, again at Windsor Racecourse; in 1989 from 19th to 21st September, 1990 from 18th to 20th September; 1991 from 17th to 19th September; and in 1992 from 17th to 19th September.

Recent surveys carried out for the organisers indicated that over a third of visitors attend to purchase at the exhibition, whilst 80 per cent come to inspect for future purchase. The average budget of visitors interviewed was £118,000.



Scotland's major event for the sports and leisure industry -SCOTSTURF - will again take place at the Royal Highland Exhibition Hall, Ingliston, Edinburgh on Wednesday 11th November 1987.

Scotland's leading companies have already booked Stand Space at SCOTSTURF '87 - the 7th annual event organised by the Scotland and Northern Ireland Zone of the Institute of Groundsmanship - and a record number of 5,000 visitors from all over Scotland, Northern Ireland and the North of England are expected to attend: groundsmen, greenkeepers, local authority representatives, landscape architects, estate owners and managers, sports turf advisors, educationalists, students and trainees.

Admission to the Exhibition is free-of-charge.

In addition some 250 delegates are expected to take part in the Seminar which is scheduled for the morning of the Exhibition, with top speakers lined up from all over the U.K.

NORTH-WEST SHOW

The annual Field Day, organised by members of the North-West Zone of the Institute of Groundsmanship, will once again take place at Haydock Park Racecourse on 29th/30th September 1987.

The show is designed particularly for the benefit of Zone members, groundsmen and greenkeepers in the North-West and, for that reason, it is limited to local companies and suppliers. Unlike the practice at the three national Exhibitions organised by the IoG (Southport, Royal Windsor and Scotsturf) national manufacturers and suppliers can only take part on the stands of their local distributors. Exceptions, however, can be made when such regional representation is not available.

The North-West Zone has organised its enormously popular local show for the past nine years. Last year it moved to the new site at Haydock Park because of the much appreciated facilities it offers for working demonstrations of material and equipment, attracting a record number of 2,500 visitors to the event. The signs are that this year will be equally successful.



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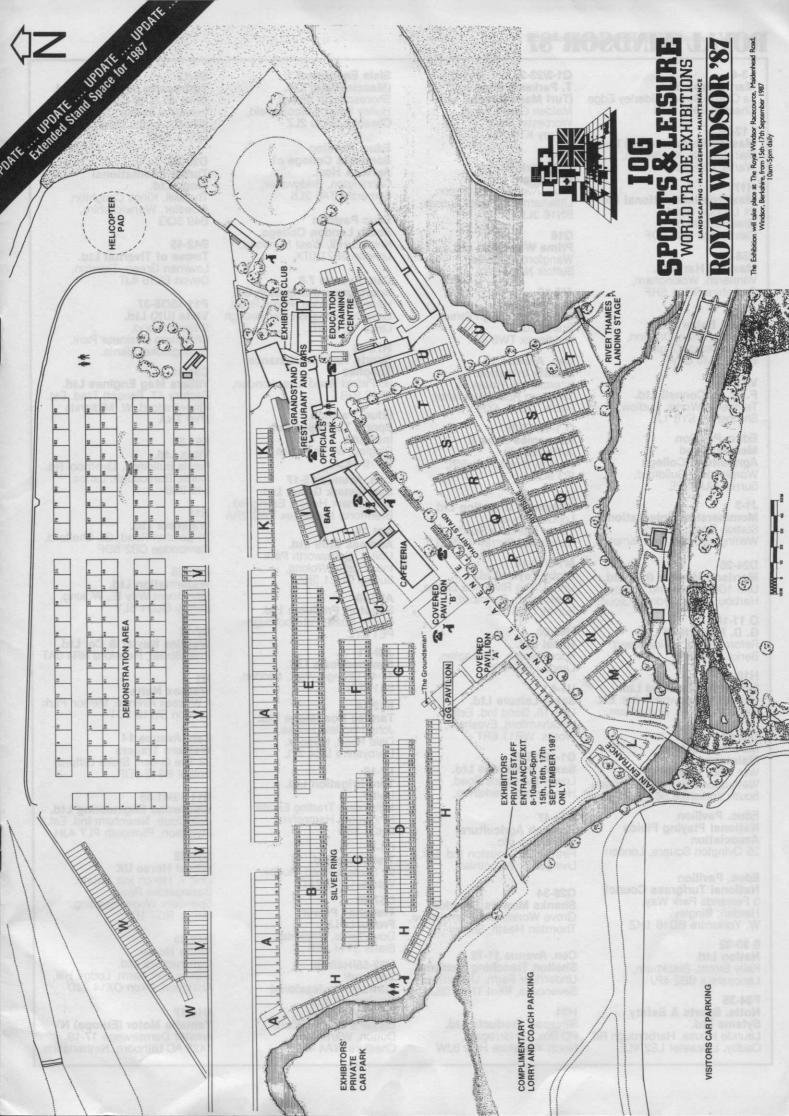
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SUBSURFACE AIR BLAST SOLVES SOIL PROBLEMS



Soil compaction, a widespread problem in sports and amenity areas, is quickly, effectively and safely alleviated with a sophisticated machine operated by a Suffolk-based contractor. It shatters the compacted layer or pan with a blast of compressed air and at the same time can inject fertiliser and other therapeutic materials to help rejuvenate stressed trees, shrubs or turf in danger of dying.

Colin Pryce, who runs this new soil conditioning service, points out that in the past soil problems caused by compression by machinery and treading were virtually impossible to overcome without surface disturbance or the risk of severe root damage. His German Terralift does little, if any surface or root damage, yet each blast loosens a saucershaped soil volume measuring up to 13ft across and 3ft deep.

to 13ft across and 3ft deep. "The only other tool that can shatter the soil to depth is a subsoiler, but this cannot be used round trees or on sports fields or any other amenity area without inflicting root damage or surface lifting and tearing", he explains. "The Terralift's effect is virtually all below ground and it does minimal root damage which if anything is beneficial because it tends to stimulate root growth.

The machine's other major advantage is that is simultaneously injects slow release like BASF's Floranid nutrients Tree and Floranid NPK into the soil cracks as they are being formed. This is far quicker and more effective than surface application or root feeding through auger or crowbar holes because the fertiliser is distributed throughout the root zone. As a standard practice he also injects 1mm to 3mm polystyrene granules to help prevent subsequent closure of the fissures

The direct feeding of stressed trees with Floranid fertilisers has significant advantages. Floranid Tree is specially formulated to relieve stress by immediately releasing major and trace elements to roots which previously had been unable to function effectively due to the compacted soil. For roadside trees the product's high potassium and magnesium content also helps to counteract the harmful effects of salt applied to roads during frosty and snowy weather. Floranid NPK contains the balanced range of nutrients essential for good tree and plant growth and like Floranid Tree some of its nitrogen is in slowrelease (nitrogen Isodur) form, thus ensuring sustained growth.

The idea of launching an amenity soil conditioning service occurred to Mr. Pryce at last year's Institute of Groundsmen's show at Windsor where he saw the machine on BASF's stand (they recommend the Terralift for soil treatment with their Floranid fertiliser range). Subsequent enquiries indicated a considerable potential demand for such a service for jobs such as rejuvenating trees in building construction areas, where soil is compacted by machinery, and conditioning soil in goalmouth areas, cricket pitches and golf courses where excessive treading has caused poor growth.

The pedestrian operated machine is powered by a Honda 7 bhp four-stroke petrol engine which drives and industrial compressor serving two compressed air cylinders. The compressed air forces air at high speed and a pressure of 105 to 300 psi through the probe and out of three holes near the probe's tip and a split second later injects the beads and the fertilier (or other materials) through the probe and thence into the cracks produced by the compressed air 'explosion'; it also drives individual wheel motors and operates a hammer that rams a hollow steel probe up to 30in. into the ground.

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"The volume and pressure of air can be varied according to soil conditions and the job in hand", says Mr. Pryce. "With golf greens and tennis courts, for example, one wants to avoid rupturing the surface and so the pressure and volume would be at the lower end of the range. I don't advise use of the machine in waterlogged soil, otherwise it can work under any soil conditions".

Cost of his service ranges from about £40 for soil conditioning around a large tree to £400 for treating a football pitch or the equivalent area of land. These prices include polystyrene bead soil improver mix injection but not fertiliser or other materials such as nematicides and fungicides.

In conjunction with BASF the Terralift will be demonstrated at the Sports and Leisure Exhibition at Windsor on September 15th to 17th.

Editor's Note:

The 'Terralift' was seen in action on the tree lined streets of Munich last year, injecting BASF Floranid Tree deep into the roots.

The Munich authority have calculated it is cheaper to 'dose' a sick tree, rather than remove and replace it.

GOLF -Chinese Style

There is a new exotic oriental venue for competitive amateur golfers, who can play to a handicap of 12 or less.

The second mens open amateur championship for the people's Republic of China will be played at the Chung Shan Hot Spring Golf Club over four days commencing on 5th November.

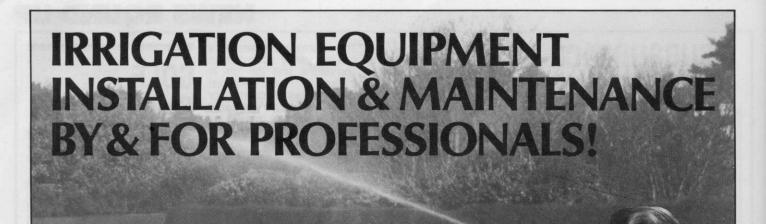
Six days accommodation, including breakfast, two days of practice, entry fee, jet foil from Hong Kong, a buffet dinner on the first day and a Chinese Banquet on 7th November are on offer for a mere \$300 US dollars. (£140.00).

Unfortunate this price does not include the air fare from Heathrow to Hong Kong.

If any of our readers fancy making the trip the Editor has the entry form and would consider offers of sponsorship to join competitors and report the proceedings. He is also on good terms with the Course Manager.

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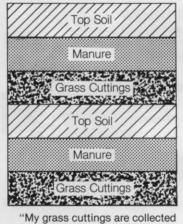
John Lowry's recipe for Quality Compost

Talk to John Lowery, the Course Manager at Ringway Golf Club, a runway or two from Manchester Airport and it will not be long before the conversation turns to his favourite subject compost making.

John has been producing his own compost for many years and like the amateur wine buff it is a continuous process, whilst using the matured stuff, there are several other heaps fermenting away. The period is about the same time too, three to four years for a vintage brew.

The quantity used over a season at Ringway is 30-40 tons and a greenkeeper will need a fair area of suitable space to make up at least three separate heaps. The ingredients are simply good quality topsoil, grass cuttings and farmyard manure, laid in 12 inch layers and topped by 15 inches of top soil.

But let John describe how he builds the heaps between 5-6 feet high, but with settlement reduces quickly to around 4 feet as the rotting process accelerates.



"My grass cuttings are collected from heaps which I site in various hidden areas around the course. Copses and behind hedges are ideal sites, but you must also have access for collection. All grass boxes are emptied on them whether it is the GM3 from greens or 180 on tees. We never tip weed from bunker work, just clean cuttings. I did try leaves in the early days, but sometimes you could break down a heap after 4 years and leaves, like beech, ash and oak would still be intact! I have found a good local farmer who stores fresh manure for me and delivers it the following year, so by the delivery time the rotting down is well under way. He recently put up the price by £10 per 20 ton load and when I enquired about the price rise, he said feed had gone up and it was costing more to produce "the end" product! I find the manure layer on top of the cuttings accelerates the rotting down process and the top soil gives body to the whole thing.

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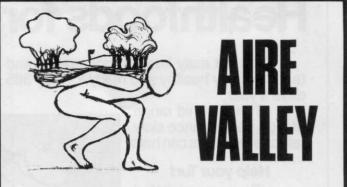
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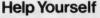
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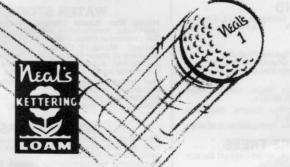
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Few greenkeepers have a similar document, which is surprising when one considers most Committee Chairmen hold responsible positions in business and invariably have a job description themselves.

Several clubs have recently enquired whether a standard document exists and as a quide, and it must be emphasised it is only a guide, a format for a job description has been drawn up.

The job description must be individually produced because clubs need to put the emphasis on responsibilities in differing areas

The job description should not attempt to state every task the greenkeeper is expected to carry greenkeeper is expected to carry out, but group activities under broad headings. To assist in clarifying thoughts when drafting the job description, think of the job relating to Money, Men, Machinery, Materials and Methods. These five M's will court just about eventting cover just about everything needed to control the day-to-day workings of a golf course.

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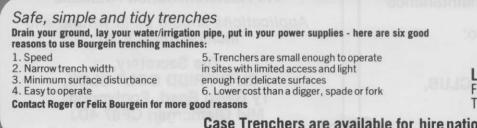
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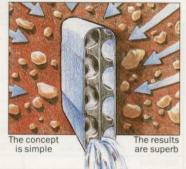
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Rumania to most of the present generation is an Eastern Bloc country bordering the Black Sea, with strong ties with its neighbour, the Soviet Union.

Although it lies behind the Iron Curtain, the bars are more akin to wire netting as trade and tourism between east and west develops year by year.

Formerly the classical Dacia and Scythia Pontica, as those who spent an industrious education will know, Rumania's additional claim to fame, by addicts of the Saturday night horror movies, is also the Transylvanian home of the monster of all monsters, Count Dracula.

Now Rumania has produced another export to the west, this time a prince of engineering achievement in the shape of the aptly named - Dacia Duster.

These four-wheel drive vehicles are without doubt the most competitively priced utility vehicles available on the U.K. market.

Starting with the four-wheel drive open Pick-up at a basic \pounds 4,150 (ex VAT) there are five versions in the range through to the 4×4 Duster GLX, a classy five seater estate car, that will take off across the roughest country and still look impressive outside the statliest of homes. All that for a total price of £6,500 including VAT and Car Tax.

Golf Greenkeeping tested the middle of the range truck, the 4×4 Duster Hard-Top, priced at £4,650 (ex VAT). A week's trial on the road as well as the golf course and I am not ashamed to admit I shed a little tear of regret when the seven days passed all too quickly and it had to go back.

The more I drove this little blue coloured beauty, the better I relished it. Not only that, like a beau escorting his belle, there was the additional pleasure of admiring glances. Whether it was the Dacia's good looks or its undoubted substance, but as a mere car driver, for a whole week, I experienced the delight of 'given way' by other motorists, gratefully acknowledged by a touch to the cap or a flick of the headlamps.

Although the Duster is a rugged hard grafting work-horse, driver and passenger comfort is at a premium. The padded seats, with head rests are as comfortable as your favourite lounge chair, a full set of instruments are easily visible, the rear windscreen is heated and the wipers and four jet washers will cope with any amount of muck thrown up from the road.

If I have a criticism it must be the position of the ignition lock. The one way key is a real fiddle to slot into the lock, particularly because there is so little clearance between the ignition, located on the steering column, and the padded dash board. For security another key is provided for the door locks and the petrol tank but as they are together on a key ring it is not too difficult to trap one's fingers, putting it in or pulling it out.

Golf Course Test

for the Dacia Duster

putting it in or pulling it out. Wetherby Golf Club's Head Greenkeeper John Scott who also tested the Dacia Duster, agreed and he also suggested a rear window wiper would be a useful addition.

As a general purpose golf course truck, the Dacia Hard-Top is ideal for moving equipment around the course or taking machinery for repair. It is just as 'At Home' on rough terrain or on the road. For normal road use it is driven in two-wheel drive, turn a hand operated screw on the front wheels and the mode becomes four-wheel, ready to be engaged in either high or low ratio by a lever, forward of the gear handle.

A tow ball and electrics are standard as is the 'Roo Bar' on the front, not only to brush away kangaroos that might have escaped from local zoos, but more practically to protect the bonnet from bumps and scrapes.

Out on the course, the Duster went everywhere it was asked, including the steepest gradient we could find. Using the high ratio four-wheel drive it climbed from a standing start, a notoriously wet part of the fairway without the vestige of wheel slip, or a mark on the turf.

The 1400cc Renault engine is quiet and adequate for the job, but Dacia Concessionaires have told me a diesel version will be available towards the end of the vear. In addition to the manufacturers standard 12 month warranty, a second year's cover is included free of charge on all Dacia Dusters with the option of a third year also available. The unlimited mileage covers all major mechanical and electrical components.

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All Dacia Dusters are treated with Swedish system Dinol anticorrosion protection. The five year warranty applies to all treated areas including underside, box sections, sills and doors. The sole importers of the Dacia range are

Dacia Concessionaires Ltd. Dilton House, Station Road, Westbury, Wilts.

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There are currently 65 dealers throughout the UK. Further details can be obtained by contacting The Editor, Golf Greenkeeping, P.O. Box 12, WETHERBY, West Yorks. Tel: (0937) 63181

SPECIFICATION DACIA DUSTER 4 × 4

ENGINE	Terr	4.01/1	
ENGINE	Type Displacement Bore and Stroke Compression Ratio Maximum Power Maximum Torque	4 CYL. IN LINE OHV 1397 cc 76mm x 77mm 9.5 65 bhp (DIN) at 5250 rpm 105 Nm at 3000 rpm	
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	Alternator Battery	12v. 3-AMP 45 A	
FUEL SYSTEM	Carburettor Fuel Tank Capacity	Single Manual Choke 10 Gallons	
TRANSMISSION	Clutch Gearbox	Single Dry Plate Mechanical Operation 4 Speed Synchromesh	
	Transfer Box	High & Low Ratio Front Wheel Hubs	
STEERING	Туре	Worm & Roller	
BRAKES	Front Rear	Disc Power Assisted Drums, Leading & Trailing Shoes Assisted	
SUSPENSION	Front	Independent, Wishbones, Coil Spring, Telescopic Shock Absorbers	
	Rear	Rigid Axle, Semi-Elliptic Leaf, Telescopic Shock Absorbers	
TYRES	Front and Rear	175 x 14 3777mm 1600mm 1740mm 2400mm 1304mm 1304mm 225mm	
DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT	Overall Length Overall Width Overall Height Wheelbase Front Track Rear Track Minimum Ground Clearance		
	Cargo Bed Length Cargo Bed Height	_	1130mm (3'9") 590mm
	Maximum Payload	350 kg (6.87 cwt)	
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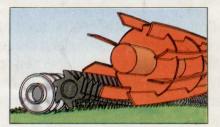


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