

IoG's GOLDEN YEAR

Paradoxically the 43rd annual IoG Sports & Leisure World Trade Exhibition – which takes place at the Royal Windsor Racecourse, Maidenhead Road, Windsor, Berkshire from 20th-22nd September 1988 – is celebrating its Golden Jubilee!

The Exhibition was first held in 1938 (the war and its aftermath account for the seven lost years).

With demand for space up by a massive 25 per cent, this

year's exhibition is now all set to be the industry's biggest ever event.

- * 388 exhibitors
- * 46,000 square metres of stand space
- * 16,000 square metres of working demonstration areas
- * two covered pavilions
- * exhibitors from 27 overseas countries.

To this must be added a record number of colleges which will be featured in the

extended Educational and Training section. They include:

Askham Bryan, Aylesbury, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Evesham, Lancashire, Merrist Wood, Oaklands, Pershore, Plumpton, Rycotewood, Somerset, South London, Sparsholt, West Sussex and Writtle.

Also joining them in that section, will be such bodies as the Agricultural Training Board, BALI South Thames

Training, the City & Guilds of London Institute, Garden Machinery Association, National Playing Fields Association, National Turfgrass Council and the Sports Turf Research Institute.

The education displays will be supported by a programme of 18 mini-lectures covering such topics as Winter Games, Bowling Greens and Cricket Squares maintenance, which will be held in the Lecture Theatre.

JOHN SHAW OPEN DAY



Mr Andrew Darlow (TORO) demonstrating the 220D to Mr Seymour of Hastings Borough Council who is awaiting delivery of his 220D.

Although the recent J.S. Open Day did not enjoy the best of weather this did nothing to dampen the numbers nor indeed the enthusiasm of everyone concerned. In fact around 80 invited guests including Local Authorities, Greenkeepers and Groundsmen seemed to treat the weather with the contempt it deserved. No doubt because there was plenty of machinery on view to raise the spirits, not to mention the lunch which, once again, was splendid.

Several products were demonstrated including the Groundmaster 220D a recent addition to the TORO stable. This 3 cylinder diesel engine machine is highly manoeuvrable and is fast gaining praise. The 52 in. or 62 in. rear discharge cutter decks which may be fitted, are an addition to the range and a unique

flotation system ensures improved ground following.

The Flagship of the TORO range the Reelmaster 450D was also on show. This high output all-hydraulic mower powered by a 50hp Mitsubishi engine with power steering travels up to 15mph and will mow up to 10.5 acres per hour, 5 or 7 bladed cutting cylinders are available and the heads can be either fixed or floating.

Within the TORO section of Lely the New Reform-Metrac 4-wheel drive tractor unit has been added to the range as it will enhance and complement the existing TORO products.

The Metrac is a 38hp 4-wheel steer unit which is ideally suited for banks and difficult terrain work which can be fitted with flails or rotaries or any other front or rear mounted attachment.

KAWASAKI MEETS THE DEMAND



Readily identified by the twin headlamps mounted below the front carrying rack, the Kawasaki KLF220 is a very sophisticated machine available at the value for money price of £1,899 plus VAT.

Over the last few months, Kawasaki have been embarrassed by their KLF185 ATV – or rather by their lack of stock. For this well-proven work-horse has proved such excellent value for money that they had completely sold out, while still waiting for the replacement model.

The good news is that the new model (pictured) not only still provides superb value for money (it retails for £1,899 plus VAT), but also incorporates many worthwhile advantages.

The enlarged engine capacity gives a worthwhile boost in torque to this reliable four stroke engine, which retains both electric and recoil start systems. The KLF220 retains independent swingarms with dual shock ab-

sorbers for the front suspension, but at the rear there is now Kawasaki's refined Quad-Link system that offers a progressive, rising-rate action. Previously, stopping was via a single rear drum brake, now this is supplemented by drum brakes for each of the front wheels.

The new styling is practical as well as attractive: twin headlamps provide a wider spread of light than the original single unit.

Features that remain unchanged include the five speed gearbox with automatic clutch and reverse gear, shaft final drive, and the use of a vibration-reducing balance shaft in the well proven engine.