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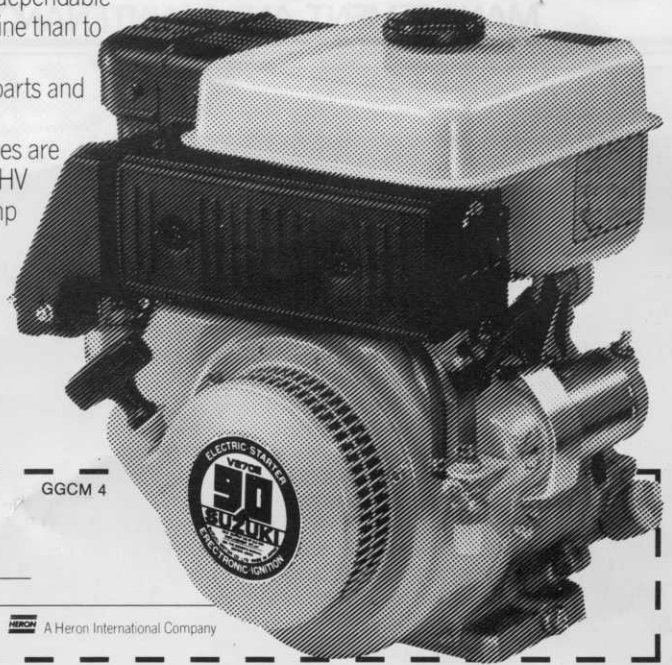
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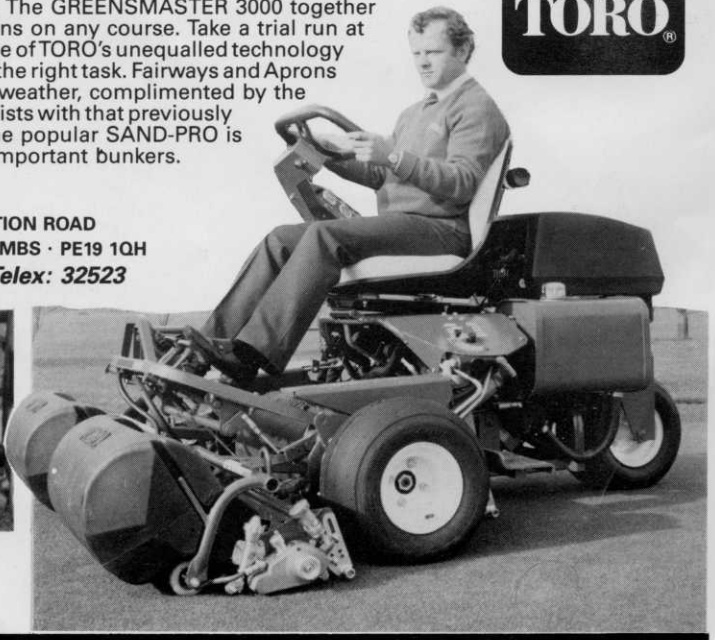
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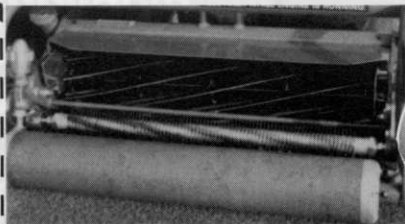
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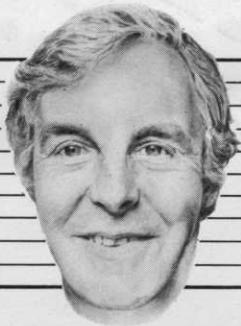
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## Greenside Comment...



*John Lelean*

### Financial Crisis

Despite the huge sums of money floating around the world of golf in an ever increasing spiral, we hear of yet another plea from a deserving cause.

No, it is not the Greenkeepers asking for a living wage, but this time it is the Golf Foundation, a charitable organisation whose sole objective is to promote junior golf at grass roots level through coaching schemes at both schools and clubs.

This year they face an income shortfall of around £50,000.

Figures supplied by the Golf Foundation reveal that only 300 clubs in Britain make a contribution to the funds. That leaves some 1,700 skinflint Committees who have totally ignored requests for a donation to help not only the new generation of junior golfers without a club, but those juniors, sons and daughters of senior golfers, already with a golf club attachment.

Ask at your own club for a breakdown of the payouts made each year to the various bodies controlling the game and we guarantee you will be in for a bit of a shock. The unions and local alliances cream out a considerable chunk, though you will find some difficulty in obtaining a balance sheet.

What they actually do with the golfer's money is somewhat shrouded in mystery, though the elite in the amateur game, those dozen or so who represent the County together with the back-up administrators, live pretty well whilst in team competition.

We have of course heard it all before. If every golfer would donate just 10p then the Foundation would have £180,000 and their financial problems would be over. Most golfers if asked would donate 10p, probably more if he understood the excellent work of the Golf Foundation.

The only way this sum can be raised is to make a direct appeal to management committees. If they feel they cannot justify a sum from the annual subscription then surely someone could organise at least one competition during the season, run a sweepstake or even put a Golf Foundation swear box on the bar.

How many of us have said as we swing the club in an arthritic curve - if only I had started the game earlier?

It is too late for us, but not too late to help a youngster on the right path to golfing success.

### Tragic ending to prize trip

There was a sad ending to the Houston trip for Young Greenkeeper of the Year, Huw Morgan, who heard by telephone that his father, Vivian, the Course Manager at Pontadawe Golf Club, Swansea, had died suddenly on his home course.

Huw, Head Greenkeeper at Fairwood Golf Club, had already made the most of his prize visit to Texas and was spending a final few days taking up the numerous invitations he had received to see the top courses in the northern part of Houston.

Despite a bout of "Texan Flu", Huw had participated in as many events as could be squeezed into his hectic schedule and was using his last few days to see how the best courses were managed.

We would like to extend our sympathy, to Huw and his family, in their sad loss. We know how much he was looking forward to sharing his experiences with his father on his return to Swansea.

Huw is a fine ambassador for the younger generation of British Greenkeepers and his club can be proud of him.

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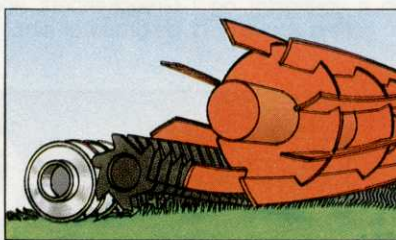


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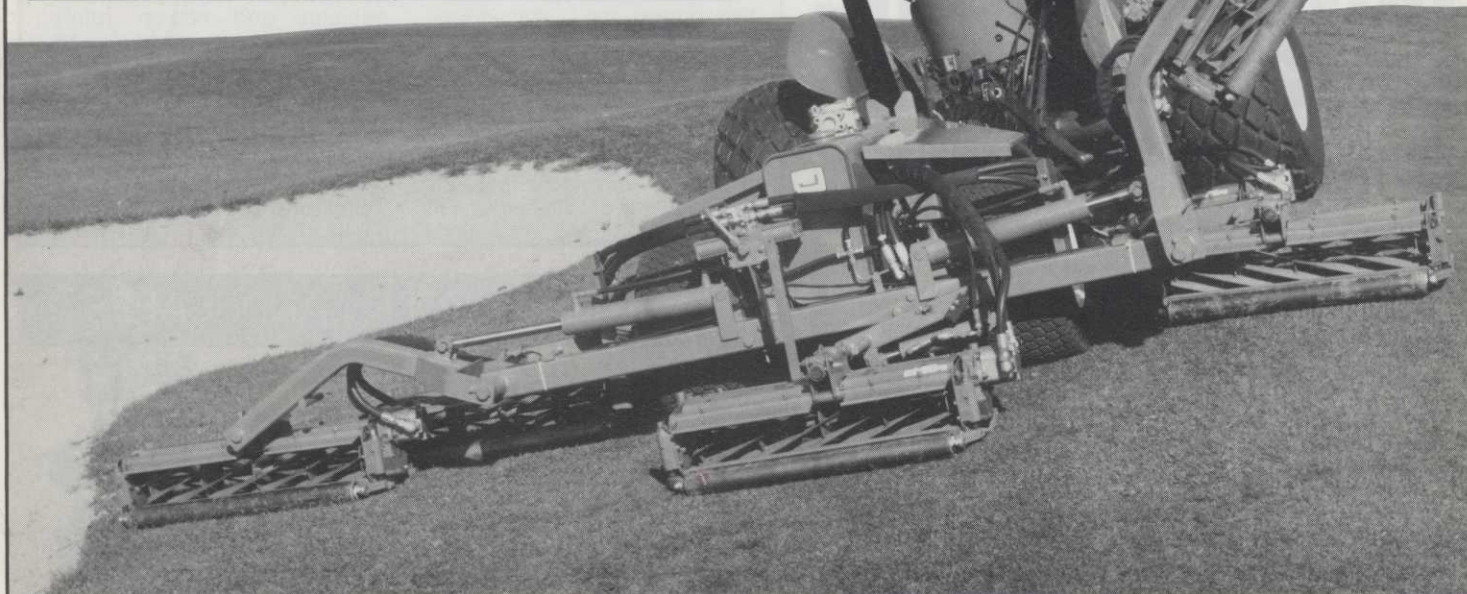
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# NEWS ROUND-UP

PEOPLE, PRODUCTS AND DEVELOPMENTS  
IN THE GOLF COURSE INDUSTRY



Jacobsen's new 7-Gang Hydraulic Ranger. Its seven hydraulically driven reels can be set to float over fairways, cutting at  $\frac{3}{8}$ " with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " frequency of clip at 5 mph.

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The 7-Gang Hydraulic Ranger can be equipped with either 6- or 10-bladed reels for a wide range of high-quality mowing applications. Reels can be free-floating to closely follow ground contours at low cutting heights on fairways and other formal turf areas, or they can be locked in a fixed position for efficient cutting of roughs and informal turf and higher cutting heights.

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**NEWS 1**

## WOOSNAM HEADS STAR CAST FOR DUBAI'S GOLFING SHOWPIECE



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Ian Woosnam, leading money winner in the world last year, will line up alongside three more of golf's top professionals to help launch the first championship venue in the Arabian Gulf next month.

Woosnam will partner his European Ryder Cup team-mate Sam Torrance during a \$150,000 18-hole challenge match against Australian stars Rodger Davis and Graham Marsh at the Emirates Golf Club in Dubai on March 11.

The Emirates Challenge will climax a four-day inauguration for the first grass championship course in the Gulf.

H. H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the UAE Minister of Defence and the Principal behind the Emirates Golf Club, will perform the official opening on March 8.

Over the following two days, Woosnam, Torrance, Davis and Marsh will take part in two Pro-Am tournaments with 72 amateurs as a build-up to the East v. West Challenge match.

"The appearance in Dubai of four such accomplished players will be a significant step towards establishing the Emirates Golf Club as a venue for full-scale professional tournaments", said

Stephen Trutch, Sheikh Mohammed's Yorkshire-born projects co-ordinator.

With tournament specialists Dunhill one of the main sponsors, the Emirates Challenge is assured of world-wide media coverage.

In little more than 18 months, the Emirates Golf Club has transformed 700,000 square metres of desert on the outskirts of the city of Dubai.

An elaborate irrigation system draws water from Dubai's desalination plant and feeds it to the course through more than 700 sprinklers, giving life to Bermuda grass and thousands of trees and shrubs.

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## Tune-up guide for Cushman Users

A pocket-sized guide to the tuning of petrol engines fitted to Cushman Turf Truckster vehicles and Cushman Front Line ride-on rotary mowers is now available free of charge from the Cushman distributor for the British Isles, Huxleys Grass Machinery.

Produced using full colour illustrations with clear accompanying text, the Cushman tune-up book covers both the 18hp and 22hp petrol engines manufactured in the USA by Cushman parent company, OMC.

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The 1988 Kubota Golf Challenge is to be played on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th October at the Belfry. This will be the 7th challenge between members of The Association of Golf Writers, The British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association, The Golf Club Stewards Association and The Association of Golf Club Secretaries.

In the past six challenges there has been fierce competition resulting in the greenkeepers having won 4 times and the secretaries twice.

Associations establish their national team representation through qualifying events throughout the summer. This allows the tournament to run for a period of some six months making it the most eagerly awaited event of the year for the participating parties.

Kubota are market leaders in small tractors supplying major golf courses throughout the UK.

**NEWS 3**

**S.T.R.I. Seminar**

A unique seminar. The first to be held in the U.K. specifically concentrating on sands and sand construction of sports fields will take place on Tuesday 29th March at the Metropolitan Police Sports Ground, Imber Court, Ember Lane, East Molesey, Surrey.

The seminar organised by The Sports Turf Research Institute in association with TORO and B.A.S.F. will discuss the factors affecting the choice of sands and the design of sand constructed sports fields, irrigation requirements, systems available and the specific nutritional management and fertiliser programmes required.

A field visit is planned and delegates will be able to inspect and discuss at first hand the management and maintenance of a sand constructed sports pitch.

Attendance by invitation including buffet lunch will be free but numbers will be limited and invitations be restricted to applicants who have an interest in and responsibility for sports field design, constructive management and maintenance.

Invitations are available by applying to:

Turf Care Communications, Freeport, Basildon, Essex SS16 6BR no later than March 18th.

**NEWS 4**

**BIGGA join National Turfgrass Council**

September's NTC business meeting saw the unanimous acceptance of the British and International Golf Greenkeepers' Association's application to join the Council and seek representation on its main body.

In 1980 both BGGA and SIGGA were members of the NTC, but the latter's participation lapsed, and the former's was dissolved when the three greenkeeping associations came together under one roof in late 1986.

Howard Swan, NTC Chairman, commented "I am delighted that the new greenkeeping association has decided to join all the industry's other bodies on the Council and to show its support for us in our growing role as the umbrella organisation. I understand that in the short time BIGGA has been formed it has attracted almost 2,000 members, without trade involvement, which is a remarkable achievement worthy of much congratulation. With such strength behind it, and under Executive Director Neil Thomas, I look forward to BIGGA's contribution to the future working of the NTC, which will be of important significance".

**NEWS 5**

**Courses in Turf Management**

The Sports Turf Research Institute will hold two courses at Bingley in spring 1988 on the theory and practice of turf construction and management. The courses last five days (Monday to Friday) and will cover soils, grasses, turf diseases and pests, drainage, watering, fertilizers and machinery. The commencing dates are 22nd February and 29th February.

If there is sufficient demand for places a third course will be held during the week commencing 7th March. The fee is £100 for members and £120 for non-members plus VAT (exclusive of accommodation and meals).

Further details from:

The Secretary, Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, West Yorkshire, BD16 1AU.

Tel: Bradford (0274) 565131.

**NEWS 6**

**SALE DAY AT TURFLAND**

A bargain sale and demonstration day is to be held at the Warrington headquarters of Turfland on Tuesday 22nd March.

Turfland are the sole distributors for the Brouwer range of turf maintenance machinery in the UK.

Snip of the sale is likely to be the Brouwer Vac on offer at £9,500, saving almost £5,500 on the standard price.

Janet Watmore, wife of the Managing Director, Chris Watmore, told *Golf Greenkeeping* this was their demonstration model used out on the "Road Show" only nine times. For cleaning up after an event such as a major golf tournament or a race meeting the Brouwer Vac is ideal to gobble up the accumulated debris.

There are many other bargains on offer, mainly from the demonstration equipment including a full range of five and seven gang fairway mowers with both fixed and floating heads. Other equipment will include ride on and pedestrian turf rollers, turf cutters and lawn renovators.

There is also an ex-demonstration verti-cutter at well below the usual asking price.

Those attending the show and demonstration day at Redhouse Farm, Dutton, would be well advised to take their cheque book, as Janet has told us there are a number of offers on new equipment as well.

**NEWS 7**

**NEW GROUNDSMASTER**

Toro have just introduced a new intermediate size mower which they claim is the most productive and user friendly mower in its class.

The Groundsmaster 220-D is specifically designed for professional turf maintenance on parks, schools and general estate areas. Graham Dale, Toro General Manager says "Our customers had told us that the current need within the market was for a compact, liquid-cooled mower with exceptional manoeuvrability and high productivity but which didn't sacrifice comfort and servicing ease. We think our new 220-D reflects those needs".

Because manoeuvrability and quick steering response can be created by only shortening a tractor's wheelbase, the resulting productivity is normally achieved at the expense of operator comfort with increased maintenance difficulty. Toro decided at the outset that they were not prepared to compromise the comfort and size of the 220-D's operator area in the slightest. "This model is even better than our expectations and a test drive plus comparison with any other trim mowers will immediately show what I mean" said Graham Dale.

The Groundsmaster 220-D's additional operator comfort and handling ease have been achieved by way of a new power-assisted four-link steering

design. Additionally, unlike previous models, the new 220-D has 23" front driving tyres which give increased riding comfort, better kerb climbing and traction.

Servicing has become much easier and less time consuming by including a PTO drive shaft with easy-to-change electric clutch together with a mid mounted industrial radiator and highly reliable engine. The engine being a 20.5 hp 3 cylinder Mitsubishi diesel.

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**NEWS 8**



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# WHAT'S NEW IN GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT

## 'The Wearing of the Green'

Surprise addition to the Ransomes, Wisconsin stand were four machines easily recognisable as made in the Macclesfield factory of SISIS. A fact quickly confirmed by the arrival of none other than SISIS Sales Director, Arthur Harrison accompanied by Joint M.D. Bill Hargreaves.

The colours of the Auto Turfman, Autor Rotorake, Trio Rotorake and the Auto Seeder were still in the traditional SISIS orange but superimposed with the Ransomes logo, an event which raised several eyebrows among the newshounds seeking an inside story of intrigue within the international manufacturing industry.

Delving deep into his brief case, jet setting Mr. Harrison, produced a press release still warm from its passage through the photo-copying machine to announce that Ransomes Inc. had agreed to carry out a market evaluation of the SISIS products on their stand. He pointed out these machines were already distributed successfully in other countries through joint Ransomes/SISIS dealers, but denied the arrangement would be extended to the UK.

To match the Ransomes image, the machines would be re-painted.

## Old Tom Morris Award Presentation

Gene Sarazen, winner of the Open Championship and the US Open in 1932, the year after he invented the sand wedge was presented with the prestigious "Old Tom Morris Award" at this year's GCSAA closing banquet.

Now a sprightly 85 year old, Gene, one of golf's all time greats received many tributes prior to the presentation, but none more moving than from his friend and colleague, Robert Trent Jones Snr.

Winner of the US Open for the first time in 1922 at only 20 years of age he went on to win countless championships, but became known best for his hosting of the television series 'Shell's Wonderful World of Golf' in the 1960's.

Sarazen last played in the Open Championship at Troon in 1973 to commemorate his 50th Anniversary and celebrated the event by holding in one in front of a huge television audience.



## Yardage Markers Mushroom on fairways

Although some of our more rule conscious golfers will be thumbing through their bibles to check whether distance markers are defined as "outside advice", or information, they may be interested to know the provision of such information is a growing business in the United States.

Ways of indicating distance to the green come in a variety of both distinct and discreet fashions. Even the giant Karstan Ping company have diversified into a range of multi-coloured thermo-plastic yardage markers that can be let into the fairway surface at ground level at the same height as a fairway sprinkler head.

Three figures are shown on the 7½ inch diameter discs. The distance to the centre of the green, the distance to the front of the green and the yardage to the back.

If the club do not want their course marked out with red, white and blue discs, then the discreet way to speed up play is to use the metal discs that can be screwed to the tops of the fairway sprinkler heads. They are custom made to fit the leading makes of irrigation equipment, can include the name of the club and show the distance in yards to the green centre.

Getting players around a course in the shortest possible time is the responsibility of any commercially minded management. Members know their distances by experience. Yardage markers will help visitors to play the correct shot, enjoy their round and alleviate hold-ups from over or under clubbing into lost ball positions.

This is a golf course accessory which could do well in Britain once the initial prejudice has been overcome.

Our next issue will contain more news of machinery developments we can expect to see in the next few months.

## RECORD BREAKING HOUSTON SHOW

Another memorable convention linked to a three day exhibition was held at the newly opened George R. Brown Convention Centre in Houston, Texas, during the first week in February.

Organised by the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America this 59th International event attracted an even larger attendance than the record breaking Phoenix show in 1987. By Sunday night, with a further full day to complete, registered visitors topped the 13,000 mark, 500 up on the total for last year's Arizona Convention.

British visitors, boosted by a party from the Institute of Groundsmanship, swelled the numbers from this side of the Atlantic to a respectable sixty plus, most of whom travelled out from Gatwick by DC-10 on a British Caledonian scheduled flight to stay at the Houston Grand Hotel adjacent to the magnificent Galleria shopping complex some eight miles from downtown Houston.

First time visitors to the USA, particularly to relatively new cities are initially puzzled by the distances most hotels are situated from the Conference facilities, though thanks to the faultless transport organisation this is never a problem. A fleet of courtesy coaches run throughout the five full days of the Convention, picking up visitors from

their hotels and taking them, often on a scenic route, to the hub of activities.

Those who did book into downtown Houston Centre hotels found that after 6.00 p.m. the night time activity had shifted out of town to places such as the Greenway Plaza with its teeming restaurants, bars and shopping Malls, many open until the early hours.

British greenkeepers, fortunate enough to make the trip were rewarded not only with a wealth of fascinating lectures and seminars, but one of the finest turf grass exhibitions staged anywhere in the world. If this was not enough they were on the receiving end of an extended hand of friendship from their American counterparts and hospitality to a standard, which can only be described as memorable.

The grateful thanks from those this side of the Atlantic must be extended to Ransomes' American subsidiary, the Toro organisation and the Jacobsen Corporation, for invitations to their dealer receptions. Not only were the Brits superbly entertained, but they were given the opportunity to meet and discuss golf course problems with others of similar interests from the four corners of the globe.

Where else could golf course managers, machinery manufacturers and their dealers, from

the East, West, North and South, meet in the atmosphere of 'an international family reunion' other than at an event such as the Jacobsen Banquet. From Tokio to Singapore, Sydney to Zurich, London to Los Angeles, regardless of colour or creed, all had a common purpose, the betterment of playing conditions on the golf course.

Jacobsen's International Director of Sales, Curt Kimpfbeck, must have been a proud man that night presiding over his gathering of friends and colleagues, all of whom he introduced by name, awarding accolades for achievement including one to Chris Smith, their Sales Manager in the UK, who heads up the King's Lynn operation.

Among the special guests was Berkhamsted, first assistant greenkeeper, Gerald Bruce, who last year won the National Greenkeepers' Tournament, sponsored by Jacobsen after a nail biting sudden death three way play off over Hunstanton Links Course in October. His birdie putt at the first extra hole not only took him to the international banquet but gave him a once in a lifetime opportunity to see another side of golf course management.



## **BROUGH GOLF CLUB**

Require

# **FIRST ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER**

Applications in writing with  
full C.V. to:-

**The Head Greenkeeper,  
Brough Golf Club,  
Brough,  
North Humberside  
HU15 1HB**

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Leicester



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Opportunity exists for the successful applicant to be a party in an exciting and ambitious expansion programme.

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Kirby Muxloe Golf Club,  
Station Road,  
Kirby Muxloe,  
Leicester LE9 9EN**

*for application form*

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# **Assistant GREENKEEPER**

for this 9 hole course situated on  
the edge of the Chiltern Hills near  
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Salary negotiable according to experience

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(Est. 1909)

An established parkland course invites  
applications from fully experienced and  
highly competent persons to fill the post of:

# **HEAD GREENKEEPER**

Applicants must possess a sound  
knowledge and experience of modern turf  
management techniques and a thorough  
knowledge of the use and maintenance  
of machinery, equipment and  
watering systems.

Salary negotiable but will be attractive and  
commensurate with this important position.

*Write in the first instance giving full details  
of training, experience and present salary  
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**The Secretary,  
Filton Golf Club,  
Golf Course Lane,  
Filton, Bristol BS12 7QS**