

Seasonal greetings to Greenkeepers



*The President, J. Hamilton Stutt, Chairman, George Malcolm and
Hon. Secretary, Mr. Walter Heeles would like to extend to all members of the B.G.G.A.
A Happy and Peaceful Christmas and Best Wishes for 1987*



AWARD FOR STRI HEADQUARTERS DESIGNER

The new Sports Turf Research Institute offices and laboratories at Bingley, opened officially in July by the Chairman of the Sports Council, Mr. J. W. Smith, has won a top award for the architect in charge.

Thirty-one year old Richard Crookes, employed by the William Walker Partnership has been awarded the Architect under 40 prize by the Yorkshire region of the R.I.B.A.

Sheffield trained, Mr. Crookes was presented with his award last month. His wife is also an architect.

NEW DISTRIBUTORS FOR 'LONGLIFE'

Scottish Agricultural Industries have a new arrangement for the sales and distribution of the 'Longlife' range of turf products in England and Wales to ensure wider availability.

With immediate effect the range will be supplied through the existing ICI Professional Products distributor network.

Within this new agreement, support for the range in England and Wales will continue to be provided by Chipman Ltd. The existing distributors.

Availability of the 'Longlife' range in Scotland will be unaffected as it is already sold by the distributors of ICI Professional Products.

COMPACT CARRIER FOR THE GOLF COURSE

Transporting loads of up to 500kg around golf courses can now be done quickly and economically using a compact general purpose diesel carrier, known as the Yanmar Karikart, from JCM Ltd of Kellington, North Yorkshire.

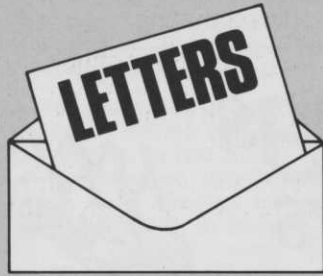
Being the only carrier of its size in Britain to use diesel, running costs for the Karikart are about half those of equivalent sized petrol driven carriers. Maintenance requirements are also kept to an absolute minimum by using an air cooled engine.

JCM supply versions of the carrier in three wheel and four wheel drive models. The three wheeler is highly manoeuvrable for tight spaces with a turning radius of only 2.4 metres. The advantage of the four wheeler is improved stability and the four wheel drive which can be engaged for rough or slippery ground. Both models also feature a manually operated differential lock for difficult conditions. There are three types of tyre available for various ground situations - conventional hard surfaces, rough terrain and soft areas. For golf course work low pressure wide profile tyres are recommended.

An engine driven hydraulic system supplies power to tip the body up to 75 degrees for efficient discharge of loose loads.

Engine starting is electric, but with a recoil hand start back-up, and the Karikart is equipped with both foot and parking brakes. There is a power take off shaft for driving ancillary equipment.

Further information from
JCM Ltd.,
Roall, Kellington, Goole,
North Yorkshire
Tel: (0977) 661700



Dear Sir,

As we approach the 75th Anniversary of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association, who first formed themselves into an organised body in 1912, we have reached yet another milestone in our history with the decision by the membership to join the two other greenkeepers associations and form a national group under the banner of the British and International Greenkeepers Association.

For seventy-five years the BGGA has received the support of their members, the Vice-Presidents and the commercial part of the turf grass industry. Without their most generous assistance it would have been impossible to have reached the stage we have in our endeavours to promote the status of greenkeeping in general and provide the basis for those young men who will, we trust, benefit by improved training in the future.

The Chairman, and Executive Committee of the BGGA would like to thank all those, far too numerous to mention individually, who have had the interests of greenkeepers at heart and have given their time and their financial help in many ways to this Association.

In complete sincerity...
We Thank You.

Yours sincerely,
WALTER HEELES,
for the Executive Committee BGGA.

GUIDE TO THE GOLF COURSE

Two guides to the golf course are currently on the shelves of the better bookstalls.

The AA Guide to Golf Courses in Britain and McMillan Martin's Golf Guide, Where to Play and Where to Stay.

The difference between the two publications is primarily one of layout and presentation. The AA Guide lists the golf courses alphabetically, except where they are shown under the name of a city.

For instance London golf clubs cover from Wanstead to Wimbledon and Blackheath to Bush Hill Park, but if you need the details about Uxbridge it is shown under the appropriate letter - U. A great deal of information is provided, but it is in the form of AA codes, so the first task is to memorise pages 26 and 27 to ensure one understands the various symbols.

A useful feature is the inclusion of maps at the back of the book showing the approximate location of each of the clubs included in the guide. There is also at least one hotel described near to the course.

Golf Guide - "Where to Play and Where to Stay" is a much more conventional publication. The courses are listed alphabetically in regions. Each region is prefaced with a short article by a local golf correspondent discussing the better known course with a touch of golfing history.

It also contains the vital information on how to get to the course. As most golf courses are tucked away from the main road, directions covering the last couple of miles are essential. Despite golf being such a popular sport it is unbelievable how many residents of a town do not know where their local course is situated. Try asking someone!

Can you afford a copy? The AA Guide is priced at £7.95, McMillan Martin's Golf Guide is £4.00 cheaper at £3.95 and must represent good value for money for the travelling golfer.

IOG SPRING EXHIBITION DOUBLES AVAILABLE STAND SPACES

The demand for stand space at the Southport '87 Sports and Leisure Exhibition has forced the organisers to double the exhibition space.

The areas set aside for demonstrations has also been increased - so that visitors will be able to see the latest mechanical developments in action, in even greater numbers than before.

The Exhibition, will be showing such items as tractors, trucks and trailers; turf-care machinery and equipment; seeds, trees and shrubs; fertilisers and chemicals; outdoor furniture; and other goods and services of vital interest to the sports and leisure industry professional.

The IOG is well-known for its commitment to education, and a major section will again be devoted to education and training. Members of the IOG's own Education Committee will be present to give advice on the various courses which take place throughout the UK, and explaining the excellent opportunities which exist for the young people interested in entering a career in groundsmanship. In addition a number of leading colleges have been invited to take part.

The 1986 Exhibition was the first at Southport, and proved the need for a spring event. It brought to the North-West the whole range of equipment, services and techniques of interest to groundsmen, and greenkeepers.

The Exhibition will be open from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. on Tuesday 12th May and Wednesday 13th May. Admission is by catalogue available at the gate, at a cost of £1.50. Extensive car parking will be available at £1, although coaches will be accommodated free-of-charge.

WALTER WOODS TO HEAD NEW ASSOCIATION

At the inaugural meeting of the newly formed board of management of the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association held at the Royal Station Hotel, York on 19th November, Walter Woods, Links Supervisor at St. Andrews was unanimously elected the Association's first Chairman.

Jack McMillan, Course Manager at Sunningdale was appointed to the position of Vice Chairman.

It is understood, BGGA, Chairman George Malcolm was invited to accept the office of Vice Chairman but regretfully declined because of business pressures and the difficulty he might have in devoting sufficient time to the Association, particularly in the early stages of its formation.

A press statement issued shortly after the first meeting gave details of the constitution of the board of management and said that constructive discussions took place on the foundation of the new Association which effectively comes into being on 1st January, 1987.

It was also announced that Consultants are to be approached as a matter of urgency to assist in the appointment of an administrator, who would be capable and competent of handling the affairs of the Association.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERS

W. Woods - Chairman

J. McMillan - Vice Chairman

Roger T. Robinson Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews.

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Peter Wilson,

R&A and English Golf Union

Roger T. Robinson,

Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews

FOR THE GOLFER WITH EVERYTHING

Stuck for an idea for a present this Christmas?

The distillers of Jack Daniels, the Tennessee Whiskey, have produced a catalogue of gifts from the 'Lynchburg' Hardware Store and among the various sets of poker playing cards, hip flasks, saloon mirrors and presentation miniatures on offer is a 24ct. golf plated putter.

Even if you can't putt, for £56.00, this must be the ultimate in golf one-upmanship.