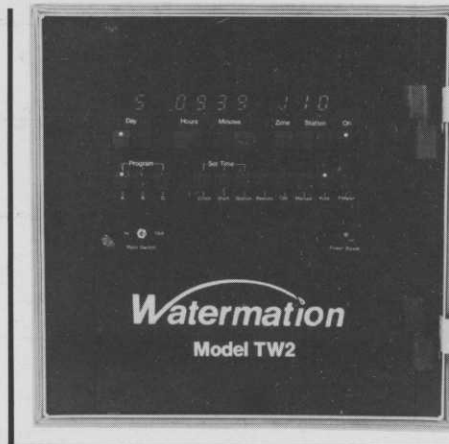


# NEWS Round-up

## CUSHMAN EAGLE'S debut at SUNTORY.

Greenkeepers with the new Cushman Eagle out on the course during the Suntory World Matchplay Championship at Wentworth.



The new advanced, TW2 computer irrigation controller from Watermation will be on show for the first time in Scotland at the Scotsturf '86 Exhibition in Ingliston.

This all British designed and made controller has all the advantages of a low cost computer controller. The operation is extremely simple using prominent push buttons and it requires no previous computer knowledge.

The TW2 has been developed by Watermation from their TW1 two wire controller, which has been enormously successful, especially with golf clubs. It is capable of controlling 396 individual irrigation stations, which means it can handle a complete golf course scheme including greens, tees and fairways - all from one unit.

The TW2 will operate four different zones, each zone capable of having four different start times. In practical terms this means that given sufficient water and pumping capacity, four different areas could be operated simultaneously, or, in fact, any combination of areas. The timing, is computer accurate with set times as wide as one minute to ten hours, which makes it suitable for both drip and sprinkler irrigation. It displays "rain" when the rainstat has operated during the night.

This is a flexible, easy to use, irrigation system suited to all types of layout, soil, elevation and weather conditions.

## GET THE FACTS RIGHT: JUST THE FACTS!

Last month we published an article on the Golfclub Beurberg following the editor's trip to Germany to meet Stewart Macintosh, (*Note the spelling*) the Lancastrian Greenkeeper in charge of this Southern Bavarian course.

During the course of the article's preparation, several letters were exchanged with Stewart to check the facts with the result that he has now written to say how pleased he was and that several of the club members who have read his copy were delighted to see their golf club featured.

Not so, concerning an article on Beurberg printed in Turf Management in September under the name of Lindsay Bransbury, another member of the press party sponsored by BASF.

For starters, lovely girl that Lindsay is, she committed the cardinal sin of spelling his name wrong - Stuart McIntosh (*Could it have been the Scotch the night before?*) Then, in discussing the need to incorporate finer quartz sand into the greens she suggests the size is from 0.3 to 3mm. *Imagine putting over particles of 3mm.*

*To add insult to injury the next line reads - 'a lot of phosphates have been used on greens and fairways' - No they have not.*

But then, and this must be a classic, she suggests - 'at the height of the season Beurberg supports 1,000 - 1,300 rounds a day!' Assuming the matches are played from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. to accommodate this number of players, they would have to tee off in three balls every one minute and 36 seconds and complete the eighteen holes in under 25 minutes. We all know the Germans are efficient but this is faster than Boris Becker can play tennis!

In a recent letter, Stewart, (*note the spelling Lindsay*) says 'What will people say when they read this. It made me feel a 'right Nana'.

To be fair the Turf Management article was professionally written, but Greenkeepers do get upset, with good reason, when the facts are wrong. Stick to Landscape writing Lindsay and leave the golf to the Greenkeepers.

**In the rough...**

**...or on the green**

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## A BREAKTHROUGH IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Following an initiative by the National Turfgrass Council's Education Committee, a major breakthrough has been achieved in education and training for the sportsturf industry.

A tripartite working party representing the Council, the IOG and the Lancashire College of Agriculture - headed by Barrie Dickinson, Chairman of the Council's Education Committee - has devised a syllabus for a new Business and Technician Education Council (BTEC) National Diploma in Turfculture. Subject to approval, it will be offered by the Lancashire College for the first time in September 1987.

The syllabus is intended to provide a model for other colleges: its modular format, with compulsory and optional units, is meant to encourage the development of other courses leading to the BTEC National Diploma. Full - and eventually part-time courses, catering for the particular needs of all those employed in the industry, are envisaged.

The full-time three-year course has been developed for young people wishing to make a career in the turfculture industry and to enable them, with experience, to hold posts of responsibility within local authority parks and recreation departments, golf courses and sports clubs. It contains a unique sandwich element which allows maximum integration between the college academic work and the highly practical industry it serves.

Two periods of industrial experience occupying one full year, usually in different aspects of sports turf, are included.

Established in 1894, the Lancashire College has a long and proud tradition and now has three teaching centres and five farms. Its diploma courses are currently based at Myerscough, and the college works closely with industry to ensure that the courses maintain the high standards required.

## PRIZE LIMIT CHANGES FOR AMATEURS

The R & A in response to the increasing number of sponsored events used by commercial enterprises to promote their business through golf have announced changes to the rules of amateur prize limits to take effect from 1st January next year.

The limit for a prize, in an event of more than two rounds, has gone up to £170, an increase of £20. This, however, applies only in Britain and Ireland. The rest of the world will be able to give prizes worth 400 dollars (£285), an increase of 50 dollars (£35) on present rates.

The Royal and Ancient states: "It is appreciated that the current prize limits of £150 or 350 U.S. dollars do not equate to the market exchange rates. It has, however, been decided to continue on this basis and use the same ratio".

For most club golfers who play in competitions of only one or two rounds, there will be a reduction in the value of prizes. For 36-hole competitions or less, the maximum prize will be £110 in Britain and Ireland.

There was previously no differentiation regarding the length of tournaments.

Sponsors will, in future, be allowed to pay the expenses on behalf of a player or team to compete in a handicap event approved by the governing body.

It will, however, no longer be permitted to win a prize of an expenses paid trip to take part in a golf competition.

The Royal and Ancient are making another attempt to ensure that the winner of a prize voucher does not handle any cash. In future the voucher may only be handed to a retailer in exchange for goods purchased and the retailer will send his bill to the committee for payment.

A player waiting reinstatement as an amateur may take part in a competition solely among the members of a club of which he is a member. He may win a prize, but this is for his club to decide.

## APPOINTMENTS



KEIR WYATT

## GUY CATCHPOLE'S SUCCESSOR

Keir Wyatt, who joined Ransomes Main Board in June of this year, has taken over from Guy Catchpole as Ransomes Sales Director.

As a farm machinery dealer and tractor manufacturer, where he held senior positions in the marketing and servicing of products through a UK and overseas dealer organisation, Keir Wyatt has brought to Ransomes a wealth of experience and fresh ideas.

Keir Wyatt had no doubts about the future being challenging. Nevertheless, he accepts it with confidence, particularly as he has the backing of an organisation with financial strength and the support of an enthusiastic and able staff.

Aged 43, Keir Wyatt is married with two sons and includes golf, music and motor sport amongst his hobbies.

## GREENKEEPERS HELP TO RAISE OVER £2,000 FOR CHARITY

Filton Golf Club was this year's venue for the 1986 A.R.M.S./B.G.G.A. Charity Golf Tournament and although there were fewer players this year the total cash raised for the A.R.M.S. (Action for Research into Multiple Sclerosis) Charity was over £1,200.

The South West Section of the B.G.G.A. and Peter Hampton again organised this popular event, which has raised over £4,400 in 3 years for A.R.M.S., with the help from the following companies who donated prizes and cash towards this event:-

Bristol Garden Machinery, Barrus Bunton, Charterhouse Turf Machinery, Rocraft Engineering, Garden and Lawn Equipment, Lely, Toro, Heron Suzuki Power Products, Ritefeed Organic Turf Products, Chelwood Tool Company and Bridges Pennants. Peter A. Hampton donated the Match Sponsor Draw Prize and covered the administration costs of the event.

Filton Golf Club have recently rebuilt the Clubhouse and the group were honoured to be one of the first societies to use it. Special thanks are due to Don O'Leary, Club Secretary, for insisting this Charity Tournament be held at Filton, also to the Committee for allowing the players the courtesy of the course and for providing wine for the meal.

The Mid West Friends of A.R.M.S. Chairman Tony Williams and Filton Golf Club Vice-Captain Peter Deadman officiated with the prizes and draw.

### THE SPONSOR PRIZE DRAW

1st Prize:	D. Gardner	£100
2nd Prize:	C. Walton	Flymo
3rd Prize:	M. Vincent	Watering Kit
4th Prize:	Mr. Lawes	Rake

### WINNING AMATEUR PLAYERS

1st	Stuart Phipps, (Kingsdown G.C.)	Nett 65	Clock & Trophy
2nd	John McFarnon (Clevedon G.C.)	Nett 66	Ikra Strimmer
3rd	Peter Deadman (V. Capt., Filton G.C.)	Nett 68	Wheelbarrow Suzuki
4th	Les Kemp (Clevedon G.C.)	Nett 69	Suzuki Coat

### WINNING GREENKEEPERS

1st	Colin Shutt (Chipping Sodbury G.C.)	Nett 67	Clock & Trophy
2nd	Barry Reeves (Clevedon G.C.)	Nett 69	Braun Shaver
3rd	Bill Curtis (Kingsdown G.C.)	Nett 71 (Back 9)	Barbeque
4th	John York (Ashley Wood G.C.)	Nett 71	Ritefeed Coat

A presentation Tankard, provided by Mrs. Lesley Hampton, was presented to George Pearce (Steward at Long Ashton Golf Club) for the highest sponsor ticket sales - again!!

Other donated prizes were auctioned to raise an extra £142 from the table.