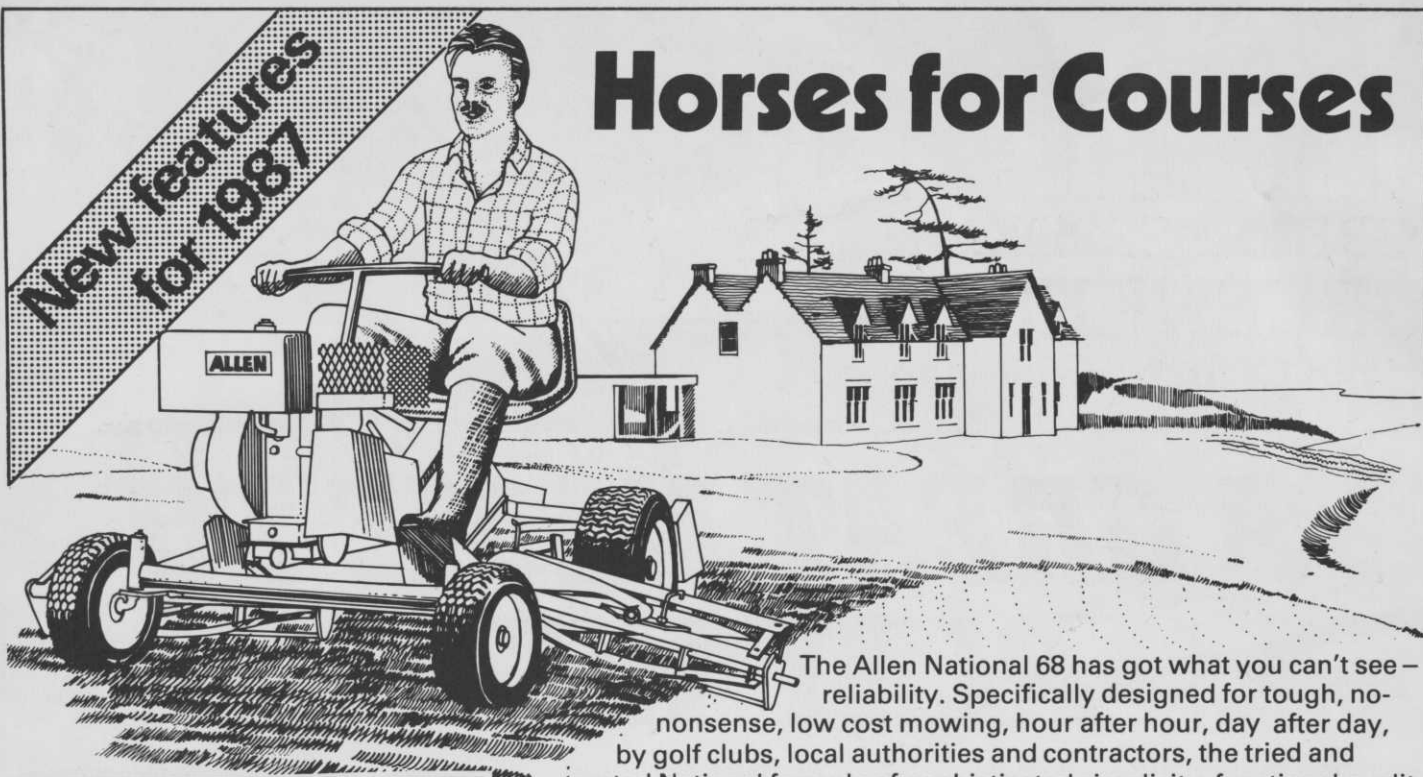


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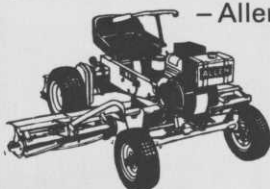
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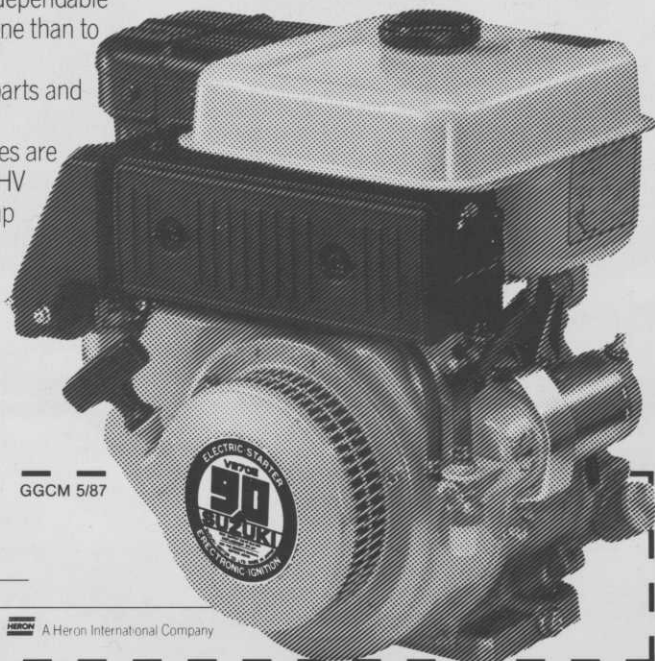
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Greenside Comment...



John Lelean

the INDEPENDENT

Last month the managing board of the BIGGA considered proposals for their official magazine. The magazine publishing industry were circulated with a specification, but only two companies were prepared to submit proposals, ourselves and Fore Golf Publications Ltd.

The production of a specialist magazine with a narrow base is a hazardous financial undertaking requiring tight control and low overheads. The managing BIGGA Board in addition to specifying a minimum editorial paging also required the publisher to supply the publication without change and totally fund the packing and postage to members.

This additional cost on top of editorial and printing charges, combined with other restrictions did not make economic sense, particularly as the work of the greenkeeper is governed by the seasons and this in turn by the support of the turf grass manufacturing industry.

Our competitor was prepared to meet the requirements and fund the free distribution of his publication, amounting to around £750 a month and as a straight forward business decision this was the proposal the management committee accepted.

Golf Greenkeeping is an established journal, with a recognised standing in the industry. It circulates where golf is played throughout the world and currently has subscribers in twenty-five countries, including mainland China. Such support from our readers and advertisers cannot be lightly dismissed. We have been told there is room for more than one publication in the golf course industry, particularly a magazine completely independent, free to comment on matters of interest to greenkeepers, course management and the controlling bodies in golf.

Golf Greenkeeping, although no longer representing the Greenkeeper's Association will continue publication, though over the next few months significant changes will take place concerning content and presentation. Greater emphasis will be placed on golf course design, construction and planned maintenance whilst still retaining up-to-date product news and features on the personalities in golf.

When necessary, there will be no 'shying away' from controversial issues. As the only independent publication we will speak openly and frankly, without fear or favour, but at all times attempt to produce a balanced editorial, opening our columns to anyone who has a view to express.

For the past five years we have campaigned for three main issues on behalf of our readers.

An improved education and training scheme for greenkeepers, financed by the employers, a united association for British Greenkeepers to improve the image and status and a realistic salary scale reflecting the importance of the greenkeeping profession in the overall multi-million pound golf business. There is still a very long way to go before these three objectives are achieved, but attitudes are changing and progress has been made towards these aims.

Golf Greenkeeping will continue its support of all these worthwhile causes.

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Leeds City Council's ambitious plan
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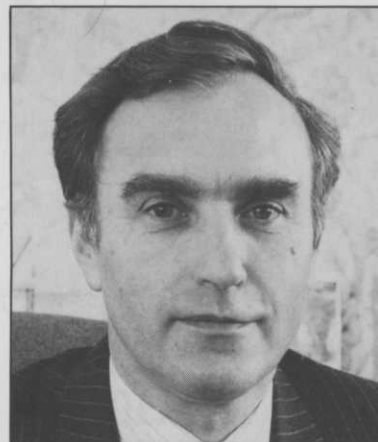
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Her Majesty the Queen has approved the Prime Minister's recommendation that the Queen's Award for Export Achievement be conferred this year upon the Grass Machinery Division of Ransomes Sims & Jefferies PLC.

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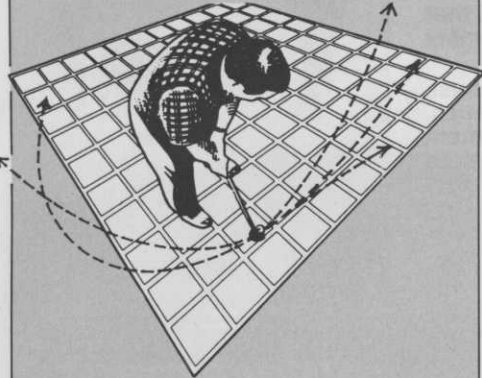
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Mr. Jeffrey Perris has been appointed Senior Advisory Agronomist at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, West Yorkshire.

Jeff joined the Institute's advisory staff in 1966 after graduating in agriculture from the University College of North Wales, Bangor. During the past 20 years he has advised on the construction and management of sports turf areas, ranging from small village bowling and cricket clubs, to larger projects.

Much of his work is undertaken in the West Country, but he also travels extensively in Western Europe. Mr. Perris will continue with his existing duties (including lecturing) and will help lead the development and the



Peter Bridgewater

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extension of the Institute's advisory service, which is in ever increasing demand.

Married with two children, he is an enthusiastic sportsman, having played representative rugby in his younger days. For relaxation, he likes to walk in the nearby Yorkshire Dales and takes a keen interest in local affairs.



Guy Longbottom

EXPANSION AT ROLAWN

Rolawn Ltd, Europe's largest turf growers, have announced further expansion plans with the opening of two distribution depots and new appointments.

GUY LONGBOTTOM, 29, Rolawn's Unit Manager at Fenton Barns, East Lothian has been appointed Scottish Area Manager to oversee and develop Rolawn's operations north of the border. This includes a new depot situated by the M8 in the centre of Glasgow which is managed by newcomer to the company IAIN CAMPBELL.

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Last June we published an article on the use of Grass Carp as a means of clearing weed from golf course ponds. This fish a native of China is also known as the White Amur, and has been the subject of considerable research in Britain by various river boards and the Weed Research Division at Oxford before funding dried up and the section was closed down.

A letter has now been received from Bill Whiting a fish breeder in Arkansas which challenges some of the research conducted in this country.

We are publishing Bill's letter, because of the amount of interest this article created at the time and the correspondence it generated.

....Editor.



Dear John,

Much enjoyed the article on the Amur fish you published, and it was especially nice to realize that your Govt., experts are no better informed than ours.

Basically the information they gave you is correct except items such as *filamentous algae is their more favored diet*. The main reason we have our fish in most of the golf course lakes. There is virtually no submersed weed that they don't like and even cattails and lilies will one day be controlled when the more preferential vegetation is in short supply.

I think that who ever told you the fish was poisonous was really misinformed as they are bringing top dollar on the market and a great number of our catfish farmers are putting more ponds into Amur production than ever. The fish is rated only second to the Red Snapper in food tests at a University in Georgia.

At least your information was pretty good, but we are hearing from some 'experts' that the fish don't eat algae and many of the submergent type vegetation, that we raise our fish on.

I was under the impression that only in this country could a man become a 'Govt., expert' and still not have enough sense to "pound sand in a rat hole". We opened up in several more states this year so now we have just about won the battle of common sense, although every so often, up pops an ignoramous.

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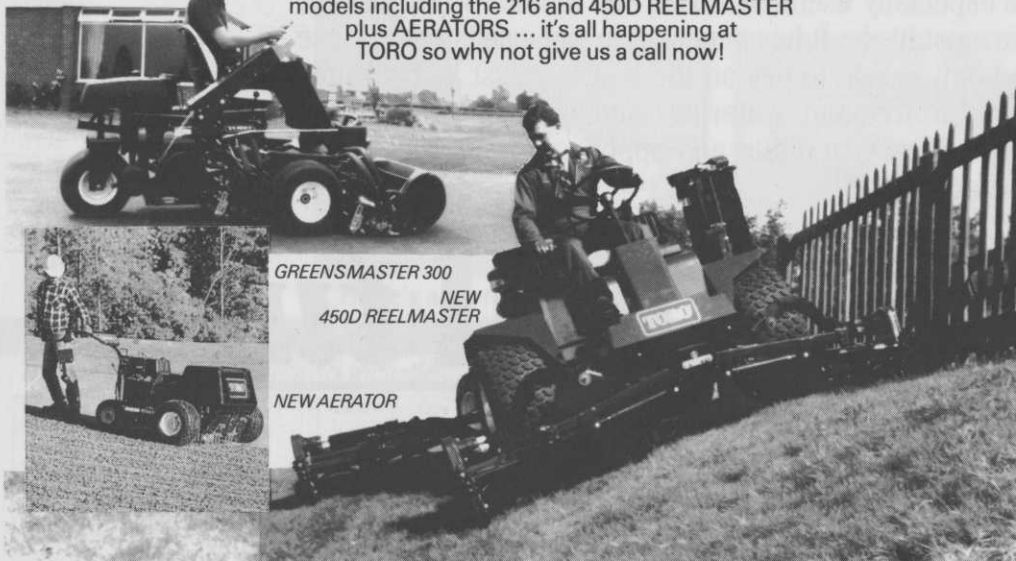
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