

### Cushman's Contribution

For the fifth successive year, Cushman equipment played a vital role in preparations for the Open Championship.

The Cushman machines that helped Royal St George's head greenkeeper Derek Scarborough and his six assistants are two 3-Wheel Turf Trucksters equipped with Cushman and Huxley turf maintenance implements, all supplied by Paice and Sons of Maidstone.

Royal St George's acquired its first Cushman Turf Truckster in 1978. Delivered with top-dresser, sprayer, aerator, greens brush, moleblade and fertiliser cyclone spreader attachments, the machine and implements were used to help prepare the course for the 1981 Open.

The second Cushman arrived at Sandwich in January, purchased as a back-up to the club's original machine during the build-up to this year's event and for maintenance of the greens, bunkers, tees and their surrounds after the championship.

Because the two Cushman units will be in everyday use nine months of the year for either specific turf-care or load-carrying duties, they have tipping rear dump boxes for transporting materials, pedestrian machines and hand tools. When either is needed for top-dressing, fertiliser spreading, slitting or brushing, its dump box can be removed by simply extracting three pins. The appropriate attachment can then be coupled to its hydraulic linkage or mounted on the load-carrying platform behind the cab.



Royal St George's head greenkeeper Derek Scarborough.

Other leading tournaments where Cushman equipment will be helping with course preparations in 1985 include the Panasonic European

Open at Sunningdale, the Bell's Scotch Ryder Cup at The Belfry and the Suntory World Matchplay Championship at Wentworth.

### Market Chance

RiteFeed was formed because there seemed to be a gap in the market for a reasonably priced range of liquid organic feeds. It took a year of investigation and laboratory work to make sure it would be possible to make this product. Consequently, the business commenced trading in February, producing a liquid organic feed for turf maintenance, which is manufactured from farmyard slurry.

The manufacturing process results in a concentrated liquid that is fine enough to be applied through Cushman-type spray equipment. This

was quickly joined by an iron tonic, following requests from distributors for such a product.

A first-class service with a high quality product is the aim of the company and, in this respect, the product is establishing a reputation. RiteFeed is available from STS in Scotland, Breakwells in the Midlands, Town & Country in Essex and Tarleton Compost in the north west. Other distribution outlets are being sought.

Full details from RiteFeed, Aqueduct St Mill, Aqueduct Street, Preston, Lancashire PR1 7JN. Tel: 0772 53521 or 0524 791615.

# a fine spread at IoG

## People, Places, Products

Parker's golf greenkeepers' tournament was staged in sunshine at Cuddington (Banstead) Golf Club and supported by 70 greenkeepers from the south east.

The Parker Bowl was won by Eric Green (Woodcote Park) with 39 points.

Company chairman George Parker and Mrs W. Parker presented the prizes and the rest of the winners were: Glyn Pavitt (Royal Mid Surrey) on 38 points; Derek Gould (Langley Park) 36 points (on back nine); Joe Newman (Downshire) 36 points; Alan Moreton (West Byfleet) and Kevin Munt (Hankley Common).

The company wishes to thank the captain and committee of the club, secretary David Scott and head greenkeeper Hugh Riggins and staff for a course in superb condition.

Bourton-on-the-Water based firm Complete Weed Control has signed a franchise agreement with Richard Hirst of Market Overton, near Oakham to run the company's activities in East Anglia.

Richard, a graduate in horticulture from Wye College, has had 30 years agrochemical experience in England and overseas and for the last eight years was May & Baker's regional development officer for the East Midlands.

This now makes a total of ten regional franchise centres within the Complete Weed Control national network. Contact Richard Hirst on 057 283 323.



Directors of T. Parker & Sons, their wives and the prize-winners gathered after the event.

The Vitax department of Steetley Minerals has appointed two new area sales executives. John Riggall, 27, from Stratford-on-Avon will be responsible for the further development of the Vitax growers' range of commercial fertilisers in the Midlands. An experimental crop husbandman with the National Vegetable Research Station, John has been in the horticultural industry for more than eight years and was educated at South Warwickshire and Sparnsholt Colleges.

David Hooper-Nash from Cardiff will work on the company's Vitax retail interests.

Supaturf Products of Peterborough, a member of the Palmer group of companies, has a new distribution centre - the fifth - with Turf Maintenance Supplies of Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire joining the group.

TMS, distributors of fertilisers, grass seed, top-dressings and other turfcare products, will now be the distribution point in the south for all Supaturf products, along with existing TMS products.

The distribution centre is next to the M25 at Dromenagh on the Seven Hills Road, Iver Heath. Phone Michael Tibury on Denham (0895) 832626/834198. The company will now be referred to as TMS, a trading division of Supaturf Products.

The success of Supaturf has spread still further afield - to Switzerland and the exclusive lakeside Lausanne

# 5 completely new fine



Golf Club, which opened in 1921.

Head greenkeeper at Lausanne is Ian Tomlinson, who has been using Supaturf fertilisers and Aqua-Gro wetting agents. Ian was formerly greenkeeper at Moor Allerton Golf Club in Leeds, where he first used Supaturf products. When he found they were not available in Switzerland, he requested supplies to be sent out.

One of Scotland's most famous head greenkeepers has retired. Scott Walker of the Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire, in return for 37 years service, has been granted the freedom of his four 18-hole courses by Gleneagles Hotels.

Our pictures show that work by Brian D. Pierson (Contractors) has been completed at Radley — the new course was designed by Donald Steel and constructed by Brian's company — and an extension to Weymouth GC is well under way.

Due to the new Weymouth by-pass, the Hamilton Stutt designed course requires seven new greens and 12 tees. The contract was started in March and, as can be seen, the adverse weather hasn't helped.

Brian reports continued demand for his Verti-Drain with bookings for autumn "looking good." Brian added: "The results have been so successful that the majority of clients have re-booked and we are considering buying a second machine to meet the demand."

Full details from Brian D. Pierson (Contractors), 27 Vicarage Road, Verwood, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 6DR. Tel: 0202 822372/824906.



A view of the 9th green with the Radley clubhouse beyond.



Construction of a new 18th green and practice putting green at Weymouth, showing the problems of working a heavy clay site in wet weather.

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## If Parking's A Problem...

As an important officer of a golf club or country club complex, few would argue that you warrant a guaranteed space in the car park. After all, if it's impossible to leave your car safely when arriving for duty, the management can hardly expect you to start a job of work. And how many times have you been frustrated or boxed-in by a casually parked visitor? Deliveries, too, can become a frustrating and time-consuming experience for everyone if the driver can't get close to the allotted dropping-off point.

From George Fischer Sales of Eagle Wharf Road, London N1 7EE (Tel: 01-253 1044), the AutopA car parking system is a simple and effective method of car parking space reservation — ideal for where space is allocated to the greenkeeper, professional, secretary, captain or steward.

The hinged AutopA post consists of a length of tubular mild steel, closed at the top and heavily galvanised for maximum weather protection.

It incorporates a locking mechanism that is totally enclosed and inaccessible to vandals. The base plate, which also holds the pivot shaft, is specially cast, galvanised and pre-drilled ready for bolt fixing.

Fixed boundary posts prevent parking in the intermediate spaces.

When locked in the vertical position, the post forms an effective barrier. A key is required to release the locking mechanism before the post can be lowered to the horizontal position for a vehicle to pass over it into the parking space.

The post can be locked upright with the car in position, providing extra protection against car theft.

In addition to the AutopA hinged post, matching removable and fixed posts are available. The removable post is especially useful where it is necessary to allow the entry of vehicles at infrequent intervals. Consisting of a galvanised steel tube, it is fastened into the ground by means of a padlock passed through a locking pin.

Also in the AutopA range, the fixed bollard, as its name implies, is concreted into the ground to provide a permanent obstruction.

Hinged posts cost from £46.50 — bolts are extra and fitting is excluded. The more ordered, the less they cost. Removable posts cost from £53.75 — fixed bollards, £26.50.



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