

## People, Places, Products

The Sports Turf Research Institute is holding three courses at Bingley in the autumn on the theory and practice of turf construction and management. They will last for five days (Monday to Friday) and cover soils, grasses, turf diseases and pests, drainage, watering, fertilisers and machinery.

Starting dates are October 20, 27 and November 3. The fee is £90 for members and £110 for non-members (plus VAT), excluding accommodation and meals.

Further details from the Secretary, Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, West Yorkshire BD16 1AU. Tel: Bradford (0274) 565131.

**Alginure Products** exhibited at Agasia '86, the Asian agricultural show, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia recently. They were one of 16 UK companies with individual stands that formed the British Overseas Trade Board section.

Alginure's participation was supported by SAI, whose export sales manager Jill Heeks was in attendance together with Alginure's marketing manager Malcolm Pettit.

Alginure is the exclusive distributor in the Far East for SAI's fertilisers Enmag and Scotphos, which were promoted at Agasia '86, along with Alginure's products and the soil stabilisation

and erosion control services of Alginure's parent company Comtec (UK).

Claymore Grass Machinery, the UK Bolens distributor, is now responsible for distribution throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland of its sister company's products Green's of Arbroath and Green's-Hinomoto.

Claymore Grass Machinery is also distributing throughout the UK (excluding Northern Ireland) the professional range manufactured by Machinefabrick Roberine B.V. of Holland.

The combined tractor-based range of Green's of Arbroath and the high work-rate range from Roberine, supported by Bolens estate tractors and Green's-Hinomoto diesel tractors and attachments, provides users with a wide selection of professional equipment.

For further information, contact John Jebbett of Claymore Grass Machinery on 021-327 6186.

**TORO**, the largest American independent manufacturer of professional turf and lawncare equipment, has acquired an interest in the Kansas-based Olathe business.

TORO equipment is handled exclusively in Great Britain by Lely (UK), based at St Neots, Cambridgeshire (Tel: 0480 76971).



Roy Pierce.

**Roy Pierce of Flint, Clwyd** successfully completed the new one-year national certificate in horticulture (greenkeeping and sportsground management) course at the Hampshire College of Agriculture and was awarded the Sparsholt WI Cup for the best student and a prize for the best project. Further information about the course can be obtained from John Shaw or Simon Beddows on 096 272 441.

**SISIS Equipment** (Macclesfield) wishes it to be known that the Charterhouse Universal Mounting Frame, currently being offered to accept 'SISIS and many other attachments,' has not been designed, tested or approved by SISIS. The company offers its own mounting frames for attachments within the Hydromain System or for mounting on other compact or larger tractors.

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SISIS Equipment (Macclesfield), in association with May & Baker and their distributors, is holding a series of demonstrations of turf management techniques and machinery for bowling greens, covering disease recognition and chemical applications.

Dates and venues are Monday 29 September, Hemingford Bowls Club, Hemingford Abbots, Nr St Ives, Cambridge; Tuesday 30 September, Norfolk Bowling Club, Unthank Road, Norwich; Wednesday 1 October, Marlborough Bowling Club, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich; Thursday 2 October, Quendon Bowling Club, Quendon, Nr Saffron Walden, Essex.

The daily programme starts at 10.30am and will conclude with an illustrated lecture. For full details, phone SISIS on 0625 26363 or write to SISIS Equipment (Macclesfield), Shoresclough Works, Hulley Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 2LZ.

The National Turfgrass Council, in association with the National Association of Agricultural Contractors and the Institute of Groundsmanship, is arranging a one-day workshop to enable those concerned with the use of pesticides, particularly on turfgrass and amenity grass areas, to find out about the implications for them of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 and the Regulations and Codes of Practice being introduced under it.

This workshop is intended primarily for senior staff concerned with pesticide policy within local authorities and private concerns. Subsequent workshops will be held regionally, if there is demand, to explain procedures

and precautions in detail.

Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and organisations concerned with training, proficiency testing and health and safety will be on hand.

The workshop will be held at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, Warwickshire on Tuesday October 7 from 10.00am until mid-afternoon. The cost, including coffee, buffet lunch and tea and workshop papers, will not exceed £40.

For a programme and booking form, write to the Secretary, NTC, 3 Ferrands Park Way, Harden, Bingley, West Yorkshire BD16 1HZ. Tel: (daytime) 0274 565131, (evening) 0535 273188.

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A change is being made to the distribution arrangements in the UK for Morrison/Jacobsen products, which will be marketed separately by new companies. Morrison equipment is to be distributed by a company owned by the current general manager Ray Woodward. It will be called Morrison Mowers UK and based in Gloucestershire. Jacobsen will be forming a new company known as Jacobsen UK, continuing at the present King's Lynn, Norfolk base.

The Tidytee is a combined ball cleaner and litter bin 'with useful additions' from Bridges Pennants of Southend-on-Sea, Essex (Tel: 0702 612344/67393). All items use a single support. There's a litter bin with a removable container, a holder for two golf balls, a hook

for a towel, the company's proven golf ball cleaner and a holder for a plastic water container. Steel parts are galvanised after manufacture and maintenance of the unit itself is minimal.

The Tidytee is priced £96 (excluding carriage and VAT). The water can and towel are extra.

**Harry Johnson, 74, consultant director of Joseph Bentley, died recently. His association with Bentley's spanned 60 years, broken only by the Second World War. He joined the company in 1926 and progressed to salesman, company secretary, director and then managing director in 1965. Although Harry retired as managing director in 1976, he continued to work as a consultant director.**

Bob Andrews has been appointed sole UK distributor of the Amazone range of tractor-drawn Groundkeeper mowers and E.K. fertiliser spreaders.

The Groundkeeper, a development of the Lawn Genie machine, is available in different sizes to suit tractors from 12hp upwards. It cuts and collects long or short grass and scarifies large areas of mown grass, collecting the rubbish. In autumn, it becomes a leaf collector.

The E.K. spreader is made for Bob Andrews by a company that has specialised in fertiliser broadcasters for 50 years, during which time it has made and sold 750,000 spreaders.

The EK300 and EK400 models hold 300kg (265l) and 400kg (375l) respectively. They work well on 15hp (or larger) tractors and broadcast any free-running material over a 30ft swath at almost any selected rate per acre. Amazone EK spreaders handle rock salt and grit for roads and paths.

For further information, contact Ken Salt on 0344 885575 or write to Bob Andrews, Pontiac Works, Fernbank Road, Ascot, Berkshire SL5 8JH.

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