

People, Places, Products



Tony Cundall.

SISIS Equipment (Macclesfield) now has Tony Cundall as sales rep for Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Staffordshire. Tony previously worked on the greens staff at Crewe Golf Club for seven years and became a landscaping contractor. He has lived in Holmes Chapel for 15 years.

Mark Mills is single and lives in Ashstead, Surrey. He will be working in the south-east as a demonstrator/salesman. Mark was formerly with SISIS distributor T. Parker and Sons, Surrey.



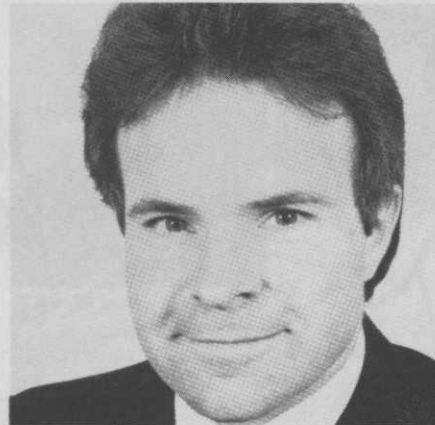
Mark Mills.

TORO has taken on two additional product managers. Barry Beckett lives in Ipswich and Bob Buckingham at Felixstowe.

A series of seminars has been held at **TORO's** head office, York, Evesham and Edinburgh. These covered **TORO** user product courses for the Greensmaster 300 and the Groundsmaster.

With a total dealer attendance of 65 and 170 users, **TORO** will continue these courses on its increasing range of professional

turf and lawn management equipment. For further details, contact Graham Dale, Lely (UK)



Barry Beckett.

The National Turfgrass Council has taken a major step to improve the database of independently published statistical information on the UK turfgrass industry.

It has brought out its Special Report No 2, giving the main contents and findings of a detailed research study of the amenity turfgrass market undertaken by Brian Symes in 1984 for BASF UK and now released in an edited version, with a new specially written section on domestic lawns.

A Research Study And Review Of Intensively Managed Amenity Turfgrass In The UK is the first published review of the subject since the NERC report of 1977.

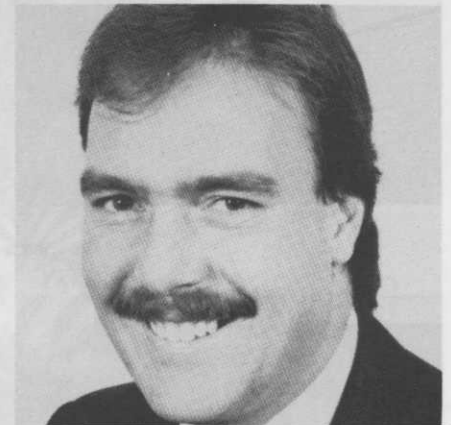
Symes' work does not cover semi-natural and open spaces, but gives data to compare with the NERC figures in the intensively managed and domestic lawn sectors and presents new comparisons of management intensity and likely market models.

The report is available at £8.50 (postage included) from The Secretary, NTC, 3 Ferrands Park Way, Harden, Bingley, West Yorkshire BD16 1HZ.

Rolawn has 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 made Scottish area manager to oversee and develop **Rolawn's** operations, which include a new depot beside the M8 in the centre of Glasgow, managed by Iain

TORO, Station Road, St Neots, Huntingdon, Cambs PE19 1QH. Tel: 0480 76971.



Bob Buckingham.

Campbell.

Kathryn Arter, 22, sales administrator from the company's head office at Elvington, York, has moved to Leeds to run a depot on the Cross Green Industrial Estate, serving South and West Yorkshire.

Rolawn has been chosen by the Glasgow Garden Festival '88 Company as exclusive supplier of turf for the 120 acre Clydeside site. Over 40,000 square metres of turf are being grown to specification, with a phased delivery. **Rolawn** is also contributing £18,500 in sponsorship to the festival.

"We are particularly pleased to be associated with the Glasgow Garden Festival, as our roots are very much in Scotland, managing director Ken Dawson said: "The company started there 12 years ago and most of the turf will come from our production unit in East Lothian."



Guy Longbottom.



Terry Cullen, Bob Cave and Eddie Stilwell.



Russ Jordan with Ryan and Woodsman equipment.

Following the retirement of Dougie Wood after 15 years with Victa, Bob Cave has been appointed technical and service manager. Bob has been project engineer with Victa UK for four years, having previously spent 12 years on research and development with Victa in Australia.

Two new appointments are Eddie Stilwell (south) and Terry Cullen (north) as technical service representatives. Also under-

taking a new role is Russ Jordan, who has been with the company for nine years. He is now company demonstrator.

Fen Turf Dressings is now able to add Farmgran Seaweed Soil Conditioner and Improver to its composts. After talks with Farmura Environmental Products, Fen Turf Dressings is offering customers the service of having

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In response to enquiries for pictures of turf diseases, the STRI has produced a set of 12 colour transparencies. Each set depicts the major UK turf diseases - Fusarium patch, pink snow mould, Damping off, Dollar spot, Take-all, leaf spot, Types 1, 2 and 3 fairy rings and thatch fungi. For Red thread, both general and close-up shots are included.

These slides are invaluable to

anyone concerned with diseases of turf, be they university or horticultural college lecturers, students of turf maintenance or employed in the turf management industry.

Each set cost £15, including VAT and postage, and is available from the Plant Pathologist at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, West Yorkshire BD16 1AU. Tel: 0274 565131.

Bernard Gallacher staged an ICI sponsored clinic for 50 talented young golfers from the Cleveland and Durham region recently.

The ICI Chemicals and Polymers Group in the north-east sponsored the clinic and a 30 team pro-am competition, which formed part of a week's celebration to mark the 20th anniversary of Billingham Golf Club.

In the pro-am, 90 Billingham members, selected by ballot, played alongside the north's 30 top professionals in a four-ball better-ball medal.

Billingham GC was formed at a meeting in the town's Station Hotel in May 1967, the course being opened some two years later.

Throughout its 20 years, many club members and officials have been employees of ICI, the current chairman being Bob Smith, a chartered accountant with the company.

There have been at least ten ICI captains, including the present holder, Mike Willis, who is a packaging specialist with ICI Fertilizers.

Bob Dodsworth.

By Appointment...

The Queen's Award for Export Achievement has been conferred this year upon the grass machinery division of Ransomes Sims and Jefferies.

Group chief executive Bob Dodsworth said: "We are, of course, delighted that the hard work and financial investment put into expanding our exports of grass machinery have been recognised in such a manner."

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Name Change

Green's of Arbroath, manufacturer of professional cylinder mowers, has imported the Hinomoto range of Toyosha diesel compact tractors from Japan for five years and sold them throughout the UK.

With the addition of new models this year, a competitive pricing policy and further development of the sister company, Claymore Grass Machinery, as a UK based sales, distributing and marketing division, located at Witton, Birmingham, Hinomoto tractors will now be sold as Green's Compact Tractors.

Green's believes that the addition of its name will encourage a greater interest in the tractors as a British assembled unit distributed by a British company with a manufacturing base in Scotland.

The Green's range now includes a new 20hp three-cylinder diesel hydrostatic drive compact at £6,500, in addition to the 16hp and 20hp gear drive models at £3,900 and £4,995 (prices exclude VAT).

All models include turf tyres as standard. Cabs and safety frames, plus many other items, are available as optional extras.

Further details from Claymore Grass Machinery (UK), 37 Dulverton Road, Witton, Birmingham B6 7EQ. Tel: 021-326 7171. Or at Fergus Square, Arbroath DD11 3DR. Tel: 0241 73841.

The Massey-Ferguson proved an attention stealer.

Whatever You Want...

You name it, the chances are that Bridges Pennants can supply just about everything for the golf club, from flag sticks to bunting, safes to tee plates, practice nets to competition prizes.

New for the season are the Rotagroom electric rotary brush shoe cleaner with dirt collecting box at £358 (plus VAT and carriage) and the Litter Picker (illustrated) with 'extra reacher' - £10.50 for 32in, £12.50 for 50in.

Full details on the company's extensive stock from Bridges Pennants, 68 Southchurch Avenue, Southend-on-Sea SS1 2RR. Tel: 0702 612344/67393.

This Massey-Ferguson 20E tractor, pictured on a Bournemouth municipal course, is fitted with low pressure, high flotation tyres from Trelleborg. It is also



equipped with a front loader and a turf splitter by Dabro International.

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Lauchlan Likes The Bunton

Two Bunton 22in Greensmowers have been supplied to the Burnham and Berrow club by L.F. Jewell of Bridgwater, the local dealer.

Head greenkeeper Lauchlan Millar said he had chosen the Bunton Greensmower because: "The powered verticutter or brush attachment enables the

operator to verticut or brush at the same time as cutting the green and the machine is maintained easily."

The Bunton Greensmower retails at £2,950 (excluding VAT). Full details from E.P. Barrus, Launton Road, Bicester, Oxon OX6 0UR. Tel: 08692 3355.



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The new Wessex Cricket Spreader is a pedestrian-operated, spinning disc type distributor with an anti-corrosive paint finish and electro-plated distributor blades.

The spinning disc is gear driven from the axle through a heavy-duty oil filled bevel gear-box. Wide profile, turf pattern pneumatic tyres are ideal for use on fine turf.

The spreader can be accurately calibrated with nine gradations and spread width varies from 2m to 8m. It is suitable for granular fertilisers, powders, salt, sand, etc.

Application rates for granular fertiliser range from 17 to 140 grammes per square metre.

The Wessex Cricket Spreader is available through dealers at £225 (plus carriage and VAT).

Full details from Wessex Farm Machinery Sales, Trading Estate, Oakhanger Road, Bordon, Hants GU35 9HH. Tel: 04203 8111.

Lauchlan Millar with club secretary Mrs. E. Sloman and D. Short of L.F. Jewell.

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SISIS At Saffron Walden

Head greenkeeper Martin Jones' course management policy at Saffron Walden Golf Club, Cambridgeshire is one of sensible use of water and fertiliser and intensive aeration.

As is often the case when following this sort of reclamation programme, the sward on the greens became generally rather thin. Regular aeration of the worst affected areas became progressively more difficult.

By last autumn, several greens could not be slit-tined without massive upheaval of the surface. "We had reached a situation where those areas most in need of aeration could not be aerated, and a demonstration of the SISIS Hydromain was arranged," Martin said.

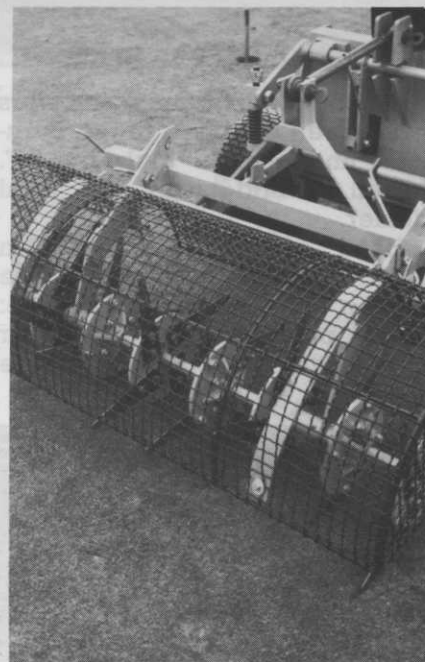
"The Hydromain Twenty Diesel, fitted with the deep spiker and six inch tines, was tested on three of our worst greens. With this machine, it was possible to slit-tine thin, bare areas in three directions with virtually no disturbance of the putting surfaces."

An order was soon placed. "The Hydromain has been used throughout the winter for all aeration of greens, tees and approaches. Once the new tines were 'worn in', all areas, no matter how thin the sward or shallow the roots, could be aerated.

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Success Story

April marked the third anniversary of the privatisation of Richmond Park Golf Courses, Surrey and the owners, Golf Course Management, report that a thriving business has emerged in the heart of Royal Richmond Park, with some 140,000 rounds being played annually.

Co-directors Michael Moran and Gilbert Lloyd overcame stern competition in 1984 for control of the courses - their reward was a 25-year lease, granted by the Department Of the Environment, which ran the 36-hole complex before, to operate RPGC as a private concern on condition it remained a public amenity.

Some £200,000 has been spent on the golf courses.

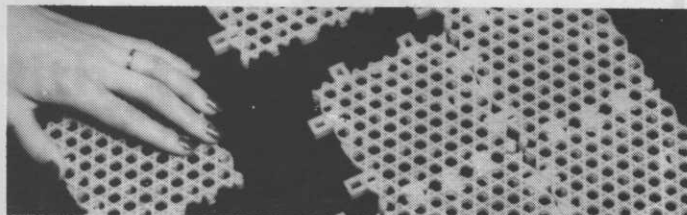
Holdfast Release

ICI's new soil acting grass growth retardant Holdfast D has received full provisional approval by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, authorising its sale, supply, storage and use in the amenity and landscape turfgrass market.

Holdfast D, as a formulation of paclobutrozol and dicamba, will retard the growth of grass for up to three months in medium to rough turf areas typified by the rough and fairways on golf courses, grass banks and slopes, roadside verges, motorway embankments, industrial sites, etc.

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