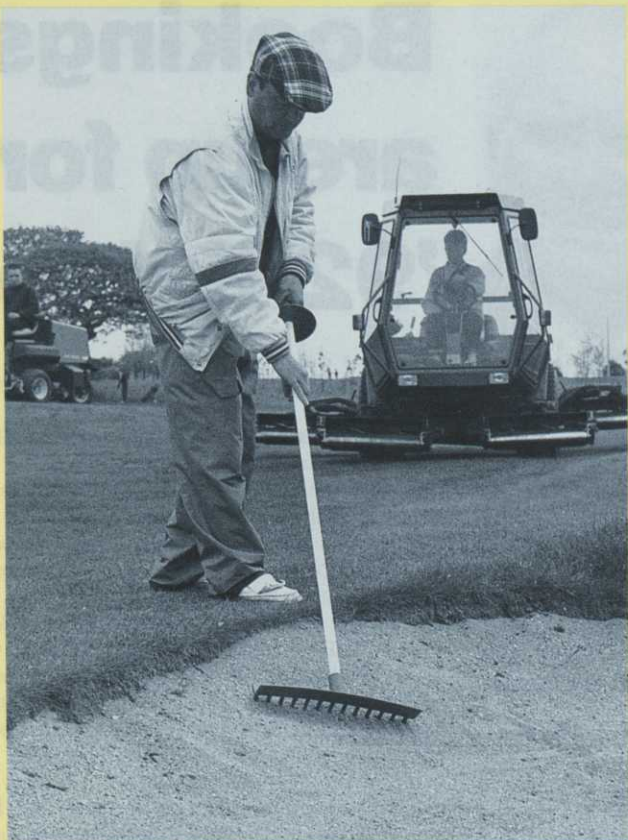


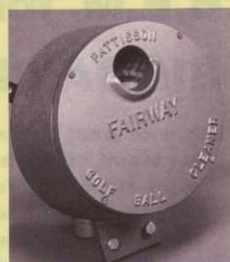
# TRADE TOPICS

■ High winds can make a pipe smoker thoroughly niggardly on a golf course when the matches won't stay lit. Thus at The Belfry I was impressed with the super Western Log Company shelters, which offer a comforting break from any wind and rain. With 12 of 'em dotted strategically around, this smoker was able to indulge his filthy habit with nary a problem. The golf was good too! Western Log are on 0639 896715.



■ A new bunker/green rake – called the Ulti-Mate – has been given the thumbs-up at the Belfry and looks set to make its mark elsewhere. All-plastic, it features a grip guard to keep the handle free of sand and a blade which the makers suggest can be used to clear a path to the hole when early morning golfers are faced with dew. Forgive me for mentioning it, gentlemen, but is that not a contravention of rule 23? For details, call 0792 296624.

■ Taken to task for my comments in May on 'those dreadful tin box and sliding brush affairs' in describing ball washers and how neglect of little items around the course can cause irritation, I am reliably informed by Pattissons that quite apart from losing favour, these are more popular than any other ball cleaner sold in Britain. However, plastic has taken over from tin and metal fittings are now galvanised. Whilst never intending to 'knock' a particular model, my comments on clapped-out equipment and tardy replacement remain firm. Suitably chastised, I still admit to a personal preference for Pattissons 'FAIRWAY' rotary cleaner, which is a gem. Details, telephone 0582 505241.



■ Toro's innovative Hydroject 3000, featured in June, has its first UK buyer, D & E Turf Maintenance of Shildon, Co. Durham. First announced at BIGGA's January exhibition, we understand that enquiries received were quite staggering. Original sales forecasts have been rapidly ditched and are now expected to be at least 100% in excess of target.

■ Booker Seeds Ltd, acquired recently by the Dutch Royal Vanderhave Group BV, has changed its name to Sharpes International Seeds Ltd. For day to day trading the company will immediately adopt the more streamlined title of Sharpes International. To coincide with the launch of the new name, Sharpes International has also published a comprehensive brochure which provides a detailed insight into their breeding/trialing programmes, quality control facilities and extensive varietal portfolio. Copies from Boston Road, Sleaford, Lincs, telephone 0529 304511.

■ Supaturf have produced a colourful new eight-page brochure detailing their range of Top Line pressure spray line marking machines that are streets ahead of the hand-held aerosol. Well worth investigating, copies are free by 'phoning 0533 750256.

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■ To help maintain putting green quality at four of the 14 Whitbread courses, a delivery of 11 Lloyds Paladins has been made. Explaining the choice, Derek Keen, Area Course Manager for Tudor Park, Meon Valley, Breadsall Priory and Goodwood Park, said: 'We have trodden the triplex road for speed and cost-effectiveness but found they can mark the greens when used regularly... with pedestrian operated machines, we found they produced a better finish. Another factor is our greenkeepers. They get terrific job satisfaction from caring for the greens and it is very rewarding to use a machine that gives that final touch of perfection.' The 53cm width Paladin is powered by a Honda GX110 3.5hp engine and gives 138 cuts per metre.



Derek Keen takes delivery from Derek Haley of Lloyds

■ Colin Pryce, who has been operating a Terralift soil aeration service for the past four years, has formed a new company, C & P Soilcare Ltd. The new company will provide a complete soil care service and includes compressed air soil aeration, soil analysis and supply of conditioners which can be injected by Terralift or incorporated by convention means. They have the knowledge to sort out seemingly unsolvable soil problems, or know a man who can!



Pictured: The Terralift pneumatic Soil Conditioning Unit.

■ Ransomes have been chosen to supply a range of equipment to the Earls Colne Golf and Country Club, Colchester, built on the site of a World War II airfield, part of which is still used for flying. The full 18 hole course, together with 4 hole training academy and 20 bay floodlit range covers 300 acres and features 14 lakes and 25,000 trees. Praising Ransomes for their wide range, owner Mr Eric Hobbs said: 'I am a firm believer in buying British and Ransomes equipment really impresses me, it fits my bill perfectly.'

■ Agar Equipment Ltd have announced a new front mounted mower specially designed for use with Ford's CM224 Front Mowing Tractor. Featuring a fully floating head, fully castorised wheels, solid rubber tyres, high clearance and blade access by tipping the deck over, the new FM constitutes an exceptionally efficient grass cutting machine, especially where grass is difficult and uneven. Agar Equipment Ltd are on 0905 52717.

■ On December 31st the JLO factory in Germany ceased production of their two-stroke engines. Some JLO engines will continue to be made at Technamotor's Italian facility to the original design and full spares and service support is assured for both past and future production. In the UK and Eire, IPU of Wolverhampton will continue to provide service until September, when Technamotor (UK) Ltd will assume responsibility for all JLO related matters. Their number is 0784 450785.

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