

Sorry case of foot in mouth

A leading American golfer turned golf course architect is reported to have sent one of his experts to report on the building and maintenance of a course in Scotland. His report concluded 'and if you follow my instructions you will have the best greens in England'... exit red-faced to the Sassenach border!

■ **Perhaps as compensation** for not being selected to represent the USA in the Ryder Cup, big boomer John Daly is selected to join Payne Stewart, Curtis Strange and Daly's own hero, Jack Nicklaus, in the four-man Skins Game for \$540,000 on December 1st at La Quinta. Strange has won nearly half a million dollars in the past two years in these 'knock-out' events, where the winner takes the lion's share. Daly ranks number one in driving distance on the PGA Tour with a 287 yard average!

■ **Confused** by the many and varied pronunciations of the word 'Iseki', your editor sought out Iseki managing director, Mr T Shinoto, at the recent pre-IOG demo given by Lodge-way at Shuttleworth Aerodrome. Mr Shinoto assured me that to be correct one should say "EEE sek EEE". That's it. No more eye's please!

■ **What's in a name?** Tony Turner of Turner World Mowers and World Mowers Ltd is more than slightly miffed at the interlocutory injunction sought by Bomford Turner Ltd, restraining Tony Turner from using the name 'Turner World Mowers' or 'Turner' as part of his trading style in relation to the business of professional mowers.

It has been and is being made clear for obvious commercial reasons that Turner World Mowers is a new company, neither of which is in any way connected with Bomford Turner Ltd or its parent company Elswick plc. The proceedings are being strongly contested.

■ **Winner of the 'Ryder' limerick** competition, from a selection of several and including many that missed the 'Ryder' connection completely, being rhymes rather than limericks, came this from Ross Mable, a third year apprentice greenkeeper at Prestonfield Golf Club in Edinburgh:

Said Bernie 'my team for The Ryder
Will make the Yanks eyes open wider,
We must keep The Cup
In order to sup
A celebratory flagon of cider'.



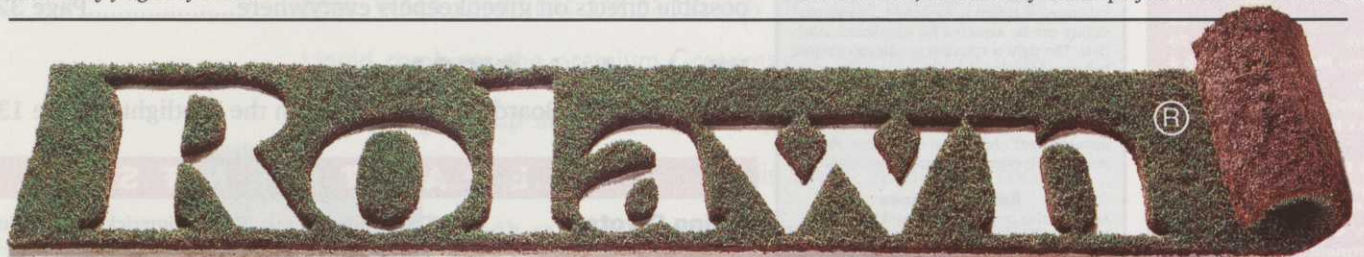
■ **Tim Fell, managing director of Tillers Turf, tells of amusement at the IOG Show, when a jack-the-lad came on stand and demanded: "ere gunvor, can you guarantee this 'ere turf?"**
"Certainly sir", Tim whimsically replied.
"I can guarantee that if it is not watered, nurtured and fertilised, loved and cared for, it will die!"
"Shouldn't 'ave said that, boss", came his mate's retort,
"e's in the turf market for 'is 18 new greens!"

Norman Exley wins a runner-up 'double' with a cheeky rhyme (not a limerick) which accompanied his five entries:

Enclosed are some odes
Which I have 'composed'
To enter your limerick test.
They'll not be as good
As you think they should
But you'll say "never mind, did his best".



■ **He called it keenness...** though Bob Lupton, The Northern section secretary, wrote with tongue in cheek to report of an incident when one of his staff, ever anxious to get working, drove a tractor and trailer through the closed doors of the machinery shed. The resultant demolition, pictured above, was worthy of steeplejack Fred Dibner himself!



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