

As greenkeepers, groundsmen and anyone remotely interested in our industry headed for Long Ashton Golf Club on 28 April, they were treated to a rare glimpse of the sun – in a month that had brought more than its fair share of rain. With over 600 cars through the gate in the first hour, organisers and traders were unanimous in expressing themselves well pleased, and with the steady flow continued throughout the day this helped to make this fourth Westurf exhibition easily the best yet.

Eager to show west country folk the very best in turf care equipment and supplies, there were 68 exhibitors from around the country, taking up 114 stand spaces, and there was so much to see that figures were seen dashing from stand to stand, keen to ensure that they did not miss a single thing. Wherever one turned, it seemed there were smiling faces and the atmosphere was one of felicitousness. The BIGGA stand was kept busy with Ma Rion's turf poser and a constant stream of members dropped by to chew the fat, to renew old acquaintances, or to meet the new BIGGA chairman, John Crawford, who had travelled all the way from Scotland just to be with us.

We would like to thank our hosts, Long Ashton Golf Club, for their kindness and we hope that we added a little extra sparkle to their centenary year. A special thanks to John Crawford for his valued support and to the BIGGA staff for all they do. Finally, we acknowledge that without the support of the traders and visitors there would be no Westurf, so to them we say a very special thank you.

Now we look forward to Westurf '94, which will take place at the same venue on 27 April 1994 – see you all there.

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A neat team from Castle Coombe GC



Ivor Scoones, left and Gordon Child



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