ALL THE DETAILS YOU NEED **Our FREE READER REPLY**

SERVICE keeps YOU in the picture



Use the post-paid Reader Reply Card facing Page 70 Reply Card facing Page 70 for further information on the products and services advertised in this issue. Just state the companies' Ad Ref numbers and leave it to us.

ADVERTISERS' INDEX

ADVERTISE	RS' II	IDEX
a quick reference guide		
Allen Power	Ad Ref 126	Page 12
Amenity Techn		14
Amenny recim	431	44
Arco	449	4
Barenbrug	172	41
Bell Turf Irrigat		
	279	26
British Overhea	ad 229	30
Camus	444	4
C&P Soilcare	46	31
Dixon and Holli		
	214	12
Dowdeswell	450	15
Eric Hunter	73	18
Fen Turf Dressi		
-	168	46
Fisons	102	52
Golf Maintenan		-
Greencare	440 439	71 51
Grundon	439	57
Hayters	90	16
Hortech Syster		31
Hunter Irrigatio	397	29
IC Distributors	452	12
ICI	54	49
John Deere	103	14
Johnsons Seed		41
Kubota	86	10,11
Lely (Toro)	61	19
Mommersteeg	171	43
Multicore	347	45
Netion	373	31
North Staffs	217	26
Ocmis	360	28
Pattissons	35	4
Prime Waterme	en 283	26
Rhône Poulenc	59	32,50
		58,72
Rigby Taylor	127	42
Risboro Turf	386	43 53
Rufford	5	53
Sharpes Intern	453	40
Sisis	176	40
Standard Golf	421	48
Supaturf	164	56
Tacit	438	70
Trelleborg	137	20
Undergear	67	20
Buyers Guide		59-64
Classified		64
Recruitment		64-69
and the second		And the second second



- ERIC HUNTER, MD. Eric Hunter Grinders Ltd

FOR MORE DETAILS CALL: Bill Lynch on 091 413 7218, or Carol Dutton or Louise Lunn at BIGGA HQ on 0347 838581.



Official publication of the British & International Golf Greenkeepers Association **MARCH 1994**



BIGGA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT Chairman: John Crawford Vice-Chairman: John Millen

BOARD MEMBERS Richard Barker George Malcolm Barry Heaney Gordon Moir Huw Parry Dean Cleaver Jeffrey Mills George Barr

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Neil Thomas B.A

ADMINISTRATION MANAGER John Pemberton



Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York, North Yorkshire Y06 2NF

EDITOR

Chris Boiling Tel: 0347 838581 • Fax: 0347 838864 **DESIGN/PRODUCTION EDITOR**

Tim Moat Tel: 0904 610611 • Fax: 0904 643074

SALES AND MARKETING MANAGER Bill Lynch

Tel/Fax: 091 413 7218 SENIOR ADVERTISING SALES

EXECUTIVE Carol Dutton

Tel: 0347 838581 • Fax: 0347 838864 SALES AND MARKETING ASSISTANT

Louise Lunn Tel: 0347 838581 • Fax: 0347 838864

PRINTING

Hi-Tec Print, Unit 7, Universal Crescent, Houghton Road, North Anston Trading Estate, Dinnington, South Yorkshire S31 7JJ Tel: 0909 568533 • Fax: 0909 568206

Greenkeeper International is the official mag azine of the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association and is published monthly at BIGGA Headquarters, Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York YO6 2NF. Tel: 0347 838581 • Fax: 0347 838864.

Please address all advertising, subscrip-tions and address changes to BIGGA. Contents may not be reprinted or other-wise reproduced without written permission. Return postage must accompany all materials

submitted if return is requested. No respon-sibility can be assumed for unsolicited materials. The right is reserved to edit submissions before publication. Circulation is by subscription. Subscription

rate: UK £34 per year, Europe and Eire £44. The magazine is also distributed to BIGGA members, golf clubs, local authorities, the turf industry, libraries and central government

All magazine contributions should be sent Can magazine contributions should be sent to: Greenkeeper International, BIGGA, Ald-wark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York YO6 2NF. Although every care will be taken, no respon-sibility is accepted for loss of manuscripts, photographs or artwork, Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Association and no responsibility is accepted by the Association for such content, advertising or prod-uct information that may appear.

ISSN 0961 - 6977 1994 British & International Golf Greenkeepers Association



CONTENT

Controlling irrigation

There are many irrigation controllers and watering systems on the market. We take a look at what's available and five head greenkeepers give their verdicts on what they use on their courses

.....Pages 27-32 and 47-48



Great wall of Heswall

Bill Lawson has seen a 42ft wall which keeps back the river, sink by four feet to only 4ft 6in during his 29 year term at his clubPages 13-18

Royal Birkdale bounces back

Some £300,000 has been spent on rebuilding greens at this championship course. Chris Boiling met up with main man Tom O'Brien ... Pages 21-25

Seeds of success

Quality grass on golf courses doesn't come from cheap seeds. We examine just why the price you pay is matched with performance......Pages 40-43

Golden Key Circle in the spotlight

Midlands-based dealer ET Breakwell is the latest supporter of the Greenkeeper Education and Development FundPages 45-46

DEPARTME

News

Crossword

Around the Green

Five pages to tell you just what's going on in your industry. Plus, with all the new faces and places this month, your Open invitation Pages 5-11 Mark G Smith compiles another greenkeeping brain baffler. Solve it and you could win £50 or a BIGGA blazerPage 54 Regular updates from our correspondents. Find out what's going on:.....Pages 33-38

COVER PICTURE:

Head greenkeeper Tom O'Brien on a favourite spot at Royal Birkdale: the 8th's back tee.

Greenkeeper Education and Development Fund

The Fund provides the key to the future for greenkeeper, golf club and game. Individuals and companies can join the Golden Key Circle and Silver Key Circle. For details, contact BIGGA on 0347 838581.

GOLDEN KEY CIRCLE COMPANY MEMBERS:

• ET Breakwell Ltd • Hardi Ltd • Hayters PLC • ICI Professional Products • Jacobsens • Kubota UK Ltd • Lely UK Ltd • Rigby Taylor Ltd • Toro Irrigation

SILVER KEY CIRCLE COMPANY MEMBERS: Ransomes • Risboro' Turf



