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WE SAY



t is traditional at this time of year both to review the past 12 months and look forward in anticipation to a new year. For BIGGA 1994 was unquestionably a year of growth and development and financially this will be reflected in the Board of Management's Report and Accounts to be presented to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

In membership terms we now have over 5,500 members - an impressive figure but still some way off realising the full potential for BIGGA membership. Whilst for 1995 we must initially target 6,000, we need to look beyond that figure and particularly galvanize current members into bringing others into the fold. The old adage of strength in numbers remains very true and whilst the last vear has seen a considerable strengthening of BIGGA PR and publicity initiatives, there is no substitute for the local member convincing fellow greenkeepers of the benefits of joining BIGGA.

1994 saw considerable advances on the education front and our new education officer, Ken Richardson, is now making his mark. The recent restructured Management Courses were a great success and will now be followed up in 1995/96 with local training initiatives geared to NVQ qualifications. As BTME approaches the launch of our new video on 'Golf Course Preparation' is eagerly anticipated. This video is a product of our Education and Development Fund and made possible through the generous support, both company and individual, of our Golden and Silver Key supporters. How encouraging, therefore, that at the start of 1995 two new companies have joined as Golden Key members and another two as Silver Key. As we move through 1995, additional resources in the Education and Development Fund can only enhance our training initiatives. Look out for an ecology booklet and one on grass identification.

Our magazine, *Greenkeeper International*, enters 1995 widely regarded as the market leader. There are no grounds for complacency in a competitive market place and we are aware of aspects of the magazine which can and will be improved. Again we need



BY NEIL THOMAS

the input of members with articles, news items and indeed letters, whether these are specifically on greenkeeping matters or in critical appraisal of the magazine or BIGGA affairs in general.

As this magazine reaches you, many will be anticipating the visit to Harrogate for the BTME. A great week lies in store with the three exhibition halls sold out and indeed a waiting list situation. The intensive educational programmes available over five days are testimony to our ability to attract international as well as widely regarded home-based speakers. Already we are planning ahead to BTME '96 when it

is likely that we will need to move into a fourth exhibition hall. The development of BIGGA's own show since 1989 has been dramatic. From a personal viewpoint, my greatest pleasure in BTME week is to appreciate how much it means to our members as a focal point of their year and now, for many, an annual pilgrimage where old friendships are renewed and new ones forged. Long may it continue and your staff will spare no effort to ensure that the BTME continues to move forward with added strength and popularity.

Some brief thoughts therefore on membership, education, magazine and exhibition. Whilst one is justified in being upbeat on these important aspects of your Association as we enter 1995, there is a need always to be one step ahead in a competitive world governed by commercial realities. Mindful of this your Board was given the go-ahead at the 1994 AGM to undertake a review of the Association's activities and an initial draft report 'Towards 2000' has been compiled and been given initial consideration at the first meeting of the Review Body which was held in early December. There remains considerable work to be undertaken before the



Sisis is the latest company to back BIGGA's Education and Development Fund. This brings to four the number of new companies already in Golden or Silver Key membership for 1995.

Commenting on Sisis' decision to take up Silver Key membership, BIGGA's executive director, Neil Thomas, commented: "BIGGA members are very much aware of the support Sisis has traditionally given to our Regions and Sections. The company's decision to additionally take out Silver Key membership is greatly appreciated and the backing of such a well-respected company gives added strength to the Education and Development Fund".

Sisis' membership brings to 15 the number of companies in either Golden or Silver Key membership. final report is submitted for approval to the 1996 AGM. Members should note the composition of the Review Body and any proposals or suggestions for consideration will be welcomed by any Review Body member.

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At the conclusion of the review process we should be able to put in place an infrastructure which will serve the Association's needs beyond the millenium and which, through the Review Body, can be regularly monitored to ensure its continued viability and effectiveness.

In the January 1994 issue of Greenkeeper International, I wrote of the need in 1994 for staff at headquarters to have more direct contact at "grass roots" level and that during the year the senior management team would seek to spend more of its time "out in the country" communicating directly with greenkeepers at all levels. This has certainly happened and staff have received a positive response on their visits to all parts of the country. Proposals and suggestions generated in discussion can now be assessed, prioritised and taken forward. Perhaps the overriding concern at present is for localised management training and this is now being developed for 1995/96. We at headquarters will seek to maintain and widen our contacts with members but please let us know your views. It is your Association and its ultimate development depends on your input - an input needed from the silent majority as well as the committed minority. The welfare of the greenkeeper in all its aspects lies at the heart of this Association but your help is needed in determining how best this can be improved. maintained and enhanced.

BTME success assured as rival show attempts to gain ground

The BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition (BTME) is set to break all records. A record 146 exhibitors will be at the Harrogate International Centre this month. A record number of visitors are expected following BIGGA's biggest promotion campaign, which included page advertisements in all the major turf magazines and direct-mailing more than 6,500 people in the golf industry. And a record number of international visitors have already signalled their intent to come to Europe's premier turf management show.

By early December BIGGA's offices at Aldwark Manor had received 23% more pre-registration cards than at the same time last year and 14% of them came from overseas. And this commitment from international visitors was before BIGGA sent out invitations to over 2,500 golf clubs and golf-related businesses on the Continent.

Bookings have also been flooding in for the National Education Conference – with a record attendance anticipated for the event, held in conjunction with BTME for the first time.

Bigger and better

"Every year the show gets bigger and better, and this year's success couldn't come at a better time for the Association," said Bill Lynch, BIGGA's marketing manager, referring to the launch of a rival show by P&O events.

The Landscape and Turf professional '96 show is scheduled for Olympia, London, a week before the '96 BTME. Whether it will actually happen is still the subject of much debate.

P&O have fuelled much of the confusion themselves by writing to potential exhibitors claiming that ten "industry leaders" have been "securing space to ensure their presence" at the proposed show.

After telephoning these industry leaders, we found that none had in fact secured space by putting down a deposit, although deposits were apparently required by December 22. Companies such as Kubota, John Deere, Hardi, Jacobsen and Hayters said they had reserved space in case the new show did go ahead. "I'm waiting to see what happens. I'll know more by the end of January (after BTME)," said Colin Gregory, managing director of Hardi.

"We're keeping our options open – we're still hoping there will be just one show," said Brian Hurtley, vice president/director of Kubota UK.

European showcase

John Deere's managing director Alec McKee is also keen for one show that will become a European showcase for British and other manufacturers. "It's going to be a crying shame if we in the UK, where golf courses started, lose our leading position," he said.

The Agricultural Engineers Association had originally approached P&O Events with the idea of an "umbrella" show because its members felt there were too many shows. With the Institute of Groundsmanship and BIGGA declining to come on board with P&O, all the AEA has achieved is the introduction of a possible new show – but with the profits going outside the industry.

Asked what they will do in January '96, many of the industry leaders echoed Alec McKee's words: "God knows, we can't afford to be at both shows." However, he added: "We want to be where our customers are."

Judging by the response to BTME '95, it looks as if a large percentage of those will be in Harrogate in 1996.

"It takes a long time to get to this stage." said Lynch. "It would be a brave managing director who would walk away from a successful show, a show he had helped make successful, for an unknown event. Especially an event based on research which involved only 406 individuals and 292 companies, most of whom, in any case, said their preferred location was the Midlands, not London."

BIGGA and IoG set up initiative to promote **BTME and SALTEX**

BIGGA and the Institute of Groundsmanship (IoG) are forming a cooperative marketing alliance to promote their respective trade shows – BTME (BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition) and SALTEX (Sports, Amenities & Landscaping Trades Exhibition).

According to BIGGA chairman John Millen and IoG chairman Ian Beaney, the two events are complementary. A joint statement issued by them to the trade states: "BTME is a springtime, indoor, golf-related event with a strong educational focus. SALTEX is an outdoor autumn event with strong demonstration features and a broad profile."

The two shows share many common exhibitors and the new cooperative plans may include aiding companies that participate at both events. Both organisations feel that the two events, at separate ends of the year and in different parts of the country, offer a logical and effective combined exhibition programme that serves the needs of the UK industry and the broader European market.

Details of the joint activities are still being worked out, but could include joint educational programmes, incentive pricing for companies exhibiting at both shows and cross promotion to further improve attendance for both shows, especially international visitors.



According to Millen: "It's a duty of professional organisations like BIGGA and the IoG to make some sense of the crowded exhibition calendar in the outdoor sports and amenities markets. Suppliers must be sure of real value for money and that members of both organisations will benefit from two strong shows."

Ian Beaney feels that the new alliance "has the good old fashioned virtue of common sense. Suppliers and users don't want professional bodies slugging it out for cash. They want professional events that work and organisers that respect the value of their business."

One of the first companies to respond to this initiative is Amenity Technology which exhibits at both events. Managing director Carl Crome said: "The idea of having the BTME in Harrogate in January coupled with Saltex in Windsor in September is perfect, covering the north and south of the country. There is no need to have an additional show in London. Also, I don't see why people outside the industry should benefit. Any profits that are obtained by the show organisers should be put back into the industry for the education of greenkeepers and groundsmen - as BIGGA and the IoG do."

BTME will be held from January 25-27 at the Harrogate International Centre with the 1996 dates set for January 24-26. SALTEX '95 will be held at the Royal Windsor Racecourse from September 5-7.

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Touch down soon at the indoor show of the year

We're now only days away from the BIGGA Turf Maintenance Exhibition 1995. You will have had to have been on another planet to miss the build-up over the last few months. But if you're still not sure whether or not to attend, turn to Pages 23-50 of this magazine and be convinced. BTME '95 is for YOU. Be there!

Education space filling up fast Exhibition space SOLD OUT

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For comprehensive information of all that's going on, telephone 0347 838581 and ask to speak to Ken Richardson, BIGGA's education officer. He'll answer all your questions and send you a copy of *"The Learning Experience"*. Event organisers are the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association, Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York Y06 2NF. You can also request a copy of *"The Learning Experience"* by fax: 0347 838864.



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John Quinn, pictured, has been appointed manager of the new 18-hole course planned at Elmwood College in Cupar, Fife. John, 29, was previously

employed as head greenkeeper at Alva Golf Club, Alva, Clackmannanshire.

Construction of the Elmwood course is likely to begin in March.

The course, which will provide realistic conditions for training students, is 'designed by John Salvesen and offers an exciting prospect for Quinn.

John is no stranger to Elmwood College, being both a past and present student there himself. He is currently awaiting confirmation of his Master Greenkeeper Certificate, stage one status, and is also studying part-time for his HND in golf course management.

• At Elmwood College's annual awards ceremony the greenkeeping section was well represented and full-time student prize-winners included Margeir Vilhjalmsson from Iceland (SCOTVEC National Certificate in Greenkeeping and the St Andrews Links Trust Award) and Richard Barham from Cupar (SCOTVEC Higher National Certificate in



Manager appointed as preparation work starts at college golf course

Golf Course Management and the Carnoustie Golf Links Award).

Part-time students who received prizes for the SCOTVEC National Certificate in Greenkeeping and also the BIGGA (Scottish Region) Awards were Robert Whiting, employed by Royal Cromer Golf Club (lst year) and David Williams, employed by Wentworth Golf Club (2nd year). Third year student Kenneth McManamon of Kildare Hotel & Country Club, Co Kildare, also received the Gleneagles Challenge Trophy.

Distance learning student David Ashley, of Great Barr Golf Club, Birmingham, was presented with the prize for the SCOTVEC National Certificate in Greenkeeping Supervision (Distance Learning).

• Pictured: Professor Donald MacKay, chairman of Scottish Enterprise, and Carol Borthwick, head of greenkeeping section at Elmwood College, with the prizewinners from the greenkeeping section.

FLYING DIVOTS

Construction of the North Weald Golf Club, an 18-hole David Williams-designed course just north on the M25 in Hertfordshire, has resumed. "Originally the course formed part of the illfated Compton Holdings development and although work had started nearly two years ago this proved to be a hindrance rather than a help," according to constructors Whitnell Contracts. The course will have a number of water features and two lakes when construction is completed and seeding takes place late spring

A new £740,000 production facility for Terralift Fertilisers came on line last month. The facility, built in Co Monaghan, Ireland, has a capacity of 10,000 tonne per annum and will predominantly service the company's European distribution centres, including those in Glasgow and Peterborough. New products being launched at Harrogate this month include Greens Start 11:1:1 which has been developed to promote early colour and growth in fine turf, and Humiboost Fine Turf Liquor - a foliar spray finely tuned to an individual course with a tissue analysis.

■ Sign and plaque maker CB Designs International Ltd is so confident about a new form of fixing that the Rickmansworthbased company says it will replace any tee plaques that are stolen within three years of purchase free of charge. Tel: 0923 897160

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■ Johnsons Seeds is centralising its entire operations at its Boston headquarters, closing its branches at Woodley near Reading and Haydock. Johnsons says it has invested heavily in computerisation and upgrading production at Boston so there is no longer a requirement to retain the two branches, which were opened in the 1960s.

Students take the initiative

Students from the world's first HND in golf course management – run at Cannington College in Somerset – have taken the initiative and started marketing themselves before they hit the job market in April.

The students, who will graduate after three years' full-time training, are the first to complete the HND, initiated by BIGGA over three years ago.

But when they contacted golf clubs to introduce themselves, they discovered that few really understood the new HND course and qualification.

Said student George Simpson: "Because this is a new qualification, the greenkeeping industry does not yet know how it fits into the usual framework of jobs. We would like to see the qualification explained to potential employers."

Fellow student Graham Martin added: "While this HND is a highly specialised course in golf



course management, we don't expect to enter the industry at a very high level. We acknowledge that we need to gain experience before taking on senior positions."

Three of the students have previous greenkeeping experience and are taking the HND to further their careers. In total, 15 students are due to graduate in April, following a training which includes two work placements totalling 10 months' work experience. Graham and another student, Chris Jack, worked in the Forest of Arden during the Murphy's English Open, while George worked at Gleneagles during the Scottish Open.

The HND course covers all aspects of golf course management including architecture, construction, greenkeeping, course management, consultancy and agronomy.



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This is the solution to last month's Christmas puzzle. The deadline for entries was extended until January to allow for expected postal delays and so the winner will be announced in next month's Greenkeeper International.



If you thought growing grass was a complicated business, think how hard it is for the people breeding the seeds. They have to think what greenkeepers will want in 15 years' time...

The search for a

n an ideal world there would be one type of grass – super grass. This grass would suit every application and climate. It would cope with close mowing. It would be resistant to all diseases. It would be as at home on front lawns and football pitches as golf greens. And it would taste nice (at least to cows and sheep).

But grass is used for so many different purposes that breeders have given up searching for one super grass and are constantly trying to improve grasses for specific purposes.

This search is carried out throughout the world... and it could lead a breeder to your golf course. Old British golf courses are a great source of excellent grasses because they're used to close mowing and heavy traffic.

Barenbrug's Barkoel (Koeleria macrantha), launched last year after extensive trials in Scandinavia, New Zealand, France, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, the USA and the UK, is one example of this.

"The original breeding stock for Barkoel was located by chance on an old British golf course," says Michel Mulder, Barenbrug UK's managing director. "Despite drought conditions and infertile soil, certain very attractive green grassplants were found to be thriving whilst others suffered.

"This highly successful species was crested hair-grass, a grassplant common to many dry and sandy areas. A major programme of breeding and development followed, finally resulting in the uniform and stable variety of Barkoel, which was registered on the STRI list in 1994."

Between the first find and the launch, 21 years elapsed. Normally the process of developing a new variety takes 10-15 years and the

quickest it's been done is about eight years.

Barenbrug's breeders make a collection of new material each year. The crested hairgrass was collected in 1973 from a course which Barenbrug want to keep secret. "When you collect on old golf courses you can collect material which is already used under good conditions," points out Gerard van't Klooster, head breeder at the Dutch company's main research centre. "The collection was made for more normal amenity grass species like red fescue and bent grasses, but the Koeleria looked very good and was also taken away."

Back in Holland the grassplant was split in three and planted in a turf trial the next year. Its performance was "very good", so the breeder decided to harvest seed from the best plants. He split the good clones again and planted these in small plots in a field. The trial plots are separated by rye, which prevents cross-fertilisation. Harvesting the seed from grasses takes at least a year – you have to plant in the late spring to have a harvest the next summer.

Cross-fertilisation

of plants: looking to the future

The year after the harvest the new selection was used in another turf trial and the performance was monitored for three years.

Before a new variety can be released on the market, the breeders have to make sure that the fifth generation is the same as the first.

The tests, which included using a wear machine and close mowing, showed that Barkoel was excellent under short mowing without irrigation and without fertiliser. Mr Mulder says: "It provides an extremely dense turf, and very fine leaves which maintain an attractive green colour under the worst conditions. It has outstanding drought tolerance and remarkable disease resistance and can withstand very close mowing (under 2cm)."

In 1987 Barenbrug applied for Plant Variety Protection in the USA and in 1990 they made

the application in Holland. On May 4 1994 Barenbrug was granted the plant breeder's rights (a bit like a patent) for Barkoel, the first time these have been granted for a variety in that species.

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Intensive testing has shown that Barkoel is best suited for fairways and semi-rough when used with other species, such as red fescue and browntop bents. It has also been tested on greens at the STRI's base at Bingley and at the Bristol and Clifton Golf Club, where former head greenkeeper Huw Parry says "it came up well".

But as companies like Barenbrug produce more and more turfgrass cultivars - and they have 610 varieties in their 'Fort Knox' in Holland - the already difficult task of choosing the correct cultivar for a particular project becomes harder. One tip, though, that most seed companies agree on is: don't buy on price alone; in the long run it will pay to buy good quality seed. Poor varieties offer no persistence under continuous wear, will require constant mowing, and be more susceptible to disease.

When you know how long it takes to breed a new variety and what goes into it, and you realise that after years of cross-fertilisation, testing and multiplying only a very small percentage of new grass varieties reach the stage of marketing, you wonder how they can produce a 25kg bag of greens mix for £150.



Top of the poppies: Duke's Dene golf course has been created out of chalky North Downs farmland

Choosing seed mixture for a new course

he cost of grass seed for a new course never amounts to more than one or two per cent of the total cost of construction, and yet often the seed is judged purely on price rather than quality.

When considering what type of mixture to sow, probably the most important factor is the choice of cultivar and the percentage of each variety needed to achieve the best results. The buyer has to identify the quality of turf he is looking for and then obtain a good balance of varieties that blend together to give a hard-wearing and close-knit sward.

Jonathan Franks of British Seed Houses advises new golf courses to consider all the



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options: "The first consideration should be soil type. When putting forward a specification, I always like to visit the site, and get a feel for the course. I can also obtain a soil analysis where necessary," he states.

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"The next question to ask is about the type of course being planned – will it be a private course with limited membership, or a pay-asyou-play public course, where harder wear is anticipated, in which case a ryegrass-based mixture may be more appropriate?

"Environmental considerations are also very important. In all cases, the relevant local authority, as well as environmental groups, will be keen to see native wild flora and grasses sown, in the roughs and areas surrounding the course.

"Most course managers and greenkeepers want a good, strong rooting, close-knit sward that is quick to establish, and able to withstand likely wear in both the summer and winter seasons."

He says a typical fine turf mix for golf greens would contain between 70 and 80 per cent fescues, and 20 to 30 per cent browntop bent grasses, depending on such variables as soil and climatic conditions, the amount of likely use and wear, and type of course being planned.

The fescue content of the mix can be made up of chewings fescue, with a proportion of slender creeping red fescue to help give a good coverage. A blend of two bent grasses can be included, to encourage better all year round performance.

The top-rated cultivars of both fescue types will withstand close mowing at 5mm on greens; mixing them combines the greater drought tolerance of the slender creeping red fescue with the greater disease resistance of the chewings fescue.

For golf tees and fairways, the slender creeping red fescue content can be increased, and the bent grass content reduced accordingly, to provide a more hard-wearing sward that will recover quickly from damage caused by divots or heavy traffic.

"Seed mixtures have several advantages over individual cultivars as long as they are carefully selected, and can be blended to provide everything the course requires, from a smooth putting surface to an even fairway," adds Jonathan.



Sky high: Robert Brewer's unique view of his course 12 GREENKEEPER INTERNATIONAL January 1995



Jonathan Franks and course manager Robert Brewer on one of the Duke's Dene greens

• ne of the newest golf courses currently undergoing the final stages of construction in the south-east of England is Duke's Dene Golf Club, at Halliloo Valley, Woldingham in Surrey.

Set in an attractive valley covering around 160 acres of chalky North Downs farmland close to the M25 corridor, Duke's Dene is the first golf course development in Europe by the Japanese company Mizno-Gumi Co.

The architects are David Snead and Bradford Benz of California- based Bradford Benz Golf Course Architects. Of over 100 golf courses they have designed around the world, this is their first course in the UK.

The planned 18-hole, par 71 championship course of 6417 yards was entirely sown from June onwards by landscape and golf course contractors Brian D Pierson of Wimborne, Dorset, using two special British Seed Houses mixtures, one for the greens, and one for the tees and fairways.

These were based on blends of chewings fescues, slender creeping red fescues, and browntop bent grasses, and were accepted by the architects as the best option to provide the fine grass types required by a championship course, and to blend in with the existing natural environment.

Newly-appointed course manager Robert Brewer, who was previously assistant course manager at Sunningdale, has been impressed with the look of the new course in the short time since his appointment in early September.

His is a unique view, too – he holds a pilot's licence, and was able to take his own aerial photographs of the whole course soon after he started work.

"The greens germinated within two weeks, and good coverage was achieved within six to eight weeks," he says. "The tees were quick to establish, too. Our only problem has been the fairways, but that's been due to irrigation problems and the dry summer – now solved by our new underground reservoirs.

"Quick establishment on the greens means we have been able to prevent the spread of *Poa annua*. On the fairways, regular mowing means the grass is now beating down the natural weed population.

"We've had to spray a selective herbicide on all the fairways, and we will be reseeding specific areas in the spring, but otherwise it all looks fine.

"Basically I want grass that will help the ball sit up well on the fairways, and be hard wearing enough to cope with trolleys and other heavy wear. On the greens, it has to withstand regular mowing and give a good, true putting surface – simple, really!"

There are also plans to sow an area of wildflowers, close to the 8th and 17th tees, again using a British Seed Houses wild flora seed mixture. This is designed to help preserve and enhance the natural landscape, particularly those areas which had to be cultivated during the ground preparation phase.

"We have adopted a deliberate policy on the valley sides to leave the natural vegetation intact, including a good percentage of the existing wild flora," says Robert Brewer.

"We will also be planting around 2500 trees and shrubs, as well as 10 mature trees over the winter. Once this has all been done, we will have a much better picture of what the course will look like when we open for business in June."

• Dr David Patterson, a turfgrass breeder at the Northern Ireland Horticultural and Plant Breeding Station, will be talking about plant and grass breeding in a seminar at BTME on January 26, 11.30-12.00.

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Turf paints, of course, are not new to the turf industry. Recently, however, improvements in the quality, durability and economics have made turf paint use more consistent and reliable. And with golf club members, influenced by the lush courses they see on TV, demanding a uniform green colour all year, despite our climate, more and more greenkeepers have started looking at turf paint to keep golfers quiet. Turf paints can also be used to cover up scars caused by oil and fuel spillages, disease, drought or heavy use.

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Green Lawnger, made in the United States by Becker-Underwood, is the brand leader in this area. Many greenkeepers are also adding it to their divot mix since unrepaired divots can detract from well maintained turf.

This product is one of the diverse range of products distributed in the UK by Readingbased Amenity Technology, a new golden key member of BIGGA's Education and Development Fund.

"Painting turf will never be an alternative to good horticultural management and fertility programmes," says Carl Crome, Amenity Technology's managing director. "However, in certain situations when green turf is a must and difficult to achieve, a high quality turf paint is a solution which must be considered."

Adapted for Europe

Amenity Technology was set up in 1993 by Crome, ex-Rigby Taylor, EnviroGreen and Maxwell Hart. His aim was simple: to make available to British and European greenkeepers products that weren't already available to them as they strived to enhance the appearance of their courses and improve playing surfaces. He would do this by (a) importing some of the best products from places like the United States, Canada and Sweden and (b) by

Amenity Technology is always being asked by companies around the world to take on new products. But Carl says they probably take on only about 10% of these products because many of the ones they're offered are not right for the industry, they are too close to what is already available or they are totally unsuitable for European courses. However, he stresses he is always on the lookout for new products or ideas for new products. having 'European versions' of other useful products manufactured here.

As well as making greens greener, Amenity Technology can also make water bluer. Amenity Technology is also distributing Becker-Underwood's Lake Colorant Water Soluble Packets, a highly concentrated blend of dryflowable colourants that have undergone strict environmental testing at an independent laboratory. The water can still be used for other purposes such as irrigation without discolouring turf, concrete or other surfaces.

Another Becker-Underwood product that is also available in convenient water soluble packets is Define, a drift control adjuvant designed to keep fertiliser and pesticide sprays "on the mark". Define was developed in the USA to help reduce spray drift while crop-spraying from planes, an activity which has been outlawed in the UK. But if it can help prevent chemical trespass when it's being used by aerial equipment, it

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Amenity Technology's Carl Crome: "I see the management of golf courses becoming more professional"

should work even more effectively on the ground. It works by standardising the droplet size.

An example of a UK product being distributed by Amenity Technology is Turfex Traditional, which is being relaunched at BTME this month. Manufactured and developed by Service Chemicals, the Daventry-based company behind Turfex, this concentrated wetting and penetrating agent has been specially formulated for use on all types of turfgrass suffering from dry patch, drought stress, compaction and surface flooding.

To complement this product, Amenity Technology, which operates through a network of wellknown local dealers, has Go Green which combines all the benefits of concentrated liquid iron for green-up with a wetting agent. Another complementary product is the Spraywet wetting agent tablets, with each 250 gram tablet capable of treating 6-7 average size greens with a normal water pressure of 60-90 psi.

A new Service Chemicals product is Sward, a blend of polyalkoxylate surfactants for use with selective herbicides, mosskillers, fungicides, earthworm control products, insecticides and growth retardants. Whilst adjuvants (materials which may be tank mixed with pesticides to improve performance but have no pesticidal activity themselves) have been available in agriculture for many years, these materials are new to the amenity turfgrass market.

From Sweden, Amenity Technology is bringing the Hio holecutter. "It's three times as expensive as the cheapest holecutter on the market but it will last five times as long," claims Crome. "And it now comes with an unconditional offer of a guarantee against manufacturer's defects. That means that if a greenkeeper breaks his Hio (excluding shell blade), all they have to do is phone us with the part number and we will dispatch a replacement part to them free of charge." He also says it cuts holes in seconds, not minutes, because the hammer and single shell are incorporated in one and you don't need additional tools, such as mallets.

'I see greenkeepers having offices instead of sheds'

From Canada, Amenity Technology brings the Bayco range of golf course accessories. These include ball washers, flags, rakes, ball retrievers, tee markers and signs.

Other products on their books include Scuttle, a non-hazardous rabbit and deer repellent suitable for protecting turf and trees, the US Golf Hole Target ("which is ideal for putting greens as it prevents erosion and desiccation of the soil around the top of the hole") and the DTC-3 Spray Tank Cleaner which has been specially formulated for pesticide spray tanks.

"These products do not just make the greenkeeper's life easier, they enable him to maintain the course to a high standard as levels of play increase towards the year 2000. In fact, the need for half the products greenkeepers currently use – eg the expensive use of fungicides – and most of the products we sell, is a direct result of the increase in the amount of play on courses. The grasses now are under much more stress than when I entered this industry 18 years ago. So there is far more need now for more unique products, such as turf paint because grass has been damaged under stress or vandalised," says 38year-old Crome.

"The greenkeeper is under a lot more pressure to maintain a surface with a lot less available time to do the job. Therefore there is a need for these kind of products to be used to enhance courses. Also, greenkeepers are under more pressure to present a course well as the appearance of the course is becoming as important as the playing surfaces."

The future today

Amenity Technology markets these products under the slogan "The Future Today", so we asked Carl how he sees the future of greenkeeping.

"I see greenkeeping becoming more and more of a profession. I see the management of golf courses becoming more professional with greenkeepers given realistic budgets and using computers as much as greens machines. I see greenkeepers having offices instead of sheds, and becoming as highly regarded as course superintendents in the United States. I see education levels going up and as these go up the professionalism of the whole industry will increase. I also see more and more specialist products for solving one problem rather than one product that solves everything."

He also sees the use of pesticides being severely restricted over the next decade. "The products we distribute strengthen the grass against the problems which require pesticides to solve them, such as Go Green which will give an effective degree of preventive control against fungus attack or Turfex Traditional which assists dew dispersal, thus restricting disease development."

Amenity Technology will be launching many of these products eg Sward, Turfex Traditional plus a new drencher gun and a new liquid fertiliser, Pro Tein - at this month's BTME in Harrogate. Carl believes the future of trade shows lies with BIGGA and the Institute of Groundsmanship, which organises Saltex at Windsor. And he is convinced one 'umbrella' show organised by an outside company, such as P&O Events, would be a mistake. "The idea of having the BTME in Harrogate in January coupled with Saltex in Windsor in September is perfect, covering the north and south of the country. There is no need to have an additional show in London. Also, I don't see why people outside the industry should benefit. Any profits that are obtained by the show organisers should be put back into the industry for the education of greenkeepers and groundsmen as BIGGA and the IoG do."

Amenity Technology's support for the Association extends beyond exhibiting at Harrogate and advertising in *Greenkeeper International.* After only two years of trading, it has given £3,000 to BIGGA's Education and Development Fund.

Explaining why he did this, Carl said: "We believe in supporting and educating greenkeepers for the future because as the products we are introducing to the marketplace become more technically advanced the greenkeeper will need to be better educated to maximise the use and the advantages of these new products."

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Whose courses never close

This year's ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year is 50 years old and works on municipal courses – which he is never allowed to close. David Walden scooped the award – and a trip to America – after beating off four other regional winners in the national final at Aldwark Manor.

But he very nearly missed out on this prestigious title. He hadn't thought about entering the competition, which is now in its fifth year, because he mistakingly thought it was aimed at young greenkeepers working at posh private courses.

"The East of England section hadn't entered anyone for about three years so the secretary rang me up late one Sunday night and said, 'Look, someone's got to go in for it, I'm proposing you to do it.' I said, 'OK, put my name forward, I don't care'," said David, still gobsmacked by his success. "I never thought it would happen to an ordinary greenkeeper. But I'm glad it has because I think that it will change a lot of people's attitudes towards the competition. I'm sure a lot of people will be thinking now: if he can do it, well I can."

David, who is married with three sons, started greenkeeping 21 years ago after ten years working on a farm and four years working as a forestry and landscape operator with the Peterborough Development Corporation. When the PDC had a golf course built in 1973, they advertised for a head greenkeeper and David Walden will be giving a talk on aeration at the Cambridgeshire College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Landbeach Road, Milton, Cambridge, on February 14. There will also be talks on John Deere Machinery, Barenbrug Seeds, Hardi Sprayers, turf maintenance and irrigation equipment. For tickets and further details call Martin Crimmins on 0223 860701.

David persuaded them he was the man for the job. During his eight years as head greenkeeper he helped build a new 18-hole course and a 12-hole pitch and putt course, and was given the title of golf course superintendent. In 1988 the PDC started winding down its operations and putting everything out to tender. Nene Valley Golf Services won the contract and took on all the old staff who wanted to join them.

David kept his title and the responsibility for the two public courses – Thorpe Wood and Orton Meadows. He has also helped build two private courses – 18-hole Elton Furz and ninehole Eyebury, which opened last spring. All of the 18-hole courses have a staff of five including a head greenkeeper. The nine-hole course operates with two greenkeepers, one of whom, Graeme MacDonald, is the head greenkeeper.

David believes his award is a tribute to his

entire team. "I'm only as good as my staff. They've done it as much as me because there are some days I can't get out on the golf course because I'm bogged down with other things, such as keeping up with the latest legislation for this, that and the other."

But he is still very much a hands-on course manager. He says he has to be: "Everybody's on 20 days holiday a year and I've got four staff at college for 33 days a year each, so it's virtually one man off all the time, so I do have to get out there mowing etc." He savours these moments. "Sometimes it's nice to get out on a machine and let the drone of the engine outdo the drone of the telephone," he says.

This winter the staff on his public courses, which attract more than 60,000 rounds a year each, have been busy reshaping bunkers and aerating. The bunkers had to be reshaped and revetted because of the build up of sand in the adjacent mounds – nearly 2ft of pure sand in some cases. They have also been continuing their intensive aeration programme which includes hollow-coring and Verti-draining all 36 greens and then following this up six weeks later with a vibrating mole-plough. They also Verti-drain the walkways twice a year.

Even before his success in this competition, David had a busy winter planned. As chairman of BIGGA's East of England section and secretary of the local IoG section, he is heavily involved in organising their winter lecture



programmes. This month (January) he is going to Elmwood College for two weeks as part of his second year of distance learning to gain an HNC in greenkeeping and golf course management. And now in February he is off to San Francisco to attend the GCSAA show. It will be the second time he has attended this exhibition as he went to the one in New Orleans in 1992.

While he is away, he won't have to worry about his staff taking the decision to close the course. It's forbidden.

"We are not allowed to close the courses. Not even if there's frost or snow. I've seen them playing in 6in deep snow. After that they usually stop coming and the course closes itself. Most people will only play in so much. Of course you always get the odd idiot..."

But they're still allowed out, even if they're going to do more damage than the £8 green fee they're paying.

"The bosses will not close it for the simple reason that once you start closing golf courses people tend to look out the window and think 'Oh they'll be closed, we won't go there'. So they always keep Thorpe Wood and Orton Meadows open because people will think 'Ah, they're always open, we'll go there'. And, if when they get here the conditions look too bad and they don't want to play, they could then be tempted to spend that £8 in the shop."

Despite this, the Peter Alliss/Dave Thomas

Pictured left: A view across David Walden's Thorpe Wood golf course. Pictured right: Roger Mossop, marketing manager for Zeneca Professional Products, with Stefan Antolik, runner-up. Thirty eight year old Stefan, head greenkeeper at Cooden Beach GC, Bexhillon-Sea, East Sussex, wins a weekend for two in London including tickets for a West End show.

Third prizewinner is 36 year old Tom Murray, head greenkeeper at Ratho Park GC, Midlothian. He wins a weekend for two at Aldwark Manor.

The other two regional winners are Mark Webb, from Alresford GC, Hampshire and Paul Pearse, from Stockport GC, Cheshire.

designed Thorpe Wood looked in superb condition for both of the course visits involved in winning the ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year Award. After being nominated by their sections, 24 courses were inspected and the head greenkeepers/course managers interviewed. From these, five regional winners were found and their courses underwent another inspection, this time by ICI's Richard Minton and Scottish Region chairman Gordon Moir, the head greenkeeper at St Andrew's Eden course. The final hurdle on the way to the coveted title was an hour-long interview at Aldwark Manor with the candidates being quizzed by a four-man panel - Minton, Moir, ICI's (now Zeneca's) marketing manager Roger Mossop and BIGGA's executive director Neil Thomas. Points gained from this performance were added to those scored by the presentation of the course, maintenance facilities and records.

David scored exceptionally well in all areas. And the judges praised Thorpe Wood's appearance. "The course was well presented and maintained to a very good standard," said Mossop. "The sheds on the course were tidy, organised and the machinery well maintained. The course records, filing, compliance to HSE etc were also excellent. Bearing in mind that the course our judges visited was one of his pay-and-play courses, it was a true testament to David's greenkeeping and course management. He could have nominated one of the private courses which were under less pressure."



"I think we present the course as good as a lot of people present private courses," said David proudly. "But there's a lot more maintenance work goes into it because you're always combating wear, compaction, you've always got to be changing holes and tee markers (daily in the growing season), pushing people into different areas, raking bunkers daily, and switching greens daily," he added without once sounding as if he was complaining.

As Roger Mossop says: "David's enthusiasm is infectious. Here is a man who loves his job and has the full support and backing of his employers. This co-operation had obviously been earned by the respect they had for David's work.

"The fact that David had the experience of all aspects of the duties of a golf course superintendent as well as overseeing both private and pay-and-play courses certainly helped his case.

"The other feature of David's career that impressed me was that from humble beginnings he has worked hard to obtain the necessary qualifications via day-release, night school, and even correspondence courses. This at a time when many individuals would have switched off.

"As an added bonus David is very active within BIGGA and the IoG. All in all it was a unanimous decision, David fits the bill ideally and was a deserving and comprehensive winner of the ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year Award."

Could you be the next winner?

The annual search for a Premier Greenkeeper will continue with several modifications this year.

In future, the competition will be to find the Zeneca Premier Greenkeeper of the Year. The prizes for the winning head greenkeepers/course managers will remain the same, that is, a first prize of a trip to the GCSAA conference and exhibition in the USA, a second prize of a weekend for two in London and tickets for a top West End show and a third prize of a weekend for two at Aldwark Manor.

However, an additional prize of £500 will be awarded to the winning greenkeeper's team. Nominations for the competition may be from golf clubs, greenkeeping teams or individual greenkeepers and nominations must reach BIGGA headquarters by May 31 1995. Regions will then select three representatives to go forward to the final stages of the competition. Each of the three courses in each region will be visited by a representative of Zeneca Professional Products together with a BIGGA regional representative and they will select the five finalists. The finalists will have their courses reassessed by a Zeneca representative and a member of the BIGGA Board of Management before the final interview stage at Aldwark Manor. The final will take place at Aldwark Manor on December 4 1995.

Remember, the competition is to find the greenkeeper who gets the best from his course with the facilities that he has available and aims to recognise services to the greenkeeping industry.

If you are a course manager or head greenkeeper, a member of a successful greenkeeping team or a golf club that thinks their greenkeeping team deserve recognition then *enter now*. Write to Ken Richardson, education officer, BIGGA HQ, Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York Y06 2NF.



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Taking the lid off TOP DRESSING



Before you decide which topdressing to use, you've got to understand why you are topdressing in the first place, says John Hacker of Professional Sportsturf Design

Applying bulky topdressings to golf greens has become common practice on most golf courses. As all greenkeepers know, there are three main reasons why topdressings are applied to the greens: to level the putting surface; to help dilute and keep well aerated the surface thatch layer; to replace and improve the existing rootzone.

With the emphasis on fast putting surfaces, topdressing cannot only level the putting surface and give a consistent roll across the green, but also speed up the pace of the green. Light topdressings during the year can help increase green speed as well as help dilute thatch. Thatch, as we all know, is becoming a major problem on many courses, particularly those with very acidic rootzones. The development of thatch is not down to one particular problem, but is a combination of an acidic rootzone, high fertilisation, reduced microbial activity and vigorously growing grasses. In addition, the rate of water movement down to the drains has been rapidly reduced on soilbased greens due to compaction caused by heavy use, particularly during the wet winter months. The reduction in water flow has meant that the surface remains wetter longer which in turn reduces advantageous microbial activity and leads to the increase of organic matter at the surface. The rate of water infiltration is also closely associated with the rainfall of any particular golf course and its natural rate of evapotranspiration. This would lead us to believe that thatch may be more of a problem in the wetter and colder northern/western parts of the UK and less of a problem in the warmer, drier southern

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and south eastern parts of the country. Given that thatch is not caused by one particular problem, topdressing can help by keeping the thatch layer more aerated and less wet, which encourages more microbial activity and therefore more natural breakdown of surface organic matter.

Topdressings can also be used to change the surface pH of the green in a slow but consistent way either up or down. As implied earlier, thatch is not always a problem on every course in the UK. Some courses I have visited do not have a thatch problem and this is normally associated with naturally free draining greens having a pH in the region of 6.5 to 7.2.

Topdressings can also help improve the existing rootzone albeit rather slowly. With long hollow tines, the concept of rootzone or soil exchange has been understood for many years. This allows us to change the rootzone by deep coring and removing the existing soil slowly over a period of time. Suitable topdressings are then applied to replace the material removed. There are a number of problems with this procedure in that it does depend on what is beneath the improved layer as to

how effective it is. For instance, if a green is hollow cored frequently at the same level a pan may develop at that level causing a reduction in water flow to the drains below. In another, instance, hollow coring over heavy clay subsoil may only

lead to a greater depth of wet rootzone if the water only sits on the impervious clay beneath. So it is important that the green as a whole is looked at to make sure that water can enter freely into the surface and also drain freely away from the base. It is very easy to create a perched water table where water sits in the sandy topdressing layer over the top of an impervious base. It is not unknown for greens with this problem to shake like a jelly when walked on during the winter period when they are effectively full of water. The outcome, as we all know, is a shallow rooted green usually with a thick thatch laver which therefore footprints badly giving a poor putting surface. The sward is usually composed of *Poa annua* and is therefore more subject to fungal disease attack.

Physical properties

So now we have considered the reasons why we apply topdressings, what are the physical properties required of a topdressing? Golf green topdressings today are primarily composed of sand particles with small amounts of silt, clay and organic matter added to help retain water and nutrients. In an ideal world the topdressing should match precisely the existing rootzone. For greenkeepers with new greens composed of ideal rootzone material then it is easy to match the topdressing with the existing rootzone. Clearly, this is of no benefit when the existing rootzone may be a heavy clay loam which has compacted over a number of years and is in effect fairly impermeable. To enable rapid infiltration of rainwater and to prevent interpacking it is important that topdressing or rootzone for that matter, has most of the particles in two adjacent sand band ranges. Examples of rootzones available on the market today include the following:

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At present it is not common practice to undertake hydraulic conductivity readings on top dressings, but this may be important in the future as the particle ranges within each of the bands above can vary dramatically. So although there may be a certain percentage of sand within say the medium band, how much is at the top end of that range or at the bottom end of that range? In addition, sands can be different shapes (rounded/angular) and this can affect how they interpack and therefore drain. So there is still some way to go on achieving uniformity and consistent performance of topdressing materials.

In addition to the physical properties of the topdressings the chemical attributes must also be considered. It is not common to undertake nutrient analysis on topdressing materials, but it is assumed that nutrient content of these products are going to be low. It is not uncommon though for greenkeepers to see a greening up response to the application of topdressings, although it is not clear whether this is nutrient within the topdressing or the effect of the previous tining operation encouraging natural breakdown of the surface thatch. There is no doubt though that any topdressing material containing organic matter or soil will have very small proportions of the macro and micro nutrient, particularly iron which some sands are naturally coated in. Perhaps the major point to consider is the lime content of any topdressing. A high pH topdressing may or may not have a high lime content. However, a topdressing with a high lime content will retain a high pH for some considerable time depending upon how much lime it contains. A common source of lime within a topdressing is shell which is found in seashore sands or sea-dredged sands. In the short term, the

problem with sand containing a high lime content is the effect it might have on the disease 'take-all patch'. This has been shown to be promoted by a change in the surface pH of the green and, of course, is extremely damaging to bent grass swards.

Nowadays it is assumed that topdressings are sterilised. This is to kill weed seeds and harmful fungi. In addition, the sterilisation act usually burns off excessive moisture, thereby reducing the water content of the topdressing and making it easier to apply. Sterilisation is probably one of those areas which has not been seriously looked at in a production sense. For instance, we do not know how much weed seed or harmful fungi might be present in any individual source of rootzone material. It is generally assumed that sand is inert, although we have recently seen the effects of dry patch disorder which have been associated with fungal depositions on sand

grains. It is certainly more likely that weed seeds will be present within any topsoil and to a lesser extent the organic matter used to mix with the sand. It is likely that every topdressing is going to be slightly different and so sterilisation is probably a safe bet. Clearly, it is very important that we do not apply weeds to the surface of our greens inadvertently and especially not pernicious weeds. While it is possible to control broadleaved weeds, weed grasses such as Poa annua could easily be brought in with an unsterilised topdressing. This is certainly an area where further work could be undertaken by each manufacturer on its own source material to determine the needs of that particular product.

Choosing suppliers

After stating the need for suppliers to be vigilant over the material they use and how they process it, which suppliers should you use? I suppose we can divide suppliers into three categories, those that have their own sands, those that have their own sand and soil and those that have their own soils. In addition there is the middle man who does not have any raw material himself but buys in both sand and soil and mixes them as a service to the greenkeeper prior to selling them with a small profit for that service. There are, as most greenkeepers know, a number of well known sands used throughout the UK. These include sands such as Leighton Buzzard, Kingsley Washed, New Platt Wood, White Moss, Chelford and a number of others. The reason the sands are considered good is they are uniform, plentiful, accessible and in the particle ranges required for golf greens (medium/fine, medium/coarse). There are of course a lot more quarries around the country, some of which will also contain sand suitable for application to golf greens. Some courses themselves will be able to quarry their own sand and apply it to the greens as they have done for many many years.

If you are considering buying your topdressing material from a supplier there are a number of questions which you should ask of that company:

a) Has the company a reputation for producing consistent materials?b) Can they provide you with full technical details of the materials, such as particle size analysis, pH and lime content? Does the company undertake regular, ie monthly, analysis of its materials to make sure it is maintaining its quality?

c) Is the material sterilised prior to delivery?

d) What reserves of materials do the company have, so that they can provide you with the same topdressing in say 5 or 10 years time? This is particularly important for the topsoil which is perhaps the most variable of the topdressing ingredients.

e) How does the supplier deliver the material and what are the backup services available, ie is the material delivered on time in the size of wagon you require and covered to prevent it from getting wet?

It is not possible to give a definitive list of suppliers as many market their material not only under their own name but for other retailing companies.

So at the end of the day which topdressing should you use? Well



this is not an easy answer as it depends upon your particular greens, their rootzone and their current state. It is not necessarily good for instance to use a very high quality topdressing which may be very expensive if it does not match up with your existing rootzone. It is quite possible to end up with a perched water table overlaying your existing rootzone as mentioned earlier. In addition, changing from topdressing to topdressing can create root breaks occurring in the top 50-75mm of the green. This means that roots do not go into the soil itself and the whole turf can lift like a carpet when hollow cored. So is it true that you should use a cheap economy topdressing on soil based greens? Again it

depends upon the existing green and its rootzone. Any topdressing used should be naturally free draining and should not compact, so this sets minimum standards to start with. High quality, uniform topdressings may not always be the best solution, but poor quality topdressings are seldom the answer.

To determine which topdressing you should use, the important thing is to understand why you are topdressing, and what you are trying to achieve by applying this topdressing. Once you have determined this and what your existing rootzone is composed of, you can decide what topdressing is most suitable for your golf green. Ideally you should try and match the rootzone as much as

possible, although this will not be possible on soil-based greens which are probably suffering under heavy winter play. It may be that in some instances topdressing is not the answer to the problem that you have and a more radical solution may be required. Whatever you do, use the same material consistently over a number of years and do not switch from one analysis to another. This does not mean that you need to stay with the same supplier, but make sure that the analysis is consistent from year to year. It may sound like buying a topdressing is like walking through a minefield, but take heart, many of the larger topdressing suppliers are making big efforts to improve their quality and consistency and to highlight the quality differences between themselves and cheaper alternatives. There is no doubt that you will have to pay for quality, consistency and uniformity, but in the long term that additional cost is well worth paying.

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The BIGGA National Education Conference takes place in the Majestic Hotel, Harrogate, from January 23-24. The Educational Seminar Programme, which runs concurrently with the exhibition, will be held in the Harrogate International Centre's Royal Hall - entrance from Hall C.

BTME is open from 9am on all three days. It closes at 5.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday and 1.30pm on Friday.

Entry to the exhibition is FREE but unless you have pre-registered you will need to complete a registration card at the entrance to the show.

WHAT'S ON AND WHEN

MONDAY 23 JANUARY, MAJESTIC HOTEL

NATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE Chairman: Dr Peter Hayes, Director, Sports Turf Research Institute

8.50am: Introduction: Barry Heaney, Vice Chairman, BIGGA

9.00am - 9.40am: An Overview of European Golf Course Ecology David Stubbs, Executive Director, European Golf Association Ecology Unit

9.40am - 10.00am: Golf Courses and the Environment - Council for the Protection of Rural England's View Neil Sinden, Assistant Secretary, CPRE

10.00am - 10.20am: Aspects to Consider when Tree Planting on Golf Courses Wally Grice, Woodland Officer, The Forestry Authority

10.40am - 11.20am: Managing the Ecology of the Golf Course

Bob Taylor, STRI

11.20am - 12.00noon: The Layman's Guide to Irrigation Martin Smith, Head Greenkeeper, Ramsdale Park Golf Centre

12.00 - 12.30pm: Questions to the Panel

2.00pm - 2.40pm: Agronomy - the Seven Obstacles and how to overcome them

Andy Campbell, Course Manager, Carden Park Golf Club

2.40pm - 3.20pm: Benefits of Turf Grasses to **Environmental Issues**

Dr James Beard, President, International Sports Turf Institute and Professor Emeritus, Turfgrass Science, Texas A&M University

3.40pm - 4.20pm: Reconstruction of the 7th Green on the Tournament Course

Michael Wattam, Head Greenkeeper, East Sussex National Golf Club

4.20pm - 5.00pm: Putting it all into Perspective Billy McMillan, Course Manager, Wildwood Golf Club

5.00pm - 5.30pm: Questions to the Panel

7.00pm for 7.30pm: CONFERENCE DINNER

With entertainment by the Rainbow Jazz Band, a seven piece band playing traditional Dixieland Jazz, led by Willy Hirst.

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY, MAJESTIC HOTEL 9.00am - 9.40am: Water Quality Management - Ponds and Lakes

9.40am - 10.00am: Meteorological Effects Mr RA Murray, Manager, Leeds Weather Centre

10.00am - 10.20am: Water - Use it Wisely Geoff Bell, Water Quality Manager, NRA Thames Region

10.40am - 11.20am: Irrigation Techniques Phillip York, Phillip York Associates

11.20am - 12.00noon: Communication - We Thought We Had it Right and then Came the AGM Duncan McGilvray, Course Manager, Letchworth Golf Club

12.00 - 12.30pm: Questions to the Panel

2.00pm - 2.40pm: The Evolution of the London Golf Club - Natural Resource Management Joe Paulin, Courses Manager, London Golf Club

2.40pm - 3.20pm: Perseverance, Pride and Professionalism - an overview of Patsull Park Hotel, **Golf and Country Club** Geoff Allinson, Course Manager, Patsull Park Golf Club

3.40pm - 4.20pm: Working Together in Sweden Stig Persson and Hakan Eriksson, Swedish Golf Federation

4.20pm - 5.00pm: Continuing Environmental Research and Education James F Moore, Director, Green Section, Mid-Continent Region, United States Golf Association

5.00pm - 5.30pm: Questions to the Panel

5.30pm: Summing Up John Millen, Chairman, BIGGA

WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY, ROYAL HALL SEMINAR PROGRAMME

9.00am: Ribbon cutting to open BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition, Entrance Hall A

SEMINAR PROGRAMME - SESSION A 10.30-11.00: THE OPEN 1994 George Brown, Golf Courses and Estates Manager, Turnberry

11.00-12.00: WAS IT WORTH IT?

Kerran Daly, Master Greenkeeper, Course Manager Salisbury and Wiltshire Golf Club; Anthony Davies, Master Greenkeeper and ICI Premier Greenkeeper 1990, Course Manager Prestbury GolfClub: Bridie Redican, Toro/Lely/PGA European Tour Student Greenkeeper of the Year 1993, Adare Manor Hotel and Golf Club.

SEMINAR PROGRAMME - SESSION B 1.30-2.00 pm: Golf Course Management in The Highlands lain Macleod, Course Manager, Tain Golf Course

2.00-2.30 pm: Ashridge - the Last Five Years Jim Cassidy, Course Manager, Ashridge Golf Club

2.30-3.00 pm: A Greenkeeper's Guide to Working with **Golf Course Architects**

Cameron Sinclair, Chairman, British Institute of Golf Course Architects

SEMINAR PROGRAMME - SESSION C 3.30-4.30 pm: Practical Management of a Complex

Environment James F Moore, Director, Green Section, Mid-Continent Region, USGA

8.30pm: KARAOKE NIGHT

A karaoke night will be held in The Majestic Hotel hosted by Jonathan Reece of the Fun Time Music Company, featuring an all star cast ... of greenkeepers.

THURSDAY 26 JANUARY, ROYAL HALL

SEMINAR PROGRAMME - SESSION D 9.30-10.00am: Budgeting for Golf Course Management Colin Hegarty, Golf Research Group

10.00-10.30am: A Secretary's View Brian Carnie, Managing Secretary, Broadway Golf Club

SEMINAR PROGRAMME - SESSION E 11.00-11.30am: Rabbit and Vermin Control Dr I G McKillop, Central Science Laboratory

11.30-12.00pm: Plant and Grass Breeding Dr David Patterson, Turfgrass Breeder, Northern Ireland Horticultural and Plant Breeding Station

SEMINAR PROGRAMME - SESSION F 1.30-3.00pm: European Forum

Dennis Mortram, Senior Greenkeeping Lecturer, Reaseheath College; Tommy Lindelof, Chief Executive, Swedish Greenkeepers Association; Joe Baidy, President, GCSAA; Peter Shaw, Course Manager, Riedhof Golf Club, Munich

SEMINAR PROGRAMME - SESSION G 3.30-4.30pm: Health and Safety Update Douglas Shearer, Health and Safety Consultant

7.30pm for 8.00pm: EXHIBITION BANQUET

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FRIDAY 27 JANUARY, ROYAL HALL

SEMINAR PROGRAMME - SESSION H 10.00-11.30am: International Turfgrass Trends Dr James Beard, President, International Sports Turf Institute and Professor Emeritus of Turf Grass Science, Texas A&M University



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 Major bodies within golf will also be represented, including the British Institute of Golf Course Architects, the British Association of Golf Course Constructors, the taries, the National Turfgrass Council, the Sports Turf Research Institute, the Greenkeepers Training Committee and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

◆ The education element, which starts on Monday January 23 with the BIGGA National Education Conference, followed by the Educational Seminar Programme, features world-class speakers. Topics for discussion include ecology, irrigation, international turfgrass trends, budgeting and health and safety updates.

• The pleasant Yorkshire town of Harrogate is easily accessible by road, rail, sea and air. The exhibition centre is one of the best appointed in the country. All events are within easy walking distance.

Members are reminded that the Association's AGM will take place on Wednesday January 25 at 5.45pm in the Majestic Hotel, Harrogate. Admission is on production of a current BIGGA membership card. You are also asked to wear your BTME badges so your barcode can be 'scanned' in with a light pen. This will cut down the usual queues as members line up to sign a visitors' book. Copies of the audited accounts for the year ended September 30 1994 are now available from section secretaries.



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SPEAKER PROFILES

NATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

What should we look out for during the installation of a new irrigation system? How did we water our courses before irrigation? What makes a good irrigation system? These are just some of the questions that Martin Smith, head greenkeeper at Ramsdale Park Golf Centre, near Nottingham, will answer during his lecture at the National Education Conference. Martin, 42, has a unique view of irrigation since he is a greenkeeper who spent ten years as an irrigation installation engineer working all over Britain and Europe.

With the environmental issue becoming more and more important, greenkeepers cannot afford to miss ecologist Bob Taylor's talk on 'Managing the Ecology of the Golf Course'. Bob joined the STRI as an advisory agronomist in August 1989 after graduating from Sheffield University with a BSc honours degree in botany. Before going to university he worked for 11 years as a supervisory electrician with British Coal. At the STRI he advises a variety of sports clubs throughout the north of England on general maintenance but his real speciality is ecological matters particularly on golf courses where woodland management or sites of scientific interest are involved.



Want to know what the Council for the Protection of Rural England has to say about golf courses and the environ-

ment? Then don't miss Neil Sinden's talk. Neil is the assistant secretary of the CPRE.



Thinking of planting some trees on your course? Get some tips from an expert. Wally Grice, a woodland officer with the

Forestry Authority (part of the Forestry Commission), has been working in forestry for 17 years. He now covers the Craven, Harrogate and Selby area. At the National Education Conference 33-year-old Wally will be covering 'Aspects to Consider When Tree Planting on Golf Courses'. Geoff Allinson, 27, is course manager at Patsull Park Golf Club, an 18-hole parkland course. Geoff took up the post in 1993 after growing in a 27-hole pay-and-play facility close to Telford in Shropshire. Before that he was involved, as an assistant, with the growing-in of the Wisley Club in Surrey. His talk is about 'Perseverance, pride and professionalism – the three qualities every greenkeeper should possess.



The £40m London Golf Club in Kent opened to much acclaim last summer. Its courses manager, Joe Paulin, will tell

delegates all about it during his talk on 'The Evolution of the London Golf Club – Natural Resource Management'. Joe is a 44-year-old American who has a BS degree in agronomy from the Purdue University. He has worked at some of the world's best courses including Clandeboye Golf Club in Bangor, Northern Ireland, and The Gleneagles Hotel in Scotland. '

Irrigation consultant Philip York will explain how operating costs can be reduced with proper system design/installation and good management. The right selection and spacing of sprinklers is critical if the system is to be efficient. How to achieve a reasonably uniform application of water is just one of the questions answered in his talk. Philip began in the irrigation industry in 1962, initially designing agricultural systems for the Eastern Counties Farmers Ltd's irrigation department. He has also worked for Wright Rain Ltd and the Toro Company, rising to managing director of their UK subsidiary before leaving in 1985 to set up his own consultancy. He now specialises in irrigation for golf courses.



gramme. Stig, 46, worked for five years as head greenkeeper at Barseback G&CC and spent another five years as an installation manager for Rain Bird in Sweden before becoming general manager of Ljunghusen GC, a 27hole seaside course on the southwest corner of Sweden. Hakan is 33 years old and started working for the SGF as an agronomist in 1990. "In my work I give advice to about 30 golf clubs about running of the course. I am also responsible for research and experiments in course running within the Swedish Golf Federation," he tells 115

The main themes of the National Education Conference are ecology, agronomy and irrigation. Billy McMillan, course manager at the Wildwood Golf Club, will put it all into perspective for us. Billy, one of Jack McMillan's boys, has been a head greenkeeper for more than 18 years, including spells at Cray Valley GC, Badgemore Park GC, Sunningdale GC, Effingham GC before starting at Wildwood in 1991.

BTME SEMINAR SPEAKERS

Dr David Patterson is a turfgrass breeder at the Northern Ireland Horticultural and Plant Breeding Station, which is situated in the heart of County Armargh. His seminar is about plant and grass breeding. He will explain how grasses are cross-fertilised and new varieties are synthesised by crossing parental varieties which have complementary characteristics. Much of the parental material is selected from old golf courses. Dr Patterson has an honours degree in agricultural science and a PhD in applied plant science from the Queens University of Belfast.

Jim Cassidy, 35, has been in greenkeeping for 16 years and has spent 11 years as a head greenkeeper. He is currently course manager at Ashridge Golf Club and plans to tell seminar goers about his five years there, his relationship with the National Trust, the geology and wildlife on site, the management structure in the club, improvements brought about by investment in modern machinery, a new machine store and new staff facilities. Greenkeepers may be asked to manage rabbits, badgers, squirrels, rats, moles or Canada geese. Or they may have to supervise the management operations of a pest control company. Either way, greenkeepers will encounter problems. The types of problems will be discussed by Dr Gordon McKillop of the Central Science Laboratory in Worplesdon, Surrey. He has 15 years experience of research into wild rabbits, particularly management techniques and damage assessment. He has also designed and tested the nonlethal electrified grids which have been installed in the Channel Tunnel as one means of preventing rabid animals crossing through the Tunnel from France.

The British Institute of Golf Course Architects' chairman, Cameron Sinclair, will be giving a talk entitled 'Modern Golf Course Design allied to Modern golfer Maintenance.' Keen Cameron started his golf course design career with the firm of Cotton (CK), Pennink, Steel and Partners Ltd soon after graduating from Heriot Watt University with a degree in landscape architecture. In 1986, through an association with Graham Marsh, Cameron was given the opportunity of working in Australia on the design of a new resort course. Eighteen months after construction started the result was the prestigious Palm Meadows Golf Course. Cameron was then offered a job as a senior designer with Marsh's organisation and stayed in Australia for two years designing two new resort courses in Queensland. He is now operating as an independent golf course architect based in the UK.



Joseph Baidy, president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America will talk about the United

States' view of Europe during the third European Forum. The Forum is aimed at greenkeepers in Europe and Sweden's Tommy Lindelof and Peter Shaw, who works in Germany, are among the other speakers. Dennis Mortram from Reaseheath College will give an overview of greenkeeper training in England.

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ALS supply and advise on the use of a wide range of turf related products and services, i.e. pesticides, fertilizers, seed and top dressing. All our staff are highly qualified and are always at your service. ALS "Contract Services" apply herbicides and other pesticides in accordance with the standards laid down by the NAAC and Monsanto's Quality Circle. We are widely accepted as being the best in the business and in addition to all this we carry out a full free agronomy service. Our ultimate aim is to breathe fresh life back into golf courses.

AMENITY TECHNOLOGY LTD Stand No. C55 286 Kings Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 4HP, Tel: 01734 510033 Fax: 01734 510044 Contact: Carl Crome

Back to the future, stand C55 will see the relaunch of Turfex traditional wetting agent, back due to popular demand.



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Also featured will be BAYCO golf equipment, Service Chemicals, Scuttle and the full Becker-Underwood Range of products

AQUILA SHELTERS LIMITED Stand No. B20A Claremont House, St Georges Road, Bolton, Lancashire, Tel: 0204 22424 Fax: 0204 365110 **Contact: Mrs Janice McFarland**

The Aquila Sheltent system provides an attractive alternative to a conventional building for a new clubhouse or an extension to an existing facility. Utilising its modular principle the required size and shape can be designed, manufactured and installed in minimal time and at a highly competitive cost. The Sheltent's all-weather capabilities have been thoroughly tested and proven since its introduction in 1987, and the durability of the materials used in its construction ensures a long and trouble free life. And if more space is needed in the future then additional modules can easily be added.

ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE Stand No. C38 Askham Bryan, York, North Yorkshire, YO2 3PR,

Tel: 0904 702121 Fax: 0904 702629 **Contact: Nick Bissett**

Askham Bryan College is the centre approved by the Greenkeepers Training Committee for all levels of Greenkeeper Training.

Block Release: Greenkeeping: one day per week: NVQ levels 1-2, City & Guilds phase 3-4.

Full-Time: Higher National Diploma Business & Finance with Golf Management. Higher National Diploma Horticulture with Golf Management.

Both full-time courses run for 3 years. The middle year is spent in paid employment.

For more information on these and other courses come and chat to us on Stand No. C38.

ASSOCIATION OF GOLF CLUB SECRETARIES Stand No. C1A

7a Beaconsfield Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1YE, Tel: 0934 641166 Fax: 0934 644254 **Contact: Ray Burniston**

Membership is currently just over 1800 consisting of Secretaries and Managers of clubs also a small number of retired Secretaries. The Association offers from its headquarters at Weston-super-Mare advice on all aspects of Golf Club Management. It also runs training courses for new and intending Secretaries and seminars, conferences and national and regional meetings for its members.

ATTERTON & ELLIS LIMITED Stand No. A7 Iron Works, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 8QH, Tel: 0440 702312 Fax: 0440 712138

Contact: David Smith

For over 100 years, Atterton & Ellis have led the field with their innovative range of grinding machines.

On show will be the 'top-of-the-range' Express Dual '2000' the perfected answer for those who wish to sharpen both 'in-situ', with the cylinder still in the cutting unit and sharpen just as efficiently with the cylinder removed.

This feature packed cylinder grinder is the latest in a long line of successful dual models and includes a Relief Grinding Attachment and an electric drive Lifting Table.

The Anglemaster '2000' bottom blade grinder will also be shown featuring power traverse and coolant attachment.

AVONCROP AMENITY PRODUCTS Stand No: C13

Northfield, Station Road, Sandford, Nr Bristol, BS19 5RA, Tel: 0934 820868 Fax: 0934 820546 **Contact: David Padfield**

The Avoncrop group of companies are one of the country's largest distributors of chemicals, fertilisers, grass seed, topdressings, line marking materials, sports equipment and general horticultural sundries. A warm welcome awaits both existing and new customers to the stand where technical staff will be available to discuss your needs and help solve any problems you may have in turf management

BAILEYS OF NORFOLK Stand No. A13 Brick Kiln Road, Hevingham, Norwich, Norfolk, Tel & Fax: 0603 754607

Contact: Alan Bailey Display of Turf Dressings, Norfolk Fen Soils and Sands etc.

Come and say hello to NEIL THOMAS Executive Director on the BIGGA stand, C50, at Harrogate.

BARENBRUG UK LTD Stand No. A24

PO Box 2, Rougham Industrial Estate, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP30 9NW, Tel: 0359 270766 Fax: 0359 71021

Contact: Michel Mulder

Barenbrug's leadership in turfgrass is yet again confirmed with the release of the 1995 STRI - Bingley Turfgrass Seed Report

On hand at BTME will be Managing Director Michel Mulder and his team to explain how Barenbrug continue to set the pace in new product development.

On display will be some of the sector leading varieties, such as: Barcrown which remains at the top of the Slender Creeping Red Fescue table, joined at number eight position by the Barenbrug newcomer Barlander. Amongst the top ten Chewings Fescues Barenbrug now has three varieties -Bargreen, Baruba and Baroxi.

Heriot and Bardot dominate Agrostis tenuis, the variety now considered advisable in fine leaved, close mown turfgrass

For use on fairways and tees, the dwarf perennial ryegrass Barclay and stable mate Barcredo are amongst the top six.

E P BARRUS LTD Stand No. C10

Launton Road, Bicester, Oxfordshire, OX6 OUR, Tel: 0869 253355 Fax: 0869 321585 Contact: Mr M Mitchell

Barrus will be featuring the Victa range of lawnmowers for the professional now available with 2-stroke and 4-stroke engines. All Victa lawnmowers are designed for easy servicing and backed by Barrus considerable spares and aftersales service. Also on display will be a range of specialist products for Turf Management including aerators, spreaders, brushcutters and blowers.

BETTER METHODS - EUROPE Stand No. B35

Brantwood House, Kimberely Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, Tel: 0202 740142 Fax: 0202 722300

Contact: Richard Horner

Better MethodS are showing their range of popular hand tools and turfcare equipment essential for the preparation and maintenance of all fine turf areas. Included are Soil Samplers, Turf Repair Tools, Levelawn lutes and Aerators. Special tools for golf courses include the well known Turfmaster Golf Hole Cutter and the official U.S.G.A. Stimpmeter which is the essential tool for regulating golf green speeds. Also featured are American Eagle golf course accessories, JonJo and MIKKO bunker rakes, a range of excellent plastic Barrier Chains and Posts and the Bray Seed Slotter for overseeding worn turf areas. Our catalogue gives details of the full range and prices.

BLAZON EUROPE Stand No. B43

24 The Badgers, Langdon Hills, Basildon, Essex, SS16 6AU, Tel: 0268 413798 Fax: 0268 416434 **Contact: Richard Fry**

Blazon spray pattern indicator takes the guess work out of spraying. Visitors to the Blazon Europe stand will be able to discuss at first hand how the use of this unique water soluble, non staining spray pattern indicator can maximise application effectiveness, improve spraying efficiencies and encourage chemical economies.

Through the use of Blazon in the spray solution unnecessary spray overlap is eliminated, double dosing is prevented, missed areas are identified, drift risk is revealed and faulty nozzles are detected. Visitors will also have the chance to obtain a free spray operators application aid and to participate in a promotion to win for their club or organisation a brand new Hardi amenity spraying machine.

BLEC

Stand No. B47B

73 Riverside, Deeping Gate, Peterborough, PE6 9AR, Tel: 0778 342829 Fax: 0778 341098 **Contact: Gary Mumby**

BLEC will be exhibiting some new products on their show stand number B47B to complement their already extensive range of construction and maintenance equipment. New machinery for 1995 includes a pedestrian overseeder, a range of attachments for Honda 2 wheel tractors, including turf cutters, aerators, brushes, flail mowers, rotary mowers, renovators, also a new hydroseeder model has been developed for transporting on light trucks and trailers, ideal for golf course construction and renovation works. The experienced BLEC staff will be on hand to welcome all visitors both existing and new on their stand.

BOUGHTON LOAM LTD/TURF MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Stand No. C54A

Telford Way, Telford Way Industrial Estate, Kettering, Northants, NN16 8UN, Tel: 0536 510515 Fax: 0536 510691

Contact: Mike Franklin

Boughton Loam Ltd and Turf Management Systems will be showing their range of turf dressings, root zones, grass seed, pre-germinated seed and "Liquid Sod" spray on grass in a three dimensional display and look forward to meeting old friends and new to see the products of tomorrow.

BOURNE AMENITY

Stand No. C16 Newenden, Chanbrook, Kent, TN18 5QG,

Tel: 01797 252298 Fax: 01797 253115 Contact: Janet Gardner/Dick Reid

Bourne Amenity, marketing Tilcon products in the South are jointly representing their complete range of amenity products available nationwide. Market leading products such as Dunlop Sports Sand, Harden Redtrack pathway material and high quality mixed top dressings and rootzones are all on show. Throughout 1994 more and more public authorities and contractors have recognised the qualities of Tilcon Dunlop sports sands and specified their use. In 1995 it is anticipated that they will become increasingly regarded as the silica sands to use on all amenity projects.

BOYD GOLF COURSE ACCESSORIES Stand No. C54

67 Gray's Hill, Bangor, Co. Down, Tel: 01247 271163 Fax: 01247 471136 **Contact: John Boyd**

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manufacturer will be showing for the first time at BTME and hope to offer Greenkeepers from near and far the opportunity to see the full range of tools and accessories. Items to be on show will include the "Elete" hole cutter both long and short handled. The combination hole cup puller setter trimmer. The Boyd aluminium hole cups which are machined both on the outside and the inside to allow the fitting of a white hole cup liner for those special competitions, along with many other tools and accessories of interest. Call and see, all will be welcome.

BRIAN D PIERSON (CONTRACTOR) LTD Stand No. C30 Homestead Farm, Ringwood Road, Three Legged

Cross, Wimbourne, Dorset, BH2 6QY, Tel: 0202 822372 Fax: 0202 826447 Contact: Lisa J Pierson

Brian D Pierson (Contractors) Ltd are pleased to be attending the exhibition this year. Our stand will feature golf course construction details of some of our most recent projects, including the new P.G.A. course at 'The Belfry', 'Harleyford' estate on the river Thames and many more. Our specialist maintenance division is featured with the vertidrain fleet and core master machine. P.P.M., Pierson Project Management, for golf course development, feasibility, management etc., will also be included on our stand. We look forward to seeing you.

BRITISH AND INTERNATIONAL GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION Stand No. C50

Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York, YO6 2NF, Tel: 01347 838581 Fax: 01347 838864 Contact: Neil Thomas, John Pemberton, Ken Richardson, Bill Lynch, Chris Boiling, Carol Dutton, Louise Lunn, Samantha Flint, Pauline Thompson, Clare Douglas, Sami Collins

BIGGA welcomes all visitors to Harrogate once again. The Association is delighted to be organising the event which in its seventh year has developed into the largest indoor exhibition and educational seminar programme throughout Europe. At the BIGGA stand you will be able to obtain all current BIGGA literature and be updated on developments within the Association. Details of membership of the Association will be available and for those so wishing there will





BRITISH AND INTERNATIONAL GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (NORTHERN REGION)

Stand No. C41A 5 Lynam Way, Madeley, Crewe, Cheshire, CW3 9HX, Tel: 0782 750539 Mobile:0850 235554 Contact: Bob Lupton

Meeting point for Northern Region members to find out what is happening in their area in 1995 – social events, educational lectures and golf events. Details also available of Northern Regional Seminar on Health and Safety at the Tytherington Golf and Country Club in March.

The Region's Patrons (Course Care, Rhône-Poulenc, D&E Turf Maintenance, Link Leisure and Aitkens) will also be in attendance to meet members.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE CONSTRUCTORS

Stand No. A14 Ashwells Road, Bentley, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9SR, Tel: 0202 822372/0858 464346

Fax: 0202 826447/0858 434734

Contact: Lisa Pierson/Tim Banks/Jim Bull

At a recent meeting of the B.A.G.C.C. a great deal of discussion took place regarding ways to attract more members whilst retaining the very high criteria for which the Association is known. Although there is to be no slackening of the rules by which new members will be accepted into the heart of the Constructor's Association, it was recognised that there are many other professionals involved in associated fields who could contribute to the Association by becoming Affiliate Members. It is probably not generally known that Provisional Membership is available for Constructors who partially fulfil the criteria, as an interim prior to becoming full members.

Further information please contact the Hon. Secretary, Tim Banks, telephone 0858 464346.

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF GOLF COURSE ARCHITECTS

Stand No. C41

Administrative Office, The Pheasantry, Godstone Road, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9NQ, Tel: 0883 712072 Fax: 0883 730376

Contact: Sheila Furnival

The British Institute of Golf Course Architects are the representative body of the leading European Golf Course Architects.

A selection of members will be on the exhibition booth to assist potential developers of Golf Courses and answer technical enquiries relevant to Golf Course Design including: Feasilibity Studies, detailed designs of new courses worldwide, re-modeling and upgrading of existing courses and general consultancy.

BRITISH OVERHEAD IRRIGATION LIMITED Stand No. C18

Upper Halliford Green, Shepperton, Middlesex, TW17 8SB, Tel: 0932 788301/4 Fax: 0932 780437

Contact: Gerry Wilkins

If you have an interest in golf course irrigation systems C18 is a 'must visit' stand. B.O.I.L are staging a comprehensive display of popular tried and tested equipment including conventional and valve-in-head pop-up sprinklers, high efficiency solenoid valves, electronic control systems, associated hardware and Hunter's new PSC con-



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BRITISH SEED HOUSES LTD

Stand No. A12

Bewsey Industrial Estate, Pitt Street, Warrington, Cheshire, WA5 5LE, Tel: 01925 654411 Fax: 01925 416676

Contact: Jonathan Franks

The company will be exhibiting a model of a golf course illustrating where there Grade "A" range of grass seed mixtures can be sown. B.S.H. is fortunate in being able to offer market leading cultivars that have all been well rated in independent trials carried out at the Sports Turf Research Institute. Well proven cultivars such as Freida and Olivia Chewing Fescue, that give quick establishment and hard wear, with an excellent root formation, Logro Slender Creeping Red Fescue that has a naturally prostrate habit of growth, Julia Smooth Stalked Meadow Grass for hard wear and Duchess Bent.

BTME '96 Stand No. C50

Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York, YO6 2NF, Tel: 01347 838581 Fax: 01347 838864 Contact: Louise Lunn

BTME '96 information and booking forms will be available from Louise Lunn on the BIGGA Stand C50. BTME '95 was sold out with 146 exhibitors in November 1994. Unfortunately numerous companies were disappointed not to be able to exhibit, particularly as some had exhibited in previous years. To ensure you are not disappointed for January 1996 please speak with Louise Lunn or Bill Lynch during the course of the exhibition. They will be able to explain the opportunities available at BTME '96.

CANNINGTON COLLEGE Stand No. C36 Cannington, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 2LS, Tel: 0278 652226 Fax: 0278 652479 Contact: Huw Parry

Cannington College, Somerset will attain a world-first in April 1995, when the first students graduate from the very first HND in Golf Course Management. The course, which was initiated by BIGGA over three years ago, has benefited from the College's many years of expertise and continued association with BIGGA. In December the College also gained a highly prestigious Grade 1 in Horticulture from the government funding council (Further Education Funding Council). The new golf course, designed by Martin Hawtree, has been a perfect training ground for students, who also saw the opening of the course's clubhouse, partfunded by the Royal and Ancient, in July 1994. Courses run by the College include: BTEC National Diploma in Sports Turf and Golf Course Management, BTEC HND Horticulture (Golf Course Management), BTEC HNC Golf Course Management.

CHARTERHOUSE TURF MACHINERY LTD Stand No. A18

Weydown Industrial Estate, Weydown Road, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 1DW, Tel: 0428 661222 Fax: 0428 661218

Contact: David Jenkins

Charterhouse Turf Machinery will be exhibiting their full range of turfcare equipment including the Verti-Drain aerator, top dressers, over feeders and accessories. Members of staff will be available to meet old friends and welcome new customers or to give advice on any of our products.

CLAYMORE GRASS MACHINERY Stand No. B45 Waterloo Industrial Estate, Waterloo Road, Bidford on Avon, Warwickshire, B50 4JH,

Tel: 0789 490177 Fax: 0789 490170 **Contact: Nick Lund**

Claymore Grass Machinery, UK distributors for Sabo Roberine professional lawnmowers, will be showing the Continent 800-D a 1.5 metre wide, out-front rotary mower that combines high output with operator comfort.

Ideal for mowing tees is the Continent 400-3D. Powered by a 14.5hp diesel engine this 1.5 metre triple has a very tight turning radius. Also on display will be two models from the Parcar range of electric and petrol powered golf cars and utility vehicles

The Eagle golf car is available in two and four-person ver-

sions, and the Utilitruck can have either a 36" or 60" loading carrying platform with a capacity os 2000lbs (1 ton).

CLEVELAND SITESAFE LTD Stand No. B25

Park Farm, Dunsdale, Guisborough, Cleveland, TS14 6RQ, Tel: 0642 475009 Fax: 0642 471036 **Contact: Irvine Weston**

Cleveland Sitesafe Ltd manufacture and supply a wide range of all steel, movable, high security storage and accommodation units for chemicals, tools, fuel, flammables equipment and personnel.

CMW EQUIPMENT CO

Stand No. A21

3 Priors Way, Colne Road, Coggleshall, Essex, CO6 1PW, Tel: 0376 562569 Fax: 0376 563183 **Contact: Mick Moss**

This year CMW will be showing new polyester golf flags. We can print these in full colour at very competitive prices. Also we will be showing a bunker sand sieve, hole cutter blade lifter and improvements to the already successful easicut hole cutter. A comprehensive range of golf course equipment plus work and safety wear will also be available for your inspection.

We look forward to seeing you on stand A21 where you are sure of a warm welcome.

COURSE CARE Stand No. C17 Parkway House, Worth Way, Keighley, West Yorkshire, BD21 5LD, Tel: 0535 611103 Fax: 0535 611543 **Contact: John Wood**

Course Care's one stop Environmentally Aware range includes Waste Oil Collection and Chemycoll Waste Packaging Services with a new range of biodegradable Gear Chain, and Hydraulic Oil and Greenguard non turf-burning hydraulic oil

Course Care 30 the top selling Universal Lubricating Oil is here with Fuel Treatments for all diesels reducing black smoking, making starting easier and, in cold parts, stopping diesel fuel from waxing.

Tanks, fuel dispensing equipment, fuel transit boxes, oil absorbants for green applications, greasing equipment, Careline line-spray, retractable reels, insect repellant, and a new non-ionic wetting agent are all on the Course Care display.



D & E TURF MAINTENANCE LTD Stand No. A10 St John's Schoolhouse, Central Parade, Shildon,

Co. Durham, DL4 1DL, Tel: 01388 608620 Fax: 01388 609552 **Contact: David Stephenson**

Exhibiting for the fourth time at the BTME, D&E Turf Maintenance are becoming well known throughout many sections of BIGGA for their innovative ideas and forward thinking. Many members have used our company's modern equipment for their renovation works.

In 1995 we launch our machinery education facility at our Bishop Auckland Depot. Full details of our practical training courses are available on request.

Dave Stephenson and his staff will be on the stand and will be happy to answer your enquiries and give competitive quotations for our many and varied services.

ECHO GB Stand No. B12 The Broadway, Didcot, Oxon, Tel: 0235 813936 Fax: 0235 811491

Contact: Lance Bassett

On show will be the ECHO range of petrol brushcutters and hedgetrimmers from 21cc to 45cc including the fuel injection model SRM 343SL which does away with the necessity of mixing two stroke fuel. ECHO Brushcutters have maintained their policy of total quality and this is illustrated by the range of golf club maintenance products shown this year. The hand held blowers and vac's can be seen plus the back pack model blowers. ECHO chainsaws will be represented with the model PE2400 edger.

ELMWOOD COLLEGE

Stand No. C35

Carslogie Road, Cupar, Fife, KY15 4JB, Tel: 0334 652781 Fax: 0334 656795 **Contact: Carol Borthwick**

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ENGLISH GOLF UNION Stand No. C2 1/3 Upper King Street, Leicester, LE1 6XF, Tel: 0533 553042 Fax: 0533 471322 **Contact: Neil Hayward**

The English Golf Union are the Governing Body for Mens Amateur Golf and are responsible for all aspects of the game in England. These include tournaments, membership, handicapping, rules, golf development and administration

The Golf Development Department through their network of County Union Field Officers are available to advise and assist potential developers and to give guidance to local planning authorities on golf course development. The department have compiled the most comprehensive report on planning applications and are able to provide detailed information on all the various facets of the demand for golf.

Also on display for the first time at any exhibition will be the 'Manual for the guidance of Golf Club Secretaries'.

This manual has been produced by the English Golf Union and written by Mr George Pratt, former president of the Cumbria Golf Union and an accountant with extensive experience in company law and business administration.

The contents provide practical and detailed information on the many facets of golf club management in addition to giving comprehensive coverage of many of the wider issues which are encountered in the running of a golf club.

ENVIROMULCH

Stand No. B23

Brandon Way, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 9PQ, Tel: 021 525 4326 Fax: 021 525 0048 **Contact: Rod Gifford**

Enviromulch - the first 100% recycled wood fibre landscape mulch produced solely from selective pallets. The wood has naturally seasoned during its life as a pallet. Nails are removed by electro magnets. The wood fibre is either sold in its natural state for walkways or coloured with organic colourants that are safe around animals and plants. The colour lasts longer than common mulch. Cushionfall - children's play surface available in eight colours and tested to British Standard 7188. Cushionfall drains so well that children can start playing almost as soon as it stops raining.

ERIC HUNTER GRINDERS LTD Stand No. C28

Hobson Industrial Estate, Burnopfield, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE16 6EB, Tel: 01207 270316 Fax: 01207 270312

Contact: Eric C Hunter

As the costs of running a golf course continue to escalate, an increasing number are discovering a perfect way to reduce maintenance bills and improve course standards. The answer is simple - get the course to buy a Hunter Precision Mower Grinding machine.

Many clubs are realising the advantages of using a JUPITER or JUNO machine using the uniquely accurate method of 'relief' angle grinding which has numerous major benefits and at which Hunters lead the field.

Why not pay a visit to Hunters stand and see for yourself the distinct advantages of having a Hunter Grinder in your course workshop.

ETESIA (UK) LTD Stand No. B53

Alton Road, Ross on Wye, Hertfordshire, HR9 5NE, Tel: 0989 764532 Fax: 0989 765589

Contact: Robin Taylor

For the first time at BTME Etesia will be displaying a unique range of professional rotary mowers. Their lightweight, yet rugged, 46cm PSE four-wheeled rotary mower is ideal for cutting slopes around tees and bunkers

The 56cm wide, self-propelled 9hp, 4-stroke RKEB and the 7hp, 2-stroke RTEB can be fitted with grass collection or side-discharge chute.





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The MVEHH ride-on's uniquely designed 1 metre mower deck enables the machine to cut and clear long wet grass without clogging. Optional attachments include a grass collector and a rotary sweeper. The new hectare metre for Etesia ride-ons provides an accurate record of all the areas mown and time taken. It is an invaluable monitoring system when a costing analysis of the grass cutting operation is required.

EUROMEC LTD Stand No. B49

A1 Valley Way, Market Harborough, Leicester, Tel: 0858 434011 Fax: 0858 464910 Contact: Peter Crewe

Euromec Ltd will be displaying their new range of front deck mowers and collection machines offering excellent productivity at very competitive prices. The mowers combine high speed blades and a powerful vacuum system with large hoppers and a powered high lift dump. This means that grass will be cut effectively leaving lawns clear and attractive. Easy emptying minimises unloading time. Hydraulically lifting front cutting decks and zero turning circles offer exceptional manoeuvrability. Also available is a wide range of extras. Euromec's Turbovac and Muckloda vacuum collection machines will also be on display as will their range of ride-on and walk behind sweeping machines.

FAIRWAY FINANCE Stand No. C27A

United House, Bartley Way, Hook, Basingstoke, RG27 9UF, Tel: 01256 744151 Fax: 01256 744300

Contact: Michelle Simpson/Alex Woolfenden

Fairway Finance is the first operation in the UK to be dedicated to machinery and equipment finance for the golf sector.

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Fairway Finance offers a bespoke range of financial products and services to established Golf Clubs in the UK designed to: Improve budgeting and cash flow, Support future planning for machinery acquisition, Save you time and money, Provide flexibility to suit your special needs.

FARM AND GARDEN MACHINERY LTD Stand No. C25 Red Hill House, Hope Street, Saltney, Chester, CH4 8BU, Tel: 0244 671166 Fax: 0244 674499 Contact: Paul Butterly

Shibaura's a leading Japanese manufacturer of tractors and commercial mowers with world wide reputation for building excellent products powered by their own diesel engines. The range starts with 16HP ride on mowers followed by the "S" range which is a 20-30 HP multi purpose tractor with mid mounted deck. Shibaura produce two out front mowers 22 HP and 27 HP which have many unique features followed by the 33 HP and 38 HP tractors which are supplied with turf tyres – ideal for golf clubs.

FARMURA LTD Stand No. A19 Stone Hill, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BU, Tel: 0233 756581 Fax: 0237 756419

Contact: Mrs Lynette Harmer With a major new product launch to be announced Stand A19 is one not to miss.

Farmura will also be displaying their full range of Environmentally Sensitive Management Products which are not only popular in the United Kingdom but world-wide.

Of special interest will be the advanced range of Super Concentrate fertilisers offering benefits in storage, handling and transport – a range proving very popular with users.

Together with their market leading range of Organic Liquid Fertilisers, Farmura will also be displaying Ferrosol Liquid Iron, Blazon Spray Pattern Indicator and Foresight Wetting Agent.

Come and collect a copy of the award winning Farmura product manual.

FLEET (LINE MARKERS) LTD

Stand No. B11

Fleet House, Spring Lane Industrial Estate, Malvern, Worcs, WR14 1AJ, Tel: 01684 573535 Fax: 01684 892784

Contact: Guy Jenkins

Fleet are exhibiting their new Xylene free aerosols with improved durability and a distinctive line forming nozzle.

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FOX CONTRACTING (OWMBY)/ MADDISON WATER TECHNOLOGY

Stand No. C52

39 Clay Hall Drive, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 2EB, Tel: 0775 725131 Fax: 0775 725131 Contact: Gilbert Maddison

Comprehensive range of products and services available from both companies. Fox Contracting with many years experience and in house expertise can undertake complete design, construction and maintenance contracts for golf courses and all other leisure and sporting facilities. As well as new projects we specialise in lake/reservoir construction, reshaping or building new greens and tees, drainage, reseeding or turfing.

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GARFITTS INTERNATIONAL LTD Stand No. B27 106 John Street, Sheffield, S2 4QU,

Tel: 0742 726240, Fax: 0742 728459 Contact: Derek Cooper/Andrew Brooks

Garfitts development of a comprehensive product range for the professional has been further expanded during the last year giving them by far the lead in providing a complete service of quality spares. Only a small representative stock can be displayed, however a call at the stand to receive your 1995 catalogue can prove to be a worthwhile exercise.

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Stand No. B31 Brookside Lane, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 3NY, Tel: 01254 393321 Fax: 01254 236775 Contact: Patrick Dyer



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GOLF CLUB MANAGEMENT

Stand No. C14 Harling House, 47-51 Great Suffolk Street, London, SE1 0BS, Tel: 0171 261 1604 Fax: 0181 633 0281 Contact: David Hennelly

Golf Club Management is the official journal of the Association of Golf Club Secretaries. Published eleven times a year, GCM keeps the Secretaries informed of products, services and developments affecting the day to day running of a Golf Club and Course. With a features list covering both the Clubhouse and the Course, plus a range of regular features, GCM is essential reading for today's Golf Club Secretary/Manager. Free copies of GCM will be available from our stand.

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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA Stand No. C2A 1421 Research Park Drive, Lawrence, Kansas, 66049-3859, USA, Tel: 0101 913 841 2240

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Contact: Don Bretthauer The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) represents nearly 14,000 members in 50 countries related to the golf course management profession.

tries related to the golf course management profession. GCSAA's primary membership is made up of the men and women who manage the playing fields of golf – known in the United States as golf course superintendents. GCSAA's services include a large education curriculum, several member publications including Golf Course Management magazine as well as sponsoring the largest trade show in the golf course management profession each year in the United States. GCSAA is pleased to participate in BIGGA's annual BTME '95 show this year in Harrogate.

J D GREASLEY LTD Stand No. C27 Windridge, 48 Station Road, Rearsby, Leicestershire, LE7 4YY, Tel: 0664 424770 Fax: 0664 424126 Contact: J H Greasley

John Greasley established the company some ten years ago to specialise in Golf Course Construction. The Company prides itself in carrying out works of the highest standards for a reasonable price. It has considerable experience in the construction of new courses and alterations to existing ones.

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Currently two new greens and surrounds and six new tees are being reconstructed at Chirk Golf and Country Club, nr Wrexham, North Wales.

Our expertise in carrying out alterations, enables work to be done causing minimal damage to the course and as little disruption to the golfers as possible.

GREENKEEPER INTERNATIONAL Stand No. C50

Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York, YO6 2NF, Tel: 01347 838581 Fax: 01347 838864 Contact: Chris Boiling – editor, Carol Dutton – senior advertising sales executive

Carol and Chris welcome all contributors both editorial and advertising who have helped to make the industry's premier magazine even more successful in '94. With a circulation pushing 9,000, Greenkeeper International will take your views, expertise, products and services to an even wider audience this year so do not hesitate to talk to us and use it. Our ideas box on the stand is for your suggestions and comments and the message board will ensure that we all make contact. Please help yourselves to advertising information and any magazines (including back copies) which you need.

GREENKEEPERS TRAINING COMMITTEE Stand No. C1 Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York, YO6 2NF,

Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York, YOG 2NF, Tel: 01347 838640 Fax: 01347 838775 Contact: Sue Gudgeon

The Greenkeepers Training Committee (G.T.C) has as one of its main objectives to ensure education and training opportunities are available for all existing greenkeepers as well as offering guidance on suitable training courses for persons considering a career in golf course maintenance and management.

Enquiries from greenkeepers, golf club employers and those considering a career in greenkeeping will be most welcome on the stand.



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It's new and it's on Stand B14: Yorkshire based Green-Tech will be displaying its latest literature to customers old and new. Green-Tech has been appointed distributor for Headland Agrochemicals it's range including amenity chemicals, foliar feeds, and specialist chemical products. Other features on the stand include Vitagrows fine turf fertilisers, micro granular fertilisers and top dressings, Greensprays C.D.A. chemical range, Atlas interlates "Low Drift", Sharpes International "Designer" grass seed range and Easy Picker Europe golf driving range equipment.

The Company's contracting service will be promoting its delivered and spread service for fertilisers and chemicals. We look forward to your enquiry.

GROUNDSMAN INDUSTRIES LTD Stand No. B51A

The Mill, Seymour Street, Ballymoney, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland, BT53 6JR, Tel: 02656 67049 Fax: 02656 66855

Contact: Billy Warke

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Stand No. C32

Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 OAL, Tel: 0732 850551 Fax: 0732 851957 Contact: T J Firmston – Vice Principal

Hadlow College in West Kent offers Day Release courses in golf Greenkeeping at NVQ Level 2, over a two year duration. The courses involve one day per week during the Autumn and Spring together with two periods of 3-day mini blocks spread in each of the two years for additional practical instruction. The courses are held at both Hadlow College and the horticultural Unit, Canterbury.

Students gain knowledge and practical competances concerning the management of grass Greens and Golf Courses. The subjects are those contained within the training scheme offered by the Greenkeepers Training Committee.

The College is developing a specialised training area, constructing various greens and tees for instruction and training purposes.

HARDI LTD

Stand No. A31/C54E

4-5 Watling Close, Sketchley Meadows Business Park, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 3EX, Tel: 0455 233811 Fax: 0455 233815 Contact: Colin Gregory

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Hartpury House, Gloucester, Tel: 0452 700032 Fax: 0452 700629

Contact: Debbie Kirkham

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HAYTER LIMITED

Stand No. C57

Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, CM23 4BU, Tel: 0279 72344 Fax: 0279 600338 Contact: Barbara Garton

Hayter will be showing their impressive line up of grass cutting machinery designed for the golf course and local authority market. Also being shown for the first time will be their latest self propelled fairway mower, making a welcome addition to the golf course machine family. The display will include Beaver TM520 gang Mower, the

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Contact: David Carter HHI manufactures a range of irrigation controllers capable of controlling from 4 to 400 solenoid valves. The company makes both multi-wire and two-wire irrigation controllers, the two wire controllers are designed for turf irrigation

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Contact: Mr R D Paterson

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Contact: Hole-in-White, Bob Paterson – Tel/Fax: 0708 688435, Mobile: 0850 212855. Greenkeeping Supply Co, Liam Galway, Southern Office – Tel/Fax: 0245 248880, Northern Office – Tel/Fax: 0423 522969, Mobile 0860 724798.

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HUXLEYS GRASS MACHINERY LTD Stand No. A34

The Dean, New Alresford, Hampshire, S024 9BL, Tel: 0962 733222 Fax: 0962 734702 Contact: Martin Cooke

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INTURF LIMITED

Stand No. A36A Regent Street, Pocklington, York, YO4 2QN, Tel: 0759 304101 Fax: 0759 305229 Contact: June Edwards

Inturf, as a well established grower of high quality, purpose-grown turf, will this year again display their full range of turf products alongside their new mechanised turf handling and installation equipment. Technical advisory services are available under the banner of Turfgrass Services International Ltd, a company operated within the Inturf Group and supported by the accomplishment of a total quality management system verified by ISO 9002. Qualified Company personnel will be available to discuss all requirements. Please visit our stand number A36A.

JACOBSEN E-Z-GO

Stand No. C51 Telford Way, Kettering, Northants, NN16 8UN,

Tel: 01536 417777 Fax: 01536 310245 Contact: Mark Osborne/ Scott Bullock

Jacobsen one of the worlds leading manufacturers of grass cutting and turf maintenance equipment will be attending BTME 1995. Jacobsen will be exhibiting a wide range of equipment which is capable of undertaking all turf maintenance required on golf courses, parks and indeed on any area of amenity turf. Whatever your turf care requirements visit Jacobsen on Stand No. C51.

On show will be a comprehensive range of turf care and grass cutting machinery to maintain a golf course in a top class condition. Machinery being exhibited includes tees, greens, rough and fairway mowers and also a range of maintenance trucks and attachments.

JOHN DEERE

Stand No. B48 Langar, Nottingham, NG13 9HT, Tel: 0949 860491 Fax: 0949 860490

Contact: Graham Williams

John Deere's commitment to the golf and turf industry is reflected in a full range of equipment being exhibited at Harrogate. The Company has experienced considerable growth in 1994 and looks forward to additional success in 1995. Much of our growth has come from the 3235 lightweight fairway mower, the 2653 Tees and Surrounds mower and the 2243 Greens triplex. Our machines have proved popular with greenkeepers because of their high quality of cut and ease of adjustment.

The Gator low ground pressure utility vehicle is ideal for all load-carrying operation.

Our new 220 greens mower, features an 11 bladed cylinder and replaces the popular 22" greens mower. A new 1145 with 28hp will be many greenkeepers choice for cutting the rough.

Please call by and take a look at the exciting range of John Deere golf course equipment.

JOHNSONS SEEDS Stand No. A20

London Road, Boston, Lincolnshire, PE21 8AD, Tel: 0205 365051 Fax: 0205 359857 Contact: Paul Clayton/Duncan Beale

Long and Short Grass Mixtures from Johnsons – Colour photographic panels will illustrate how Johnsons varied range of golf course mixtures satisfy the company's slogan 'The long and short of it' – long for Roughs and the naturalistic areas around the golf course; and short for the Greens and parts of the Fairways.

Full details are provided on the specialist mixtures – J1 and J2 (both treated with the fungicide Apron T) and Greensmaster for Greens; J3 for both Tees and Fairways; JG 64 for Fairways alone; and J8 for Roughs. Examples of wild flower mixes are also available to blend with the grass in certain areas.

Johnsons J team will be present to discuss individual golf course requirements.

KAWASAKI MOTORS (UK) LTD

Stand No. C15

1 Dukes Meadow, Millboard Road, Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, SL8 5XF, Tel: 01628 851000 Fax: 01628 850886 Contact: Peter Yeow

With low ground pressure characteristics, automatic drive, useful cargo beds and ability to carry up to two people, Kawasaki's Mule utility vehicles are finding many customers in turf care. The Mule 2500 displayed is fitted with a top dresser powered by a Hydraulic Power Pack to demonstrate the versatility offered. Other variants include the Mule 2500E which can be registered for limited road use by bonafide users, plus the 4x4 Mule 2510.

Able to use a wide variety of after-market equipment, and with weatherbreak (not safety) cabs available as Genuine Accessories, these vehicles offer year-round practicality for a host of tasks.



KESTREL GOLF Stand No. B15 The Fairways, King Street Lane, Winnersh, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG11 5AX, Tel: 0734 792954 Fax: 0734 795353 Contact: Lynne Hedges

Kestrel Golf together with its mother company E&S Sports Ground Contractors offer a highly professional team who are capable of dealing with all aspects of sports turf and golf course maintenance and construction work. Kestrel Golf are currently building a Jack Nicklaus design course at Broxbourne, Hertfordshire and with the additional experience of several other construction projects, the Kestrel team can offer a high standard of workmanship. E&S Sports Ground Contractors provide a complete sports turf maintenance service, including cultivation and seeding, drainage, sand and gravel slitting, topdressing and sand spreading using E&S's own designed Red Valiant Top Dresser.

KINGS HORTICULTURE LTD

Stand No. B9

4 Lancaster Way, Earls Colne Industrial Park, Earls Colne, Colchester, C06 2NS, Tel: 0787 223300

Fax: 0787 224509 Contact: John Hinton

On stand B9 Kings Horticulture will have details of their unique product range including: Floranid, the proven quality slow release fertilisers from Germany, Ironite easy to apply granular slow release Iron and Deeproot simple to use strimmer guards for trees from America, Saturaid effective re wetting granules that resist up to 12" water from Australia, Forum Floor protective, flexible grass protection from Sweden. Unique, innovative products from Kings Horticulture for the professional management for modern golf clubs.

KUBOTA (UK) LTD Stand No. A37/A17 Dormer Road, Thame, Oxon, OX9 3UN, Tel: 0844 214500 Fax: 0844 216685 Contact: Stuart Ellis – Tractor Sales Manager

Grandel – the new range of compact tractors is the main feature of Kubota (UK) Ltd's stand. All three models, the 35hp L3300, the 38.5hp L3600 and the 45hp L4200 are on show. Also featured is the 29hp ST-30 tractor with Bi-Speed Turn together with a selection of professional ride-on mowers. A line-up of power products – walk behind mowers, brushcutters and hedge trimmers can also be seen.

L.G.M. LTD (LESCO) Stand No. C54B

Unit 17 Greenwich Close, Landseer Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP3 0DD, Tel: 01473 289158 Fax: 01473 289161

Contact: Clive Lockwood

L.G.M. Ltd (Lesco) will be exhibiting the widely accepted Lesco 300D Greensmower, complete with 3 wheel drive, greens units and turf groomers. Also available are tee/surround units and verti-cut units for all three Lesco Greensmower models.

For granular fertiliser distribution Lesco offer a 80lb Cyclone spreader with deflection chute and hopper cover, with the deflection chute lowered fertiliser is only ejected to one side of the machine. The Lesco 80lb Cyclone spreader is now established as being the most accurate on the market. The application of the fine granular fertiliser or seed can be obtained from the Lesco 36" drop spreader.



Europe: 26ter rue Sallier, 13100 Aix-en-Provence, France - Tel: 33-42-93-03-68 - Fax: 33-42-93-03-84

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LAMBORGHINI (UK)

Stand No. C61

Barby Lane, Barby, Nr Rugby, Warwickshire, CV23 8TD, Tel: 0788 891446 Fax: 0788 891387 Contact: W. Fabian Wilkinson

25, 33 and 42 DIN HP compact models. 12 x 12 synchroshuttle gearboxes. Independent 540/1000 rear P.T.O 2000rpm mid P.T.O. Powerful hydraulic linkage (1200kg) with position and draft control. Optional Q cab. Loader backhoe, mower deck, collector all optionally available. 60 & 70 DIN HP lightweight, versatile general purpose models. 60 & 75 DIN HP compact format, high specification models with reverse drive and front linkage and P.T.O options

LANDLINE LIMITED Stand No. C23

1 Blueridge Industrial Estate, Halstead, Essex, CO9 2EX, Tel: 0787 476699 Fax: 0787 472507 **Contact: Michael Pomfret**

Landline are a specialist company offering a unique service to the golf industry

Established in 1982, the company drew personnel from within the lining and civil engineering environment to offer their customers the technical expertise to create, supply and install complex water features, lakes and irrigation reservoirs on new and established golf courses throughout Europe.

Landline offer the specialist Landflex and Alkorplan geomembranes and complimentary geotextiles. These materials provide Architects and Engineers with the means to design sophisticated water features, which not only enhance the course, adding a golfing challenge, but are virtually maintenance free.

If you are considering a water feature lake or irrigation reservoir then consider the experts; someone who will offer a complete service including Quality Assured Installations.

LEVINGTON HORTICULTURE LTD

Stand No. B1

Paper Mill Lane, Bramford, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 4BZ, Tel: 01473 830492 Fax: 01473 830492 **Contact: Alan Shaw**

Levington Horticulture Ltd (formerly Fisons Horticulture Division) will be launching a new version of Turfclear, the popular turf fungicide and worm control product. Turfclear (containing carbendazim) is now available in pre-measured, water-soluble sachets - greatly simplifying the mixing process and ensuring accuracy in use

Full details will also be available on the comprehensive Greenmaster range of liquid and granular fine turf fertilizers, specially formulated for accuracy, ease of use, reliable turf growth and colour response.

Completing the Levington turfcare range, Sportsmaster outfield fertilizers will be featured, along with the selective turf herbicide Tritox (containing MCPA, Mecoprop and Dicamba).

LINDUM SEEDED TURF

Stand No. B3 West Grange, Thorganby, York, YO4 6DL, Tel: 0904 448675 Fax: 0904 448713 **Contact: Stephen Fell**

Lindum Turf has a range of turf to suit all golf course requirements, be it new course construction or replacement and renovation. Our greens mixtures with high or low bent content and three grades of tees turf will be on display. The Lindum golf course tree package launched at Saltex is a popular addition to our range of products and services. 1995 will see the launch of an exciting new product from Lindum which will offer considerable advantages to the professional turf user. Come and see us.

LINKS LEISURE LIMITED Stand No. C20 Unit 22, Civic Industrial Estate, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 1TT, Tel: 0948 663002 Fax: 0948 666381

Contact: Ian Stonestreet/John Butler

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The Links Leisure stand will feature: The Pro-Tee All Weather Mat with the tough and durable, light weight concrete base topped with 3 replaceable high quality rubber backed grass sections (Patent No: 2247843); The new range of Golf Tee Markers and signs purpose designed with individual club motifs and hole details. The markers are made from light weight concrete and will not rot, rust or warp; The combination range mat featuring replaceable stance and strike sections shown commercially for the first time.

Links Leisure are a BIGGA patron and details of their prod-

ucts and brochures are also to be found at the BIGGA Northern Region stand, C41A.

LLOYDS & CO LETCHWORTH LTD Stand No. B34 Birds Hill, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 1JE,

Tel: 01462 683031 Fax: 01462 481964 **Contact: Derek Haley**

On show at the Exhibition this year will be the new Lloyds 'ELITE' Motor Triple together with our new 24" Paladin Fine Turf Motor Mower with re-designed grassbox. Also on show will be our Leda Gang Mowers suitable for the rough and semi-rough on golf courses. Our staff will be pleased to discuss with both prospective and existing customers our complete range of professional grass cutting equipment and our after sales service, which we can claim to be second to none, both in supplying replacement parts and carrying out winter maintenance.

MARTIN BROTHERS UK LTD Stand No. B29 18 George Street, Alderley Edge, Cheshire,

SK9 7EJ, Tel: 01625 584571 Fax: 01625 586130 Contact: Nick Gray/Andrew Law

Martin Brothers (UK) Ltd have over three decades experience of servicing the amenity market place with quality sands and aggregates.

We are now at the forefront in the supply of finest quality top dressings and rootzones, produced at guarries in Cheshire and Lincolnshire and available for delivery throughout the UK within 72 hours. Our Company pledge is: Quality Products, Competitive Prices, Superior Service. We believe that like our products, our service is second to none, backed up by our helpful trained staff both in the office and in the field.



MASSEY FERGUSON GRASS EQUIPMENT Stand No. B40 Stareton, Nr Kenilworth, Warwickshire,

Tel: 01203 531000 Fax: 01203 531194 **Contact: Tony Doe**

Massey Ferguson Grass Equipment supplies a wide range of compact tractors and turfcare machinery for the professional groundscare market. In addition to its own branded products, the company is the exclusive distributor for Iseki turfcare equipment and Bucher grounds maintenance machines in the UK and Ireland. All three ranges are sold through a nationwide network of dealers.

On show at BTME will be models from the 17 to 35 hp MF 1200 compact tractor line-up and the 25 to 45 hp Iseki TA compact tractor range. Also on exhibit will be the Iseki SF 300 diesel front cut mower and Iseki SG diesel riders.

MAXICROP INTERNATIONAL LTD Stand No. C54D Weldon Road, Corby, Northants, NN17 5US, Tel: 01536 402182 Fax: 01536 204254 **Contact: Jenny Paxton**

Maxicrop International Ltd manufacture a range of turf care management products all based upon seaweed extract Plant Growth Stimulants. Maxicrop Seaweed Extract works in a completely different way to chemical fertilisers and trace elements; it is a highly complex soup of the majority of the organic and inorganic constituents and breakdown products of seaweed.

The key constituents in Maxicrop Seaweed Extract are naturally occurring Plant Growth Stimulants - a complex mix of betaines, cytokinins and other organic compounds.

When used correctly, they will stimulate increased root and shoot development, resulting in healthier, more stress and disease resistant turf.

MOMMERSTEEG SEED CO

Stand No. C5

Spitfire Close, Ermine Business Park, Huntingdon, PE18 6XY, Tel: 01480 459500 Fax: 01480 459990

Contact: John Akers

Mommersteeg are the leading supplier of grass seed mixtures to the Golf Industry. Through our group of distributors covering the whole country we can supply top quality mixtures for greens, tees, fairways and roughs.

Whether you are planning course extensions or alterations, or possibly wish to confirm your routine maintenance programme come and discuss your requirements with our seed experts on Stand C5.

All our mxtures are treated with HEADSTART - a biological growth enhancer, to increase the vigour of the young sward and ensure you establish the new playing surface as soon as possible.

MULTI CORE AERATORS LTD Stand No. A22

3 Hillside Close, Euxton, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 6JB, Tel/Fax: 0257 231861 Mobile: 0374 488508

Contact: Ian Waddington

At the BTME Harrogate Show both the TM100 and TM1500 will be featured. Each machine combines robust construction with ease of maintenance and therefore downtime is kept to a minimum. A vast choice of tine spacing and sizes are available, from mini hollow and solids to 19mm hollow giving up to 5 inch depth. All the current heads and tines will be on display.

Also featured will be the popular greenkeeper pedestrian Aerator, the 21 inch greenkeeper offers reliability at an affordable price. So if you are looking for an aerator in 1995 why not visit our stand?

MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE Stand No. B4

Myerscough Hall, Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire, PR3 ORY, Tel: 01995 640611 Fax: 01995 640842 Contact: Lorna Tyson/Stuart Davidson

Few colleges in the UK can better Myerscough's long association with the Sportsturf Industry.

This dynamic College offers full-time Sportsturf courses at National Certificate, BTEC National Diploma and Higher National Diploma level. In addition, a range of part time and short courses are available designed to meet individual needs. These cover a wide variety of subject areas, includ-ing Sportsground Maintenance, Sportsturf Construction and Drainage, Landscaping and Chemical Application.

The College is also leading the field in the development of commercial and educational links within the leisure indus-This ensures that Myerscough's courses produce trv. highly trained people, able to respond to the rapidly changing demands of the market. Come and visit our stand.

NATIONAL TURFGRASS COUNCIL

Stand No. C4

Hunters Lodge, Dr Browns Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GU6 9BT, Tel: 01453 883588 Fax: 01453 731449

Contact: Peter Helm, Chief Executive

The NTC is demonstrating its current work for the industry, covering the whole range of sports turf and amenity grassland. The NTC is concerned with the application of BS5750 and BS7370 in turforass management. It has also taken part in piloting BS7750 on Environmental Management, and information will be available on how this can be applied by turfgrass managers. The Stand will display the full range of NTC publications, and provide details of forthcoming events.

NATURE FIRST LTD

Stand No. C21

Wood Lane, Down Hatherley, Gloucester, Tel: 0452 731199 Fax: 0452 731131 **Contact: Martin Bromage**

Nature First Ltd transplant trees up to 50cm in circumference on a nationwide basis using machines with rootball diameters from 750mm to 2.1m. Ten to fifteen trees can be transplanted in a day, depending on size. Nature First are also able to transplant large trees weighing up to 50 tonnes by using lifting frames and mobile cranes. In addition Nature First are able to supply an extensive range of semi-mature deciduous and coniferous stock, offering a full planting service. Nature First Ltd also offers a comprehensive arboricultural service, including stump grinding with Europe's largest Rayco stump grinder.

NETLON LIMITED

Stand No. B6

New Wellington Street, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB2 4PJ, Tel: 01254 262431 Fax: 01245 694302 Contact: Mr P A Langley

Netlon Advanced Turf is the unique combination of a mesh stabilised, free-draining rootzone and natural turf. Together they provide tees with the inherent ability to recover rapidly from damage and equally ensure the divots are half the normal size. Advanced Turf greens possess unrivalled resistance to compaction so that the turf remains healthy and high infiltration rates are maintained. Walkways and cart paths are able to withstand frequent use as a result of the system's high load-bearing capacity.

NEW HOLLAND FORD LTD

Stand No. C56

Cranes Farm Road, Basildon, Essex, SS14 3AD, Tel: 0268 533000 Fax: 0268 292974 Contact: Nigel Mackenzie

For Turf Maintenance the Ford 2120 offers a high degree of versatility. Creep speed gears, economy PTO and a powerful 4 cylinder engine make this tractor an ideal choice for all types of sportsturf.

Standard equipment on the Ford CM224 includes a dual range Hydro Transmission, automatic 4WD and a weight transfer system for improved traction. Exhibited with a 60 inch flail mower, the CM229 is an ideal choice for contractors.

Demand is increasing for grass collection and as a result Ford offer fan assisted collectors for GT diesel mowers and 1220/1520 compact tractors. Three bags provide around 10cu ft of grass capacity.

OAKLANDS COLLEGE

Stand No. C37

Oaklands Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 OJA, Tel: 0727 850651 Fax: 0727 847987

Contact: Ian Merrick

Oaklands is proud to be one of the G.T.C.'s "approved" colleges for Greenkeeper training, and can justly boast in its excellent training and teaching facilities.

Oaklands offers the Greenkeeper a wide range of courses including: N.V.Q. Level 2&3 – One year full-time course leading to the National Certificate in Greenkeeping & Sports Turf Management, 2 year full-time course leading to National Diploma in Horticulture with Greenkeeping options, 2 year H.N.D. course in Land Based Industries.

The College also offers a wide range of short courses including: Assessor Training Award (D32 + D33), sprayer, chainsaw and machinery courses.

For further details, talk to staff on our stand or write to Mrs S Bone, Admissions Officer, Oaklands Campus.

OCMIS IRRIGATION (UK) LTD

Stand No. A32A

Higher Burrow, Kingsbury, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6BU, Tel: 0460 241939 Fax: 0460 242198 Contact: Sally Bennett

Ocmis are irrigation experts with a referral driven reputation in problem solving, system design, manufacture and supply, installation and servicing to the sport turf irrigation market.

This summer has seen the release in the United Kingdom of the new Buckner control system – Viking. This state of the art, PC based, control system features:- Hydraulic flow optimisation, full remote control via telephone, 500 programmable stations, watchdog feature which telephones the superintendent to advise him of irregularities during the irrigation programme.

Ocmis manufacture packaged pump stations and are national stockist of all types of pressure pipe, valves, sprinklers, mobile irrigators, pressure vessels, electric cables and accessories.

For more information contact Ocmis Irrigation UK Ltd – Head Office Tel: 01460 241939, Midlands Office Tel: 01789 414604, Northern Office Tel: 01924 453102, Scottish Office Tel: 0131 220 2102.

OUTDOOR POWER PRODUCTS LTD Stand No. C6 Clare Street, Denton, Manchester, M34 3LQ, Tel: 061 320 8100 Fax: 061 335 0114

Contact: R Pickup

Doubling their Stand size for BTME 1995, OPP will better show their innovative new products and established equipment. New: four Cultivators, two Lawn Edgers and a Deep Root Feeder, all keenly priced.

Well established equipment includes the easily portable Fuji Robin Dagger Soil Ameliorator, 700lb capacity DR Powerwagon with 5hp Briggs & Stratton engine, and compact DR Electric Powerwagon with 400lb load capacity.

The unique range of five DR Trimmer/Mowers that combine many of the features of brushcutters and mowers in one machine, are joined by the new Vector model. OPP's accessories and spares will also be shown.

PARKER HART Stand No. C58 Maldon Green Farm, Maldon Road, Worcester Park,

Surrey, KT4 7NF, Tel: 0181 337 7791 Fax: 0181 330 7392 Contact: Bob Cook

Our experienced staff will be available to offer advice on all aspects of turf culture and will be pleased to discuss the range of services offered by Parker Hart.

Details will also be available on the exciting new range of fertilisers from Scotts UK Ltd.

So, for new or reconditioned machinery, contracting or hire, repairs and spares and the most comprehensive range of turf care consumables in the business – visit us first.

H PATTISSON & CO LTD Stand No. B44 342 Selbourne Road, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU4 8NU, Tel: 0582 597262 Fax: 0582 5

LU4 8NU, Tel: 0582 597262 Fax: 0582 505241 Contact: lain Richardson Pattisson Equipment can be found on most Golf Courses

Partisson Equiphent can be round on most con courses throughout Europe. Based at Luton the company has direct sales van service equipped with mobile telephones ensuring prompt attention. It is the experience of the Pattisson staff that maintains its place as the leading European Golf Course Equipment supplier of innovative ideas and equipment, with continuous upgrading of the regular Greenkeepers tools; the Supercut, HoleCutter and the Cup Remover are now accepted as basic requirements on every course.

Golf Range and practice ground items are well catered for with very competitive prices. The Pattisson Range Ball Dispensers are simple to install 240 volt or 12 volt operation and very easy to maintain; the semi automatic Ball Washing unit combined with a Pattisson Elevator keeps the labour element of handling Range balls down to a minimum.

Pattisson also supplies custom bag-tags – membership discs, green fee labels, captain day flags, corporate hospitality packs, promotional packs, custom yardage markers, bag support stands, golf cups, club house medal boards, etc.



PHILIP YORK & PARTNERS Stand No. B7 39 Salisbury Street, Fordingbridge, Hants,

SP6 1AB, Tel: 0425 652087 Fax: 0425 652476 Contact: Philip York

Europe's leading independent golf course irrigation consultants will be available to discuss how their cost effective services can benefit owners, members, management and staff alike when considering the purchase of an irrigation system, up-dating or adding to an existing one, investing in alternative water sources or any other irrigation related matters

PRIME WATERMAN

Stand No. B33

Trustans Farm, Westleton Road, Darsham, Saxmundham, Suffolk, Tel: 0728 668668 Fax: 0728 668068 Contact: Glyn Prime

Prime Watermen are main agents for the Weather-Matic range of irrigation equipment as well as being designers and installers of complete irrigation packages tailor-made for turf, landscape and sports applications.

The Weather-Matic range comprises impact and gear driven pop-up sprinklers together with remote control valves from brass and plastic materials and also electrical controllers giving microprocessor accuracy at traditional mechanical controller costs.

Along with this Prime Watermen have introduced a threewire, remote-valve control system which gives a visual display and permanent printed record of the date and time of irrigation periods, watering times for individual stations.

PSD AGRONOMY LTD Stand No. A 11 42 Garstang Road Pres

42 Garstang Road, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 1NA, Tel: 01772 884450 Fax: 01772 884445 Contact: J W Hacker

PSD Agronomy Ltd provide a complete agronomic consul-

tancy service for the Golf Course. Whether upgrading a mature course to cope with today's increased play or developing a new course. PSD Agronomy can help you.

Many mature golf courses are suffering severe agronomic problems and PSD Agronomy can provide the technical and analytical support necessary for a busy greenkeeping team.

New Golf Courses are being planned every week. Having PSD Agronomy as part of the team will help ensure a high quality, well managed project. See Mike Habridge, John Hacker or David Stansfield on Stand A11 for further details of services.

R&R (UK) LTD

Stand No. C31B Blackstone Road, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE18 6EF, Tel: 0480 411146 Fax: 0480 450091 Contact: Paul English

R & R are the Industry's supplier of Lifting Equipment for large and small machines. Our products easily justify themselves on performance alone, but increasingly we are supplying golf courses who are concerned that they meet Health and Safety requirements. Kill two birds with one stone!

RAIN BIRD EUROPE

Stand No. B22 535 Rue George-Claude, Z.I Les Milles, Aix-En-Provence, Cedex 03 13792 France, Tel: 33 42 24 44 91 Fax: 33 42 24 24 72 Contact: Bruno Windegger

Spanning six continents and touching more than 100 countries with its products and services, Rain Bird has grown to a position of industry leadership through a 60-year commitment to uncompromising quality. Dating from the introduction of its first product, the original impact sprinkler, the company has been known for its innovation in both the design and application of its products.

Today Rain Bird offers landscape and golf architects the widest choice of pop-up impact or closed-case sprinklers, electric valves and water mangement control systems. Whatever your irrigation needs are: bowling greens, football or rugby fields, horse race tracks, hockey fields, parks and city landscape developments, golf course or putting greens, there is always a Rain Bird solution.

RANSOMES, SIMS AND JEFFRIES LTD Stand No. A30 Ransomes Way, Ipswich, IP3 9QG, Tel: 01473 270000 Fax: 01473 276300 Contact: Chris Saunders

A range of high performance equipment for year-round turf maintenance is featured in the Ransomes' exhibit. Making its UK debut is the Fairway 250 lightweight fairway mower for high output precision mowing of quality turf. First time at BTME are the Greensplex 160 (petrol or diesel engines) and E-Plex (all-electric) greens mowers, both already making a significant impact with turf professionals. These fine products are joined by the Cushman Junior Turf-Truckster, a four wheel Turf-Truckster with power steering, a Ryan GA30 turf aerator and a Super Certes walk-behind mower for precision work on golf greens, tennis courts and cricket squares.

REASEHEATH COLLEGE Stand No. C40 Reaseheath, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6DF,

Tel: 01270 625131 Fax: 01270 625665 Contact: Dennis Mortram

Expert staff, superb practical training facilities and an attractive environment make Reaseheath the best choice for your training needs. Part time courses include NVQ Levels 2 and 3 Greenkeeping in Day or Block Release, City and Guilds Phase IV Greenkeeping on Block Release, and IOG Turf Culture at Intermediate and National Diploma Levels. Full time courses are also offered including HND Golf Course Management, and short courses for industry, such as FEPA Chemical Safety, are also available. Facilities include a nine hole golf course, bowling green and sports pitches, as well as excellent residential and social facilities.

RHÔNE POULENC

Stand No. A6

Environmental Products, Fyfield Road, Ongar, Essex, Tel: 0277 301115 Fax: 0277 301119 Contact: Sion Price

New, new, new! It's your opportunity to discuss the many technical benefits of new products such as Spearhead and the Guardian range of seeds. Spearhead is the ultimate all round selective herbicide for turf. It gives outstanding control of a broad range of weeds, including difficult to control

species such as slender speedwell and the clovers. Guardian is a new and unique range of fungicide and polymer film coated grass seed mixtures which have been shown to germinate and emerge more reliably than ordinary seed.

Come to Stand A6 and see how Rhône Poulenc can assist with any problems you may have on, in, or under your turf.

RIGBY TAYLOR LIMITED

Stand No. A23

Rigby Taylor House, Garside Street, Bolton, BL1 4AE, Tel: 0204 394888 Fax: 0204 385276 Contact: Clive Williams

Rigby Taylor will be supporting the educational content of the BTME Exhibition with a competition offering prizes for the correct identification of pests, diseases and weeds. Featured on the stand will be our latest introductions of golf course maintenance products, grass seed cultivars and Par Aide golf course equipment. Talk to Rigby Taylor about your Spring requirements.

RISBORO' TURF Stand No. B50

Chinnor Road, Bledlow, Buckinghamshire, HP27 9PU, Tel: 0844 274127 Fax: 0844 274191 Contact: Mark Barthelmie

Risboro' Turf will be displaying for the first time at BTME their range of mounted and pedestrian ACROW ball-pickers and sorrell rollers.We will also be displaying the new "Big Willy" pedestrian aerator.

Mark Barthelmie, Peter Helps, Shaun Armstrong and Allan Moffatt will be on the stand throughout the week to welcome customers old and new.

RITEFEED LTD Stand No. B51

Electron House, Electron Works, Brook Street, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 7NH, Tel: 01772 253521 Fax: 01772 881338

Contact: John Walker/Richard Lawrence

Visit the Ritefeed stand, to find solutions. Discover why Ritefeed is the fastest growing fertiliser supplier to British golf courses. Is it: The convenience of liquids, the comprehensive range – with products for all seasons, the quality of the product, with PH control optional wetting agent, the fact that you apply soil conditioner and fertiliser in one application.

Many of Britains top greenkeepers have found the Rite answer. Visit the Ritefeed stand - To discover the solution.

ROLAWN (TURF GROWERS) LTD Stand No. A32 Elvington, York, YO4 5AR, Tel: 0904 608661

Fax: 0904 608272 Contact: Terry Ryan

Rolawn will be showing two new products at the exhibition. The new Turfmaster Budget Roll System which eliminates the use of mechanical laying machines and enables rapid and easy laying of 15 square yard rolls.

New to the show will be the recently launched Minster Greens Turf to be shown at Harrogate for the first time. It contains the following STRI top rated cultivars – 40% Bargreen 40% Barcrown 20% Bardot. During 1995 a 50% Bargreen 50% Barcrown mixture will be available. Both the New System and Minster Turf are available with

no minimum order from Rolawn's national network of turf depots.

RUFFORD TOP DRESS SUPPLIES Stand No. A25

Fairway House, South Stage, Broadway, Salford Quays, Manchester, M5 2UQ, Tel: 0161 877 8550 Fax: 0161 877 8554 Contact: Peter Jefford

Rufford Top Dress Supplies will be exhibiting their full range of products at the show. Consistency of materials is the key to the superior condition of greens, which is why Rufford place such importance on uniform particle size. With their own in-house laboratories they monitor constantly for quality.

SAXON INDUSTRIES Stand No. B30

Lower Everland Road, Hungerford, Berkshire, Tel: 0488 684545 Fax: 0488 681525 Contact: Mary Huxter

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SCOTTS UK LTD Stand No. A2A 61 Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7LA, Tel: 0115 9455100 Fax: 0115 9455311

Contact: Mark Hunt

During 1994, The Scotts Company, USA acquired Grace Sierra and its subsidiary offices including Grace Sierra UK. At BTME '95, the new company, Scotts UK Ltd will be introducing two new ranges of fertilisers, utilising technology unique to Scotts, the market leader in the United States.

This will build on the already successful range of coated products, such as Sierrablen Turfmix and Osmocote N, currently available.

The new products will be of particular interest to greenkeepers maintaining sand based greens, low cut tees, fairways, approaches and surrounds including creeping bent and those interested in cost effective fairway fertilisation.

SHARPES INTERNATIONAL Stand No. B26 Sleaford, Lincolnshire, NG34 7HA, Tel: 01529 304511 Fax: 01529 303908

Contact: Ian Backhouse

Sharpes International is pleased to be taking space once again at the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition – with an even *bigger* stand than last year!

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Shelley Signs Ltd will be displaying a wide range of signs and panels for both external and internal use.

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SISIS EQUIPMENT (MACCLESFIELD) LTD Stand No. B46A Hurdsfield Industrial Estate, Hulley Road,

Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 2LZ, Tel: 0625 503030 Fax: 0625 427426 Contact: Mrs L J Hilton

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SPORTS GROUND IRRIGATION CO. Stand No. A8

6 Stuart Road, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 9PQ, Tel: 0858 463153 Fax: 0858 410085 Contact: Mike Walker

Sports Ground Irrigation Co. will be showing the latest new products from Hunter industries, including the new HPV electric valves, and the PSC Controller for the bowling green and residential markets. Hunter's new G750 large turf and valve-in-head sprinkler will also be featured, as well as a special section for the student Greenkeeper with a range of technical literature specifically aimed at this important group

Sports Ground Irrigation Co. will also be offering for the first time the Phairway system of PH control, utilising the 'Greenturf' system. Full technical details will be available, together with a working unit.

STANDARD GOLF (UK) LIMITED Stand No. B36

Maxwell Hart Business Centre, PO Box 297, Lightwater, GU18 5HJ, Tel: 0345 125398

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Contact: Duncan Stewart

Standard Golf (UK) Ltd will be exhibiting the very best Golf course Equipment made by Standard Golf of America featuring all that is necessary to equip a course to the highest level of quality at competitive prices. This is an opportunity to see for yourself the comprehensive range of colourful equipment designed with the ideal of making Golf a better game and golf courses more beautiful. The highly affordable and durable products help get every hole off to a good start. New Standard Golf products for 1995 will be displayed for the first time. Our trained staff will be available to assist you with any queries you may have.

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Sta-Brite are suppliers of top quality turf care products to Groundsmen and Greenkeepers throughout the South of England and South Wales. In addition to our own highly respected ranges of Fertilisers, Grass Seed Mixtures and Line Marking paints we are distributors for most of the best known names in turf care products including: Rhône-Poulenc, Vitax, Mommersteeg, Supaturf, Farmura, Schweizer and many more. We look forward to seeing you and discussing your needs for the following: fertilisers, Grass Seed, Chemicals, Top Dressings, Soil Conditioners, Wetting Agents, Spreaders, Line Marking Systems, Sprayers, Golf Equipment, Sports Equipment, Parks Furniture and Hand Tools.

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LE10 1YF, Tel: 0455 234677 Fax: 0455 234714

Contact: Marcus Palmer

Two brand new water management products for fine turf are to be launched at BTME'95 and Supaturf are preparing for a grand presentation at Harrogate. To promote the launch of these new Greenkeeper products, Supaturf are running a competition with the chance to win a free trip to the GCSAA in San Francisco with the BIGGA party. If you haven't already entered, please see the advertisement in the December Greenkeeper International for further details.

To add to their existing range of line markers and marking liquids for both grass and hard surfaces, Supaturf have introduced a new range of line marking aerosols, called Supa Mark, ideal for use around the golf course.

SUPREME MOWING LTD

Stand No. A32B

Wet Moor Lane, Wath on Dearne, Rotherham, S63 7LR, Tel: 01709 873436 Fax: 01709 878005

Contact: Chris Saunders

Precision cylinder grinders suitable for all professional equipment maintenance workshops form the centrepiece of the Supreme Mowing stand. The company is exhibiting both its Leader and Supreme System cylinder grinders, the latter fitted with the company's unique automatic relief grinding attachment. This patented device, being demonstrated on the stand allows a relief angle to be applied to all blades on a mowing cylinder completely automatically and without any resetting by the operator. A range of replacement cylinders and bottom blades suitable for most mowers is also on show.

SYMBIO

Stand No. B24

Sutton Business Centre, Restmor Way, Wallington, Surrey, Tel: 081 669 0011 Fax: 081 773 8449 Contact: Guy Longshaw

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T & G TURF IRRIGATION SERVICES

Stand No. B47

38 Halfpenny Lane, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, Tel/Fax: 0423 864963 Contact: Tony Teggin

T & G Turf Irrigation Services are again sharing the stand with Watermation as there northern agents, and have doubled the stand size from last year to accomodate the increase in visitors to the stand. We look forward to meeting clients new and old to discuss your Irrigation needs.

TACIT

Stand No. B1A

48 Hillmorton Road, Rugby, CV22 5AD, Tel: 0788 568818 Fax: 0788 537485 Contact: Richard Webb

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TALBOT FARM LANDSCAPES

Stand No. C22

Talbot Farm Nursery, 75 Derby Road, Hilton, Derbyshire, DE65 5FP, Tel: 0283 732755 Fax: 0283 732755

Contact: Sean Goodwin/Mark Goodwin

Talbot Farm Landscapes is a progressive company, which operates nationwide, laying turf right across the scale ranging from small family homes to large country houses, sports fields and amenity areas for local authorities.

We have successfully completed a number of golf courses throughout the country to include The Carnegie Golf Course, Skibo Castle, Durnoch; Pavenham Park Golf Course, Bedford; Burgham Park Golf Course, Burgham, Northumbria; Matfen Hall Golf Course, Matfen.

We have also undertaken work at a number of business developments throughout the country and have recently developed our own laying machine, "The Turfporter", which is proving to be a major asset to our company.

T.I.L IRRIGATION LTD

Stand No. A15 Water House, 10 Carvers Industrial Estate, Southampton Road, Ringwood, Hampshire, BH24 1JS, Tel: 0425 476261/2 Fax: 0425 472380 Contact: Peter Roberts

T.I.L. Irrigation Ltd., a member of the Hydroscape Group Ltd., will once more be amongst the exhibitors at BTME. As one of the founder exhibitors, T.I.L. view the show as an important date in the Events Diary, and an almost unique opportunity to meet new and old friends.

The T.I.L. staff will be on hand to show visitors the latest range of Toro Golf Course Sprin-

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klers, including the 700 Series which, after being launched at Sandown last year, has taken the market by storm. Also on display will be the Toro Network CDS Irrigation Control System now being used by many new golf course developments around Europe, including The Kildare Golf and Country Club, as well as the new Celtic Manor golf development in Newport, Gwent. A new addition to T.I.L.'s product line up is the Otterbine range of Mechanical Aerators, whose distribution has recently been awarded to The Hydroscape Group.

TILDENET LIMITED Stand No. B13 Longbrook House, Ashton Vale Road, Bristol, BS3 2HA, Tel: 0272 669684 Fax: 0272 231251

Contact: Lawrence Green/Ruth Hensman

Tildenet Ltd, the international netting company are market leaders in perimeter ballstop netting. They now supply fencing kits for self installation as well as offering a full installation service, including advice on obtaining planning permission. In addition, Tildenet will be exhibiting their increased range of golf practice nets, to cater from the busiest of professionals and golf clubs, to the keen beginners back garden. Target nets, anti-ball plugging nets and germination sheets can also be found in the Tildenet stand.

D W TOMLIN

Stand No. B28 Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire, PE22 9JS, Tel: 0205 870535 Fax: 0205 871304 Contact: Richard Tomlin

D W Tomlin will be exhibiting a range of machinery suitable for use with compact and larger tractors for the construction and maintenance of turfed areas along with the Greensiron greens roller.

TORO COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS Stand No. A35 Station Road, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE19 1QH, Tel: 01480 476971 Fax: 01480 216167 Contact: Peter Mansfield/David Cole Toro is showing three new turf maintenance products added to its range this year.

The Reelmaster 5300-D is a completely reworked model of the Toro 5100-D lightweight fairway mower with added power for cutting in tougher conditions such as longer grass and hilly areas. The new machine has the same technical specification as the 5100-D but is fitted with a bigger 32 hp engine and appropriately other up-rated components giving 25% more torque to the reels.

The Greensmaster 3100-3 wd is a new three wheel drive model of Toro's lightweight greens mower, which has the ability to access and mow difficult to reach greens and handle broader applications for improved playability and after cut appearance throughout the golf course.

The Toro HC4000 is a new high capacity aerator for use with smaller tractors of 25 hp to 45 hp. It fills the gap between larger fairway and smaller greens aerators and is ideal for those needing a high capacity, deep coring turf aerator.



TURF-ACTANT PRODUCTS Stand No. C8 Hollies, Pebmarsh Road, Twinstead, Sudbury, Suffolk, C010 7ND, Tel: 01787 269292 Fax: 01787 269970 Contact: Richard Davies

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TURF MANAGEMENT

Stand No. A34B

38-42 Hampton Road, Teddington, Middlesex, TW11 0JE,

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UNDERGEAR EQUIPMENT (RBP) LTD Stand No. B2A

Black Lake Works, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 OPD, Tel: 0121 553 1606 Fax: 0121 553 1307

Contact: John Edwards

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VITAX LTD Stand No. A34A Owen Street, Coalville, Leicester, LE67 3DE, Tel: 0530 510060, Fax: 0530 510299 Contact: Trevor Holmes

Vitax will be displaying three new additions to their sport amenity and key product ranges. 50-50 Liquid Mosskiller is a fine turf and hard surface mosskiller and biocide. Pack sizes 5 litre – 10 litre. Vitax Stay Wet is the ultimate water absorbing granule, say the makers, for targeting water precisely at plant root level. Pack size 25kg. Fine X is a new improved seaweed formulation of this long established fine turf spring and summer powder fertiliser. Pack size 25kg.



These new products will be featured alongside the full Vitax sport amenity and key range products.

WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE Stand No. C33 Moreton Morrell, Warwick, CV35 9BL, Tel: 0926 651367

Contact: Chris Grav

Warwickshire College has a long tradition of quality courses for greenkeepers and groundsmen. The college is the GTC Approved Centre for greenkeeper training and education in the Midlands.

NVQ's L1,2,3 and 4 offered on a day release basis. The college also offers a wide range of shorter courses in turf related areas, including FEPA training and chainsaw operation.

WATERMATION SPRINKLERS & CONTROLS LTD Stand No. B47

Tongham Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU12 4AA, Tel: 01252 336838 Fax: 01252 336808 Contact: Mrs E Hawthorn

The sprinklers and controllers on display are made in this Country by Watermation and include their latest GRV sprinklers which now feature the new, patented, dry pop action, which avoids puddlings around the base as the sprinkler does not start irrigation until clear of the bowl.

Watermation have also produced this year a new small, inexpensive controller called EPIC (Easily Programmable Irrigation Controller) which comes in a choice of models ranging from 6 through to 30 zones, has 3 independent programs plus many calendar choices.

WELSH COLLEGE OF HORTICULTURE

Stand No. C31A Northop, Mold, Clwyd, Tel: 0352 840861 Fax: 0352 840731

Contact: Graham Wright

The Premier College in North/Mid Wales offering a complete package of courses for the Greenkeeping Industry. The College over the last 6 years has consolidated its portfolio of training programmes. The latest programme is a "Home study with limited college block weeks", designed for greenkeepers in Portugal, but having adaptations for Rural areas inaccessible to college inputs, small 9 hole clubs with limited personnel and mature entrants into the Industry who may feel intimidated with attending formal training courses. The Welsh College prides itself on a flexible and friendly approach to Greenkeeper Training.



WHITE HORSE CONTRACTORS LIMITED Stand No. C10A Blakes Oak Farm, Lodge Hill, Abingdon, Oxon,

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WIEDENMANN (UK) LTD

Stand No. B46

Stoney Brae, Potterhill, Paisley, Tel: 041 884 2552 Fax: 041 884 6252

Contact: Gordon McMurdo

On show will be the most user friendly deep spiker on earth – The Terra-Spike Pigo – possibly now the country's best seller with proven reliability.

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WRITTLE COLLEGE Stand No. C39

Lordship Road, Writtle, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 3RR, Tel: 0245 420705 Fax: 0245 420 Contact: Richard Hughes

Writtle College is the country's largest college for landbased technology courses. We run a range of quality courses from 1st Diploma in Horticulture, NVQ Levels 2 & 3, through to Honours Degrees in Horticulture. For those people seeking specialist training in Turfculture, we offer an HND in Amenity Horticulture (Sportsturf Management Option), and an HND Amenity Horticulture (Golf Course Mangement Option).

ZENECA PROFESSIONAL PRODUCTS (Formerly ICI Professional Products) Stand No. B42

Fernhurst, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 3JE, Tel: 0428 645454 Fax: 0428 657222 Contact: Roger Mossop

Zeneca Professional Products, formerly ICI Professional Products will be displaying their full range of quality products and services. Major products include 'Daconil' – turf and the recently introduced 'Greenshield' turf fungicide which has both contact and systemic activity. These two products give greenkeepers the best alternatives for the control of the major turf diseases throughout the year. Information will also be available on 'Enforcer' Zeneca's new liquid mosskiller for use on grass and hard surfaces.

The 'Longlife' fertilizer range which offers quality and value for money has been further expanded with the introduction of 'Cleanrun' (9-7-7 + herbicide). "Cleanrun' is an ideal product choice for combined feeding and weed control on fairways and sports turf. 'Longlife' granular and the 'Ultra-Green' water soluble fertilizers used in a managed programme can give your course the excellent appearance you seek.

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STRI to run turf courses in spring

The STRI, Bingley, will hold a series of courses on the theory and practice of turf construction and management this spring. The fiveday courses start on February 20, February 27 and March 6. Prices (excluding VAT) are £265 for non-STRI members and £215 for members. The STRI will also be holding a two-day course for club managers/chairmen of green on January 24 and 25. Prices for this less detailed course are £150 for members and £175 for non-members plus VAT. Tel: Julia Wilson on 0274 565131.



Toro commercial products distributor Lely UK has presented special awards to three of its national network of dealers to mark their contribution towards a successful year which has brought a "healthy increase" in sales of Toro turf maintenance machines. Pictured with their awards are (from left): Brian Goudie, AM Russell Ltd, Edinburgh (Outstanding After Sales Award); Richard Holt and John Penn, Midland Tractor Company, Hednesford, Staffs (Best Dealer Commitment Award); Dill Barnard (Dealer Salesman of the Year Award) and Gavin Bingham-Wallis, both of Grasshopper (Horticultural) Ltd, Chelmsford, Essex (Best Overall Dealer Award); and Toro general manager and sales manager Peter Mansfield and David Cole.

Irish greenkeepers learn how to take control

The Irish Golf Greenkeepers Association is holding a two-day course management conference entitled 'Taking Control' on March 3 and 4 in the Prince Wales Hotel, Athlone, Co Westmeath.

There will be seven speakers each day covering a broad range of topics, including preparation of courses for tournaments, budgets and health and safety in the workplace. Speakers include Derek

Ganning from The Belfry.

The cost for the two days is £50 for members of the IGGA and for non-members. This 260 includes lunch both days and tea and coffee.

FLYING DIVOTS

Warren Sunderland of Sunderland of Scotland has been re-elected as chairman of the British Golf Industry Association. John Ennis of McGregor Golf (UK) continues as vice-chairman.

Preliminary year-end results from Ransomes plc show that the company's recovery continues. Operating profit to the 1994 year-end reached £14.4 million compared to £2.4 million in 1993. And this was for a nine-month year following the company's decision to bring its year-end forward to September 30 to better reflect the seasonal nature of the grass machinery manufacturing business.

Seaford Head Golf Course, one of the most popular public courses in Sussex, will continue to be maintained by Lewes District Council's Community Leisure DSO. General manager Peter Crowley has won a five-year continuance of the contract which was first taken on three vears ago.



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Serious hollow-coring comes to the rescue for Nefyn Golf Club, whenever their troublesome neighbour - a stormy sea - decides to pay a visit. Chris Boiling reports from North Wales.

efyn and District Golf Club has bought a new Kubota tractor. Driving through North Wales to the course I wondered if a boat might not have been a better buy. The roads through the Snowdonia National Park were more like rivers and the fields looked more like lakes. Villages just six miles from the course were on a red flood alert. Yet when I arrived at the 27-hole club, the new Grandel L4200 was on the 17th green, driving across it at creep speed with a Vertidrain pumping away on the back.

Some of the credit can go to Kubota, for developing a 45hp tractor that will let you do this, but a lot more must go to course manager Pat McAteer and his intensive aeration programme.

And when I say intensive I mean I-N-T-E-N-S-I-V-E: Vertidraining his oldest greens four times from September to December and doing his nine new USGA-spec greens twice since they opened in April '94. "It gives them a good profile," says 38year-old Pat, who has worked on the course for 13 years, five as course manager.

The programme starts in September using 6in solid tines on the old greens. A month later they Verti-drain again with 9in tines. Then, at monthly intervals throughout the winter, they continue with 12ins tines. The new greens, which opened when they were 16 months old, receive injections from 7in and 8in tines.

The tees are treated similarly to the old greens but to a maximum depth of 8ins. On the fairways, which are done once a year, his staff of four qualified greenkeep-

Against the odds

ers use 10ins tines on the oldest holes and 8in tines on the new course. Twice in the middle of October he used a Ransomes TM80 to spoon tine and slit them, then followed it up a couple of days later with the Kubota pulling a Sisis

Brush to brush in the dried-out sand and soil from the cores while a Jacobsen TriKing and Toro 216 were used to box off the fibrous parts. The fairways are also slit-tined 15 times through the winter and hollowtined.

Providing there is suitable weather, the greens and tees are

Pat McAteer, Nefyn's course manager, left, with his team

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Extract from Nefyn and District Golf Club minutes (1939)

"It was decided this winter to employ only one man. JP Hughes was selected. His duties will be to look after the sheep on weekdays and Sundays. In addition he will be required to keep the first nine holes in playing order and maintain mowers and other implements in good condition. He will be supplied with a dog and his wages will be increased to £2 a week to cover the cost of feeding the dog."

> vertically and leaves a good putting surface," he says. Sometimes he will leave the holes open to wash out salt water blown onto the clifftop course from the nearby Irish Sea.

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Pat has been

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In 1991, after a bad storm, so much salt water swept up over the cliffs and onto the 87-year-old course that Pat lost six greens, six

fairways and 17 tees. To win the greens back they washed them down, slittined them, washed them again, hollow-tined three times, them washed them down, and then filled in the holes with topdressing and seed. The seed germinated well but there was still too much salt deep down which killed the grass. So they saturated the greens with water, hollow-tined them seven times, top-dressed them and seeded them with pure bents. Six months after the storm they were back to normal.

The fairways took a

little longer because the greenstaff couldn't totally remove the contaminated structure as they had with the greens. But they slittined, hollow-cored, washed, scarified and overseeded them back to health, although a few scars remain on the 13th hole.

These fairways have also been receiving annual applications of Gem Professional 12:4:6 with 1.2% magnesium and 1% iron, a 17-week slow release fertiliser that, according to Pat, "works wonders". As the damaged fairways get back to normal this will be cut down to an application once every four years.

However, some good did come out of all this heartache. The storm and subsequent damage prompted the club to buy some adjacent land and to build an extra nine "inland" holes, designed by the STRI's DD Wishart. These opened last spring and have been widely acclaimed. The Welsh Golf Union has already booked them for the Welsh Over-25 Amateur Championship this year and the Welsh Boys Open in 1998.

The storm also prompted the club to upgrade its Toro irrigation system which is used more to wash away the salt than it is to water the greens and tees. As part of this upgrade, all the remaining tees and all 27 fairways will be connected up later this year.

Three types of green

The Nefyn greenstaff have three different types of green to maintain: there are the old ones which date back to 1907, the new ones and four built in 1975/76. Eventually all the greens will match the new ones as the old greens



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Results of Verti-draining after hollow-coring

are being rebuilt to a USGA-spec at the rate of two a year. Nine greens are left to do in the next four years.

The biggest difference in maintaining such diverse greens, according to Pat, is shown in the use of fertiliser. The new greens receive 6:0:9 with iron and magnesium and the old ones are given 6:0:6 with magnesium and iron to start them off, followed by 8:0:0 with iron. To make sure he's on the right tracks, Pat sends soil samples to the STRI every year and soon will be receiving annual visits from the STRI's Roger Evans.

But Pat, who is studying for his City and Guilds phase 4 at Reaseheath Agricultural College, is pleased with the way it's going. "We're managing it quite well and hopefully we'll improve as the years go by. The people who play here have seen an improvement every year, and that's very rewarding," he told us.

As well as constructing greens, the five-man team has been busy reshaping bunkers (making them deeper to stop wind blow), making new walkways and putting railway sleepers in trenches ("so they need less maintaining").

Pat has a 'consummables' budget of £50,000 which is going on new signs, toilet block, shelters, fertiliser, topdressing, sand and seed. He also has a capital budget of £25,000-32,000 a year for the next five years. The Kubota Grandel L4200, which is mainly used for Verti-draining in the winter and mowing fairways upto twice a week in the summer, is the latest addition to the club's impressive list of machinery. His other star addition is a John Deere Gator 4x2 which he uses for general running around the course and to collect cores from greens. He reckons this machine, which is driven onto the green, saves him half an hour per green and one man - three instead of four of his staff are now used to clear the cores.

When you've only got five people maintaining 27 holes, every saving like this is useful. Another cost-effective thing he does is hire Amenity Land Services in the spring to spray the fairways and rough. Their two machines take six hours to do the 130 acres. Pat says it would take his staff with their machines a week (and that's if the weather was kind to them!)

Judging by the weather I witnessed on my visit to this beautiful part of Wales, it's hard to imagine the Telford firm getting a clear six hours to do their job.

"It's not always like this, in summer it's beautiful. You can see Ireland and Anglesey from here, as well as the mountains and sea," says Pat.

I'll just have to come back then. At least I know the greens will be dry – whatever the weather. And in case it does rain while I'm out on the course I'm told there is a pub, the Ty Coch Inn, in a picturesque cove two thirds of the way round the Old course. Another idea from Nefyn that other clubs would do well to copy.

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Around the Green

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

EAST OF ENGLAND

Hangovers should be subsiding now that the New Year is under way. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and I wish you all a happy New Year.

The fixtures for 1995 are slowly coming together. The first of our winter education seminars has been booked with a talk by leading agronomist John Hacker on 'Course Presentation, Grasses and Irrigation', at Kenwich Park (Louth), on February 1. Thanks go to lan Morton for organising this fixture and allowing us to use their facilities.

I hope members support this event as John Hacker is a renowned expert in the field of sportsturf, having set up Professional Sportsturf Design, after spending eight years as senior lecturer in turf at Myerscough College. Amongst his clients are West Ham Football Club and West Bromwich Albion and also the English Golf Union. He has co-written the popular book 'Golf Course Presentation' with George Shiels. For only £10 you get a coffee on arrival and an indepth talk on several subjects, ie course presentation, grasses on the course, and irrigation, and a meal in the Kenwick Park Hotel.

Section membership has increased slightly and the rumour is East of England is no longer the smallest section in BIGGA.

Dates for your diary: February 1 – East of England Winter Education Seminar, Kenwick Park Golf Club,

Louth; June 6 - Purdy's Trophy, Sandilands Golf Club.

Congratulations to David Walden on winning the ICI Greenkeeper of the Year competition – representing East of England section and the Midlands. Well done, Dave.

The AGM took place at Toft Golf Club and was poorly supported. So it looks as if we will revert back to having some form of golf competition beforehand as we did the previous year.

Those elected were: Chairman – David Walden; Vice-Chairman – Ian Morton; Secretary – Graeme Macdonald; Treasurer – John Scotney; Committee – Michael Wood, Barry Anderson and Kevin Hodges.

Thank you to Barry Anderson and Toft Golf Club for courtesy of the room for the night.

Welcome to new member James Dair of Eyebury Golf Club. James has been a greenkeeper for one year and has just enrolled for NVQ training at Cambridgeshire College. Kevin Hodges has taken control at Elton Furze.

Finally, if you have any information of interest, please contact me on 0733 260297. GRAEME MACDONALD

MID ANGLIA

Our Regional Seminar at the Sketchley Grange Conference Centre attracted 70 people. The topics and speakers were varied: drainage, fertilisers and chemical container disposal were covered, and David Stansfield spoke on construction of a new links course,

Guy Longshaw from Symbio also gave a good talk on bacteria products which his firm have developed for use on golf greens. Numbers were well down on the previous year for some reason and only four people from our section attended, which is disappointing. A new location for the event is being sought for this year, which will more than likely be in the Northampton area. As this is a lot closer, hopefully more greenkeepers from our Section will support it this year.

The final golfing event of the year took place on December 6, the section's Texas Scramble competition. We had a record entry of 25 teams for the event, 100 golfers in all. The venue was The Family Golf Centre, Chesfield Downs, Gravely, which is basically a 'pay and play' course, having 55,000 rounds a year. You would not think it gets played so much judging from the superb allround condition of the course and it is a credit to Chris Brook, the course manager, ably supported by Eddie, Dale, Pete and his other lads. I'm sure the mild weather through November was welcomed by the greenkeeping staff. Thanks must go to centre manager Paul McCoullough for looking after us so well on the day and for the meal and entertainment afterwards. Also thanks to all his catering staff as they did an excellent job in a very full restaurant! The day was once again sponsored by Kingston House Mowers. Our thanks to



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John Glyn-Davies for this, and for presenting the KH Trophy to Jon Moorhouse, who once again was the highest finisher in all our golf events this year. We appreciate the outstanding support we get from members of the trade at these events, and this year's was no exception.

Finally, thanks to Jock, the starter at the club who rescued us at the last minute by going out to get some more raffle tickets, after we had run out!

The full results were as follows: 1, J Moorhouse, J Blair, P Densham, K Hamer – 58.9; 2, M Ellis, M Whittle, S O'Connell, G Snowdon – 60; 3, P Briers, E O'Hanlon, D Haud, P Robinson – 60.1.The longest drive was won by T May and nearest the pin by David Hawkins.

I look forward to seeing fellow greenkeepers at Harrogate once again, which I'm sure will be an unqualified success. It seems that more and more people from our section are attending, which is great to see.

Looking ahead to next month, we have a course visit planned at Brocket Hall, which is certainly worth viewing. This takes place on February 21 and I'm sure course manager John Wells will have plenty to say to us all about the course. I'm sure John will let you know what time it starts if you give him a ring. Failing that, Gerald will be able to help, so please contact him if you are interested in coming.

May I take this opportunity to wish all members of the Mid Anglia Section a Happy New Year. PAUL LOCKETT

EAST MIDLANDS

Our section AGM was held at Ullesthorpe Golf and Country Club in Leicestershire. On a fine autumn day, 35 competitors turned out. One didn't, which made it rather difficult for his partner. The winning team in the Texas Scramble with a score of 63.3 on countback comprised P Forshaw, C Harris and C James. On to the serious business of the AGM (which must have been completed in a record time of 23 minutes), the only



change in committee members was the election of Peter Forshaw to replace Paddy McCarron. May I take this opportunity to thank Paddy, on behalf of all section members, for all his valuable time and work he has put into BIGGA, not only at section level but also at regional and national level. Thanks should also go to Ullesthorpe Golf Club for their kindness and hospitality in making our day so enjoyable.

Congratulations go this month to Chris Lewis of the Leicestershire Golf Club on his promotion to head greenkeeper, as Paddy McCarron has stood down to deputy head. I'm sure every member would be in agreement with me that Paddy deserves a well earned rest after 30 odd years in charge. Also, I would like to wish Brian Mott, formerly of Kettering Golf Club, a long and happy retirement, although this is a rather belated message as he retired several months ago.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Roger Willars, on behalf of all section members, for this year's regional seminar at Sketchley Grange. I know how much hard work Roger has to do to make this such an enjoyable day for us all.

Finally, may I remind members that if they wish to attend the section's snooker evening on March 1, they should make sure they return their forms to me as soon as possible. If you still require an entry form you can phone me on 0533 890301 and I will gladly post one to you.

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ANTONY BINDLEY

NORTH SCOTLAND

attended the North of Scot-

land Section conference at

Aberdeen on December 1.

Especially encouraging to

see was the number of club

secretaries and greens con-

venors who were able to

come along. They were

treated to eight excellent papers presented very pro-

fessionally by those on the

platform, each speaker having his own message to put

David Roy, a young

course manager from Lin-

lithgow Golf Club, spoke

ably on wildlife conserva-

tion and how it need not be

overly time consuming nor

expensive. In fact, quite

often it turned out to be the

David was followed by

Steve Cadenelli from New

Jersey, and the audience

were fascinated by the fact

that Steve suffered the

same 'Augusta syndrome'

after the Masters at his club

as we do in Britain. They

were also interested by the

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Ray Morris from Greens of Scotland explained that when dealing with drainage problems it was essential to diagnose the cause correctly to achieve successful results.

Breeding new grass varieties for golf was the topic of Dr David Patterson of Queen's University, Belfast's address, who felt that breeders should now be concentrating more on developing varieties that are able to resist disease better and have stronger root growth. David also told of how results in tests he had carried out showed the benefits of aeration in nutrient uptake.

The last speaker in the morning session was John Hacker of PSD who encouraged the greenkeepers present to adopt a more professional approach in their own appearance and also in the presentation aspect of their course, then in turn they would be treated more professionally by their employers.

Following lunch, David Rickman of the R&A gave a sometimes humorous account of the many queries the R&A have to deal with and highlighted the importance for greenstaff to know the rules of the game when preparing the course for competitive play.

Golf course architect, Tom MacKenzie, took us through the different stages of building the Carnegie Club at Skibo, Sutherland, with some very scenic and beautiful slides and the day was concluded by Ray Laycock of Karsten Turf Science, speaking on fertiliser requirements. Ray put the opinion over that both soil and tissue analysis were important aspects when considering fertiliser applications, his view being that the proper timing and application of the correct nutrients required would lead to the turf performing to its full potential.

GORDON MOIR

SOUTH WALES

A Happy New Year to you all. I hope that hangovers have subsided enough for you all to have remembered firstly, to rejoin the Association by sending your completed membership renewal forms back to Aldwark Manor and secondly, to secure your place on the region's coach trip to the BTME (January 25-27) at the very special price of only £99.

Peter Jefford of Ruffords Top Dress Supplies gave a thoroughly interesting and informative talk to more than 30 people who attended the evening lecture at Pencoed College. The subject – top dressings for use on fine turf surfaces – went extremely well and provoked many questions from the floor.

Later that month, again at Pencoed College, Richard Dixon, secretary of the Welsh Golf Union, addressed an audience of well over 20 with a talk on 'The roll of the Welsh Golf Union in setting standards'. After outlining and endorsing the WGU's commitment to working with the industry and BIGGA, through the likes of the GTC and the Greenkeepers Training Liaison Committee, Richard presented the floor with two Welsh Golf Union documents, 'Course Preparation Guidelines for Tournaments run by the WGU' and a 'Sample Golf Course Policy Document'. Both papers brought much feedback and audience participation, which was more than welcomed by Richard himself. An extremely worthwhile evening and the WGU working hand in hand with BIGGA, surely another great step in the right direction! Thank you Richard

It was so good to see so many faces from our section attending the Levington Horticulture sponsored seminar at Cannington College. The programme was as interesting as always with the ever enthusiastic David Golding teamed with David Goff (a formidable duo), explaining the NVQ system and how it is to affect greenkeepers.

Mike Smith, head of horticulture and related studies at Cannington, presented a paper on ecology, 'How Green is Your Golf Course'?

What more can you say, but vintage Jim Arthur on course presentation and the two students, Chris Jack

and Steven Pellatt, acquitted themselves very well indeed.

Obviously we need to thank Keith Makee, Levington's amenity manager for sponsoring the event and also Cannington College for their support, but yet again the success of the seminar, endorsed by an audience of well over 100, is down to the hard work and organisation of Gordon and Marion Child (another formidable duo).

Congratulations are in order for Gary Johnston of the Southerndown Golf Club, on his appointment to course manager. Gary, formerly of the Carnoustie Golf Club, has been at Southerndown now for two years.

Also to Mr and Mrs John Shepard on the birth of their second child, a baby boy, Joseph, weighing in at over 6 Ib. John is sales manager with Turf Irrigation Services, who work out of Sandbach, Cheshire.

Are there any golfers out there interested in a golf trip? There are four places available on a trip being organised for October 30 – November 3 1995. Having just returned from last year's I can personally guarantee that a good time will be had! Last October/November we were granted courtesy rounds of golf at Royal St David's, Royal Liverpool, Formby, Royal Birkdale and the Hillside Golf Clubs. Some trip eh, I can tell you!

For more information, give me a ring on 0792 233923.

PETER LACEY

NORTHERN SECTION

To begin with, may I wish you all a very happy, prosperous New Year, but please don't forget to pay your subs as they are now due!

There is not much to write about this month but I shall remind you that our annual dinner takes place at Pannal Golf Club on Saturday, March 11 1995. To reserve your seats please phone me as soon as possible as numbers are limited. This event is a social event so you can bring your wife, girlfriend or even your mum and dad.

At the moment I am formulating 1995's golfing calendar. So far, I can tell you that the autumn tournament will be held at Easingwold Golf Club, the spring tournament at Hessle Golf Club and the Roses Match at West Bowling Golf Club. All members will receive a newsletter in the spring when I have completed the calendar.

I welcome to our section the following new members: Roy Armitage, Scarthingwell Golf Club and David Rowbottom, Woolley Park Golf Club. Any member requiring further information, or who has a contribution for this column, please contact me on 0274 568128. PAT MURPHY

NORTH SCOTLAND

Older members of the Section will be saddened to hear that life member John Falconer from Carnoustie passed away recently. It is ironic that in the year that the R&A restore the Open to Carnoustie that John should leave us, as he was links superintendent there in 1975 when Tom Watson beat Jack Newton in a play-off, the last time the Championship was held there. Our sympathies are with his relatives.

The first two new members to the section for 1995 are Paul Rooney, my new apprentice at Tain, and the new secretary at Peterculter Golf Club, Robert Burnett. We welcome them both.

I dread to think what the weather will be like when this magazine comes out. Up to now we have experienced an incredibly mild winter, enabling us at Tain to complete our major tee extensions well ahead of schedule with only a couple of lost days through rain and no frost yet. Of course, the good weather has meant a lot more winter golf as well, with no rest for the course, but you can't have it both ways. I believe November was the mildest on record since the 1600s! I can't help thinking that we are going to pay for it in the New Year. Let's hope not!

December 1 was the day for the North Section Conference in Aberdeen, which was a great success with



over 130 delegates attending. The evening before, the sponsors, speakers and committee were the guests of the Lord Provost of Aberdeen at a civic reception which was a great gesture by the city. All the speakers excelled to keep the audience interested, hopefully I picked up some tips to keep people awake at Harrogate! The only worry is keeping up the standard for the next one.

One of the conference speakers was Steve Cadenelli from USA, whom I have swapped letters with since we met at the Ransomes Tournament in 1991. It was great meeting up with Steve again and having him as a guest at my house for a few days. We played some golf, talked shop of course, and had a few beers.

Finally, as it is the start of the New Year, let's have a drive to recruit new members to the section. Remember, if you introduce two new members, you will be entered into a draw for great prizes. So first re-join yourselves and then get recruiting. IAIN MACLEOD

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

As we enter another year, I hope everyone has recovered from all the food and drink consumed over the festive period and are ready for the new season which lie ahead. Hopefully the grass has stopped growing for a week or two, as I think everyone was cutting regularly up until Christmas.

The section had quite a busy end to 1994, with a couple of lectures, one by British Seed Houses and the other by STS and Hunter Irrigation, both were held at Aberdour Golf Club. Although attendances were a bit on the disappointing side, what was lacking in quantity was more than made up for by the quality for those who did make the effort to attend and two very informative lectures were enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to BSH, STS and Hunter Irrigation for their excellent presentations on both days.

The Annual Prize Draw Dinner was held at Alloa Golf Club on November 25 and the main prize winners were: Kay Comiskey – colour TV; J McBeth – gallon of whisky; Mrs Paterson – his/her watches; Heath Walker – radio/cassettee.

The guest entertainer at the dinner was comedian/vocalist Dave Lee who kept everyone in high spirits with his quick fire patter and singing, but the real star of the night was our very own past chairman, Duncan Peddie, who really stole the show with his version of the Mr Blobby song. He put so much effort into his act that he had to devise his own method of cooling down and this raised the temperatures of his captivated audience, who were in stitches by this time, which is more than can be said about Dunc. At least we know were we can get a star for next year's dinner who is available at very reasonable rates (at least that's what Maureen said).

Our sincere thanks go to everyone at Alloa Golf Club who helped to make this night a success and to DJ Jarvis who spun the records for the disco. Ian, don't give up your day job.

The AGM at Aberdour Golf Club on November 29 was rather poorly attended. Everyone must think that the section is being run so well that they don't have to bother turning up. If this is the case, then they couldn't be further from the truth, as we are always looking for fresh input and ideas from every member.

It was pleasing to welcome James Duncan to the AGM. James recently moved to another club down in

England and when he left Aberdour, his boss (MC) leaked some information about which football team James supported. Well, now he has had the last laugh as his team, Raith Rovers, have just qualified for Europe by defeating Celtic in the Coca-Cola Cup final. Sorry Mike.

Two section members are starting 1995 with larger families than 1994 as Stuart Sie and his wife and Mark and Donna Gardner had additions to their families towards the end of the year. Congratulations go to both sets of parents. Hopefully, they are not having too many sleepless nights.

Thanks to everyone who sent their good wishes on my new appointment at Stirling Golf Club. My new address is Half Acre Cottage, Orwell Farm, Milnathort, Kinross-shire, KY13 7HE, telephone 0577 865 607. I hope this is near enough the centre of the section for the person who thought that if the secretary did not live in the middle of the section, he could not keep in touch with all the members. He must have different postal and telephone services than everyone else or perhaps his piece of string is shorter! JOHN CRAWFORD

SOUTH COAST

Our first winter meeting was held at Alresford Golf Club. Bob Young of Sparsholt College came along and gave a first-class talk on the new qualifications that our trainees are working towards. Employer support is essential for the new training and it was sad that only 12 members attended. With over 80 clubs in our section there is obviously an uphill struggle to create awareness of the new education situation. Our students will be looking for the support of their head greenkeepers, will they find it?

On the same evening the education committee had a successful first meeting and several points were clarified regarding the assessing of NVQ. The industry assessors should soon be in a position to help with the college assessing programme. Any students concerned about their assessments can contact any of the assessors who are myself at the Hampshire Golf Club, Ed McCabe at Brockenhurst Manor Golf Club, Kerran Daly at Salisbury and South Wiltshire Golf Club and Martin Summers at Crane Valley Golf Club.

In February we have our next winter lecture at Alresford Golf Club on Wednesday, 1st, when Ian McMillan will be coming from Hankley Common Golf Club. Ian always gives an interesting talk so meet him there at 7pm. Also on February 16, we have the section workshop at Sparsholt College. Aimed at the head greenkeeper/course manager, this day will deal with team building and confidence training, skills we are often accused of lacking. Anyone who hasn't applied yet can contact me for information at 45 Constable Close, Sholing, Southampton, SO19 1EN, telephone 0264 334269/0703 3602195. ALAN MITCHELI

AYRSHIRE

The good news this month is that we finished the year with 110 members in our section. Let's all make a big effort in this coming season to let all those non-members know what they are missing.

Our section AGM was held on November 29 and for a change we had a good turnout. The main discussion was about the proposed new constitution for BIGGA, with many good points being made about staffing, pricing etc. Our views are in good hands with Harry Diamond being on the Review Committee. A major change in our own section is that a voucher system will be used for prizes at the outings to allow members to get what they want, rather than something they probably don't need. We also have a fine array of new cups being presented by Aitkens, Stewarts, Scottish Grass and Rigby Taylor, which along with some of our older refurbished cups will make a great prize table.

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It just remains for me to wish everyone a great New Year and hope that 1995 sees our Association going from strength to strength. DUNCAN GRAY

LONDON

The turkey trot was held at Sandy Lodge Golf Club. The weather was very kind to us and the turnout was excellent. The course was in excellent shape and I would like to thank Peter Gee and Richard Elderfield and all the greenstaff in the preparation for the event. Out of the 52 competitors that entered, the overall winner with a score of 42 points was a new member to our section,. Benjamin Knowles-Jackson. In second place with 40 points was Ian Semple who beat Gary Speller into third on the back six holes. The longest drive was hit by S Woolley and the nearest the pin was won by Peter Creary. The scores were very good and the following players had a reduction in their handicaps: Benjamin Knowles-Jackson 17 to 15.5; Ian Semple 2.2 to 1.8; Gary Speller 22 to 21; Simon Wallev 15 to 14.1

I would like to thank Sandy Lodge Golf Club for the hospitality that was shown to us and in particular the catering manager and the staff for the excellent meal. I would like to thank the trade for supporting us at Sandy Lodge and for all the help throughout last year.

We also held the AGM after the golf and this was a success in that more members were present and many points were raised. The committee were all voted back on and are as follows: Douglas Smith – Chairman; Barry Moggridge – Secretary; Craig Handyside – Treasurer; Don Wilson – Golf events and handicaps; Tony Dunstan – Education events.

We will be organising a minibus to travel up to the BTME this month and details should have been received by now. If anyone is interested in the day return then please contact me as soon as possible on 081 959 5629.

Another trip has been organised next month on February 7 to visit the laboratory facility at DowElanco. This has been funded by our section and Rigby Taylor. More details will follow but numbers will be limited so a quick response is required. Details will follow next month giving all the golf and education events for 1995. TONY DUNSTAN

SURREY

Congratulations to Mick Haynes and Allan Donlevy of Walton Heath upon winning the Huxley Bowl. Looking back to November 9 and 11, I would like to thank Bill Oliver for his very informative lecture on Hardi Sprayers and to Kingswood Golf Club for the use of the Warren Room.

The dinner-dance proved to be a great success with an attendance of 77 out of a possible 80. Well done to the committee for all the hard work and arm twisting that went on to sell all the tickets and for making the evening such a success.

Finally, a second winter lecture has been arranged for February 13 at Walton Heath Artisans Club on the topic of irrigation, by Watermation. DAVID GIBBS

CLEVELAND

Brancepeth Castle Golf Cub is to host the six Northern Counties Championships over five days in April.

Tony Smith, head greenkeeper at Teesside Golf Club, has to wear a surgical collar following a car accident. Best wishes Tony.

Mild autumn has meant continuous cutting of grass. How green and tidy it is looking. By the end of Novem-



ber, there were many worm casts. We do need help in worm control.

lan Pemberton, first assistant at Saltburn By the Sea, is the new head greenkeeper at Bedale Golf Club. He starts in the new year.

The November meeting on pest control, moles and rabbits proved very helpful. For moles, trapping or strychnine baited worms are the answer. Rabbits are controlled by ferrets or Cymag, gassing or shooting.

Saltburn Golf Club is busy making two new tees and it also has a tree planting programme.

BRUCE BURNELL

SOUTH WEST

Now that the festive season is behind us, let me take this opportunity to wish all section members a happy New Year and good greenkeeping for 1995. Good greenkeeping is helped by good education which leads me nicely into a reminder that training courses in PA1, PA2, first aid and chainsaw use are readily available with a chainsaw course having been undertaken before Christmas. A circular letter will follow soon, so if interested indicate your requirements on the return slip. A fixture card for 1995 section events will also be with the forthcoming letter.

The section AGM for 1994 took place at Knowle Club in November and was well supported with approximately 50 members attending. Some people were beginning to wonder if the morning's round of golf would take place at all after the heavy rain suffered by the West in previous days, but there was to be no disappointment as on the day the course was not only open but on 18 full greens! Thanks go to Chris Light and his staff for an excellent effort in course presentation for the day. Results of the golf are as follows: 1,Peter Baynton; 2, Gary Cooke; 3, Paul Worcester; 4, Paul Godwin; 5, Andy Parker.

Before the AGM got under way, Mark Hunt of Scotts gave a short and very interesting talk on sand greens and their fertilizer requirements compared to other green constructions. Thanks are given to Mark for his time and enthusiasm in agreeing to speak. Comments after the talk suggested that some members would not only have liked the lecture to last longer, but would like to see an educational evening given by one or two speakers throughout the early months of the year. If you have any thoughts on the matter or subjects for discussion contact me on 0272 793127.

The AGM was the last item of the day's events and generated discussion on various points including education, health and safety and the section's trophies. From now on a trophy will be presented to the event winner and will be their responsibility for its safety throughout the year, instead of its retention in the section's trophy cabinet. Consequently the section voted to donate the cabinet to headquarters to house their silverware.

John York has this year stood down as section chairman and the position has been filled by Ivor Scoones from Long Ashton. On behalf of the section I would like to take this opportunity to thank John for his enthusiasm and commitment over recent years in section activities.

Election of section officers for 1995 were as follows: Chairman – Ivor Scoones; Vice-Chairman – Peter Cox;Secretary – Kevin Green; Assistant Secretary – Nick Wilson (Fixtures); Match Captain – Dave Neale; Reserve Captain – Paul Ferragut; Regional Board – Robin Greaves; Officers- Jason Cooper.

Finally, I have been asked by team captain Dave Neale to thank everyone who took part in team matches last year, making the three performances such a success. KEVIN GREEN

NORTH WEST

Congratulations to Paul Pearse, course manager at Stockport Golf Club and North West section chairman, who won through to the last five in the ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year Award. Congratulations also to Stephen Oultram, course manager at Wilmslow Golf Club and his wife Karen, on the birth of their son Samual Ian on November 24. I know that caring for a baby takes up most of your time, so if Karen wins any more holidays in radio quizzes, I would be glad to take her place.

On the education front, two lecture afternoons at Myerscough are planned for January: Thursday January 12, 2pm – Talk by National Rivers Authority; 3pm, Turf Grass Ecology (Sports Turf Council) Thursday January 19, 2pm – Foliar Analysis (Robert Laycock); 3pm, Performance and Testing of Amenity Grasses (Dr Newall). Any BIGGA members will be made most welcome.

The BTME at Harrogate on January 23-27 is definitely not to be missed, with everything you require for your course being displayed indoors, and trade members ready to advise on your needs. While visiting, drop in on the Northern Region stand, and find out what is happening in your region. Why not drag your chairman of green along with his cheque book? It may be to your advantage.

The Northern Region seminar this year will be on March 16 at the Tytherington Golf Club. The main speaker will be Jon Allbutt, talking on the subject of health and safety. Further details will be in the February section notes.

I would like to welcome new members to the North West section and invite you to come along to any of the section events and meet your fellow greenkeepers. I would also remind members renewing their membership that where the golf club pay your subscriptions, fill in the details on your renewal form and hand them in to your golf club secretary, as the club are not invoiced for your subscriptions. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and I wish you all a happy New Year.

Any news or views, ring 051 724 5412. BERT CROSS

DEVON AND CORNWALL

Happy New Year to all!

Lanhydrock Golf Club was the venue for our AGM meeting on November 23. The day started with golfing members arriving at 8.30am to compete in the morning's foursome competition for the Toro Trophy. With the mildest and wettest November on record, Lanhydrock's head greenkeeper, Martin Morgan, and his staff did a marvellous job in making the course playable.

As usual non-golfing members armed with their Wellington boots were given a tour of the course and sheds before returning to the clubhouse for lunch.

After lunch the prize presentation for the Toro Trophy took place with Alan Dommett of Devon Garden Machinery presenting the prizes to: 1, J Parr (Exeter) and S Milne (Exeter) 45 pts; 2, C Rawlings (Padbrook) and R Battishill (St Mellion) 43 pts; 3, A Ramsden (Budock Vean) and A James (Tehidy) 40 pts.

Our thanks to Alan for donating and presenting the day's prizes and to Mr G Bond, owner of Lanhydrock Golf Club, and his management team for allowing the section use of their excellent facilities.

The section's AGM followed the golf presentation. Full details next month. RICHARD WHYMAN

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Contracts Supervisor (Horticulture), Tamworth Borough Council, Marmion House, Lichfield Street, Tamworth, Staffordshire B79 7BZ

Day to remember

I would like to convey my sincere thanks to all concerned with the ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year Award held at Aldwark Manor. All the contestants were given a tremendous welcome and made to feel very imporant. The Zeneca staff all worked very hard to ensure our stay was an enjoyable one and the memory of this occasion will remain for some considerable time to come. Their commitment to BIGGA and its education must be encouraged to continue well into the future.

Since being chosen as this year's winner, I have returned to work somewhat as a celebrity, receiving numerous requests for interviews and photo-sessions. I hope that next year will encourage more entrants to this great competition.

Once again, may I take this opportunity to thank all concerned, especially the Zeneca staff, the BIGGA staff and not forgetting the staff at Aldwark Manor. David Walden

1994 ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year, Yaxley, Peterborough

'Excellent opportunities'

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I am currently involved in the Ohio States program and am serving my internship at Cypress Bay Golf and Beach Club, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I have found that the rewards can be quite substantial for those who are dedicated to the profession as I have recently been promoted to assistant superintendent of golf courses.

For anyone who is interested and for further information, I suggest they contact: Mr Michael Chrisman, Ohio Agricultural Intern Program, Ohio State University, 113 Agricultural Administration Building, 2120 Fyffe Road, Columbus, OH 43210, USA.

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Re: "Poor consultants". As a firm of woodland design and management consultants, we regularly visit a wide range of golf courses to advise on the planting and management of trees. Always in the back of our minds is that the term "consultant" has been diluted by many financial service-type companies and individuals, none of whom are true consultants.

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I just hope that in future the word "consultant" does not raise pre-conceived derogatory ideas from your members. Some of us do care. Andrew Vaughan,

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Worcestershire Golf Club

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TALKING HEADS



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A s winter draws in and growth slows down, so do green speeds.

The need for speed has decimated many a fine sward, and will continue to do so whilst there is a pressure to create and recreate "professional tournament conditions" for amateur club events.

It was with this potential dilemma in mind that I tentatively sought reassurance from my proprietor/chief executive prior to my appointment managing construction completion and grow-in at Heydon Grange in Hertfordshire that I would enjoy complete autonomy regarding agronomy.

So, within the parameters of strict development costs and frugal operating budget, we set about bringing a 'links style' layout to fruition on the borders of Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Essex, our 200 acres bordering all three counties.

We opened our first 18 holes on May 14 1994 following an accelerated grow-in; accelerated by the need to be open for business a.s.a.p. With the last seed hitting the ground in August '93, we faced the challenge of being show ready by April '94. By this time the cry

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We all know that speed kills. A construction project, a grow-in, a 3-litre Turbo XXX3Ri can all be driven too fast; and most of us are aware of the danger.

I'd previously worked in France for two years on Golf Euro-Disney, a project driven at breakneck speed with a 12-month grow-in on Penncross greens cut to 4.5mm. But business is business and if I could grow-in creeping bent within 12 months then why not any other grass was a recurring question. This other grass was 80% fescue, 20% browntop bent, approximately, give or take 20% *Poa annua* here and there.

A turf supplier had been 'selected' who would guarantee Poa-free turf, which was presumably why there was no extra charge for the meadow grass content therein.... However, as time was against us and the need to achieve deadlines fast approaching – speed being of essence etc – we set about the 'Poa issue' with much vigour, no little frenzy and several pluggers, daisy grabbers, cutlery forks and sharp knives!

By the time we opened this 'fescue rescue' was deemed 95% successful – we're still working on the other 5% – and our first guests and members were, and have continued to be, extremely happy with our efforts and results.

But, you know, opening with fescue is one thing, keeping it is quite another – especially inland.

Which brings me back to speed. Our opening mowing schedule on greens was 4-5 cuts per week at 7mm with no complaints – players being of a forgiving nature in the immediate post-opening honeymoon period. We came down to 6mm in June, 5-7 cuts per week, with our best stimpmeter reading being 9, achieved on days of double cutting for specific events.

By November we had returned to a more leisurely 7mm cutting regime. Next spring we will follow the same procedure, ultimately reaching an all-time low of 5mm. Sward density, vigour and strong root development will be the key factors in determining when and if we lower the blades.

We aim to maintain this regime for the future by ensuring the practice is written into our operating procedures and course maintenance philosophy.

However, I am not naive enough to believe that we will never be faced with the demand for tournament green speeds. As our popularity and roundage grows, prestige events will undoubtedly be held and we shall be delighted to host them – on our terms and at our pace. But because we know speed kills we are in no rush!

The height of success? About 6mm I reckon.

Life can be tough as a greenkeeper in Germany

Thinking of working abroad? We asked British greenkeeper Elaine Holland, a trained hairdresser who now cuts greens and fairways with partner Stuart Bishop, what it's really like greenkeeping in Germany...

A head greenkeeper can expect to be paid between £2,100 and £3,000 per month, but total deductions come to about 37%. Accommodation is usually paid. This is usually a flat above the sheds or a flat above the clubhouse. You can be asked to contribute towards the electricity, which is expensive – about £300 per month. Overtime is stored from summer and paid back to you in wages through the winter. You can ask for the overtime money monthly, but you will probably be unemployed come winter.

Winters here are freezing – 20 below and frost over a foot deep. Half the members and green fee-paying players will still play and the other half will iceskate on the small lakes and even greens, with the owner's blessing (not the greenkeeper's!)

Etiquette doesn't seem to have reached Germany yet, and dog-walking on the course is very popular. In fact, the dogs usually pull the trolleys, and every golf course has a children's playground.

Expect the members to turn the irrigation system on and off at will (by the control valves), and stroll in and out of the shed, move tees and even cut new holes.

We have found, too, there is always another greenkeeper from a nearby club – probably a local farmer who has picked up a little greenkeeping here and there – who will contradict everything you do. One of their most popular phrases will be the German equivalent of, "We don't do it like that here." It is a constant battle.

There are lots of rules and regulations in Germany with the environment people controlling what you plant, where, when, how, and they are very strict, especially with chemicals. Legal and illegal chemical rules change weekly, so it is advisable to keep in contact with them regularly.

To be a German greenkeeper with relevant qualifications, you must have attended six weeks over a three-year period at a greenkeeping college, you do not have to be employed by a golf club, this gets you your certificate (prufung). By the way, German staff finish work Friday lunchtime until Monday. Other problems include wild boar, deer, foxes and an unlimited supply of moles, which are a protected species, so you can only *ask* them to leave.

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