

Pulling out the tulips ...

into high gear in the month of June. Every Tuesday is ladies' day at our club, Wednesday is typically packed, and Thursday in the last two years has been almost as busy as Wednesdays anymore, Friday mornings are slower with the course filling up by 2pm. Saturday and Sunday the members do not what to see us around, and by 10am our maintenance crew can hardly move around the course it is so full.

Our tulips, which we are known for, have just expired (over 12,000 new ones each year) and will all be pulled out this month so we can begin planting our annuals which will number about 300 flats. By the middle of this month we will hopefully be up to full staff although the labour market is extremely bad at our location, being an in town facility most city kids have no idea what work is all about and many of them go to work for fast food chains or department stores. June is the most pleasant month for us as staff because the members are enjoying the course, playing all they want and getting ready for their matches. The crew is enjoying working outside after months of cabin fever, working on equipment, and plowing snow. Almost everyone is happy with the first great weather of the year and we are at full speed ahead for the next four months.

Most of our June work is involved with bringing the course to the finest condition possible for July and August, and maintaining it through Labor Day at its peak. Our Club Championships are held in Early August and finish in mid August. A few weeks after Labor Day, September 1 this year, our play will diminish rapidly.





Staff from Wilders at Jacobsen E-Z-GO headquarters with Peter Bell, left

Dealer appointed

Jacobsen E-Z-GO has appointed Walter Wilders as the official dealer for North Surrey, Middlesex and West London, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

Depot Manager Jason Scott commented, "We are delighted with this appointment and the opportunities it provides, and we feel we can provide our existing customers with an even better service and look forward to attracting new customers now that we have this premier range of fine turf

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equipment to promote."

He added, "It is our goal to be the easiest company to do business with, achieving this through one stop shopping."

Walter Wilders is a well established company with over 50 years in business behind them. The main groundcare office is in Reading but it also has an additional depot in Wallingford. In the last two years they have been successfully promoting the Iseki brand of compact tractors for which Jacobsen is now responsible.

"Tournament[®] has been used at Barton-on-Sea Golf Club for the past five years, with superb results. The density of the sward has greatly improved. We also use the product at half rate in early September to enhance colour and quality of sward for our traditionally late major competitions."

Tony Gadd, Course Manager Barton-on-Sea Golf Club

"I have been using Tournament® for over two years and usually apply it to the greens two or three times between April and September. Major benefits include a rapid, consistent green-up, which lasts 4-6 weeks, and steady nitrogen release as opposed to a 'flush' of growth which quickly tapers off."

> R. Thomson, Head Greenkeeper Hoebridge Golf Centre, Surrey



"Agriland Tournament[®] was applied to the Show and Practice courts prior to the Direct Line International Championships, June 1996. The condition and appearance of the turf was considerably enhanced, and recovery of the most heavily used practice facilities was greatly assisted by the product."

> Roy Charman, Turf Manager Devonshire Park, Eastbourne



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> Robert McCullagh, Head Groundsman Wembley Stadium



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