

When the going gets tough then the South West and South Wales region get going! Paul Jenkins, Course Manager at Lilley Brook Golf Club, looks back at the origins of Westurf, and forward at the second visit to Westpoint

# Welcome to Westurf



**Question:** What has been known to be baking hot, freezing cold, soaking wet, windy, dry, outside and now inside?

**Clue:** It is always efficacious, enjoyable, educational, easy to get to, excellent, encourageable, enlightening and entertaining.

**Answer:** WESTURF!

I know, it's not the hardest question to ever grace these pages, but, could it be that some people struggled with the answer? Could it be that some of us greenkeepers, with our busy schedules have forgotten that when we attend Westurf, we do experience all of the above positive points. Greenkeepers from other Regions will have got the answer straight away as the little green eyed monster sat on their shoulders will be whispering "That's the great event put on by the South West and South Wales Region. What a jewel in their crown." So it is! We should all be proud of its continued success.

This year, as with last, Westurf will be held at Westpoint, Exeter on April

12. Westpoint is a purpose built, indoor exhibition centre, equipped with lighting, heating, bar, restaurant and toilets, together with an outdoor demonstration area. A very different vision used to greet us all as we pulled up and parked on Ivor's practice area at Long Ashton Golf Club, Bristol. Not knowing whether one would need sun tan lotion or eight layers of Gortex, was all part of the charisma that helped form the character of the show.

The first Westurf show was held in 1989. The success of the show that first year was very important as each Region had been given the remit of becoming self-sufficient. The catalyst for an event was there, the desire to

bring the trade closer to the greenkeeper at Regional level was there, but where, when and who?

\*Enter stage left: Ivor Scoones and Long Ashton Golf Club. The practice ground at Long Ashton was offered as the venue by Ivor and the Club Committee. At that time the idea of a further nine successful visits to Ivor's practice ground was just a future dream.

\* Enter stage right: Gordon and Marion Child. An event such as Westurf does not just happen. It needs careful planning, organisation and one or two sleepless nights, Gordon, then the Regional Administrator and his stalwart wife, Marion, took the challenge by the

horns. The result being ten very well organised and very successful Westurf shows held at Long Ashton.

\* Enter centre stage: Rod Felton. Rod at that time was running Browns of Bristol, a main supplier in the South West. Browns had the dealership for many of the major products at that time and held an Open Day each year. For Westurf to be successful, the larger companies needed to

Browns decided to fully support Westurf and cancel their Open Day, and so a show was born.

Following ten good years at Long Ashton, the time was right to move. The decision was taken to move Westurf to an indoor purpose built building. No more frostbite, wind-chill factor, sun stroke, soaked to the skin! Have you ever seen 500 greenkeepers huddled in one tent?

Westpoint at Exeter was chosen as the new venue. Westurf at Westpoint is an excellent event that every greenkeeper from student to Course Manager should visit and bring your Greens Chairman too. You will have a very pleasant and informative day, networking with the trade from your area and of course, your peers.

Westurf 2000 promises to be even more informative and entertaining with:

Free seminars from top speakers throughout the day

Central display/entertainment arena - try your skills out!

All leading distributors will be exhibiting

A strong emphasis on water management

Machinery demonstration area

Golf simulator back by public demand

Licensed bar and full catering

## New for 2000

Why not make an evening of it? A night's entertainment has been organised for the evening prior to the show. This is to be held at a hotel near by and will include overnight accommodation. The package will consist of dinner, jazz band, overnight accommodation with breakfast at a cost of £40 per person. The idea, for all you greenkeepers and members of the trade, is to bring your partners, treat them to what will be a great night's entertainment.

The following day, the day of the exhibition, you can lend your partner your credit card as shopping and sightseeing in Exeter is the order of the day.

Numbers are limited, so ring Paula Humphries today on 01288 352194.

I hope you can all make time to visit Westurf 2000. We have a region to be proud of with Paula at the helm and Robin Greaves, our new Regional Chairman, taking us into the new Millennium. Your support is always welcomed.

Paul Jenkins

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## Westurf 2000 Exhibitor information

### Amazone Groundcare

Amazone Groundcare extends a welcome to all visitors to view their complete range of Groundcare and Amenity Management Machinery on their stand - Stand S. Visitors will also be able to see a number of machines working in the Demonstration Area - the Groundkeeper and Profi Hopper mower collectors being only two of the line. Also come and hear about the exciting new "WEST COUNTRY DEVELOPMENTS" - SEE YOU THERE!

### Aventis

The newly formed 'Aventis' is exhibiting at WestTurf 2000. The exciting new company Aventis was formed from a merger of Rhone-Poulenc Amenity and Agrevo. This merger means many exciting new developments in the Amenity Sector and we look forward to speaking to you about how we can help you in the future as Aventis.

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You will have the chance to take away the CD-Rom version of our new technical manual from the stand.

There will also be information on our new web site.

### Avoncrop Amenity Products

Come and talk to the Avoncrop Amenity Products Technical team regarding all the latest trends, from Slow Release Fertilisers, Organic products and Microbial inoculates through to Liquids and Soil Conditioners. With the ever-changing trends in Golf Course Management it is important to keep in touch with new products and services that are available. We are happy to arrange Soil Analysis and advise on Fertiliser programmes and general maintenance based on the results. Our new comprehensive catalogue will be available for you to pick up from the stand demonstrating our unrivalled product portfolio.

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Golf Car UK shows wider club car utility range at Westurf.

At Westurf 2000, Abingdon-based Golf Car UK will be showing an expanded range of CARRYALL vehicles from Club Car for construction, greenkeeping and general turf and maintenance applications on golf courses, parks and sports grounds. In conjunction with Fleet (Line-Markers)Ltd, the stand will be displaying the Turf II XRT.

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### LINKS

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THE MATS THAT LAST have been outstanding this year due to their quality and price.

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 Seed mixtures and their chemical range  
 that includes the fungicide 'Rimidin' and  
 the selective herbicide 'Bastion' T. Also  
 featured will be the Speciality products  
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