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 NESTURE



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 eved 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.

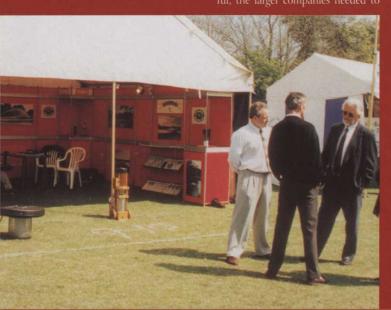
This year, as with last, Westurf will be held at Westpoint, Exeter on April 12. Westpoint is a purpose built, indoor exhibition centre, equipped with lighting, heating, bar, restaurant and toilets, together with an outdoor demonstration area. A very different vision used to greet us all as we pulled 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

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 dealereach year. For Westurf to be success-



Browns decided to fully support Westurf and cancel their Open Day,

Following ten good years at Long Ashton, the time was right to move. building. No more frostbite, windchill factor, sun stroke, soaked to the skin! Have you ever seen 500 green-

keepers huddled in one tent? Westpoint at Exeter was chosen as the new venue. Westurf at Westpoint is an excellent event that every green-keeper from student to <u>Course</u> Manager should visit and bring your Greens Chairman too. You will have networking with the trade from your area and of course, your peers.

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

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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 The idea, for all you greenkeepers and members of the trade, is to bring your

ner your credit card as shopping and the day.

I hope you can all make time to vis-it Westurf 2000. We have a region to Chairman, taking us into the new Millennium. Your support is always

Paul Jenkins



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. Viaciniery 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! exciting new "WEST COUNTRY DEVELOPMENTS" - SEE YOU THERE!

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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 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

Golf Car UK shows wider club car utility

and the shows where the car during 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. The CARRYALL line of utility and

transportation vehicles from Club Car is the industry's only line of rustproof aluminium frame, chassis and cargo bed vehicles offering many advantages for turf work.

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LINKS

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difference shapes and a choice of natural colours. Made from Glass Reinforced Concrete (GRC) they are strong, maintenance free, light and

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outstanding this year due to their quality

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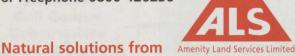
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