

Slaley Hall receive Deere delivery



One of the leading golf courses in England, Slaley Hall in Hexham, has recently expanded its John Deere equipment fleet for use on the championship Hunting course and the new Priestman course opened in April 1999.

An additional 15 machines have been purchased, worth around £190,000. This brings the total value of John Deere equipment bought since 1995 to nearly £400,000.

The equipment was supplied by local

John Deere dealer Greenlay Ltd of Choppington, Northumberland. This is one of Greenlay's biggest ever sales to a golf course, according to dealer principal David Lowes, and also makes Slaley Hall one of John Deere's biggest golf course clients in the UK and Ireland.

Slaley Hall's latest machines include the new 2500 triplex and 220A walk-behind greens mowers, additional 2653 utility tees mowers, 3235A fair-

ways mowers and Gator 6x4 utility vehicles, plus a tractor mounted model 1500 Aercore aerator and a front mounted FI 145 rotary mower.

"During the winter the diesel Gator utility vehicles work non-stop, and the rest of the year the fairway mowers in particular are running all the time to keep on top of the grass," says Course Manager Steve Cram, who manages a team of 11 greenkeeping staff and two full-time mechanics.

Textron goes for gold with new warranty scheme

Textron Turf Care has launched Textron Gold, a new three-year warranty scheme with major customer benefits. Part One of this new scheme applies to all new Textron-supplied machines and is an extension of the manufacturer's original twelve-month warranty for a further two years.

There are no excess payments but the machine must be maintained using only genuine parts and the annual winter service has to be undertaken by an authorised Textron dealer. Standard exclusions apply to Part One and include normal wear and tear, contamination of the hydraulic system, ingress of foreign material and impact damage.

Part Two provides additional cover to that detailed above and includes the following:

- Hire of replacement machine if the covered machine is out of action for 48 hours.

- Accidental damage caused to the machine including impact damage and malicious damage to the machine.

- Damage caused by contamination of the hydraulic system and ingress of foreign material.

Part Two is subject to a £100 excess per claim and is bound by the same servicing and parts conditions that apply to Part One. Full details are available from Textron's Sales Department on 01473 27000

New scheme from British Seed Houses

Turfgrass professionals trading with British Seed Houses throughout 2000 can now benefit from a new 'Grade A' training and educational credit scheme supported by BIGGA, IOG, STRI and LANTRA.

Designed to encourage continuing high standards of turfgrass industry professionalism, the training credit scheme (TCS) is the key benefit on offer to customers joining the new British Seed Houses Grade A Club.

Club members also gain exclusive access to new cultivar developments coming out of the UK's only amenity grass breeding programme at the Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research (IGER).

Discount on a new IGER soil testing service and regular technical updates are also part of the Grade A Club membership package.

Grade A Club members build up credit points that can be redeemed for discount off the price of training courses and materials available from BIGGA, IOG, STRI and LANTRA. The level of discount is related to the value of Grade A seed mixture business done with the company, although customers purchasing the Avalon and Providence cultivars – and the British Seed Houses' compound granular fertilisers – also qualify for credit points.

Speaking at BTME 2000, British



Seed Houses director Simon Taylor said that joining the Grade A Club offered greenkeepers, grounds managers, landscape contractors and turf growers a superb opportunity to secure extra value from their ongoing relationship with the company.

"Forging a long-term relationship with our customers is a priority and to achieve this objective we recognise that we need to offer much more than simply high quality seed and advice under our 'Seeds, Service, Solutions' banner," he said.

Stuart gets technical at Lindum



Stuart Green has joined Lindum Seeded Turf as technical advisor for Lindum Plant Nutrition. Latterly with the golf maintenance section at Gleneagles, Stuart began his working life as a greenkeeper at Bushey Hall Golf Club, Watford, before taking his H.N.D. in golf course management at Reaseheath college. During his course, Stuart received the Gleneagles Award for Excellence in Golf, while enjoying a work placement at the famous club returning once he qualified.