

## Feature listing from May '98

**May '98;** Greens Mowers, Suspended Water Table Greens, Seeds, Letham Grange Resort, Charterhouse profile, Security and BIGGA's Fund Raising Campaign

**June '98;** Interview with Nick Park, Earthworm special, ATVs, Royal Porthcawl, Grinding

**July '98;** Aeration, Royal Birkdale preview, The importance of research, Architecture

**August '98;** Mill Ride, Fescue, Blowers, Textron, Open Review, Nematodes, Training

**September '98;** Nine holers - Tolladine and Fingle Glen, Turf, Steve Clement profile, Drainage, World Scientific Congress report

**October '98;** Saltex Review, BIGGA Retrospective, Stirling GC, Toro Awards Preview, Tree grants

**November '98;** Royal Opening, Ramsdale Hall GC, Gang Mowers, Hayter International report, Irrigation Systems

**December '98;** Toro Awards, Environment Awards, The Appliance of Science, Engines, Architects, BTME Preview

**January '99;** Pesticide Usage, Life in Colorado, Lyscott Heath GC, Worm Research, Stylo Matchmaker profile, Temporary Greens

**February '99;** Westerham GC; R&A questionnaire results; Finland; grass cutting; BTME99 Review; Bernhard and Co

**March '99;** Loch Lomond, Worm update, GrassRoots, Softspikes, Maintenance facilities, Environment review, Architecture

**April '99;** Carden Park, Telecommunications, Water Management, Rolawn, Seeds

**May '99;** Security, Bude and North Cornwall GC, Spraying Regulations, Jim Arthur, The Acid Theory, Amenity Technology profile

**June '99;** Thorpeness GC, Millennium Bug Busting, Irrigation, Scotts profile, Company adaptability

**July '99;** Carnoustie, Golf Course Furniture, Spike Research, Toro profile, BIGGA Silent Auction

**August '99;** Viscount Whitelaw tribute; Open review; Merrist Wood; Saltex preview; Turf; Trees; Grass Cutting; BIGGA Golf Day review; Redexim profile

**September '99;** Slaley Hall; Tyres; Spotlight on Thatch; Elmwood College Awards; National Championship preview

**October '99;** The Manor House, Castle Combe; Aeration; Saltex review; Mycorrhizas; Toro Award preview

**November '99;** Sir Michael Bonallack interview; The Pines GC; Oil; Bunkers; National Championship review

**December '99;** Agronomy; Security; Environment Competition Winner; Toro Award Winners

**January 2000;** Greens Construction; Awkward Jobs; Sandy McDivot; Agronomy; Toro Award review

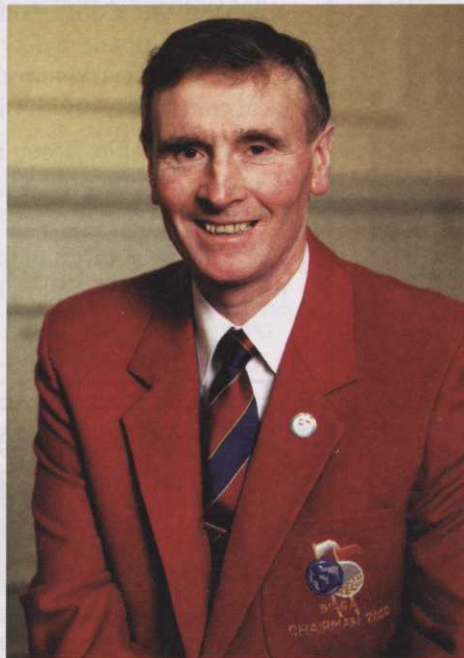
**February 2000;** BTME2000 review; Committed to Green interview; Rookery Park GC; Engines; Chairman's profile; Environmental Management

**March 2000;** Cleobury Mortimer GC; Course Furniture; R&A Conference Report; Cutting heights; Avoncrop profile; Valderrama report; Westurf preview

**April 2000;** Fortrose & Rosemarkie GC; Utility Vehicles; Irrigation; Seed breeding; Gem Professional profile.



# A masterful month



Despite the busy life I've currently enjoying as Chairman I found myself with more time on my hands than usual to watch Masters on television. We must all admire the way Vijay Singh held himself together on the final round and, in the end, he won comfortably. It was a superb performance from a dedicated, hardworking and talented professional from one of golf outposts - Fiji.

The downside of it all, and it may have just been me, was that I found the whole event a little less exciting than usual... one of the reasons may have just been the fact that there was no European input on the final day.

One thing that did interest me was the changes to the course, one of which perhaps contributed to another regular element of the Masters that we didn't see this year. I'm talking about those huge swinging putts on the 16th green where the player would aim away from the hole and then wait and watch while the ball got to the crest of the hill and then slowly rolled down to the hole side, or even better, in. I used to enjoy watching those but, because they've enlarged and flattened the 16th green, this year I didn't see any.

We also came across one of my bug bears on the final days, one that makes life a lot easier for the "pampered pros" - dropping zones!

On the final day when David Duval found the creek on the 13th he was able to use a dropping zone way left of where the ball found the water and faced a chip which gave him all of the green to work with. If we amateurs had done the same we would have dropped directly in line with where the ball had entered the creek and been faced with a hellishly difficult chip to a pin on the front right of the green.

The week after the Masters I was down in the South West and South Wales Region for two reasons. The first was to present Jim Arthur with the certificate to mark his Honorary Membership of the Association and the second was to attend Westurf at Westpoint in Exeter.

It was a great pleasure to make the presentation to Jim who has been a controversial character throughout the years but also a man who has always had greenkeepers, and the progress of the profession, at heart.

Jim now joins a very select and notable group of Honorary Members comprising the late Viscount Whitelaw, Jim Fry, Brian Gilbert and Fred Hawtree.

It was my first visit to Westurf and it proved to be a superb opportunity to meet up with a lot of friends and mem-

bers I perhaps only see on a couple of occasions a year. The atrocious weather - we heard reports of snow on the roads in Surrey - showed the benefits of moving the Show to an indoor venue and Westpoint, although a little chilly, proved an ideal venue and so perfectly placed for the motorway network.

The entire Show is the result of impressive work by the Regional Board and in particular Regional Administrator, Paula Humphries, and the impressive number of greenkeepers who took time to attend were rewarded with some fine stands and some interesting seminars. I must confess I didn't risk my reputation on the Rodeo Bull though!

Which leads me to the thought to leave you with this month.

**The reputation of a 100 years may be determined by the conduct of one hour.**

**Elliott Small**