

Feature listing from June 2000

June 2000: National Championship preview; Spraying; World Education Conference review; Environmental Management; Mowers

July 2000: Open Championship Preview; Dougal Duguid Court Case Report; Pest Control; Aventis profile; Course Conditioning

August 2000: Open Championship review; Water Features; Saltext preview; Charcoal; Malone GC; Royal County Down; Grand Tour Scholarship

September 2000: Blowers and Sweepers; Berkshire College Academy; National Championship roundup; Gordon McKillop interview; Winter health checks

October 2000: Toro Awards Preview; Ronald Fream; Irrigation; Saltext Review; Pest Control; Woburn GC

November 2000: Grass Cutting Machinery; Clandeboye GC; Drainage; National Championship review; Leatherjacket management

December 2000: Toro Awards; Making the most of your Dealer; Budget Boosters; BTME2001 preview; BIGGA/Bernhards CGSA delegation preview

January 2001: Communication; Tyres; Turf diseases; Kingsbarns Golf Links; Environment Competition Winner - Dyke GC; Talking Heads - Pest Control

February 2001: BTME2001 review; Winter Mowing; Irrigation; Broadstone GC; Hedges; Security

March 2001: York GC; Greens Maintenance; Meland GC, Norway; Greens Mowers; BIGGA Essay Winner; Grass Science profile

April 2001: Lightning detection; Brockett Hall GC; CGSA report; Fairway Mowers; Irrigation; Sward renovation; BIGGA Essay winner; Turf Disease

May 2001: Foot and Mouth Disease Special Report; Maintenance Facility report; Bunker Sand; ATVs; RainBird Profile; Fineturf Genetics; BTME2002 countdown; Electric-powered machines

June 2001: Stoke Park Club profile; Stuart Cagle MG; Tractors; Leaf Spot Disease; Take All Patch; Construction

July 2001: Royal Lytham profile; Tees Mowers; Fertilisers; Green Grasses; John Deere profile; Sandy McDivot; College Listings

August 2001: Aeration Survey; Machrie GC profile; Rough Mowers; Saltext Preview; Dr Alan Gange - environmental research; Hayter Profile; Ponds; Open Championship review; Toro Student of the Year profile;

September 2001: Ryder Cup preview; Chafer Grubs; Drainage; BIGGA National Championship preview; Sandy McDivot; Machinery Maintenance; Soil Analysis; Wild Flowers

October 2001: Major Award for Walter Woods; Royal Portrush GC; Portstewart GC; Irrigation; Soil biodiversity; Leaf collection systems; Scootsturf preview; Saltext review

November 2001: BIGGA National Championship review; Environment Competition winner; Spraying; Toro Awards Preview; Cutting regimes; Dyke GC

December 2001: Toro Award Winners; Southern Gailes GC; BTME preview; Specialty equipment; Thatch removal

January 2002: Walton Heath profile; Greenkeeping in Denmark; Moving materials; A first for Andy Campbell; New products

February 2002: Harrogate 2002 Review; Drainage; Castlerock GC; Trees; Recycling; TurfTrax profile; Barn Owl special report

March 2002: Donnington Valley profile; Utility vehicles; Essay competition winner; Irrigation; Seeds; Sandy McDivot

April 2002: Heyrose GC profile; Bernhard's Scholarship; De-stress your greens; COSHH assessments; Rootzones and topdressing; Maintenance facilities; Essay competition

May 2002: BIGGA Report; Nematodes; Caldy GC profile; Multi-tasking machinery; Bunker Sand; Essay competition; Fijian GC profile; BIGGA Minimum qualification



Looking to the Future

National Chairman, Richard Barker, had a quiet month by his standards but still took in a series of events up and down the country



If you will excuse the pun I have come back down to earth with a bump after flying back from Augusta and my feet have been well and truly on the ground in this country for the last few weeks.

The day following from my return I attended the Agricultural Engineers Association Annual Conference and Luncheon. This was held at the Savoy Hotel in London with the conference theme on Rural Business and Leisure as influenced by Government thinking with speakers ranging from Sir Donald Curry to Ben Gill, President of the NFU in England and Wales. This was a most informative day and included a magnificent lunch!!

The following week saw the first East Midlands Section Golf Day of 2002 held at the Leicestershire Golf Club. As National Chairman I was very proud to attend my own Section event especially with a turn out of 46 people including 12 trade members, but had to take some ribbing from my close colleagues about the colour of my blazer. I don't know why!!

This was a tremendous day and thanks must go to Chris Lewis and his staff as well as E. T. Breakwells for sponsoring the day plus other trade members who provided the raffle prizes. A big thank you must also go to the Section Committee for agreeing to pay the entry fees for the three Section winners into this year's National Championship.

Six days later I was golfing again with a team from my club in the John Deere Team Championships in Nottingham. Prior

to this we had a brief tour after a coffee and bacon butties around John Deere's premises in Langar. Not being a John Deere customer this was a good opportunity to see the range of equipment and spares department and was much appreciated by all those that attended. As for the golf, well our score was 59 and it wasn't good enough. Three teams were tied on 57 and congratulations must go to Steve Levers and his team from Ramsdale Park for coming out top. I wish you all the best at the Belfry and hope to see you in Arizona.

Moving up to another level I went to watch the third day of the Benson and Hedges International Open at the Belfry and from outside the ropes the course looked superb for so early in the season and I believe the scores reflected this with Barry Lane setting a new course record 65. They've obviously got off to a cracking start and I hope it continues for Bevan Tattersall and his staff right through to the Ryder Cup.

Now hopefully you all read Neil's article in last month's magazine where he made reference to the Futures Sub-Committee. This Committee met at Aldwark shortly after the article. Neil informs me that those attending considered the discussions over the two days to have been extremely productive and there was a high level of informed debate. There is an enthusiasm within the Sub-Committee to contribute towards shaping the Association's future. The Sub-

Committee is likely to meet twice yearly but intends to be active between meetings. To this end three working groups have been set up to consider and report on specific topics. These groups will embrace modern technology particularly through an e-mail list which will enable them to communicate both individually and as a group. I feel certain looking ahead that this Sub-Committee will be of considerable assistance to the Board of Management in taking BIGGA progressively forward in the years ahead.

Finally, I would like to say cheerio and a big thank you to David Emery who is leaving after four years with the Association as Design and Production Editor. He is moving on to another local company in a more senior role so hopefully the Association will be able to continue to benefit from his knowledge. All the best David.

Richard Barker