

## Feature listing from January 2001

**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; Saltex 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; Scotsturf preview; Saltex 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; Caldyc GC profile; Multi-tasking machinery; Bunker Sand; Essay competition; Fijian GC profile; BIGGA Minimum qualification

**June 2002;** Finding Fungi; Greatham Valley GC profile; Tyres; Calabria GC profile; Lakes and Ponds; Poa Annua - Jim Arthur

**July 2002;** Open preview; Turf; Steve Isacss; Emissions; Grinding; Rotary Mowers; BTME preview; Sandy McDivot

**August 2002;** BIGGA Golf Day; Open review; Talking Heads - Education & training; Trees; Dr Kate Entwistle; Pwllheli GC; Weather; Compact Tractors; Saltex preview

**September 2002;** National Championship Preview; Irrigation; Non Grass Cutters; Hawkstone Park; Careers in Greenkeeping

**October 2002;** Saltex Review; Golden and Silver Key Supporters; Environment Awards; Health & Safety; Sustainable Use of Pesticides

**November 2002;** Toro Student of the Year; National Championship; Drainage; St Andrew's Bay; Autumn Problems

**December 2002;** BTME & ClubHouse Preview; R&A Golf Course committee; Dr Kate Entwistle; Pennard GC



## And so I close

With Christmas out of the way I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and a successful 2003 whatever you may be doing. With BTME and ClubHouse just a couple of weeks away this will be my last article as Chairman so I would like to bring you up-to-date on the last month and reflect on the year just passed.



At the end of my last article I reported on Gordon Child's hospital stay, well regrettably Gordon is still waiting for a decision as to when the operation will take place. The frustration of not knowing when must be worse than that of a committee decision at the Golf Club but I am sure if you were still there at Christmas you must have made a great Santa Claus Gordon!

I also reported on a forthcoming trip to the States and the John Deere World Team Championships. Well a few days after writing the last article I made my way to Heathrow Airport and met with the English winning team Brockenhurst Manor prior to making the 10 and a half hour flight to Phoenix, Arizona. Once over there we were not disappointed, the temperature was in the mid 80's, the accommodation out of this world and the organisation similar to that of a Pro Tournament.

As for Grayhawk Golf Club where the tournament was played that was equally impressive as it was situated in the desert. All aspects of the course were excellent in particular the greens which were lightening fast and very undulating. With regard to the tournament, well the team practiced Thursday, Friday with the competition held over the weekend. Unfortunately they only finished mid-table despite being 21 under par but nevertheless represented the Association impeccably.

As for John Deere a big thank you to all who made it such a memorable event and to everyone else who made it in the qualifiers it is definitely

worth having another go next year.

So, to the year that has passed so quickly. Well despite it being a difficult year economically for all businesses the Association has kept its head well and truly above water. It is true that advertising revenue is down but contrary to belief the magazine is still making a healthy profit and the Association is in the black. Membership has stabilised but we are still looking at new ways of recruiting members and BTME is alive and kicking so much so that we have been able to purchase the ClubHouse exhibition which will now run alongside BTME. The year also saw the formation of the Futures Sub Committee and it was to conclude, I wish George Brown all the best next year and hope you will give him the same support that you have given me.

And finally I must thank Ian Needham and Robert Jelley, of Beedles Lake Golf Club, and the lads, Tim, Paul and Wayne, without your support I would have been unable to have enjoyed the year so much. Thank you all.

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