

The Sunshine Show

Saltex 2004 enjoyed the sort of weather many UK-based holiday makers would have given their right eye for in July and August. Temperatures soared and the sun beat down on exhibitors and visitors alike and the ice cream stalls were doing a roaring trade.



Among the new features of the 2004 Windsor Show was the Instant Stadium, which showcased what is required for a modern day sports facility. It also hosted a number of events during the course of the three days.

Another noticeable feature of the 2004 show was the significant increase in machinery demonstrations with a large portion of land in the middle of the racecourse given over to companies to display their wares in action.

Among those to attract the galleries was the new remote controlled Spider mower from Ransomes Jacobsen which collected one of the major awards given over the week.

BIGGA had its usual strong representation at the Show and were on hand to meet with many existing and new members to update them on BIGGA events and services.

Woburn Golf & Country Club won the annual Blazon 'SprayWatch' promotion.

This year's promotion featured Blazon LoDrift-Xtra, a three-in-one combination spraying aid from GreenLink International.

From a high number of entries across mainland UK, Woburn's name was the first to be drawn and the club will receive a free state-of-the-art tractor mounted Gambetti Barre amenity sprayer.

Course Manager Chris Hunt was unable to attend the presentation ceremony so Barry McCloskey, of Avoncrop Amenity Products, the company from whom Woburn purchased the Blazon received the sprayer on Woburn's behalf.

The prize was presented by the current Chairman of BIGGA, Andy Campbell, together with John Pemberton, BIGGA's Chief Executive. In attendance also was Avoncrop Amenity's sales manager Chris Briggs and Richard from GreenLink International Ltd.

Blazon LoDrift-Xtra contains the industry's only washable spray pattern indicator plus anti drift and spray fast agents.

This unique combination ensure that the operator can target with great accuracy the placement of the spray, reduce the risk of drift and gain

▲ On behalf of the winners of annual Blazon 'SprayWatch' promotion, Woburn Golf & Country Club, Barry McCloskey (third from right), of Avoncrop Amenity Products, is presented with a Gambetti Barre amenity sprayer by BIGGA Chairman Andy Campbell.

improved chemical efficacy. And, with Blazon's non-staining formulation, any skin or clothing contamination is easily washed off with just soap and water.

Philip Helmn, Course Manager of Overstone Park Golf Club, Northampton, was one of three Vitax competition winners, taking home a magnum of champagne from Saltex.

P.G. Butler a bowling green contractor from Fornham, Cambridgeshire and John Kenton, of Knaphill Bowls Club, from Kenton in Surrey, also each won a bottle of bubbly for guessing the size of the area that could be treated with the entire contents of a large container filled with packs of Vitax's new fungicide Insignia.

The competition, which was held each day of Saltex prompted over 700 entries from all areas of the industry, and has been judged a great success by the company.

"As conditions for fusarium are usually right at this time of year, we wanted to promote the cost effectiveness of Insignia, as well as giving our customers a bit of fun," said Clive Williams, Vitax's Commercial Manager.



▲ Vitax Competition winner Philip Helmn, Course Manger of Overstone Park Golf Club, shows off his magnum of champagne.