

AERATION SYSTEMS ELIMINATE POTENTIAL ALGAE PROBLEMS

It is widely understood that lakes and ponds require on-going attention to lessen the likelihood of algae growth and to maintain an active and healthy environment for living matter. Queenwood GC in Surrey were well aware that the process of aeration would be the best method of achieving this when developing the course's four strategically positioned lakes. They were also aware of the many options currently being offered to perform this function, varying from floating surface aerators with impressive fountain displays to bottom diffusers using an air compressor; neither approach being seen as totally ideal for installation at Queenwood as both needed a power source adjacent to the lakes. The aeration system offered by Kristal Klear appeared to provide a truly viable solution. This belief has now been

proved correct with eleven units currently installed across the four lakes. Course Manager, Cameron McMillan comments: "We commissioned Kristal Klear to install aerators in two of our lakes initially. After seeing them working we had no hesitation in installing further aerators in the remaining two lakes. Algae growth is being greatly controlled."



DRIVING INTERNATIONAL GOLF EDUCATION

Myerscough College, in association with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN), has launched the International Institute for Golf Education, providing a range of specialist courses and research opportunities aimed at giving students a career pathway into the global golf industry through academic qualifications and work experience.

The institute provides opportunities for study in a range of related subjects, from golf course management through to golf technology, science and psychology. Qualifications available include

GNVQs, national diplomas, foundation degrees, bachelor degrees and post-graduate qualifications.

David Grecic, Section Leader for Golf at Myerscough College, comments: "With Golf becoming increasingly popular in the UK, there is a growing demand for qualified people to work in all aspects of the industry. The International Institute will equip people with the skills and qualifications required to take up these posts in both the UK and internationally. Never has there been a better opportunity for people to forge a successful career in something they love."

A CONTEMPORARY TWIST TO AN ANCIENT EDIFICE

David Harber Ltd, one of Britain's leading designers of sundials, has just installed a highly contemporary Pillar Dial as a centrepiece for the main Walled Garden at Loch Lomond GC.

Historically all major Scottish gardens contained a complex sundial, and evidence suggests that the main house at Loch Lomond GC had such a sundial in the 18th century. David Harber's Pillar Dial is a comprehensive time piece incorporating 20 different

sundials and was designed to embody the essence of the original dial and yet to stand as a striking modern focal point.



BALI NATIONAL LANDSCAPE AWARDS

Rolawn is celebrating being the first choice for some of the country's top landscapers at this year's BALI National Landscape Awards.

Rolawn's famous Medallion turf and Blended Loam (a premium topsoil) have been incorporated into a number of award winning entries at the 30th BALI National Landscape Awards 2006.

The award winning Landscapers who featured Rolawn are: Brambledown Landscape Services, Ground Control, Hambrook Landscapes, The Land Design Partnership and Tony Bengier Landscapes.

Cedric McMillan, Rolawn's Sales and Marketing Director commented: "The fact that so many leading landscapers choose Rolawn is an accolade in itself as we are very aware of the extraordinarily high standards expected by the judges. We feel very proud to have played our part and are delighted with their success".

NEW RECRUIT

Toro Irrigation distributor Lely UK, has appointed Robert Jackson as Field Sales Manager. Robert has overall responsibility for sales and new business development in both the golf and residential/commercial sides of the business.



Commenting on his appointment, Robert said: "I am very excited to be working with Lely and Toro. My aim is to move the irrigation business forward by supporting both the contractors and end-users to ensure continued confidence in the Toro brand."

Robert joins Lely from Toro Irrigation contractor LS Systems Limited, in Preston, Lancashire, and previously worked for TIS Sandbach. He has over 11 years experience in the irrigation business and has been involved in both contracting and creating design specifications for golf courses and other sports installations.

ANNUAL SCOTTISH REGION CONFERENCE

The 2007 BIGGA Scottish Region Conference will take place at the Business Learning Centre, Lauder College, Dunfermline on Tuesday, March 6.

This year's speakers include Kerran Daly, Course Manager, Gog Magog Golf Club; Ian Butcher, International Golf Development Officer, Elmwood College and Gordon Irvine, Consultant Master Greenkeeper. Other speakers include, from America Jim Turner, Brian Robinson of Rigby Taylor and finally Graeme Francis, Lakes & Greens Ltd.

Tickets cost £33, which includes Tea/Coffee on arrival, coffee/pastry at the mid morning break and buffet lunch.

Full details and booking forms will be posted to all members in Scotland and further forms can be obtained by contacting Peter J. Boyd, Regional Administrator on Tel/Fax: 0141 616 3440 or: pj.boyd@btinternet.com.