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SOIL SCREENER AT ROYAL ABERDEEN GOLF CLUB

We all know how expensive it is to haul anything by road these days with mounting fuel costs making the purchase and delivery of materials very expensive. Over the past year or so Kevin Strachan of "Strachans Plant" has been using at various golf clubs around the North East his screening plant which can recycle old composted material into a very usable construction product for making tees etc. We all have areas on our courses where we dump grass cuttings, turf, cores and other organic material to compost but never really use it again. This machine can produce high quality material for use on all areas of the course. It will also screen sand and hardcore materials for use on roads and paths.



The cost of hauling these types of materials up to the north east of Scotland is becoming very expensive so to find a machine that will recycle old material is very welcome. Because we are using material that has come off the golf course we know that it is compatible with existing soil conditions. With the environmental issue now a major part of how we manage our courses this machine and type of recycling is a way forward to reducing haulage costs and the amount of lorries on the road. The machine will screen down to 5mm, which is ideal for divot work and 8-12 mm for construction material. The output of the machine is between 100-150 ton per day depending on the type of material screened.

This type of machine and process has a place in the management of resources on golf courses today and will become more and more common in years to come. Worth thinking about if you have tons of compost lying around on your golf course doing nothing.

*Robert Patterson
Royal Aberdeen*

MEET THE BOARD
EDUCATION 20-24 JANUARY 2008
EXHIBITION 22-24 JANUARY 2008



There will be the opportunity at Harrogate for members to meet with a Board member on a one-to-one basis in private. This will be by appointment on Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday and Thursday.

If you would like to book an appointment before the event then contact Sandra Raper at HQ (telephone 01347 833800 email sandra@bigga.co.uk) or during the event a time can be booked at the BIGGA stand in Hall Q.

SUSSEX FOOTBALLERS

The Sussex Section football team recently played against Surrey at Three Bridges Football Club.



I would like to thank John Wart, from Albourne Irrigation, for sponsoring the pitch and also a big thanks to Mike Ring and Rigby Taylor for sponsoring the kit. The game was not for the faint hearted and was full of commitment. Surrey scored early doors and we equalised through Dan Beard. Unfortunately Surrey were too strong for us and it ended 4-1 to Surrey.

The score was a bit flattering but congratulations to them and a big thank you to Dave Langham for sorting out things his end. The pictures are of the Sussex team and of the hand over of the new kit between Vice Chairman, Matt Crosslegs and the sponsors Rigby Taylor, represented by Mike Ring.

*Rob Hudson
Sussex Section*

JIM FRY



We are sorry to have to report the recent death of BIGGA Honorary Life Member, Jim Fry.

We were honoured to have Jim Fry as the President of the South Coast Section of BIGGA and served tirelessly on the committee for many years offering sound business advice and support. He rarely missed any of our events such as was his enthusiasm for greenkeeping.

Jim would often turn up at a golf event and be found deep in conversation with Club or Section members, offering his wealth of knowledge in all aspects of life. One of his highlights was to go to Harrogate where he would meet old friends. Many will remember the lengthy discussions he had with his old friend the late Jim Arthur, if you joined in you were in for a long night.

In his memory the Section have named the annual knockout golf competition the 'Jim Fry Pairs'. This is played for throughout the summer, with a mounted bronze putter as the trophy.

Jim will be sadly missed not only for his generosity to the Section but also as a friend and advisor.

RIP Jim.

*Tony Gadd
Section Chairman*