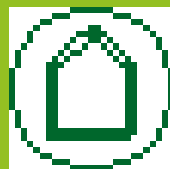


Letters



In the Shed ANSWERS

BIGGA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dear BIGGA

Please could I pass on my thanks to all the many friends, colleagues and associates, not just at BTME but also from various parts of the world, for their warm and kind words.

During these past 55 years, I have been most fortunate to have worked, and been in the company of likeminded greenkeepers and golf enthusiasts, sharing experiences and knowledge of various golf course management programmes – sometimes through attending seminars and more often than not, over a pint of two!

To be awarded this honour is a most flattering and humbling experience, especially to follow in the footsteps of Sir Michael Bonallack OBE; Jack MacMillan MBE; and Walter Woods BEM. Indeed it has been a most fascinating journey.

Thank you all so much.

George Brown
Turnberry Golf Course & Estate Manager

MISLEADING GRINDING ARTICLE?

After reading an article 'is relief grinding essential to achieving the perfect cut?' in the December issue I felt slightly confused and questioned my own beliefs and practices.

I felt the writer was writing for their own gains and did not even mention the importance of maintaining a quality bottom blade, which is the most critical aspect of ensuring the perfect cut.

I strongly disagree with certain aspects of the Charmian Robinson article especially that one needs to spin grind units every four weeks, I personally grind my greens units once a year in the spring and maintain 'no contact'. However, I do occasionally use a bottom blade facer to ensure that my bottom blades are kept in tip top condition. Also I should add that I apply in excess of 130 tons of top dressing onto 0.75 hectares of greens so there are many occasions that the units could lose their sharpness.

I do appreciate the many benefits that were mentioned in the article. However, it has been my experience that by maintaining bottom blades and running no contact between my cylinders and bottom blades I have actually enhanced the benefits to my turf and cutting equipment and given additional ones.

It was good timing that the STRI have published an article reviewing the principles of 'no contact' and 'back lapping' which can be seen on their website, or the January magazine. They concluded "that running mowers using the 'no contact' method of setting up the cutting units and using grinding to maintain sharpness was an improvement on the 'back lapping' method."

Thanks
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CROSSWORD

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Fairway
2. Cricket
3. Carl Lewis
4. Surfing
5. Gymnastics
6. Bjorn Borg
7. McClaren
8. Dressage
9. Volleyball

MONSTER SUDOKO

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