

ERIC KULAAS WINS EDWIN BUDDING AWARD

Eric Kulaas, Equipment Manager at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club in St. Vincent, Florida, is the second winner of the International Golf Course Equipment Managers Association Edwin Budding Award, sponsored by Ransomes Jacobsen.

The Award was created to recognise technical professionals in the turf equipment sector whose actions have gone above and beyond the norm to help shape the golf industry into what it is today. Edwin Budding was one of those individuals who helped define golf, not as a player, but as an engineer. He designed the first cylinder mower, which has shaped golf as we know it today.

Eric was selected by a committee of industry professionals chosen by IGCEMA back in November 2008. He was presented with his award by David Withers, Managing Director of Ransomes Jacobsen, at a ceremony at Harrogate Week.

“The IGCEMA wanted to recognise individuals who demonstrate the same qualities as Edwin Budding; influence significant change in our industry above and beyond normal day-to-day work. IGCEMA has created an award for actual, measurable accomplishments, to make an accurate judgment of contributions made to the industry, and reward those contributions,” said David.



David Withers (far left) of the award sponsors, Ransomes Jacobsen, and Eric Kulaas (third from right) with representatives from IGCEMA at the presentation of the Edwin Budding Award.

AERATION RESTORES

Six thousand square metres of severely compacted turf at St. James' Park, London are on the way to recovery, following one-metre deep compressed air de-compaction treatment.

Terrain Aeration was hired to treat turf areas compacted during the Olympic Handover Concert last August.

“After the concert we were left with severe compaction in the area behind the temporary stage,” said Assistant Park Manager, David Ellis.

Terrain Aeration employed its largest terralift machine, Airforce along with the smaller lighter model, Airforce Scamper to treat the area, inserting a one-metre probe and injecting compressed air at two metre spacings on a staggered grid pattern.



EIRIAS PARK HOSTS FIRST NORTH WEST SHOW

Groundsmen and Greenkeepers from all over the North West will be converging on Eirias Park Stadium, Colwyn Bay this month (March 18) for the first one day seminar and trade show specifically organised to serve the region.

This joint, non profit making initiative by Conwy Borough Council and Vitax Amenity includes a free seminar programme with subjects ranging from

‘A Biological Approach to Pest Management in Green Flag Parks’ by Becker Underwood to ‘The Use of Selective Weed Killers and Weed Control Products’ by Vitax Amenity.

Working demonstrations of ‘line marking’, ‘spiking and slitting’ and ‘sandbanding’ will take place in the central arena, which will be encircled by trade stands representing companies and

organisations as diverse as Tacit, Sisis, Denby Plant Hire and The Welsh College of Horticulture.

The Eirias Park show is on Wednesday, March 18 at Eirias Park Stadium, Colwyn Bay from 10am to 4.30pm.

For further information on either visiting or exhibiting contact Colin Turner on Tel: 07816 849559 or: 01756 791482.