

Joint support



Charterhouse and Kubota, joint sponsors of BIGGA's premier golf event, the BIGGA National Championship 2012

The BIGGA National Championship 2012, once again, comes to you courtesy of Charterhouse Turf Machinery and Kubota, who have a long history of working together. This amalgamation of Power Source and Implements is enhanced in their joint sponsoring of BIGGA's premier golf event.

Kubota has been established for more than 30 years in the UK. Their world class excellence ensures they are at the forefront of innovation and one of the leading manufacturers of tractors, groundcare equipment, utility vehicles and mini excavators.

The company is constituted into three main product categories of Engines; Construction Equipment; Tractor & Groundcare. Earlier this year the company completed a restructuring of their management team with the creation of a new role for Dave Roberts. Dave left the company in 2010 after 21 years of service and has been enticed back to head up Kubota's three product sectors as Sales and Marketing General Manager.

In addition he has direct responsibility for the tractor division, which has a Kubota Compact Tractor to perfectly suit every need. The 'B' series covers the range 12 to 32HP, with the 'L' series and 'STV' series covering the range 32 to 41HP. They deliver exceptional



power output, a host of performance enhancing features, unrivalled reliability, durability, and economy. They exhibit consistent performance in all seasons over all applications, both in confined and open areas.

With optimum reliability, proficient fuel economy and outstanding versatility, the Kubota range of 'F' series out-front rotary mowers and 'G' series ride-on cut and collect Mowers are of particular interest to Greenkeepers. In particular, the G26 mower finds application in mowing high presentation areas like the front of golf club houses and entrances. These areas demand a clean, clip-free finish and for this purpose a ride-on rotary mower with an efficient collection system is the ideal solution. Kubota's G26 is the ultimate grass cutting machine for this type of work, with its 25.5hp Kubota three-cylinder ETVCS water-cooled diesel engine and 20.5 litre fuel tank, offering exceptional power and efficiency for demanding mowing operations. The 1.37m (54in) deck offers great productivity for open spaces and larger lawns. The G26 is simplicity itself for any member of staff. Featuring a single pedal operated HST transmission with a top speed of 17kph, it can travel quickly between mowing sites whilst the hydrostatic power steering optimises performance to reduce fatigue during a long day's operation.

Joint sponsor, Charterhouse Turf Machinery, has also been providing Grounds Professionals with Redexim maintenance machinery for the last 30 years.

Probably best known for its iconic Verti-Drain™ aerator, the company's range is constantly evolving and expanding to not only offer aerators, but also top dressers, overseeders and scarifiers for natural turf.

The company has been developing maintenance equipment for Synthetic surfaces during the past few years and have one of the best ranges on the market.

Together, they suit the needs of all Greenkeepers from pedestrian units to PTO driven commercial units for larger spaces.

The newest product to come out of the Redexim stable is the Verti-Drain 1517, larger sister to the 1513. It is a high speed Verti-Drain offering increased output to ease busy workloads.

With a working width of 1.76M, it can handle depths of up to 50mm (6"), but weighs in at only 520kg so a small tractor from 28hp is man enough to pull it.

It is small enough to find an application on golf courses where it can reduce the need for expensive drainage works and offers uninterrupted year-round play without resorting to temporary greens.

