

**IOG Show
Peterborough**

The **GREATEST SHOW ON TURF**



The show that matters

It outgrew three sites before being established at the East of England Showground: now the IOG's 45th Sports and Leisure World Trade Exhibition, on September 3rd, 4th, 5th, promises the lot.

by **BILL MILLS** and **DAVID WHITE**

There are still a few ill-informed people who believe that the game of golf originated in the Netherlands, from whence it was exported to Scotland. A likely story!

Certainly, the game was sufficiently well established in Scotland in the 15th century to be prohibited by the authorities, on the grounds that it interfered with the practice of archery. The ban, however, was not universal because it is recorded that James IV of Scotland was at this time having his golf clubs made by a bow-maker from Perth. Perhaps he sailed across to Holland for his round?

Whatever the origins, there is no doubt that the Scots – pushing out the frontiers of civilisation – took the game with them, which is why golf is now the most widely-played game in the world. However, in the rest of the UK, golf was mostly the preserve of the rich and leisured, remaining such until the great social changes which followed World War II opened the game to a much wider and enthusiast sector of the public.

It is ironic that golf was prohibited in Scotland during the 15th century because it clashed with archery practice and the defence of the realm, for some 500 years on the → 22



Two-hectare demonstration site will feature the latest in turf technology

In the field of early Dutch golf, and that means early golf no matter how nationalistic Scots may jib, the ultimate authority was the noted Dutch historian Steven van Hengel. Like a good detective he proved conclusively - dismissing folklore and hearsay - that golf was first played in Holland as early as 1297. The old saw about Scottish shepherds shooting pebbles into rabbit scrapes is romantic but is dismissed, again with evidence, by proving that this custom began in Western Germany in 1338. Well into the 17th century there was a massive export of balls from Holland to Scotland. On behalf of golf historians everywhere, your editor rests his case.

21 talk now is of converting parts of some surplus Ministry of Defence training grounds into golf courses!

The Institute of Groundsmanship, or the National Association as it was then, held its first exhibition of sportsground machinery and materials in 1938. This was so successful that a second and bigger exhibition was planned for September 1939. In the event, the little fracas started by Adolph Hitler in September of that year meant that exhibition number two was not held until 1947. By then many greenkeepers and groundsmen had laid down their arms and picked up the tools of their trade once more, but it was a changed world for them as well.

Wartime research and development had produced engines, both petrol and diesel, which were more efficient and which had an improved power:size ratio. Research by ICI into increased agricultural crop yields had a spin-off in the discovery of weed-killers which were selective on either monocots or dicots. The story of DDT and the chlorinated hydro-carbons was another that emerged but has been told so often that it does not require further airing here. Suffice to say that they were efficient products of their time and it was to be many years before the potential dangers in their use were recognised.

The study of land drainage was becoming more of a science than an art, although there was - and still is - the touch of the artist in a well-laid system. The importance of correct sands in the construction and maintenance of greens, tees and bunkers was receiving critical attention

and, all in all, a whole new world of technology was opening up.

As more new and proven products became available so also did the IOG exhibitions expand to accommodate them. This is the reason the show has outgrown three sites and is now established at the East of England Showground, Peterborough, where there is room for expansion well into the 21st Century. The 45th Sports and Leisure World Trade Exhibition, held on September 3rd, 4th and 5th, will be a comprehensive selection of the best (and safest) machinery, fertilisers, herbicides, pesticides, soils, sands and seeds for construction and maintenance, used by professionals.

On the two-hectare demonstration site, laser-controlled trenchers and graders, a variety of earth-moving, cultivating and turf conditioning machinery, plus the latest in spraying and irrigation equipment, will be seen in continuous operation under practical working conditions.

Assembled in one area are the cream of the horticultural colleges and advisory services, where information regarding training courses and advice on turf-related problems will be readily available.

All this, and much more, on show at what has been described as - *the greatest show on turf*.

● The author, Bill Mills, is a life member of the Institute of Groundsmanship and a past editor of 'The Groundsman'.

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Prototype marking machine unveiled

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This will be alongside their other new additions, including the electric pump unit which can be fitted to an existing standard Top Line machine to automatically compress the air in the tank to the correct level. As more wetting agents come onto the market, Supaturf will again be challenging their effectiveness against their own Aqua-Gro.

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Dual Plane Oscillation

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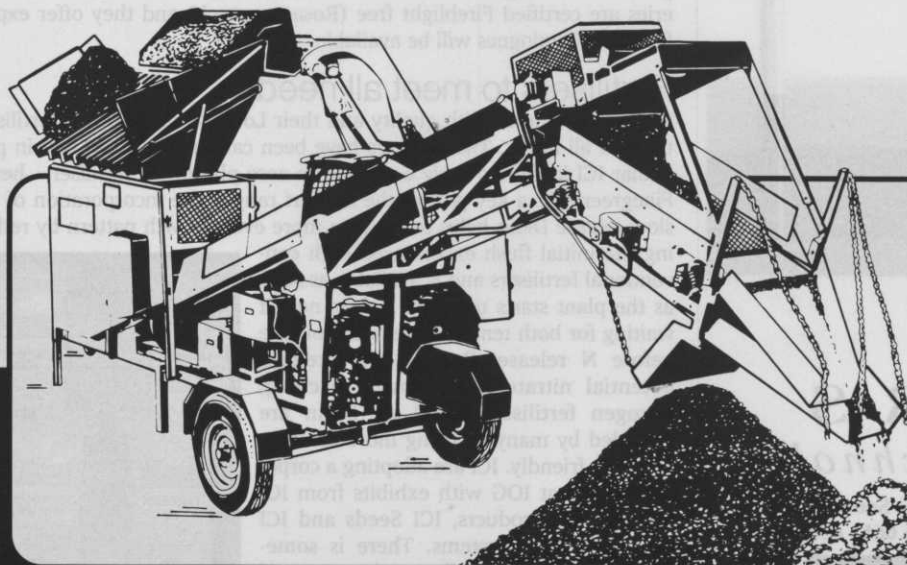
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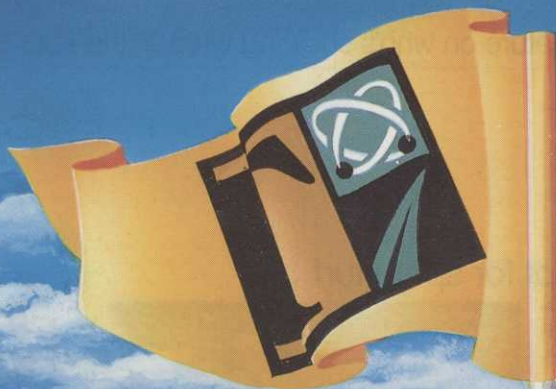
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The Veemo scarifier

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New class of triplex Greensmower

TORO will be exhibiting an exciting and comprehensive range of commercial machinery at Peterborough this year. Including the lightweight Fairway mower with its 4WD option, the popular Reelmaster 223-D now provides additional traction for extreme fairway mowing. Toro will also introduce a new class of triplex Greensmower - the Greensmaster 3100. Lightest in its class, it offers precise power steering and superior quality cut. The highly regarded Reelmaster 216-D, now powered by diesel, offers longer life and easier maintenance and for large scale grass cutting, Toro's Reelmaster 335-D now has a choice of reels.

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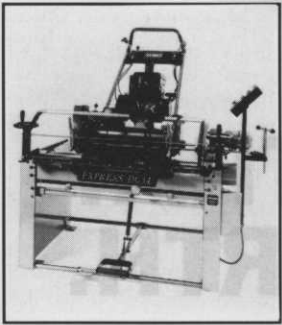
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More irrigation innovation

WATERMATION will have on display their large and ever increasing range of sprinklers and controllers for sportsturf and landscape irrigation, with most of the equipment made in England by Watermation themselves. Always to the front when it comes to innovation in irrigation equipment, a visit to the Watermation stand (M30-31) is a must this year in order to see their new breakthrough in control, which Director Eileen Hawthorn assures us will make the greenkeeper's life very much easier, something we all applaud!

Grinding without a strip-down

ATTERTON AND ELLIS will hone in on your attention whilst demonstrating the sharpening characteristics of their machines, capable of handling all sizes of cylinders and bottom blades. The company's Express Dual cylinder grinding machine (pictured) is capable of both in-situ or plain cylinder grinding on a wide range of lawnmowers. When in-situ, the grinding cycle takes place without the usual strip-down, as the complete mower is located centrally on the grinder and locked into place. Separate cylinder grinding may also be undertaken when busy periods are over and the mower requires a full service. Their full range will be on working display, so sharpen up and make a visit!



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RUSKINS, specialists in tree moving, will display two new machines; the first being 'Eager Beaver', a versatile machine that combines the function of a tree spade, forklift and crane to provide a quick, efficient service to golf courses where large areas have to be covered and access is often difficult. Second is a combination of truck, tree mover and lorry loader. trees can be lifted, rootballed, loaded and transported by a single operator. With these new machines Ruskins aim to offer a tree moving service that will be more efficient, practical and cost-effective than anything available hitherto.



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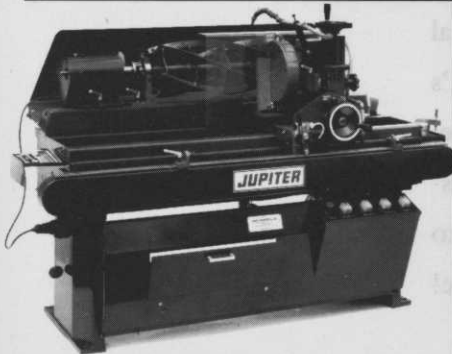
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The wraps come off a brand new tractor by **KUBOTA** for the first time at IOG, with curiosity eating at the soul of journalists denied a sneak preview. With secrecy the Kubota watchword, one can expect the new model to be something quite exceptional and our curiosity knows no bounds. Also new will be a range of mowers and grass collectors which have been developed to meet the needs of the professional greenkeeper as well as local authority markets and the landscaping industry. The existing fleet of ride-on mowers, compact tractors, generators, tillers, brushcutters and hedge trimmers will also feature, the whole promising to be a veritable Kubota jamboree.

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Tim Fell, Tillers MD, and Sunningdale Course Manager, Lawson Bingham, discuss the merits of Fibreturf

Additions to Hayter Beaver range

HAYTER BEAVER will be occupying one of the largest stands, where visitors will see a number of exciting new additions in the Hayter Beaver Livery. Secrecy is the watchword at IOG this year and the company's most impressive developments are still closely guarded and will not be unveiled before the show. Following the outstanding success of the Hayter Murray 10/30 garden tractor, the 18/46 will be seen for the first time in the UK. This up-market machine is fitted with a Briggs and Stratton twin cylinder I/C ➔ 30



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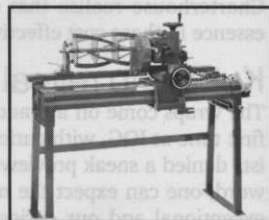
29 → engine and has a 46" cutting deck. Fitted with a heavy-duty five speed transaxle, the 18/46 can accommodate most grass conditions.

Mowers for professionals

ALLETT MOWERS will be exhibiting their range of commercial cylinder and rotary mowers, all solidly built, robust and designed specifically for the professional user. Of particular interest to golf Clubs is the Allett Super Shaver. This 20" greens mower is second to none and can incorporate the Allett True Roll Grooming system, consisting of a power driven revolving brush which lifts lateral runners allowing them to be cut cleanly. Fully adjustable, the brush also brushes the front roller whilst a revolving brush is also fitted to the rear roller, keeping it clean at all times.

Grinding effectiveness on show

There will be no grinding to a halt if **ERIC HUNTER GRINDERS** have their way, for as established manufacturers of quality mower grinding machines, they will be demonstrating the effectiveness of their special methods of grinding reels and bed-knives. Their 36" capacity Juno machine, pictured, already installed in a number of workshops, grinds 'relief' angles on each blade, thereby cutting down 'drag' with the bedknife. Advantages include longer bedknife life, lower fuels costs, increased cutting efficiency and longer intervals between overhauls. Eric Hunter will gladly demonstrate the effectiveness of this fine machine, priced at under £4,000 for the base model.



A cure for litter, leaves and debris

TURFMECH will be exhibiting the range of heavy duty Tuff-Vac trailer vacuum machinery and high capacity tractor mounted blowers. The Tuff-Vac vacuums are the most cost-effective way of clearing large area sites of debris, swallowing litter, leaves, grass clippings, cans etc, in 5 or 8 feet suction widths and containing them in huge capacity hoppers until ready for unloading via a chain and slat floor. Also on display for the first time in the UK will be a Turfmec range of innovative modification units for Turf harvesting equipment.

End in sight for smelly ponds

Worth a special visit, especially with the interest shown in winter water storage on golf courses (see July issue), **LAKE AID SYSTEMS (EUROPE) LTD** will be showing a range of energy efficient aerator/mixers – either wind powered, electric or computer controlled combinations – which are being used with increased regularity to improve water quality in reservoirs and irrigation ponds. The day of the smelly pond is a thing of the past with the use of the unique Lake Aid Systems deep/mix capability.

Rigby Taylor's 'invaluable' new product

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A Walkover for Allen Power Equipment

Alongside their recently acquired range of Walkover Sprayers, **ALLEN POWER EQUIPMENT** will show the complete Walkover range, together with the recently introduced 18" 218Si hover mower, powered by a 120cc Suzuki engine. These, together with Komatsu hedge and brushcutters, Allen Goblin shredders and the ever popular National range of triples, including the 60" Turf Trooper, form the mainstay. But along with the established comes yet another new item, pride of place being → 31