



Typical greenkeepers' machinery stores, with roller shuttered doors. From Panelite.

Electric sheep fencing is quite effective too – and it can be alarmed.

Buildings and Compounds

One particular Midlands club which found itself becoming too charitable, having its sheds broken into regularly, has built new 'sheds' of brick with barred windows and steel doors, – and an alarm system. Another in a very high risk area several years ago went even further and had both walls and roof made of reinforced concrete with no windows just two steel doors reinforced by a steel girder barrier outside – to prevent ramming. Few clubs need to go this far, however many still have wooden or asbestos cement walls which are easily broken into, although several have reinforced such by installing concrete block or steel linings – not difficult as a DIY job. Nevertheless windows and doors frequently remain vulnerable, or are protected by padlocks which can be cut or hammered off easily. Modification may be possible to protect locks. Intruder alarms should probably only be seen as a second line of defence because once entry has been effected the damage is already done.

The normal and most cost effective design for a greenkeeper's

shed is a steel portal frame building with brick or blockwork half height walls sheeted above with fibre reinforced cement, steel or aluminium profile sheets bolted on and with steel doors. Rooflights may avoid any need for windows. Several firms manufacture such buildings and most offer a complete service which will take it from planning approval through to completion. Another popular solution is to buy ex-shipping containers, but these are not pretty although they can be tarted up with a little paint, or even a veneer of shiplap boarding. They also have the disadvantage of being narrow and not easy to store larger items such as greens triples or tractors in. There are also purpose made security buildings some designed to blend into the landscape such as those provided by Cleveland Sitesafe who have considerable experience in this field.

However determined thieves will get into virtually any building and this is when a detection system comes into its own. For many clubs the sheds are in fact an assortment of buildings with some kit stored outside, for these the best option may be a surrounding compound with just one official entrance. How secure this fence or wall needs to be will

depend on risk and cost assessment. Once the area is defined it is simple to install detection equipment.

Detection and Alarms

There are several forms of detection each appropriate for a particular location and circumstance. Consideration is also needed as to how to handle a detection. If there is no one around to respond it may be best to deter unwelcome guests such as by switching on lights or giving an announcement of the detection. These methods may be best for external areas as it is not acceptable to link external detectors to a monitoring service and the police. Passive Infra-red (p.i.r.) is well known and inexpensive for switching on lighting, however p.i.r. is not reliable as it is too prone to false signals. Better is 'dual technology' which combines motion detection with heat detection so that neither motion by inanimate objects nor heat from non moving objects produce a response while persons and vehicle with heat and movement do. Good selection and detection can also be obtained by using photo-electric beam sensors across a specific entrance. In fact such sensors can be made into an invisible fence over con-

siderable lengths if necessary.

As stated previously CCTV is particularly effective in detection but when the camera is obvious it is respected as a deterrent. Dummy cameras are available which can be used with almost the same effect but considerable less cost.

Forced entry is normally relatively easy and cheap to detect with simple switches, breaking glass detectors and other devices, and there are many reliable control boxes to take input from such devices and give an output signal. Most of these controls now use a keypad and codes for activation and inactivation, and more sophisticated versions can also be used to store information such as by whom and when they are operated. They also allow codes to be changed easily and regularly.

While the prime object must always be to deter a thief or vandal, once they have gained access to a building the need is to catch them. How this is done again depends on circumstances and whether anyone can respond within an acceptable length of time. Not everyone will be prepared to respond, and there may even be personal danger in doing so. If a greenkeeper is going to be expected to respond he should be

Security and vandalism

equipped with a mobile phone so that he can report and get support. Otherwise the prudent answer is to employ a monitoring service which notifies police and/or other parties as required. Most alarm systems can include fire and smoke detection. In the case of a golf club it may be sensible to consider the greenkeepers facility as just another zone within overall club protection, with clubhouse bar and pro shop usually being a greater risk.

There are several monitoring systems, some use the telephone line and auto dialling, which can be cut or jammed, others require a dedicated line but give warning if the line is cut while other systems use radio either to a local base station or to an individual receiver. Usually with such systems the aim is not to let intruders know that they have been detected so giving maximum time for effective response – so that



Radio security: A standard four channel portable received and an external detector, with a range of 35 metres

they can be caught red-handed. In fact this seldom happens because response times are too long.

One club contacted by Greenkeeper International said that the pro's shop had been broken into so regularly despite alarms that the professional bought a van and

takes all the most valuable items home with him each night.

Specific equipment protection

It may be worth considering specific protection for some items, such as concreting posts and rings for padlocking plant to, or immobilisers for vehicles. All ter-

rain vehicles are very desirable thus special devices have been produced specifically for these. Data tags and location systems are also available although cost rules these out for most golf clubs. Simple deterrent is possible by making equipment conspicuous – with names, post codes or bright paint to make a thief think twice about saleability. Post codes are a simple way of assisting return to a rightful owner should the item be discovered.

One club with a driving range said that their lights had proved desirable and so have had to be wired into the alarm system – the first snip alerting the monitoring station to tip off the police – this has been successful to a point – the goods were recovered last time but no prosecution resulted as the “thief” said he had found them lying beside the road.

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Stars of the small screen

Adrian Porter and his staff at Greatham Valley GC, Leicestershire, have broken into show business but you won't see them donning the grease paint and spouting Shakespeare or even appearing on *Blind Date* or *Noel's House Party*. No, their work was done behind the scenes but you will see the results of their handiwork during the new Jimmy Tarbuck game show "The Full Swing."

The show is based on golf and needed a properly turfed green to allow the contestants to display their skills and Adrian and his team were called in by the BBC to lay, prepare and maintain the green for the duration of the filming.

"Our owner's son Andrew Hinch worked with the BBC providing scenery for Middlemarch when it was filmed in Stamford and they approached him to provide the green for the show," explained Adrian.

They bought turf over the winter put it in greenhouses, fed it and kept it warm until it was required for the show.

"We went to Shepherd's Bush over Easter and built the 200 square metre green and surrounding rough on a fibre

glass sand covered base in the studio. We had the turf in 16 square yard rolls.

"We had to be around for the six days of filming to look after it, water it and four of us worked on shifts so that someone was always there in case it needed repairs.

"It lasted well although under the lights it was beginning to go a bit yellowish by the end.

"The show will look great on the TV. It's a little like *Big Break* and we meet Jimmy Tarbuck and some of the guests who were appearing on the show," said Adrian.

The show will be broadcast sometime this year and it is likely that Adrian and his crew will be back again to build another green for a second series.

● Pictured: Jimmy Tarbuck – and Adrian Porter's turf



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Around the Green

Keeping in touch with news and comment from the regions

Scotland North

The list of new members this year is growing. Here are the latest additions. From Murcar, rejoining we have Chris Pearson and Bill Paterson and newly-joined Chris Murdoch and Alex Cowie; from Monifieth, we have Scott Rennie and Alan Paterson; from Inch, we welcome back Andrew Tait and, last but not least, from Cullen, we welcome Martin Dodds. We have lost a few members from last year but are currently trying to persuade them to rejoin as the Section goes from strength to strength.

It was great to see a good turnout of Section members at the Scottish Conference near Edinburgh, no doubt drawn to it by the talks of Gordon Moir and myself! Seriously it was a great day and there was no spare seats to be found. Well done to the organisers. Thanks must also go to BIGGA Chairman Dean Cleaver and Executive Director Neil Thomas for finding the time to attend and witness how well our Conferences are run and attended.

We wish Caroline Ross of Royal Dornoch a speedy recovery from her accident at work which left her with a badly broken arm. From what I hear her work rate will be missed. It was also sad to note that Andrew Murray, of Brora, has left greenkeeping, we await the appointment of his successor. Andrew, who always produced good firm, fast greens at Brora, has not kept too well in recent years. We wish him well with whatever he has planned.

Jeffrey Herd has retired from Banchory GC so we wish him a long and happy retirement. Derek Lithgow has been working alongside him for a while and I'm sure

will miss him. We must also congratulate John Littlejohn on his appointment as Head Greenkeeper at Fraserburgh, where he moves to from Newmarcher.

I can report that the horrible cold east wind has finally gone, to be replaced by an equally horrible cold north west wind! Roll on the warm weather with night time rain that we dream about.

Well, as I write this report I am surrounded by my new clothes, shorts etc and sun bloc, as I am starting to pack for my trip to Augusta and the Masters with my good friends Steve Cadenelli and Shaun Berry. I fly out in four days and am counting down the hours. Watch the tournament on television and the first person to ring me with a description of what I was wearing when they saw me will win a prize!
Iain Macleod

West of Scotland

The recent Greenkeepers and Conveners match held at Douglas Park GC proved a great success. The course was presented superbly and thanks are due to Drew McCechnie and his staff for all the hard work. Congratulations to the eventual winners on the day John Young and Stuart Clark for Dougalston. Scottish Grass Machinery and Aitkens are to be thanked for sponsoring the day and for presenting the prizes. On behalf of the sponsors David McInroy said a few words of thanks to all concerned.

The Greenkeeper Training Committee carried out an assessor training day at East Kilbride GC putting 12 Head Greenkeepers through their paces. The comments given were that the day was very informative and thanks are due to Steven Hogg, Sue Gudgeon and

David Golding for the day. East Kilbride GC should be praised for the excellent quality of the venue and facilities provided.

At the last West Section meeting various subjects were discussed – the Scottish outing was confirmed for June 18 at Elie so enter quickly as this venue is bound to prove popular. The possibility of running training days was also discussed but no firm subjects decided. The annual dinner venue and format was talked about with various suggestions given. The five a side tournament will run again with medals as prizes. There will be slight changes with professional referees controlling games and a change of venue. Entries for the tournament will close in July so if you have five or six people (greenkeepers), remember two clubs can join forces, then phone me at 0141 942 5554. A possible trip to Rolawn later in the year was also raised although nothing was confirmed. At the recent Education Conference in Edinburgh a poor turnout was noted from the West Section.

Once again a bereavement was noted in the West Section, Bill Wilson of Clydebank and District GC. Bill started work at 14 in a number of different areas, landscaping, contracting before eventually taking up greenkeeping. Bill started in London, where he purchased the first Toro in Britain, before moving on to Hayston, then Clydebank. Our condolences are extended to his wife Christine and her two sons at this difficult time.

New members to the section are Mike Wattam, Loch Lomond GC; Thomas Headley, Crowwood GC; Derek McCallum, Helensburgh; Tom Halkett, Airdrie; Robert McLerie, William Tally and John McIntyre, all Haggis Castle. The

Section extends a welcome to these members and hopes they enjoy the benefits of being a member.

Finally if any person has information of interest then please contact me on the previously mentioned number.
Stuart Taylor

Northern Cleveland

An excellent talk with slides was presented by Bill Twaddle, from British Seed Houses, at Eaglescliffe GC, in March. There was special interest in new Bents for golf greens, also Lex 86 the new dwarf Rye grass with its fine leaves, good colour, for hard wearing and good recovery value.

Our Internal Verifier Tony Mears recently organised a one day course on assessment D32/33 at Haughall College and the tutor was David Golding. It was attended by G. Munro, P. Millard, G. Border, R. Ord, I. Pemberton, C. Powley, R. Shaw, R. Bell, A. Naisbitt, G. Muncey, B. Kelly, J. Turner, W. Rank, I. White, T. McLure.

The new Chairman for Cleveland BIGGA is Roger Shaw, Course Manager at Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham.

James Braithwaite spoke well of his recent visit to America as Toro Student Greenkeeper of the year prize at Eaglescliffe GC.

Shaun Carroll and Nick Dawson completed their First Aid course.
Bruce Burnell

Sheffield

On March 7 we held our winter lecture at Rotherham GC. Our thanks go to Bill Oliver, Amenity Sales Manager of Hardi Sprayers Ltd, for his lecture on sprayers which was attended by a good number of our members.



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Also at the lecture was Mr Lyall Adams, of Woodbay Enterprises, from Canada. Lyall brought with him information on his greens iron he is introducing into this country.

Congratulations go to Sean Baxter, of Brough GC, on his new job in Austria. Good luck, Sean!

D&E Turf are thinking about running a trip to Saltex. Anybody who is interested in going should contact Eddie Stead.

John Lax

North Wales

You should by now have received and returned application forms for the Hayter Qualifier to be held at Bull Bay GC on May 14.

One amendment which you should be aware of for the event is that the tee times have changed from 10am to 1pm.

I will not be there to share the day with you due to my commitment at the Nine of Clubs Club, Caerwys, but I wish you all the best for an enjoyable day and hope to see you soon.

T.P. Evans

Midland Region Midland

The last winter lecture was held at Telford Golf and Country Club with Richard Minton, Miracle Professional, talking on nutritional requirements for turf, and Simon Hannah, Inturf, talking about turf production.

The Committee and members present would like to thank both speakers for their talks and Telford Golf and Country Club for the use of their excellent facilities. I would also like to thank R. Thomas for introducing the speakers and making sure that the event went smoothly.

As with previous lectures, only a small percentage of members attended. With this in mind the Committee may decide that it is not worthwhile to hold any seminars this autumn/winter, unless the members tell us differently and support us with their numbers.

On April 17 Dave Franks telephoned me after reading his magazine to say thank you to all the members who have sent him get well messages etc while he was recovering from his illness. Dave is

feeling a lot better and is hoping to return to work shortly.

The results of the first golf tournament will be in June's magazine.

New members to welcome this month are as follows: John Campbell, Michael Clark, Ronald Elson, Edward Elson, Philip Green, Jules Chesern, Robert O'Mullan, Keith Donnelly, Nick Martin, Robert Jones, Nick Worrall and Robert Shaw.

Finally I would like to wish John Wilkes every success in his new job at Harborne GC. John has worked for me for four and a half years but the appeal of learning the new hole changing technique, pioneered by S. McDade (April 95 issue of the magazine) was too much to resist. Good Luck.

Kim Blake

East Midlands

Not a lot to report this month but I will start by congratulating the following greenkeepers who have made a move this month. Dave Sankey on his appointment as Head Greenkeeper at Cosby GC, Chris Butlin, Head Greenkeeper at Kibworth GC and Tony Burgoine in the position of Head Greenkeeper at Kilworth Springs GC. I would like to wish all three greenkeepers all the best in their new positions.

I would also like to wish James Robson, of Henton & Chattell, a speedy recovery from his recent illness. I'm sure all members will be pleased to see James back on the road again.

The Section's next outing is on August 14 at Greatham Valley for the annual East Midlands v East of England golf match. This year we shall be looking for revenge after last year's very narrow defeat.

Finally spare a thought for Trevor Bennett, one of the section's best sponsors. Recently at his home club of Forest Hills, Trevor had taken the money from his playing partners for the first time only to be pulled up on the 18th green for a penalty shot losing everything. Watch out for the double greens, Trev.

Antony Bindley

B, B & O

Firstly I would like to wish Martin Jones and Staff the very best of luck for the forthcoming Tour event

to be held at the Oxfordshire on May 16-19. Hopefully I will be there as part of a support team to assist with bunker raking. It's nice to have a big event on our own doorstep.

Because there are no golf events to report on I shall take this opportunity to inform you of various topics discussed at several committee meetings of late. First of all the purchase of a new computer and printer has been thrashed out recently. This will help me to keep on top of the administration, mailing list - the forever changing list. Because of the rolling renewal system the mailing list has to be updated every month. This is crucial when the time arrives to send entries out for the golf events.

Before we could purchase anything Mark, from Risboro Turf, donated a computer to B,B & O for our own use. So a big thank you to Mark for helping us out. Hopefully I should have purchased a new printer by the time of the next mailshot which means you will be able to read the damn thing!

One of the other topics to be discussed is the putting together of a local education seminar for this coming winter. Mark Cheslaw is putting this together so I will keep you posted on any developments. Lindsay T. Anderson

South West and South Wales Region South Wales

Our final winter evening lecture recently took place at Pencoed College where Alan Sinclair, British Seed Houses's Midland and South Wales Region Technical Advisor, gave a presentation on "Grasses for Golf Course Renovation". An excellent presentation with many facts and figures relating to the percentage of seed germination from overseeding, different depths for drilling, ideal soil temperatures for germination etc.

Our thanks to Alan, who stood in for Bob Scott who was taken ill - we hope he's fine now - at such short notice.

As that was the last in this series of lectures I'd like to thank all of those people who make presentations and gave so freely of their own time. To both Peter Gillard

and Malcolm Davies for their sterling work and also to the Principle Mr J.D.B. Thomas for allowing us the use of the college facilities.

On Wednesday March 27, the Devon and Cornwall Section held its spring meeting and Hayter Qualifier at the Churston GC, Cornwall, home of Course Manager and Regional Administrator Gordon Child. Philip Swain and our President Colin Murphy and I had the pleasure of representing our Section on a day when the efforts that Gordon has made to their Section were recognised. For after having first earned his crust by showing off his course on the traditional course walk and then presenting a lecture on "Greenkeeping Past, Present and Future", Gordon was presented with a colour portable teletext television in recognition of those efforts. A wonderful day was had and a sincere thanks to the Devon and Cornwall Section for making us so welcome.

To Gordon we wish you well in retirement.
Peter Lacey

South West

Welcome to several new members who have joined the Section over recent months, among them Matthew Deer of Vivry Park GC and James Elliott of Wells GC. Those and other new and existing members now make a total of 239 in the Section. However, there are still 45 people who have not renewed as of this year and those people will by now have been contacted by Janet Adamson, the Membership Officer, with a reminder.

Following approval for the revised membership categories at the AGM, the Board of Management has approved new subscription rates for students in full time education who will now be classed as Student Members and for Retired Members.

For £15 per year Student Members will receive a monthly copy of Greenkeeper International, be eligible to take part in any BIGGA event and benefit from member's reductions on course merchandise, publications etc and have the use of BIGGA's library. The membership card for students will be pale yellow and will indicate clearly that it

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Regarding Retired Membership there are now two levels. Full membership will be offered to those members who have given long and active service to the Association. Subscription will be £25 and will enable them to have full membership status. They will receive a monthly copy of the magazine, be eligible to vote at the AGM, be covered by the accident insurance policy and have access to the legal and stress helplines.

Restricted membership will be offered to those members who may not have been a member for long or have not been particularly active within the Section. They will take the same benefits as Student Members, ie ability to take part in BIGGA events at Section, Regional and National level and have access to the library etc. They will not, however, receive a copy of the magazine; be covered by accident insurance; have access to the legal and stress helplines; be able to seek courtesy golf; have voting rights or be eligible for appointment in any official capacity within the Association. Restricted membership will also be given to those who are eligible for full retired membership but who do not wish to pay, or cannot afford to pay, the £25 subscription.

If you are interested in playing in any of the team matches this year then please return the slip on the recent circular letter and your name will be passed on for consideration for selection by Team Captain Terry Humphrey.

A reminder that nominations for the Miracle Professional Premier Greenkeeper of the Year competition need to be at Headquarters by May 31.

Finally, the Summer Tournament this year takes place at Mendip GC on July 25.

Kevin Green

South Coast

Thirty members attended our last winter meeting on March 6. A lecture was given by Tony Gadd, the Course Manager of Barton-on-Sea on "The Transformation of the 18 hole Course into a 27 hole course".

Tony told us about the many problems encountered during the construction, the main one being the erosion of the cliffs on which the course is built. Judging by his talk he had more than his fair share of problems.

As only 30 members attended this meeting and considering the number of members we have this is not a very good effort and the committee would like some feedback on how we can improve this situation. Some questions we ask. Is the

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venue wrong? Is the time wrong? Do we get the right speakers? Your answers to these would be appreciated. As an aside I can remember when we had 75 members plus at our meetings and I would like to see this situation return.

The South Coast Seminar which was held at Sparsholt College proved to be very successful. The speakers were of a high calibre and kept the audience riveted to their seats. Alan Mitchell, our Section Chairman, welcomed everybody and thanked all the sponsors for their support. These included Huxleys Grass Machinery, Winchester Garden Machinery and Driving Force Leisure.

Our first speaker was David Winterton, Course Manager of Donnington Grove GC. He gave a talk on the club's development including some excellent slides on the estate and gardens. The Japanese Gardens were like something from another world. David then talked about the construction of the golf course and how he had to lay 11 acres of turf six weeks before opening day.

Billy McMillan, Course Manager from Wildwood GC, was next and his talk was "Changes in Greenkeeping - Are you keeping up?" He touched upon a variety of subjects such as how golf courses have to be cost effective, seeking help when required, working with committees and training. He then showed some slides of his golf course.

Our Chairman summed up his presentation by stating that it was one of the best talks he had ever heard.

After coffee our Education Officer, Ken Richardson, spoke to us about the structure of BIGGA. He then went on to tell us about the function of each member of the staff at Aldwark Manor. Ken then gave us a presentation on the courses that were available at Aldwark, this was followed by NVQ's. This caused a lively debate at Question Time. The BIGGA Reference Library was explained and how you can borrow books free for six weeks - only the cost of postage is required. Ken was thanked for his update on HQ.

After the lunch break it was the turn of Bob Taylor, from STRI. Bob gave a presentation on "Golf Course Construction and Management. An Ecological Perspective". Other topics that Bob spoke about and illustrated with slides were, "Thinning out of Trees and Interplanting", "Planting to make the Trees look Natural", "Encouraging Wild Flowers in the Rough". Again, this was a very well presented lecture.

To end the day Peter Jones, of Peter Jones Associates, gave a lecture on "How to take control of a Reconstruction Project". This included "Spur of the moment projects which lead to Disasters", and how to avoid them by calling in an Independent Advisor. Other topics included were "Making the project look natural within the golf course", "Getting rid of the Problem that caused the need for reconstruction in the first place" and "Using the Correct Trees". This presentation was again well illustrated with slides of Woburn and Collingtree Park courses.

Ken Lodge, Chairman of the afternoon Session thanked all the speakers for their presentations and giving up their time to attend. Thanks were also extended to Sparsholt College for allowing the use of the College and the Education Committee for organising such a wonderful and successful day.

By now Mark Webb should have the South Coast team for the Hayter Regional Tournament at Salisbury and South Wilts GC sorted out. This is to be held on Wednesday June 12 and anyone wishing to play please contact Mark ASAP as there is a good chance he will require last minute replacements.

Now back to our own Section Tournaments. We are always looking for new venues to hold our golf meetings. If you would like us to play at your course and your committee is agreeable please let Mark know as he can then make the necessary arrangements.

Ken Lodge

Devon and Cornwall

A memorable day was had at Churston GC on Wednesday March 27 as 80 members and trade friends gathered to wish Gordon Child an enjoyable retirement.

As usual the day started with our golfing members competing in the morning for the Supaturf Trophy for Head Greenkeepers and trade, Rhone Poulenc Trophy for Assistants and the chance to represent the section at the Region Hayter qualifier which will be held at Salisbury & South Wilts on June 12.

For non golfing members the usual course walk proved to be as always very interesting with the old maestro informing members on a method to prevent bird damage caused by leather jackets during the winter months.

After lunch Peter Bridgewater of Supaturf and Paul Clifton, of Rhone Poulenc, presented the prizes to the following members.

Supaturf Trophy: 1. T. Blackburn, Crediton, 38pts; 2. R. Minton, Miracle, 35pts; 3. T. Farkins, Dartmouth, 34pts.

Rhone Poulenc Trophy: 1. A. James, Tehidy, 35pts; 2. J. Mitchell, Perranporth, 32pts (on countback); 3. S. Getson, St Mellion, 32 pts.

Qualifiers for the Regional Final of the Hayter Challenge to be held at Salisbury GC on Wednesday

June 12 are:

0-9. G. Tamblin, J. Mitchell, A. Parker, T. Gooch, C. Rawlings.

10-18. T. Farkins, M. Child, E. Barber, M. Parrish, W. Potter.

19-28. T. Blackburn, A. James, S. Getson, Miss L. Breyley, C. Pine.

The winners in each category were presented with a silver salver by Mike Lincoln-Smith of Hayter. Our Congratulations and good luck to all who qualified.

Also our thanks to Peter Bridgewater, Paul Clifton and Mike Lincoln-Smith for presenting the prizes.

We couldn't let Gordon off too lightly at his last meeting before he retires so we invited him to present our afternoon educational talk on "Greenkeeping past, present and future" which he did, as always, very professionally. During question time Gordon was asked what was one of his most frightening experiences. After a few moments Gordon recalled the day a jet fighter flew so low that when it had to climb to miss some trees it blew him off his feet and burnt his eyebrows with the heat of the engines.

After his talk the Chairman Bill Mitchell presented him with a 14" portable teletext TV on behalf of the Section members and our trade friends, namely: Avoncrop, Barenbrug, Devon Garden Machinery, B.J. Flegg, Levingtons, Miracle, M.S.T, P & M A Services, Rhone Poulenc, Rigby Taylor, Roffeys and Sisis.

Gordon's surprise and delight was seen by all, he was even lost for words for a few minutes! Gordon's lovely wife Marion was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

My thanks to our President John Palfrey for organising the support of the trade companies above.

For this summer it was decided to extend our evening summer meetings to courses in Devon as well as Cornwall with the first being held at Yelverton GC on May 22. Members will meet in the car park at 6.15pm before walking the course with Head Greenkeeper Steve Peters, returning to the clubhouse at around 8pm for a drink and a bite to eat. By now you should all have received the fixture card for these events which have been sponsored by Devon Garden Machinery. For more details and dates of venues please phone Steve Evans on 01208 863647.

Richard Whyman

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A look at what's available to add those vital finishing touches to the course.

How often have you slaved for weeks to get the greens just how you want then and not heard a peep from the membership but as soon as you put out some new tee boxes or benches or ball washers or new flags everyone comes up to you and says how good the course is looking?

It's galling but it does highlight the importance of furniture and fittings. They are visible, can add a bit of colour and lets face it they can, like a rug or a painting in the sitting room, cover a multitude of sins.

We asked a number of companies in the field to show us their latest offerings.

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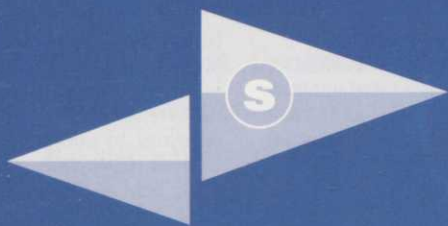


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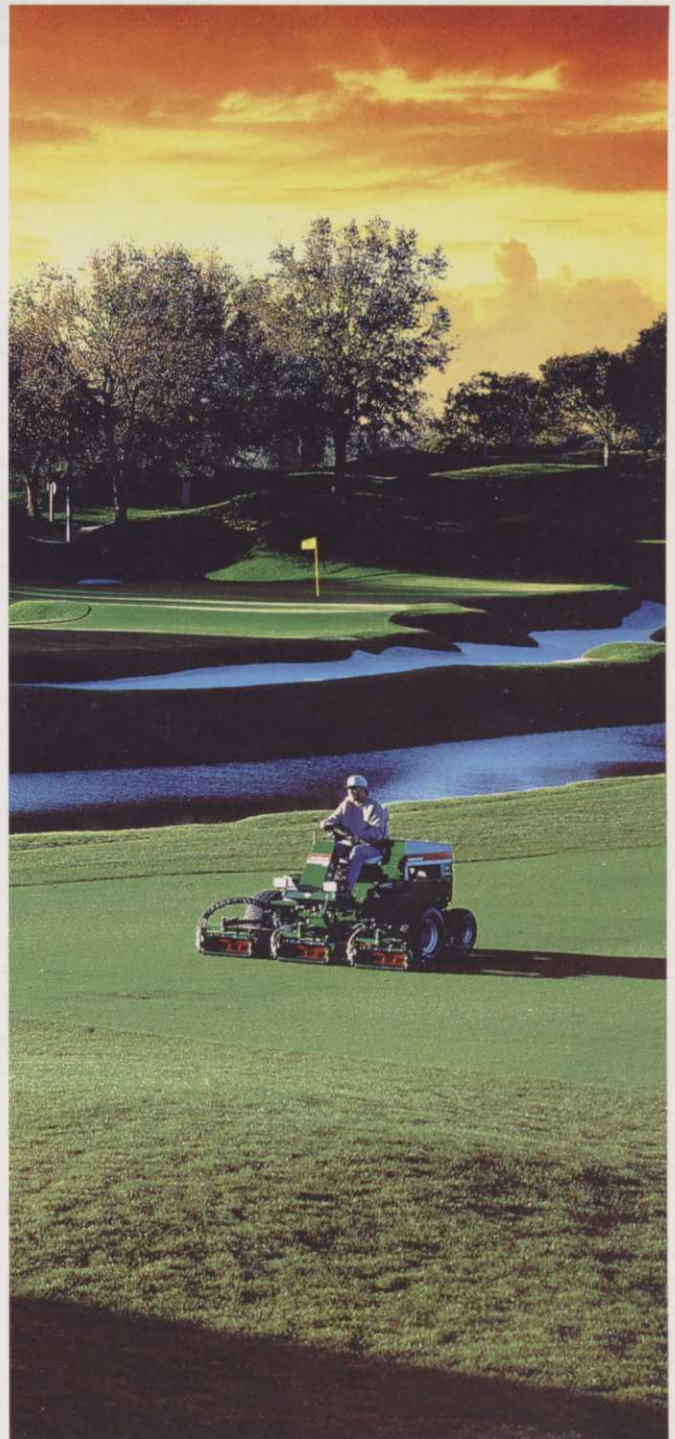
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Tacit is now manufacturing a U-Boot shoe cleaner – pictured right – that will clean the bottom and sides of your shoes simultaneously. The design allows for a swifter and more efficient cleaning from one standing position. The three sets of U-pattern brushes are stiff at the base and soft at the sides with spacing between to allow the debris to fall through. All brushes are easily replaced.

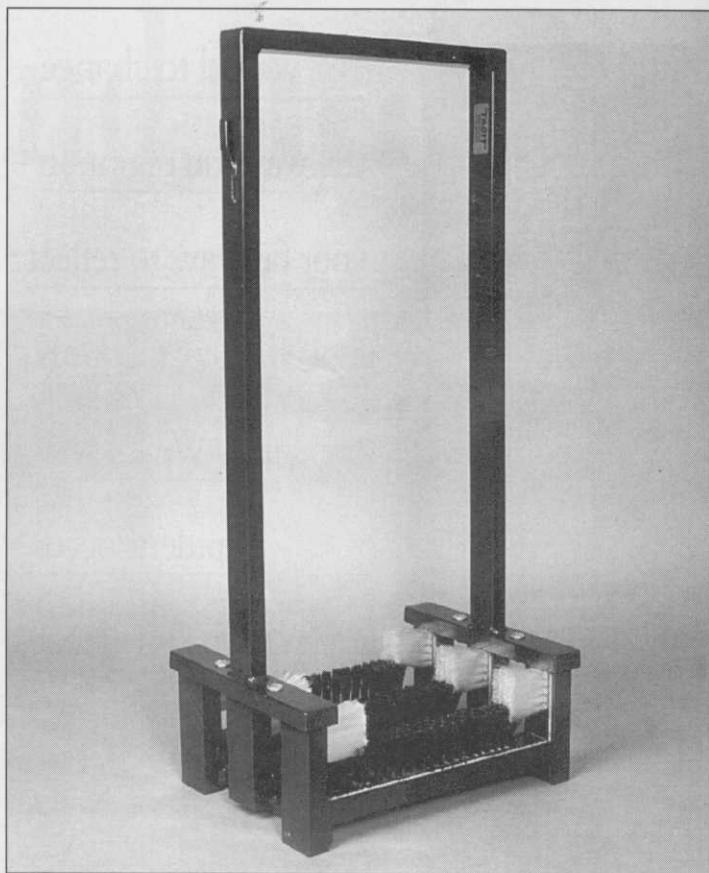
The compact and simple style allows it to be neatly placed not

only outside, but at the entrance of a club house, pro shop, foyers and receptions. For further details, please contact Tacit on 01788 568818.

Gloster Leisure Furniture offers a wide range of quality teak furniture for all types of outdoor situations, from parks and gardens to golf courses and sports grounds. Gloster furniture is ideally suited to commercial or public use as it is designed to be left outside year round, needs no maintenance and will withstand the rigours of both hard wear and extreme weather conditions for decades.

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The Windrush Armchair – combines the high backed elegance of the Evenlode with the practical benefit of wide flat arms which can be a convenient resting place for a plate, cup or glass. Also available in three lengths of seat.

The Bristolian Steamer Chair is a traditionally styled chair with contoured back which can be adjusted to four different positions and has a detachable footrest. The Bristolian can be folded for easy storage. A popular model both on land or at sea.

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