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undertaken, mostly on the putting green, it has been exemplary, with the Kubota engine always starting first time and a superb cut. The club is replacing some elderly machines.

In particular Darren is pleased with the brush groomer system which can be used both for setting the grass up and for cleaning the front roller.

Verti-cutting is carried out by the club's triple.

Operating is extremely easy, and while the machine has two operator presence levers – or dead man's handles, one for cylinder, one for drive, both can be held in by one hand when required.

Obviously without extensive use a sharpening/back lapping routine has yet to be established, but no problems are envisaged. Normal servicing is carried out by the club, and is seen as simple and quick.

#### Toro Greensmaster CR1000 at The Oxfordshire

Course Manager David Gower has the luxury of ten machines, originally bought as tees were also hand mown. Four were bought with groomers primarily for greens use and now three are in daily use with the remainder in reserve – and one set up for collars. Again verti-cutting is carried out with a ride-on triple, but the reserve machines are used after top dressing or coring.

The club has its own mechanic and sharpening system, nevertheless the emphasis with the greens mowers is to ensure that they are adjusted 'right' to minimise the amount of sharpening and back lapping needed. David said that their mechanic is 'very very good' at sharpening, but he would not detail his 'tricks of the trade,' and although there are spare mowers he can get four mowers sharpened in the afternoon after the tea break without trouble.

The club used the thinnest available bottom blades for the



The Allett machine

championship played on the course this spring, however it is now using slightly thicker blades

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seldom on the perimeter cuts, which are omitted rather than just taking the groomer out just for these couple of turns.

Another important routine prior to cutting is to check the area, to remove twigs, ball markers, loose studs and etc.

David said the reliability of the Toros has been fantastic and although he admitted to being a 'Jacobsen man' - and still thinks that they have a better groomer, he expects to replace Toro with Toro when the need arises.

In overall appraisal he said "there's no doubt they are a superb mower."

used exclusively on the greens. All mowers are carefully checked each day before they go out to ensure that they are set right and sharp.

Groomers are normally used once or twice a week, however



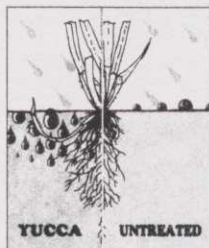
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# When 600 heads are better than just one

A total of 180 British greenkeepers made up a total of 600 greenkeepers who took part in John Deere's first ever European Feedback event, held over two weeks in June at Bruchsal GC in Germany.

Following five successful events in the USA, this was the first opportunity for European greenkeepers, from Scandinavia to Spain, to give their opinions on the company's latest golf and turf products, and to see the European Parts Distribution Centre at

Bruchsal, one of 22 worldwide parts depots.

A total of 34 machines, from a prototype 26in walk-behind tees and greens mower to a new 70hp tractor equipped with a gang mower, were scrutinised, driven and commented on by the greenkeepers.

Graham Williams, commercial and consumer equipment division manager for John Deere Limited in the UK & Ireland, who brought the British greenkeepers to Feedback '97, said: "The participation of greenkeepers and turf professionals on a worldwide basis is vital to take the company forward and enable us to produce the right machines for all our customers.

"We depend on these meetings, on pre-production demonstrations and on thousands of test hours on golf courses around the world, to frame our product development and improvement programmes. There is no substitute for this kind of information, and we never introduce a product without it."



Graham Williams, of John Deere



David Walden, left, of Nene Valley GC and Rob Boyce of Newmarket Links GC

For example, the John Deere 1200A bunker and field rake was simply a concept machine only two years ago. Introduced to the market in 1995, it is now widely accepted as an invaluable tool because of design suggestions originally made by American golf course superintendents at a previous Feedback event.

The European meeting was hosted by Chuck Greif, Manager of Market Development for Golf & Turf Products Worldwide. He said: "This year we're getting the views of around 1,300 green-

keepers worldwide through Feedback – that represents nearly five percent of the world's golf courses. It's the little things seen through all those different pairs of eyes that will benefit our company immensely.

"We have found over the last five years that greenkeepers and superintendents all have the same concerns, and face the same challenges. These include environmental responsibility, noise reduction, safety, parts and service support and serviceability.

"The basic design of any

## INTRODUCING THE NEW GREENSMASTER 3200-D.







Colin Wilson, of Linlithgow GC, has celebrated 25 years at the club. He was presented with an inscribed barometer from the club during Linlithgow's Open Day. Pictured, back, from left: Iain Harrison, Vice Captain; David Roy, Course Manager; Lee Fraser, Alex Fleming and Derek Smith, Professional. Kneeling are Ian Campbell, Club Captain and Colin Wilson.

machine works worldwide. What we do with the Feedback meetings is say, here we are, tell us how you use our machines, and what you want them to do in the future. As a result we can fine tune the equipment so it does the right job.

"The greenkeeper is an artist, and he's an individual. He has to be able to set up the golf course to meet his needs and the needs of the members, and how he does

that differs from one man to the next.

"That means we'll be going back to the factory with a pretty healthy list of comments – but that's exactly why we're here."

David Walden, Nene Valley, Peterborough, and '95 Premier Greenkeeper of the Year said, "If we come and do this, we can get the machines right from the start – it's an excellent idea."

## ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER

## Profile

Usually the spotlight falls on the Course Manager or Head Greenkeeper at a Club. Now it is the turn of those whose work often goes unheralded to star...

Name: **Wyndham Potter**  
 Club: **East Devon GC**  
 Position: **First Assistant**  
 Age: **63**



**1. How long have you been a greenkeeper?**  
 28 years.

**2. What education are you currently undertaking?**  
 None.

**3. Which one task do you most enjoy doing?**  
 Cutting greens.

**4. Which one task do you most dislike doing?**  
 Divotting.

**5. What job other than greenkeeping might you ended up doing?**  
 I was a gardener for 14 years before becoming a greenkeeper.

**6. Who has been the biggest influence on your career?**  
 Ken Loxton, who was my

Head Greenkeeper for 18 years.

**7. What would you do to improve the life of a greenkeeper?**  
 Pay more.

**8. What are your hobbies?**  
 Gardening, fishing and golf.

**9. What do you get out of BIGGA?**  
 Golfing days out and the magazine.

**10. What do you hope to be doing in 10 years time?**  
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## THE COLLEGES AND TRAINING CENTRES

The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) are continually reviewing the approved status of colleges offering greenkeeper training courses.

This guide shows colleges offering courses to craft, supervisory and management levels, but it must be stated that until the GTC review is completed only the green coded colleges are approved to train greenkeepers beyond craft level.

The introduction of vocational qualifications into industries, has caused the colleges

to re-think their training policies and the GTC will be issuing guidelines for the golf greenkeeping industry as to which colleges employers and their staff should be supporting.

Anyone with a query regarding greenkeeper training should contact the Greenkeepers Training Committee at Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York YO6 2NF, telephone 01347 838640.

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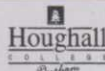


**ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE** Askham Bryan, York YO2 3PR. Contact Registration. Tel: 01904 772211.

*Full time courses:* National Certificate – Horticulture; National Diploma – Amenity Horticulture; Higher National Diploma – Horticulture (golf management options). *Part time courses:* NVQ Level 2, 3 and 4 City & Guilds Phase IV Greenkeeping.

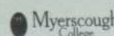


**CITY COLLEGE MANCHESTER** Wythenshawe Park Centre, Moor Road, Manchester M23 9BQ. Contact Peter Riley/Martin Webb. Tel: 0161 957 1526. Day Release and Full Time courses leading to NVQ Level II Amenity Horticulture with the Greenkeeping option.



**HOUGHALL COLLEGE** Durham College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Houghall, Durham DH1 3SG. Contact Tony Milan. Tel: 0191 386 1351.

*Full time courses:* National Certificate in Horticulture/Greenkeeping and Groundsmanship – 1 Year; National Diploma in Horticulture Turf Option – 2/3 years. *Part time courses:* Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Management Level II – Day Release; NVQ Level 3 Amenity Horticulture – Afternoon Evening. *Short Courses:* Health & Safety Legislation; Turfcare; Machinery and Mechanisation. All courses contribute towards NVQ Levels I and II.



**MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE** Myerscough Hall, Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire PR3 0RY. Contact Academic Registry. Tel: 01995 640611.

*Fax:* 01995 640682. *Full time courses:* BSc (Hons) Turf Science and Golf Course Management – four years; Higher National Diploma Turf Science and Golf Course Management – three years; National Certificate Groundsmanship and Greenkeeping – one year. *Part time courses:* NVQ Level 2 and 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance (plus Fast Track option); Higher National Diploma Turf Science and Golf Course Management; Certificate and Diploma in Turf Irrigation; FEPA Spraying and Chainsaw courses.



**KIRKLEY HALL COLLEGE** Ponteland, Northumberland (10 miles from the centre of Newcastle upon Tyne). Contact Mike Swinton.

*Tel:* 01661 860808. *Fax:* 01661 860047. A wide range of full and part-time Amenity and Commercial Horticulture courses including Greenkeeping and Spots Turf maintenance and management.



**BRACKENHURST COLLEGE** Southwell, Nottinghamshire NG25 0QF. Contact Student Administration. Tel: 01636 817099. BTEC First

Diploma, C&G National Certificate, BTEC National Diploma, RHS Diploma, BTEC HND in Landscape Design and BSc (Honours) in Urban and Rural Open Space Management both in conjunction with The Nottingham Trent University. Part-time courses include GTC & RHS day release, evening and short courses.



**BROOKSBY COLLEGE** Brooksby, Nr Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE14 2LJ. Contact Ann Hurt. Tel: 01664 434291. National Certificate in

Horticulture. National Diploma in Horticulture. Day Release training to NVQ Level II Amenity Horticulture – Greenkeeping option. The course is based around the GTC Training Manual. Short courses include Chainsaws, FEPA Spraying and Hedgelaying.



**BROOMFIELD COLLEGE** Morley, Ilkeston, Derby DE7 6DN. Contact Admissions Officer. Tel: 01332 831345.

NVQ Level I and Level II Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping) Block Release course. Two years duration presented in 12 one-week blocks following guidelines of GTC Training Manual. NVQ Level III gained by 9x 3-day blocks, or APL service.



**RODBASTON COLLEGE** Rodbaston, Penkridge, Stafford ST19 5HG. Contact Nigel Foskett. Tel: 01785 712209. Courses offered: Craft

Level NVQ Level I, II and III. Day Release. Duration: Over two years, each of weeks duration (September – June). Registration Date: Please contact the College.



**WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE** Moreton Morrell, Warwick CV35 9BL. Contact Graham Martin. Tel: 01926 651367. Greenkeeping courses – day

release – NVQ Level I; NVQ Level II; NVQ Level III; IoG courses (evening class), National Intermediate Diploma in Turfcare; Full time two year BTEC National Diploma in Horticulture (with option in Turfcare); *Professional updating courses include:* Groundsmanship, Machinery Maintenance and Repair, Managing Conservation Areas, Plant Identification, Hedgelaying, First Aid, FEPA Spraying Courses, Chainsaw Courses.



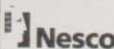
**BRINSBURY COLLEGE** North Heath, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 1DL. Contact Keith Harrison. Tel: 01798 873832. *Full time courses:* BTEC 1st

Diploma Horticulture with Greenkeeping option. National Diploma Landscape Studies, Sportsturf and Greenkeeping option. *Part time:* NVQ II Greenkeeping plus Core. Day Release to NVQ II level. Both full time and part time students with work both to the NVQ II work book and the Greenkeeper manual. NVQ Level II (National Technical Certificate) with Inst. of Groundsmanship manual may be delivered as an evening course. NVQ Level III Sportsturf Maintenance. ND Landscape Studies (Option – Sportsturf Management and Greenkeeping). National Technical Certificate (IoG), National Practical Certificate (IoG), Intermediate Diploma (IoG), National Diploma (IoG)



**HADLOW COLLEGE** Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0AL. Contact Keith Backhouse. Tel: 01732 850551. NVQ Level II and Level III Part-time

Day Release with two periods of Block Release or evenings. Level II in Groundsmanship evenings. NVQ Level III Golf Greenkeeping. Centres at Hadlow, Canterbury, Mottingham and Maidstone.



**NESCOT** North East Surrey College of Technology, Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT17 3DS. Contact Dr S Shaw. Tel: 0181 394

3220/3049. NVQ Levels I, II and III in Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping options) Training and assessment for the Greenkeepers Training Manual. Part time, Day Release. Duration: Two years to Level II. FEPA Spraying Courses.



**OAKLANDS COLLEGE** Oaklands Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL4 0JA. Contact Ian Merrick. Tel: 01727 850651. Full-time

courses: National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management. Part-time courses: leading to NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping, Modern Apprenticeships. Evening courses: leading to NVQ Levels 3 and 4. Short courses: Pesticide, Chainsaw, Greenkeeper Mechanics.

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### KEY TO COLOURS

Currently GTC approved as Regional Training Centres, offering courses at Craft, Supervisory and Management levels

Currently GTC approved for training courses up to Supervisory level

Currently GTC approved for training courses up to Craft level only

Pending GTC approval for all courses

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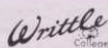
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**OTLEY COLLEGE** Otlely College, Otlely, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 9EY. Contact Course Enquiries. Tel: 01473 785543. *Full time courses:* National Certificate in Horticulture, option in Sports Turf Technology. Part time NVQ 2 Golf Greenkeeping and NVQ 2 Groundsmanship, NVQ 3 Sports Turf Management. IoG Intermediate and Final Diplomas (Evenings). NVQ Horticultural Mechanics. FEPA Courses PA1, PA2, PA6. Otlely College ★ Developing individuals ★ Achieving more.



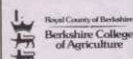
**PLUMPTON COLLEGE** Lewes, East Sussex BN7 3AE. Contact David Blackmur. Tel: 01273 890454. *Full time courses:* National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture (options in Landscape and Sportsturf); National Certificate in Amenity Horticulture; First Diploma; A11 BTEC. *Part time courses:* NVQ Level II Amenity Horticulture in Arboriculture, Interior Landscaping, Hard Landscaping and Greenkeeping, Sportsturf and Sportsground Management; NVQ Level III Amenity Horticulture; Phase IV Business Management.



**WRITTLE COLLEGE** Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3RR. Contact Dai Edwards. Tel: 01245 420705. Fax: 01245 420456. *Part time courses include:* NVQ Levels I, II, III and IV Sportsturf & Greenkeeping. Day Release. Includes training and assessment of Greenkeepers Training Manual. *Full time courses include:* BTEC First Diploma (1 year), BTEC National Diploma with Option in Sportsturf and Golf Course Management, 3 year sandwich course; BTEC Higher National Diploma with Option in Golf Course Management 3 year sandwich course, BSc (Hons) Degree course in Landscape and Amenity Management. Short courses for FEPA, Irrigation, Fork Lift Trucks, Chainsaws and First Aid also available. Associate students welcome, progression routes identified, accreditation of prior learning possible.

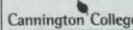


**MERRIST WOOD COLLEGE** Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3PE. Contact Student Services. Tel: 01483 232424. *Full time courses:* National Diploma in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management. National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management. *Part-time:* NVQ Amenity Horticulture Greenkeeping Level 1, NVQ Amenity Horticulture Greenkeeping Level 2, NVQ Amenity Horticulture Sports Turf Maintenance Level 3.



**BERKSHIRE COLLEGE** Hall Place, Burchetts Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 6QR. Tel: 01628 824444 Fax: 01628 824695 *Full time courses:* BTEC First Diploma and National Diploma in Greenkeeping. *Part time courses:* NVQ Level II Greenkeeping and Fine Turf Management, GTC Manual, NVQ Level II Groundsman and Sports Turf Management, NVQ Level II Golf Greenkeeping (craft level - block release); NVQ Level III Greenkeeping; IOG National Diploma (Intermediate) in Turf Culture. ★ Regional Centre of Excellence for Land based Industries & Professions ★

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**HARTPURY COLLEGE** Hartpury, Nr Gloucester GL19 3BE. Tel: 01452 700283. Fax: 01452 700629. Amenity and Decorative Horticulture: NVQ Level II and III, First Diploma, National Certificate, National Diploma and HND Land Use. Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Management: NVQ Level II and III, First Diploma, Certificate, National Diploma and HND Land Use. Golf Studies: National Diploma. FEPA Training.



**SPARSHOLT COLLEGE** Sparsholt College Hampshire, Sparsholt, Winchester, Hants SO21 2NF. Contact Bob Young. Tel: 01962 776441. NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping Practice, NVQ Level 3 Greenkeeping Supervision, City & Guilds Phase IV Management Studies, GTC: Greenkeeping Certificate, GTC: Certificate in Golf Course Supervision, FEPA: Short Courses, Chainsaws. All courses, other than Phase IV, are offered on Block release. Full residential facilities available. New for '96 ANCA Machinery Maintenance. Full time or part time.

### SCOTLAND



**ELMWOOD COLLEGE** Cupar, Fife KY15 4JB. Contact Carol Borthwick. Tel: 01334 658910. Fax: 01334 658918. Craft Level courses. Full-time National Certificate, Block-release, following SVQ Level II and the GTC Training Manual. Six week specialist modular programme (January-February), including Golf Course Construction, Pesticide Application and Plant Protection Procedures. SVQ Level III (Supervisory) Block Release. HNC/HND Golf Course Management available as full-time, block/day release and distance learning. FEPA, COSHH and Health & Safety short courses also.



**LANGSIDE COLLEGE GLASGOW** Langside College Glasgow School of Horticulture, Woodburn House, Buchanan Drive, Rutherglen G73 3PF. Contact Colin S Urquhart. Tel: 0141 647 6300. SCOTVEC National Certificate - 3 years day release or 1 year full time. Higher National Certificate in Golf Course Management - 2 years day release. SVQ Level II Amenity Horticulture with Greenkeeping options plus a range of NC and HNC Horticulture programmes including G SVQ Level III. Short courses on a range of subjects including Tractor Operations and the Safe Use of Pesticides can be negotiated.

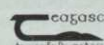


**OATRIDGE COLLEGE** Ecclesmachan, Broxburn, West Lothian EH52 6NH. Contact Steve Miller. Tel: 01506 854387. *Full and part time courses:* Higher National Certificate in Golf Course Management; National Certificate in Greenkeeping; National Certificate Modular and Scottish Vocational Qualification Level I and II. National Certificate in Hort. Machinery. Short specialist courses - including safe use of chemicals, operation of greenkeeping machinery.



**GOSTA TRAINING LTD** Unit 2B, Clydeaway Centre, 45 Finnieston Street, Glasgow G3 8JU. Contact Chris Bothwell. Tel: 0141 248 2772. Fax: 0141 248 2453. SVQ II in Amenity Horticulture will all options including Greenkeeping and GTC Training Manual. Available Day/Block Release from November-February. Evening classes also available. Short courses including pesticide training, noise assessment, chainsaw and health & safety courses, SVQ III in maintaining sportsturf to be offered from early 1997.

### EIRE



**TEAGASC COLLEGE** Teagasc College of Amenity Horticulture, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. Contact Pat Suttle. Tel: 003531 8374 388. Block release courses in greenkeeping providing Level III Certificates by the National Council of Vocational Awards.

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