

white tees. The result was that Nigel Colley won the Coveted Tankard but only by the skin of his teeth and on countback with 39 points. James Partridge was second and Ian Morrisson was third also with 39 points. Darren Lee was fourth with 37 points.

The August tournament took place just over a week later at Addington Palace Golf Club and although these events were so close together the turnout proved to be very high with 50 members booked to tee off from midday. Many thanks to Ron Christie the course manager and his team for presenting Addington Palace in such superb condition. Many who played the course for the first time stated their intention of returning ASAP to try again now that they have more knowledge of the complexities and subtle layout of the course especially the front nine holes. The winner was Dave Goddard with 40 points, runner up was Merrick Field 39 points and third place was filled by Mick Mclearn, 38 points.

To both Sunningdale and

Addington Palace we thank them for the courtesy of their courses. We thank the artisans at Sunningdale for a fine buffet and the catering staff at Addington for a delicious three course meal.

Finally, Cameron McMillan has confirmed that the rumour floating around Surrey Section is true, he is joining his brother Ian at Queenwood and therefore we all wish them both every success for the future.

Brian Willmott

### Essex

One bridge definitely not too far is Abridge Golf & Country Club, nestled in the hills of Stapleford Tawney in Essex. This club is worth paying a visit to wherever you are located.

Since taking over the reigns Head Greenkeeper, Jon Selwood, and Deputy Head, Steve Cox, have transformed what used to be a good course with potential to one with greens which most greenkeepers would give their eye teeth to have. Jon admits to being pleased with the course at the moment and puts a lot of his

success down to the greenstaff at the club, they are :- Steve Cox (Deputy), Chris Ward, Paul Aylett, Geoff Smith, Paul Bannock and Mark Singleton. Well done lads keep it up.

The Essex Section of BIGGA were at Abridge for the Driving Force Leisure and Advanta Seeds sponsored Autumn Trophy way back in August, we must try and get golf days closer to the publication of the magazine. Overall winner for the day was Chris Ward, Abridge, 36 points, with yes you guessed it, Andy Sheehan, Bentley, a close second on 35 points. Nearest the pin and Longest drive was sponsored by Greenkeeper Suppy Company, both prizes went to guests, P. Swinn nearest the pin and P. Brackley longest drive. The handicap categories were divided into two divisions, 0 - 16 and 17 - 28. First place in the 0 - 16 went to Ray Clark, Channels, followed by Jon Selwood, Abridge, Tony Kirwin, Colchester, and Steve Crosdale, Gt. Hadham. Geoff Smith, Abridge, won the 17 - 28 group with Martin Guy, Paul Aylett,

Abridge, and Sonny Willis completing the 1-2-3-4. The scores have been left out to save embarrassment to one of the eight named above.

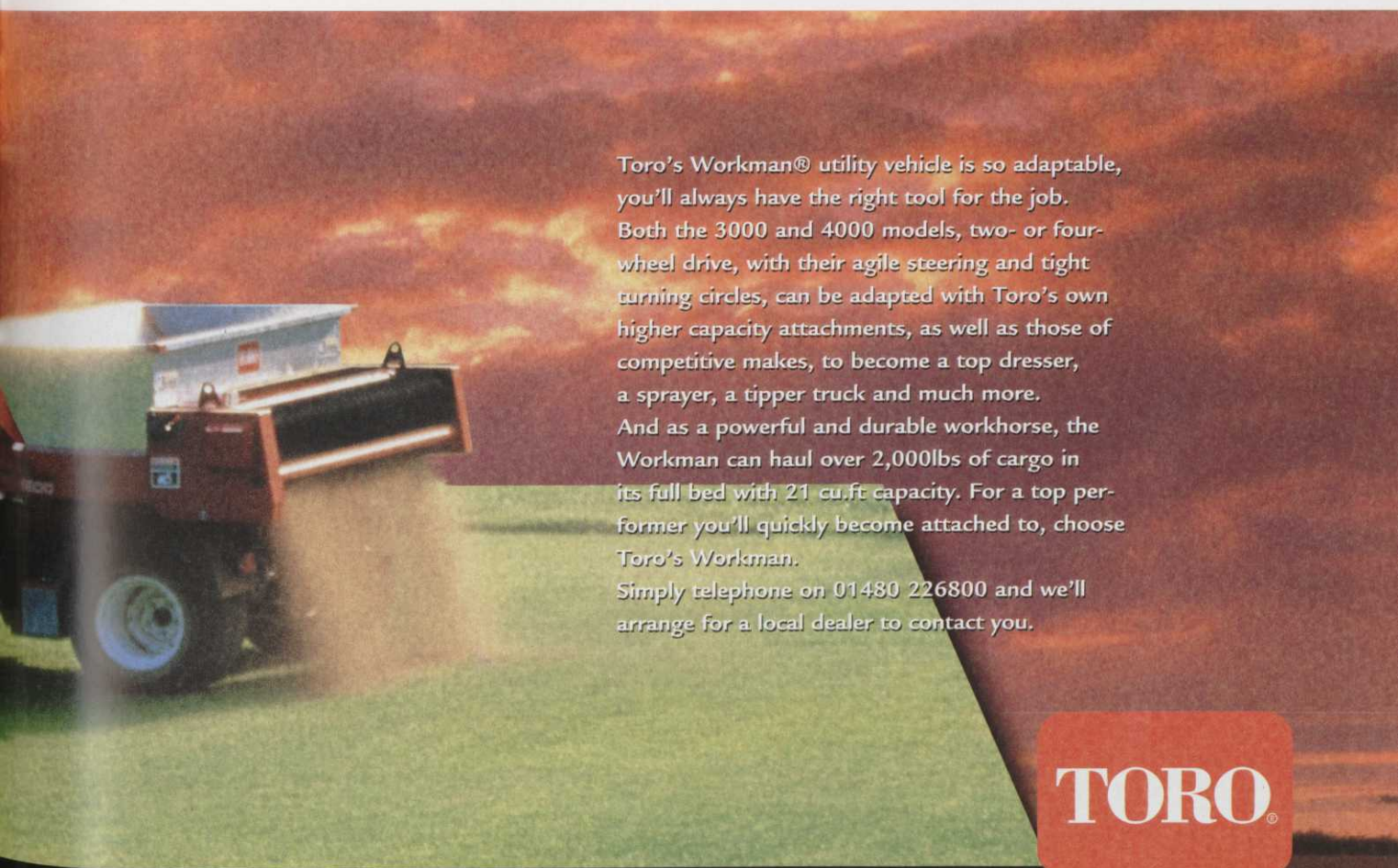
Trade winners were 1. Richard Fortmuller, 35pts, 2. Matt Gresty, 34pts, with the guest prizes going to Paul Bambley 34pts and Gerry Goldstein 31pts. Congrats to all those who came away with a prize.

Other companies deserving a mention are:- Tuckwells who sponsored the halfway house, (what a great idea!), Sherriffs, for the flyers, and Grass Roots, Banks Gem and Bishops Brothers for the raffle prizes.

Above all on behalf of the Essex Section I would like to extend my thanks to Abridge Golf and Country Club and all it's staff, catering and greens.

New Members: Grant Warner, from Harwich and Dovercourt and Sonny Willis, of Stapleford Abbots, join us this month, Sonny has already picked up a prize coming fourth at Abridge.

Tit-bits; The Go-Karting scheduled for the end of November has had to be cancelled.



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Ian Willett (01728) 452759 is looking for D32/D33 assessors to help him out on the Essex/Suffolk Border.

Support is required for the South East Regional Seminar held at Thorpness GC on Tuesday November 14.

Finally our next golf day is to be held at Bishops Stortford, playing for the winter trophy, forms should be with you by now as the event is held on Thursday October 19. See you there.

Steve Crosdale



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### South West

My apologies for not publishing a report in last month's magazine. Unfortunately I was just too late getting my article in.

The summer Tournament was kindly sponsored by Ocmis and hosted by Erlestoke Sands Golf Club. As I was unable to attend, reports that have come back to

me say that the course was superbly set up for the event, so congratulations to Don Southey and his greenstaff. The overall results of the competition were:

Best score by a Head Greenkeeper, A. Akerman. Best score by an Assistant, K. May.

The golf was followed by an interesting talk from Cannington College. Thanks once again to Ocmis for providing some excellent prizes and Erlestoke for allowing us courtesy of the course and providing the food afterwards.

The next event is only just around the corner. This will be the Autumn Tournament and AGM taking place on Thursday, November 2 at Weston Golf Club. For anyone interested in taking one of those highly sought after places on the BIGGA South West, here's your chance.

A few days later on November 22, Cannington College will be hosting the Regional Seminar. Included in this year's event is a line up of speakers that are bound to get tongues wagging. Jim Arthur will kick off the seminar followed by the highly

entertaining Frank Newberry. Finally, Amenity Technology will round off the day.

I am still enquiring about an educational day out to one of the top courses in the country. Hopefully the day would comprise of a question and answer session, tour of the club's facilities and a round of golf.

The only remaining course I have planned for this year is a beginners' computer course in December at Lilley Brook Golf Club in mid December. The course will be taken by Ken Richardson from BIGGA HQ. Half the places are already filled, so for more information, telephone me on 01249 783382 Paul Cunningham

### Devon and Cornwall

The Devon Garden Machinery Section meeting and AGM will be held at Launceston Golf Club on Wednesday 15 November. The morning's golf will be of foursome format for the Toro Trophy with the prizes being kindly donated by Devon Garden Machinery and Lely. As usual the non-golfer's course walk will leave the club house

at approximately 10.30am. Lunch will be from 1pm onwards followed by the golf presentation and a short company presentation by Devon Garden Machinery, our sponsor for the day. The section's AGM will conclude the day.

It's now time to book your place on the region's Amenity Technology sponsored package to the BTME show and seminars which will be held in Harrogate next January. The trip departs on January 23 and returns on January 26, 2001, with the cost of £110 members, £150 non members.

The Regional Conference and Workshop will take place on Wednesday, November 22, at Cannington College. Details of this event have been sent to you through Greenkeeper International. The cost of the day will be £15 members, £22.50 non-members. The morning seminar speakers will be Frank Newbury, Stuart Ashworth and Jim Arthur with the afternoon workshop being presented by Frank Newbury.

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During last year the Section held three very successful pesticide training days with a 100% pass rate.

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For more information please contact me on 01288 353438. Richard Whyman

**South Coast**

Very little to report this month. The annual match against the South West was held at Marlborough Golf Club on September 5. The result was a 3/2 win for the South West. Well done lads! Thanks to Marlborough for a superb day.

Our Autumn tournament is at Came Down Golf Club on

October 4. There are suggestions that a late October/ November match against the Surrey Section could be arranged. I will keep you posted.

The Turkey Trot and AGM will be at Hockley Golf Club for the second year. Entries to Chris Sturgess please. Costs will be in next month's issue.

Anyone interested in the committee please contact either myself or Fred Deamen.

Tony Gadd



See you all next month!

**BIGGA Regional Network**

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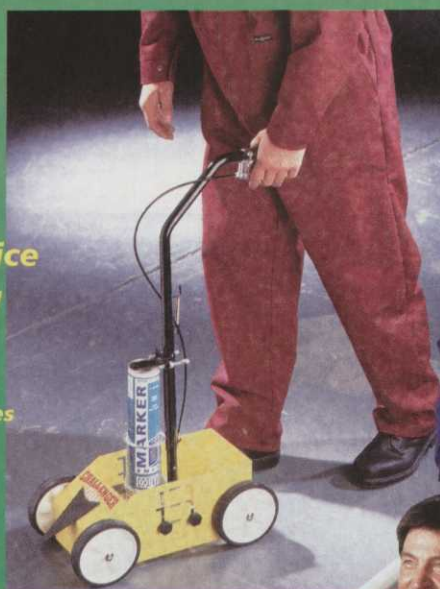
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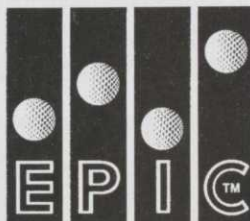
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From a company perspective, stand space is filling up quickly and from an individual's, spaces on the workshops and Education Conference need to be booked early to avoid disappointment.

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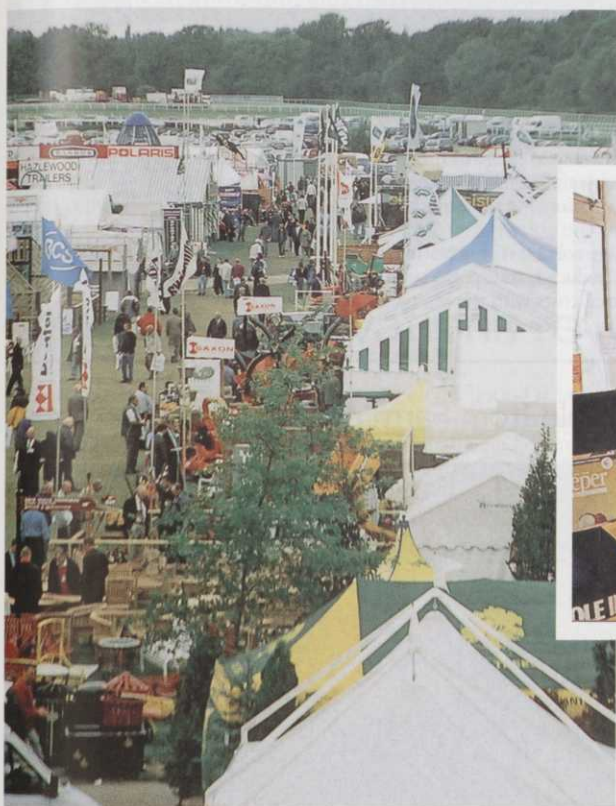
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# SALTEX REVIEW



BTME's southern outdoor cousin, SALTEX, unveiled a new layout this year, colour coded to assist navigation, and although often in different locations the familiar companies were on-hand to display what's new in the world of fine turf.

The amended layout saw a change to the traditional entrance of the Show with a larger number of companies, together with the Education Pavilion, housed in the centre of the race course.

As in the previous two years BIGGA took the opportunity to launch its annual Golf Directory and the new look publication found many admirers among those lucky enough to see early copies.

Above: Tracey Maddison, BIGGA Membership Services Officer gave a warm welcome to visitors to the BIGGA stand, and answered questions about Membership and the Association in general.

Left: Saltex's new layout ensured a plentiful turnout of exhibitors and visitors.

## Alan Stow retires from Vitax



Saltex was also the venue for the final event in Vitax's Alan Stow's extended round of retirement functions.

Having been honoured at several BIGGA functions over the last few months he enjoyed his official send-off at Vitax's headquarters the Friday before SALTEX only for Clive Williams to arrange a surprise party for Alan with all his friends from the industry on the Wednesday of SALTEX. Alan was presented with a brand new spade and fork by Derek Walder, of the IOG.

## Spray Watch competition won by Drift GC

Seven successful years and seven sprayers, the annual Blazon 'Spray Watch' campaign continues to educate golf clubs and spray operators to the benefits of including a spray pattern indicator each and every time they spray. This year's lucky winner, selected from a record entry, was The Drift Golf Club, East Horsley, Surrey, who received the first prize of a brand new Gambetti Barre AMK 300 Tractor Mounted Sprayer.

Presentation of the prize to the win-

ning club's Head Greenkeeper Mark Bellamy, was made by Elliott Small and Neil Thomas. Also attending the ceremony were The Drift Golf Club's Course Manager, Paul Weston, and General Manager, Gail Backett.

Commenting on the award, Mark Bellamy stated, "Blazon has become an essential part of our spraying programme. It does not stain and the easily seen spray pattern ensures that all our applications are applied with a high degree of accuracy and uniformity".



Above: Chris Byrd (Marketing Manager Blazon), Mark Bellamy (Head Greenkeeper, the DriP Golf Club), Elliott Small (Chairman BIGGA), Paul Weston Course Manager, The Drift), Gail Backett (General Manager, The Drift), Neil Thomas (Executive Director BIGGA), Ian Sellers (GEM Professional)

## Advanta range on display at Saltex

Amenity grass seed breeder Advanta Seeds UK, displayed five of the company's most popular branded mixtures at the show including, from the Advanta MM range, MM 10, MM 50 and MM 60. The first is a variation of the traditional fescue/bent greens mixture. It incorporates Mocassin, a new variety of slender creeping red fescue, which adds extra resilience to the turf.

MM50 is a hard-wearing perennial ryegrass mixture, ideal for repairing worn ends of cricket squares and badly divoted golf tees. The mix offers high wear tolerance, rapid establishment and strong root development.

MM60 is a 100 per cent ryegrass mixture for oversowing winter games pitches. The blend of cultivars gives quick establishment, a hard wearing surface and the capacity to regenerate quickly after damage.

The two 'Designer' mixtures will be Premier Sport and Estate. The first has a mix of ryegrass, fescue, smooth stalked meadowgrass and browntop bent cultivars, and is ideal for all heavy-duty winter sports areas, including football and rugby pitches.

Estate is a combination of a fast growing perennial ryegrass with a variety of strong creeping red fescue. Containing true amenity cultivars, it is a value for money option for temporary reseeded, or use in utility areas receiving some wear.

## Vitax extends Organic range

Vitax extended its organic range by launching three, new, seaweed based products at Saltex 2000. A natural high strength seaweed, a 12.0.6 seaweed based liquid feed for turf, and a high strength seaweed based iron tonic, which are the result of research carried out on the seaweed variety *Laminaria Digitata*. Harvested from renewable sources in the Atlantic Ocean, this particular variety is rich in trace elements, growth hormones and cytokinins. These three, new products, which come in 10 litre containers, follow the success of Vitax Vitaliser, the 100% organic controlled release fertiliser which was launched at BTME.

## Headland additions

Headland Amenity launched a new addition to their successful range of Greentec granular fertilisers.

Homogenous, with rapid breakdown qualities and an average size of 1.25mm, this new formulation of 6.4.12 has all the qualities of the original, but benefits from additional iron to harden turf for the harsher months ahead.

Three different Nitrogen sources ensure that the product produces optimum results over the full range of soil temperatures, especially under cool conditions, and adapts easily to varying weather conditions. The new Greentec 6.4.12 is designed for use on all fine turf including golf and bowling greens, and carries a recommended application rate of 25-35 grams per square metre.

# New product wins award for Aventis

Saltex 2000 saw the launch, by Aventis Environmental Science, of an ultra-low dose fungicide, Capricorn, which will treat an entire average size golf green with just 50 ml. The product went on to win the award for Best New Sportsturf Product at the show.

This equates to one litre per hectare and compares with a typical requirement of 20-40 litres per hectare with other fungicides.

The chemistry of the product (which contains epoxiconazole and carben-dazam) enables far greater absorption into the turf, thereby requiring a greatly reduced concentration in application and thus less environmental impact. Capricorn has also been shown to have a positive effect on the beneficial fungus, Arbuscular mycorrhiza, particularly to turf grass.

The product is supplied in 250 ml packs with a measuring cap to ensure the correct dosage is applied. The low,



accurately measured dosage means greater accuracy in usage of the product, thereby making it a more cost efficient solution for fungicide treatment.

The lower volume required will also result in reduced transport, storage and disposal costs with the attendant environmental benefits.



## Latest Shibaura tractors available from Farm and Garden Machinery

Farm and Garden Machinery showed the Shibaura ST 321 and 324 compact tractors with power assisted steering and four wheel drive.

The diesel engine has been designed to provide extreme efficiency with better combustion, cleaner emissions and reduced fuel consumption. Model ST321 has a 21hp engine and the ST324 a 24hp.

For operator comfort there are low noise and low vibration features and this tractor has been designed to balance rigidity and strength with light weight and easy maintenance.

True versatility is offered by the ST tractor models. They are compatible with a whole range of attachments which can be rear-mounted. If required, as an option there is also a hydraulic outlet on the side for out-front implements. From flail mowers,



rotary tillers, harrows, cultivators through to snow blowers – all can be harnessed to operate with this compact tractor.

Shibaura's ST tractor has a 20 litre fuel tank, lifting capacity of 669kg and can travel at a speed of from under 1 mph up to 9.97mph.

## New combi-trailer from Lloyds puts an end to wet weather woes

Lloyds & Co Letchworth Ltd has launched the multi-purpose Greenline combi-trailer.

The machine can be used for a variety of tasks, from the maintenance of grass areas, including cutting and scarifying, to the collection of grass, leaves and wood chippings taking advantage of the high tipping and various size high capacity trailer available, thus saving the necessity and expense of having a dedicated machines for each task.

The unique design is based on the "building block principle" in that you decide which blocks and configuration you need to perform a specific task knowing that it will be carried out to a standard you would expect from a dedicated machine.

The combi-trailer is constructed



from high quality, hardwearing materials and this together with its low centre of gravity and variable track width, means it can be used

on difficult terrains and in all weather conditions. Bad weather will no longer be an excuse for work not being carried out!