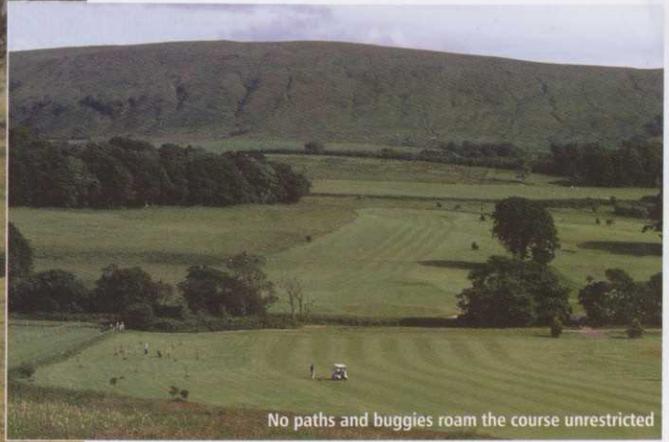




Gridlock Border



No paths and buggies roam the course unrestricted

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"You can lay the on top of existing materials. I think it was over shell at Bognor and it will work beautifully while they are great for areas around the clubhouse and any soggy parts of the course," explained Tom, who said he'd coloured chippings in his rockery at home.

So there are options out there for any club looking to improve their golf course from a health and safety or revenue generating perspective.

Thanks for Verdegrass, Tenax and Castcrete Ltd for their co-operation with this feature.

"Installation of the interlocking pavers is easily carried out with very little ground preparation required since the pavers are simply laid on to a 25mm sub-base of sand or other granular material. St Neots GC is one of the clubs in the UK which has gone down the GridLock route."

Another material which is finding favour in modern day path production also carries environmental credentials in that it owns its existence to recycling.

Rubber chippings produced for old tyres reduce the wear of buggy tyres, are quiet and once they have been laid compact to make a solid surface - although they are not suitable for sloping areas.

"They can also be coloured to blend in to the surroundings," said Tom Brooker, Director of Castcrete Ltd.

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The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 (PPEW Regulation) came into force on January 1, 1993 with the main requirement being that personal protective equipment is to be supplied and used at work wherever there are risks to health and safety that cannot be adequately controlled by other means.

Ok, so protective clothing is essential when working within the greenkeeping industry, but there are so many new and exciting innovations in workwear that nowadays you don't have to look stupid to be safe!

Melissa Toombs looks at workwear legislation and four of today's best brands.

Interestingly, PPE is defined in the Regulations as 'all equipment (including clothing affording protection against the weather) which is intended to be worn or held by a person at work and which protects him/her against one or more risks to his/her health or safety'. This is important, as some employers in the greenkeeping industry have thought that waterproof and warm clothing is not classed as PPE. An employer cannot ask for money from an employee for PPE, whether it is returnable or not.

To ensure adequate protection is afforded to employees, risk assessments should be carried out and equipment carefully chosen and supplied by the employer. Ask your PPE supplier for advice if you are unsure, as various options may be available depending on the nature of the risks involved. All equipment purchased, however, should be 'CE' marked and comply with the Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002.

Risk assessments should include the following six main hazard areas. Types of PPE are shown in each case;

- Eyes - Hazards: Chemical or metal splash, dust, projectiles, gas and vapour, radiation. Options: Safety spectacles, goggles, faceshields, visors.
- Head - Hazards: Impact from falling objects, risk of head bumping, hair entanglement. Options: A range of helmets and bump caps.
- Breathing - Hazards: dust, vapour and gas. Options: Disposable filtering facepiece or respirator, half or full face respirators, air-fed helmets, breathing apparatus.
- Protecting the body - Hazards: temperature extremes, adverse weather, chemical or metal splash, spray from pressure leaks or spray guns, impact or penetration, contaminated dust, excessive wear or

entanglement of own clothing. Options: Conventional or disposable overalls, boiler suits, waterproof jackets and trousers, specialist protective clothing, e.g. Hi-vis clothing, spraysuits, chainsaw wear.

- Hands and arms - Hazards: abrasion, temperature extremes, cuts and punctures, impact, chemicals, electric shock, skin infection, disease or contamination. Options: Gloves, gauntlets, mitts, wristcuffs, armllets.
- Feet and legs - Hazards: wet, electrostatic build-up, slipping, cuts and punctures, falling objects, molten metal and chemical splash, abrasion. Options: Safety boots and shoes with protective toecaps and penetration resistant mid-sole, gaiters, leggings, spats.
- N.B. Hearing protection and respiratory protective equipment provided for most work situations are not covered by PPEW Regulations because other regulations apply to them. Training is essential for those using PPE and should include reasons for use, how it is used, repaired or replaced and its limitations. Maintenance of PPE is important. It should be properly stored, cleaned and kept in good repair. Replacement should be in accordance with manufacturers requirements, e.g. Helmets, which are used daily and exposed to sunlight, have a realistic life span of about two years and should be replaced after this period, irrespective of any signs of wear or damage.

SAFETY EYEWEAR FOR GREENKEEPERS

The peace and tranquillity of the golf course early in the morning may seem a strange place to be concerned about eye protection - but health and safety issues surrounding greenkeeping are a major concern. When you have to work all day every day in all weather and light conditions - sometimes with golf balls flying towards you - then it's reassuring to know that today's safety eyewear is not just stylish and comfortable. It has been engineered to the highest safety standards and can actually enhance vision in poor light.

Nowadays, all safety eyewear used in the work environment has to meet rigorous European safety standards. You might be familiar with the oft-quoted code EN 166 1F. It sounds impressive - but what does it actually mean?

Effectively each group of numbers tells you just how good these products are - EN designates the European Safety standard that is certified for the product. 166 is the designation for eyewear. 1F tells you that the glasses are grade 1 optical quality - and 'F' is a level of impact protection - this test standard demands the lens can withstand a ball bearing fired at 80mph without shattering. Now isn't that good to know when you are in the firing line out on the fairway?

Amazingly safety eyewear is engineered to performance standards that may put expensive performance sports sunglasses to shame. This is best illustrated by looking at some of the top models on the market today.

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Sometimes, budget is the main pre-requisite for safety glasses - and here Exor stands head and shoulders above the crowd. For the price you get a superb specification. The wraparound style provides unsurpassed all-round protection. The arms adjust for both length and angle - so Exor can be personalised to fit heads of all shapes and sizes. Here too the grade one lenses come in every variation you need - clear, grey sun lens or orange for low light levels. The glasses are still approved to EN166 1F and there's even a free neck cord to help ensure you don't forget which hole or fairway you left them on!



Exor safety glasses cost £3 per pair plus VAT and are available from Strathallan Safety Supplies

One final word on safety eyewear - lenses. Today's safety eyewear lenses are highly sophisticated and offer remarkable levels of protection. They are probably far superior to many sunglasses. Clear lenses don't just protect against impact - they can be anti-scratch, anti-fog - or both! They also give 100% protection against harmful UV radiation. This menace may be lurking unseen even on overcast days.

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WINTER WARMERS



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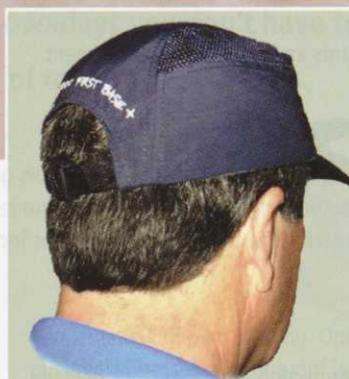
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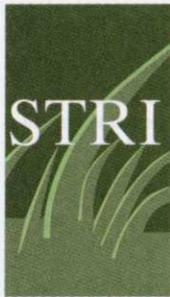
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Managing Environmental Pressure

By Henry Bechelet

WAY OF THINKING

"Changing The Nature of Your Greens" introduced the idea of greenkeeping as environmental management. The article gives an understanding of the nature of the grasses and it shows how to select the finer species by setting the environment correctly. For the finer grasses to flourish they need the environmental pressures to be managed properly. This way of thinking has become known as The Disturbance Theory.

A NEW WHEEL

Traditional greenkeeping method has always sought to use stress to encourage the finer grasses. But, it is now a markedly different world from the days of Old Tom and we have to adopt slightly different strategies when creating our putting surfaces. Modern golf demands year-round play and ever-quicker putting surfaces and our industry has provided us with an arsenal of super effective machines designed to help us satisfy the situation. As a result, the pressures impacting on our turf are more intense than ever. It is becoming more and more difficult to favour the finer grasses but it is not impossible. This theory aims to bring greenkeeping for the finer grasses up-to-date for everyone's sake.



PRESSURE'S ON

You'll be pleased to know that modern day environmental pressure now comes in the forms of disturbance and competition as well as stress. To achieve the finer grasses you just need to understand both the nature and impact of all of these pressures and then use them properly. Success is reliant on your powers of observation as well as your skill as a greenkeeper.

STRESS ACTUALLY...

Stress is more precisely defined as the environmental constraints to growth. This may include droughting, starving, shading, drenching, freezing, soil compaction and potentially soil acidity and salinity. They are all the elements that restrict the growing environment. Environmental stress can be used to progressively select desirable species from those less tolerant. The problem with stress is that it comes in many different forms that each exert different types of selection pressure. So, when thinking and talking about stress we need to be clear about its exact nature and individual impact. Stress tolerators aren't necessarily tolerant to all stresses and so salinity can kill a drought tolerant plant. (See the article "The Salt of the Earth" for more detail).

NOW NOT STRESS

Disturbance is the physical damage occurring within the environment. This is particularly pertinent for golf greens, which rely on regular mowing as its fundamental preparation treatment. As you can imagine, regular disturbance imposes a huge selection pressure on the environment. Quick growing weeds are the natural beneficiaries if there is too much damage and too often. Naturally slow growers find it hard to recover. Disturbance includes wear, disease, pitch mark damage as well as the mechanical treatments. The articles "Do Not Disturb" and "Is Verticutting Necessary" cover the issue of disturbance in relation to the surface preparations.

AND NOT LEAST

The final environmental pressure is competition. This is the battle between plants to survive and possibly assume dominance within the environment. Some plants have evolved to naturally assume dominance given the right conditions. The bents and fescues will do this if you let them, BUT their competitive edge will struggle to exert itself if the stress/disturbance are overriding. Constant hacking will not allow plants to force themselves on the situation. You need to ease the wider pressure to let the stronger better nature of the finer grasses take over. "Competitive Edge" takes a look into this area.

ALL IS EVERYTHING

These pressures do not act in isolation, they work together to all create the nature of the growing environment. As turf managers, we simply need to move towards the environmental balance that is suited for the desired species. We have to use the weather when it comes.

Of course this isn't going to be easy. We already know that the innate pressures are naturally high and with the golfers level of expectation the environment is usually intense. Who said it was going to be easy? Believe me that all you need to do is understand the

pressures acting on your environment and work to direct them in a positive way. Take heart from all the greenkeepers who are already on the road and heading forward. This is the early days of the Disturbance Theory.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL YEAR

Let me quickly run through the seasons to give you an idea on how to think in a Disturbance Theory way. To recap on the ideas of CNOYG; for the finer grasses to flourish we need to minimise disturbance and control beneficial stress to let competition take hold. Overseeding is required to continually improve your starting point. Simple stuff. We minimise disturbance through considerate winter management and with our year-round mechanical maintenance. To reduce the level of disturbance pressure we can cut fertiliser and irrigation inputs and so minimise the need for aggressive verticutting and mowing. We can play with droughting as a beneficial stress against the annual meadow-grass given the chance. The vegetation will soon change if you manage the environmental pressures considerately. Here's what you need to do...

SPRING

In spring we need to boost growth sufficiently to generate recovery growth and allow the early season surface preparations to take place. The use of sulphate of ammonia feeds will bring acidity stress to bear against the annual meadow-grass if chosen. Verticut and scarify to prepare the surfaces by all means but don't go over the top. Top dress to prepare your surfaces without getting too aggressive. Minimise disturbance within reason and growth.

SUMMER

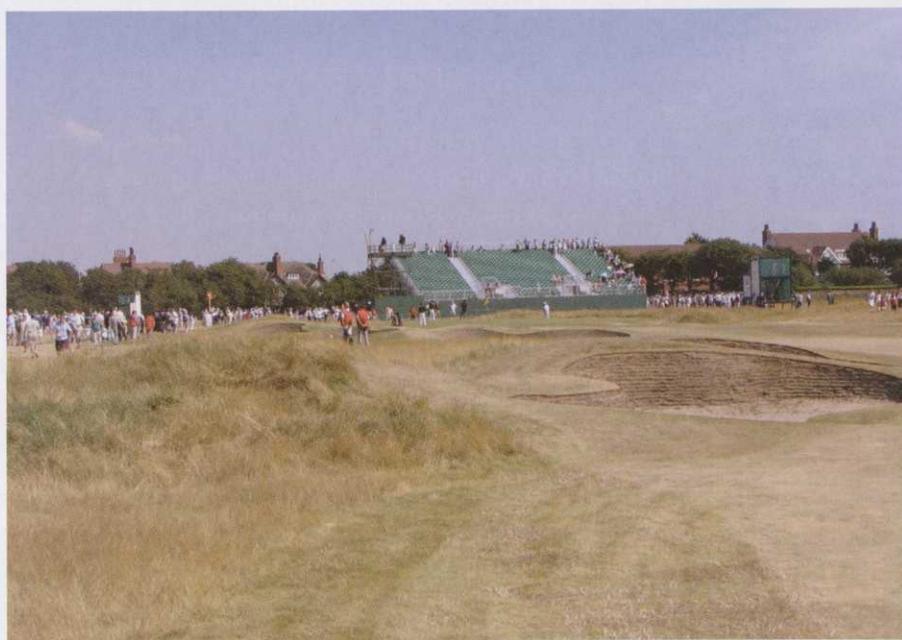
Once you have created your surfaces, try to keep them quiet so that their playing qualities don't quickly grow out and constantly require regular aggressive verticutting treatments to get them back. Top dress and roll/iron to create firm, fast and true surfaces rather than constantly verticutting and scalping. Use ironing to add the polish. You must also prevent the development of dry patch stress with spiking, the use of wetting agents and focused irrigation. With this in place you can confidently exert drought pressure towards the end of summer (given the chance) to weaken the annual meadow-grass in preparation for the late summer/early autumn overseeding programme. Rather than burning-out the annual meadow-grass why not try for a touch of easier anthracnose? Minimise disturbance and control stress to let competition take hold later in the summer.

AUTUMN

Prevent undue weakness moving into autumn with the use of a low NK plus Iron turf hardener. Really remove thatch at this time because the meadow-grass isn't seeding into the gaps. This is the natural time to overseed to get more of the good stuff in. Always use top rated seed. Renovate while growth is strong to bring quick recovery and get the fixture list organised well enough to allow a couple of weeks minor disruption afterwards. A late Captains day can ruin your plans for the year. To overseed properly it really needs to be carried out with a couple of months establishment growth still available. Connect the seed with the soil at the correct depth. Top dress to perfect the playing surfaces for a prolonged autumn playing season. Take care with the establishment. Raise the height of cut and continue to vibratory roll or hand mow to maintain playing qualities through until the end of the season. Disturb only for overseeding sake and minimise all else as growth tails off. Raise the height of cut early. Always prevent disease disturbance through integrated control methods as they aim to favour the finer grasses anyway.

WINTER WEAR

Winter play can be very damaging. The wear disturbance is magnified at this time as plant growth tails off and the turf has less strength to recover. Try to keep the players off when they are damaging the surfaces. Simply provide decent alternatives and they won't grumble too much. Also, do not be stupid with your cutting height at this time of year, it might be the difference between long-term success and failure. Greenkeeping isn't about making friends at times but it's better in the long-run. Vibratory rollers can still help if dovetailed with aeration. Don't disturb the surfaces with aeration if ground conditions aren't right. Enforce pitch mark repair. Only verticut at this time if you want annual meadow-grass. Minimise disturbance. Minimise disturbance. Minimise disturbance.



THE WAY FORWARD

So much of greenkeeping is about the attitude of the head man. If you want the finer grasses you have to try to understand your own turfgrass environment and be prepared to manage the pressures properly. Dogmatic recommendations aren't much help but they can help you stay focused in the right area. It is very simple; we want to create an environment that is more suited to the development of the finer grasses. To be successful in this approach you just need to be alive to any opportunities that will allow you to manipulate or regulate the pressures. This isn't rocket science, it just means you tuning-in better to the environmental conditions. You can do it. If you are patient enough then the finer grasses will come. Give yourself five years and stop fretting. Be confident enough to make the finer grasses happen and it will make your life easier. Better surfaces for longer in the year. No pressure from me.

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GREENKEEPER TRAINING

BIGGA is actively involved in raising the Standard of Greenkeeper Training. The Association is a member of the Greenkeepers' Training Committee and strives to enhance the level of education through various means, including Section, Regional and National workshops, seminars and conferences.

The range and quality of training now available throughout the UK means that there is a training course for every greenkeeper. This should improve the quality of greenkeeping and help to produce better quality golf courses to the benefit of all within the industry.

Golf Course Managers should ensure that their staff are trained to the highest standards. This begins by selecting a training provider that meets the criteria laid down by the GTC. There is a clear link between education, training and economic success and all clubs should invest in the education of their staff.

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Training providers guide Available courses guide

The guide overleaf is not exhaustive and a full list of GTC approved training providers can be obtained from the GTC. The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) are continually reviewing the approved status of training providers offering greenkeeper training courses. Anyone with a query regarding greenkeeper training should contact the Greenkeeper Training Committee at Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York YO61 1UF, Tel: 01347 838640 or visit their website at <http://www.the-gtc.co.uk>

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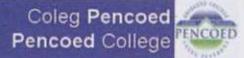
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Information: Located in the Thames Valley, BCA has excellent resources for horticultural based training including a six-hole golf training facility opened by HRH The Duke of York. Programmes include the First Diploma, National Certificate and National Diploma in Horticulture, with Landscape Design and Greenkeeping options plus Apprenticeships, Higher National Diploma/Certificate programmes. Part-time programmes include NVQ Level 2 and 3 Amenity Horticulture, Sports Turf. Residential accommodation is available and free parking on site.

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Information: National Certificate in Horticulture (Sportsturf), Advanced National Certificate in Horticulture (Sports Turf), Certificate of Higher Education in Golf Course Management, Foundation Degree in Golf Course Management, NVQ Level 2 Sports Turf, NVQ Level 3 Sports Turf, FEPA Training, Chainsaw Certification, Greenkeeper Mechanics. Note: The Certificate of Higher Education and the Foundation Degree are available as part-time options.