

have read everything that you need to know already. But what else goes on during Harrogate Week... yes, we get to catch up with many of our mates... yes, we get to have a few beers... and yes, what happens in Harrogate stays in Harrogate (I hope that this brings back some happy memories and puts a few smiles on your faces!)

We would also like to thank our patronage partners for 2012, Farmura, Countrywide, Headland, Eco-solve, TH Whites, Irritech Ltd, Avoncrop.

Very shortly the 2012 fixtures will be with you, and looking back on last year, each event had such a great turn out. Please do your very best to support at least one Section event during 2012, your support is the driving factor behind the whole section.

We also have a Facebook page for the South West Section, one that will make it much more convenient for you all to use, you don't have to do anything, just enjoy this amazing feature you have at your fingertips.

See you all very soon,
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Devon and Cornwall



Hello all, Our January Meeting was held at Trevoze Golf and Country Club, Cornwall. The day was very well attended with 70 members either enjoying golf or course walks with Jonathan Wood, Course Manager. Jon took up post at Trevoze only three months ago, having previously worked as First Assistant Greenkeeper at Portmarnock Links Golf Club before spending the past five years as Deputy Course Manager at The Old Course, St Andrews, where he was also involved in the course preparation for The Open Championship in 2010.

Jon has settled in very well, making a good impression with the members and staff and achieving a lot in a short space of time! During the course walks the members saw some for the winter work being done, including bunker revetting and

alterations to the back of the 1st green. Jon also looked at future work to the course, this included extending the 4th tees back and changing the 13th hole trying to make them tougher par 5's.

The Course was in fantastic condition and played really well. The competition format was Individual Stableford playing for the Barenbrug Cup. 1. Lloyd Overy, Lake View; 2. Graham Clarke, Chulmleigh; 3. Mike Ellis, Lake View. The winner of the Longest Drive was Adam Bridgewater, Yelverton, and Nearest the Pin went to Jason Brooks, Torquay. Thanks to our sponsors for the day, Barenbrug and Martyn Lane Golf, for both sponsoring the event and providing the prizes for the day. After lunch there was an educational presentation delivered by Steve Gingell, of the STRL. The topic was on managing thatch and discussed the results from trials being conducted in conjunction with Keith Kensett using the Sand Injection Graden. A big thank you to Steve for giving up his time to deliver the presentation.

It was great to see a good number of Section members up at Harrogate again this year and it was great to see that numbers on the whole were significantly up on previous years. The feedback from both members and trade was very positive. A huge thank you to Graeme Gallimore and Anthony (Jacko) James for organising the minibuses for 18 members to travel up to Harrogate. Also a big thank you to all the sponsors who helped with the costs, full details of which, will follow in the April edition.

Congratulations to Colin Webber and Graeme Gallimore for achieving their Continued Professional Development Diploma after five years of 10 or more CPD points.

If you have any news from the Section, then please contact me.
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South Coast



First an apology for missing an entry last month, I think



Jim Croxton
Chief Executive

This time of year is a whirlwind with our own Exhibition and Educational conference in Harrogate swiftly followed by the FEGGA Conference and the GCSAA's Golf Industry Show. During this time the Canadian Superintendents Association has also held an exhibition, whilst closer to home many Regions and Sections are coordinating conferences and seminars. The quest to share best practice continues apace!

All of these events are loyally supported by our supply industry and indeed could not take place without them. I would like to place on record our gratitude for the fantastic on-going support that we as an Association and you as members receive from the industry. Their investment in what we do is hugely important and I sincerely hope that our membership continues to support those who support them.

Following BTME we issued an online survey to all of our exhibitors and the responses have been both encouraging and informative. It was a successful event but needs now to become the minimum standard we aspire to for future Shows.

The ten delegates, who were drawn from a wide variety of roles and facilities, gelled extremely well as a group and were a credit to their Association and their employers

One area of feedback that was in some ways inevitable but disappointing nonetheless was to hear that some companies who chose not to exhibit at BTME came in to the halls and attempted to do business with our visitors. I fully understand that BTME is not the right vehicle for every company but it is incredibly disrespectful to the companies that do choose to exhibit to be hijacked in this way and I would urge all of you to ensure that any supplier you know of who does this is told that such activity is unacceptable. BTME allows BIGGA to invest in first class education and member services and if we allow it to be undermined by a few we will all suffer in the long term.

On a more positive note it was a privilege during the Golf Industry Show to spend time with the BIGGA members who made up the Delegation sponsored by Bernhard and Company. The ten delegates, who were drawn from a wide variety of roles and facilities, gelled extremely well as a group and were a credit to their Association and their employers. The opportunity to take part in the very high level education on offer and to visit two fantastic golf facilities – TPC Summerlin and Paiute – and have full tours of the maintenance facilities, the courses and to be able to interact with the respective Superintendents was hugely valuable. It was interesting to see just how many photos were taken and notes made by the delegates as they witnessed the different operational methods that are used.

I would like to thank Bernhard and Company for continuing to provide this fantastic opportunity for our members. I know that the trip was extremely worthwhile and certainly memorable for all concerned.

Jim Croxton, BIGGA CEO

Around The Green

BIGGA welcomes the following new members

Scotland

Stuart Greenshields, Greenkeeper, The Gleneagles Hotel & Golf Courses, Central Section

Northern Region

Ian Campbell, Affiliate member, Campey Turfcare Systems/ Turfworks International, North West Section
Peter Colgreave, Head Greenkeeper, West Lancashire Golf Club, North West Section
David Owens, Greenkeeper, West Lancashire Golf Club, North West Section
Mark Ashworth, Greenkeeper, Preston Golf Club, North West Section
Ian Brown, Head Greenkeeper, Skipton Golf Club, Northern Section
Matthew Prosser, Assistant Greenkeeper, York Golf Club, Northern Section

Midland Region

Hoyle Swager, Assistant Greenkeeper, Hurst Golf Course, BB&O Section

South East Region

Gavin Mason, Greenkeeper, Wisley (The) Golf Club Plc, Surrey Section
Aaron Fuller, Greenkeeper, Horsham Golf & Fitness Club, Sussex Section
Kris Shale-Martin, Greenkeeper, Muswell Hill Golf Club, London Section
Robin Toovey, Greenkeeper, Muswell Hill Golf Club, London Section
Ben Shipp, Assistant Greenkeeper, Ely City Golf Club, East Anglia Section
Peter Sjøberg, Assistant Greenkeeper, Epping Golf Course, Essex Section
Bradley Bonner, Assistant Greenkeeper, Epping Golf Course, Essex Section
David Pinner, Assistant Greenkeeper, Epping Golf Course, Essex Section

South West/South Wales Region

David Taylor, Greenkeeper, Mendip Spring Golf Club, South West Section
Anthony Pitcher, Affiliate member, GK Direct, Devon & Cornwall Section
Greg Williams, Greenkeeper, Newport Golf Club, South Wales Section

Overseas

John Ryan, Ballykisteen Golf Club, Republic of Ireland
Barry Wright, Rijswijkse GC, Netherlands

For more information on new members log in to the Members' Area of the BIGGA Website

BIGGA Regional Conferences

Scotland

6 March 2012, **Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline**
Contact Peter Boyd, RA,
0141 616 3440

Christmas and planning for Harrogate all got the better of me.

As I write this there are light snow flurries and the ground is frozen solid, my staff are out with rakes on their shoulders although I am not sure why. Our resident Robin that hates the cold is sat on the edge of my desk looking for food.

The Section committee met early in February where final plans were made for the upcoming seminar. By the time you read this it will be history but I am sure it will have been a great day at the new venue.

A very successful course on pesticide update was held at Remedy Oak Golf Club just before Christmas. Jon Allbutt Associates run the course, which brings anyone with spraying qualifications up to date with all legislation. We hope to continue with more educational courses this year so anyone with a request or suggestion please contact Robert Hogarth or myself.

Our next golf event is at Dunwood Manor Golf Club, on April 26, this has a slightly sad note as the land has been sold for housing development and we will be the last event taking place there.

We are guaranteed a warm welcome and a great day so try to be there, usual email glassy2003@hotmail.com for your application. The cost will be £25, which must be paid before the day. Payment on the day is no longer acceptable as this puts pressure on the organiser and it is impossible to give accurate numbers to the club for catering. So if you want your name on the start sheet, pay before the day!

Out on the course there is very little happening, no trees to cut down and no leaves to blow away (but I do have a blower-Phil). The verti-drain sits in the shed complete with new tines, waiting for better conditions.

The machines are all ready for some spring growth although there is not much hope of that for the next couple of weeks. I am putting together a job-sheet of things I would like to see done while the wife and I find some winter sun in the Maldives.

Until the next time,
Tony Gadd



South Wales

What a fantastic Harrogate this year. I have never seen the show as busy as it was Tuesday and Wednesday and more importantly I've never seen so many guys from South Wales make the over 500 mile round trip to join and support the show. Without you guys attending and supporting the trade stands many of the things we are able to do within BIGGA wouldn't be possible. The seminars were great providing you arrived early enough to enter the room I was turned away twice as they were already full.

Good old Welsh weather! Comfortably into February now and we're only just seeing temperatures heading below zero many of you haven't had more than two frosts all winter, so at last with the first winters frost and a little snow many of our greens may get that little bit of rest they deserve (don't

tell the members that part). We may even get the disease pressures down a little as what a winter it's been for disease pathogens perfect!

I can now at last report our winter golf tournament held at Royal Porthcawl. What a day! A slight easterly wind made the perfect international links play that little bit easier, I say that I did manage to score 28 points! Ian Kinley, his staff and the golf club staff deserve a huge thank you, the golf course was outstanding and the service and food in the club house was second to none, please can we return here next winter?

The Results. 1. Rhys Williams 42pts; 2. Andy Roach 38pts; 3. Paul Handy 38pts; Nearest the pin 4th Rhys Williams; Nearest the pin 7th Steve Lloyd; Nearest the pin 11th Wayne Benger; Nearest the pin 14th Paul Handy; Longest Drive 5th Nick Rawlings. Silver Salver (best aggregate yearly total) Andy Roach

Again a big thank you to Huw Thomas from Baroness for sponsoring this event, and thank you again to Wayne Benger for your support.

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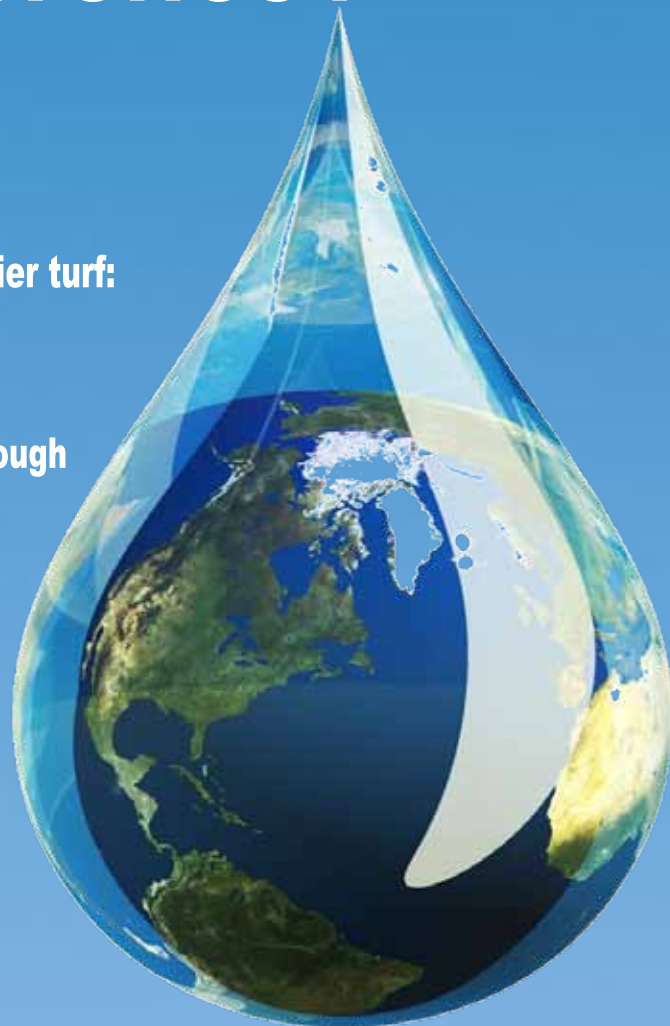
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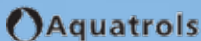
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Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

March at last! This year, the light mornings and evenings have felt like they would never arrive, but we are finally getting there.

Your Section events will soon be gaining momentum, so make sure you have the dates in your diary, check out the Events Section on the BIGGA website for information, or log in to the Members Area, select 'Regions & Sections' from the menu on the left hand side and select your Section from the menu on the right hand side. Don't forget you can contact your Section Secretary directly.

BIGGA Sections and Networks

The Association's Sections and networks are active throughout the UK, with 26 Sections hosting events there is literally something for everybody.

Current members of BIGGA can gain access to the Bulletin Boards where members can gain access to a vast amount of useful, important and vital information for greenkeepers and other sports turf professionals, golf clubs and businesses involved in the fine turf industry. Here you can discuss popular topics and keep updated about Section seminars and events, recent topics discussed are: -

- Growth regulator on shaded greens
- Animal Control
- Thatch products, do they work?
- Hollow core removal
- Greenkeeper appraisals

The Importance of Networking including Social Networking

Whether you are just starting out as a sports turf professional (greenkeeper or groundsman) or at the pinnacle of your career, networking is likely to play a large part in your success.

Networking is about creating a set of contacts and subsequently building a trust and creating a genuine relationship with the people you meet. It provides the opportunity for you to discover people who may be able to help with



queries/problems you encounter during your career as well as the opportunity for you to offer your assistance to others.

For people new to networking, it might seem a daunting prospect. But by investing time in other people you might soon find that your career is reaping the rewards.

Social Networking



Social networking, also referred to as social media, encompasses many Internet-based tools that make it easier for people to listen, interact, engage and collaborate with each other. Social networking platforms such as Facebook, MySpace, YouTube, LinkedIn, Twitter, blogs, message boards, Wikipedia and countless others are catching on fast.

People use social networking to share recipes, photos, ideas and to keep friends updated on our lives. In many cases, you can use social networking tools from mobile devices, such as Blackberrys and iPhones, as easily as from a PC or Mac.

By its very nature, social networking is interactive. You can tell

anyone (that you want to talk to and that wants to listen to you) anything about your opinions and experiences—and vice versa—through blogs, Facebook pages, videos and even 140 character messages called tweets. You can also build communities based on common interests, causes and concerns.

Many BIGGA Sections now have Facebook Groups or Pages as do BIGGA itself, we now have over 400 members, search for the GROUP British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association Ltd (BIGGA) and ask to join. Contact your Section Secretary to find out if your section has a Facebook Group/Page.

Membership

If your membership expired some time ago, you can renew immediately and your membership will be updated from the month you re-commence your membership. It's never too late to update your membership, don't wait until you need one of the great membership products or services BIGGA provide or you need to contact experts within BIGGA's membership and find that because your membership has expired you can't tap in to these invaluable resources.

Make sure your membership is up to date.




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Greenkeepers Support Services
0800 174 319

Debt Counselling Helpline
0800 174319



Diary of Events

Details of your Section's forthcoming events in 2012 can be found here...

Date	Event	Venue	Contact
MARCH 2012			
March 6th	Scottish Regional Conference	Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline	Peter Boyd Tel: 0141 616 3440 or by email: pj.boyd@btinternet.com
March 6th	Devon & Cornwall Section Event	St Mellion Golf & Country Club	George Pitts Tel: 07929 754401 or email: gpitts.yelverton@gmail.com
March 7th	The Turf Club	The Richmond Golf Club, Surrey	Les Howkins Tel: 07871 193495
March 8th	South West Section Afternoon Lecture	Chipping Sodbury Golf Club	Adam Matthews Tel: 07732 503855 or email: adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk
March 9th	South East Regional Annual Golf & Dinner Day	Walton Heath Golf Club	Clive Osgood Tel: 01737 819343/07841 948410 or email: cliveosgood@yahoo.co.uk
March 14th – 16th	SGU Rules Course 2012	Edinburgh Conference Centre, Heriot Watt University	Scottish Golf Union Tel: 01334 466477, email: events@scottish.org.uk
March 26th – 29th	BASIS Certificate in Crop Protection Amenity Horticulture	Pro Green, Kellington House, PE10 0DN	Jane Glassett, Jon Allbutt Associates, Tel: 01959 575575, email: jane@jonallbutt.co.uk
March 28th	Kent Section Event	North Foreland Golf Club	Rob Holland Tel: 07843 410755 or email: grassyars@hotmail.com
March 29th	Midland Regional Conference	Frilford Heath Golf Club	Peter Larter Tel: 01476 550115 or email: petelarter972@aol.com
March 29th	Surrey Section Event	Epsom Downs Golf Club	Ron Christie Tel: 02086 543061/07778 170077 or email: lazyassron@btopenworld.com
APRIL 2012			
April 3rd	Scottish East Section Section Event	Glen Golf Club	Stuart Ferguson Tel: 01501 825760/07961 630553 or email: stuferg@bitinternet.com
April 17th	Scottish Central Section Section Event	Crail Golf Club	Gordon Moir tel: 01334 474021/07850 139799 or email: gordonmoir@standrews.org.uk
April 18th	North East Section Event	South Shields Golf Club	Jimmy Richardson Tel: 0191 413 5232 or email: jamesrichardson217@btinternet.com
April 19th	South West Section Event	Thornbury Golf Centre – Spring Tournament AM-AM	Adam Matthews Tel: 07732 503855 or email: adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk
April 25th	North Wales Section Event	Vale of Llangollen Golf Club	Jez Hughes Tel: 01978 860109/07876 776265 or email: jezpro69@aol.com
April 26th	Scottish North Section Event	Royal Aberdeen Golf Club	Dale Robertson Tel: 01651 863002/07711 274525 or email: daleturnberry@aol.com

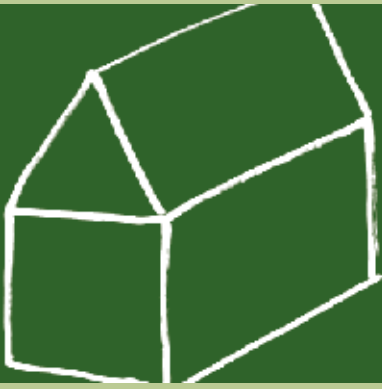


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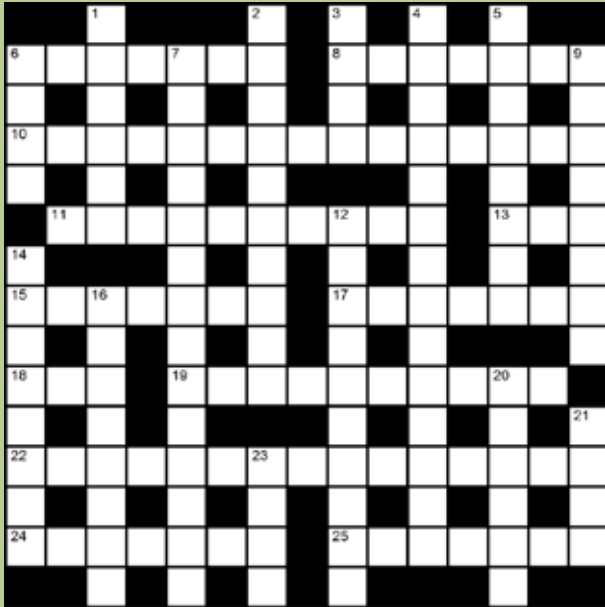




in the shed

Our monthly puzzle page to keep you entertained when you're forced indoors...

CROSSWORD



Across

- 6 1988 Sting single, a tribute to Ben Linder who was killed by Nicaraguan Contras in 1987 (7)
- 8 Nickname for a charlady (3,4)
- 10/18/19
The fourth book of the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy "trilogy" (2,4,3,6,3,3,4)
- 11 One who compulsively commits arson (10)
- 13 Assist (3)
- 15 Small air-breathing arthropods (7)
- 17 Small piece of toasted bread used in eg soup (7)
- 18 See 10
- 19 See 10
- 22 The use of both eyes (9,6)
- 24 US family, including Woody and Arlo, of folk singers (7)
- 25 Small bunch of fragrant flowers (7)

Down

- 1 Food preparation area on a ship or aircraft (6)
- 2 Bone of the foot between ankle and toes (10)
- 3 In the thick of (4)
- 4 By the shortest and most direct route (2,3,4,5)
- 5 Despondent (8)
- 6 Meld together (4)
- 7 London buildings formerly used as law student hostels (4,2,8)
- 9 Californian city which hosts the Rose Bowl football game (8)
- 12 Unintelligible (10)
- 14 Proprietary name for a padded envelope (5,3)
- 16 Power, vigour (8)
- 20 Tight-fisted (6)
- 21 Covetousness, personified as one of the deadly sins (4)
- 23 Allium porrum, a plant related to the onion (4)

QUICK 'NINE HOLE' QUIZ

World Number 1s (as of February 29)

1. Golf Male
2. International Rugby Union
3. Tennis Female
4. Indoor Bowls
5. International Football
6. Golf Female
7. Snooker
8. Tennis Male
9. Test Batsman



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MONSTER SUDOKU

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The mowing speed can be set through a PIN-protected menu on the Eclipse2's InCommand control system.

On the hybrid version, with a Honda petrol engine powering a 48-volt generator, the engine has now been mounted through 180 degrees giving a better balance to the machine and also making starting easier, presenting the pull cord directly in front of the operator.

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Syngenta Turf Nozzles in Prototype Testing

A new range of Syngenta turf nozzles specifically designed to cope with spraying on undulating golf courses and to aide lower water volume applications is now in prototype testing.

Also on show at BTME was the completely new design of the Syngenta Turf Nozzle XC 08 has been developed with a 127 degree fan pattern - which gives a wider spray and ensures adequate coverage even when the nozzle spraying height is reduced when spraying over undulating ground.

Each nozzle will feature a backward facing spray pattern, with prototype research having calculated the optimum angle for the different nozzle sizes, in order to deposit the maximum spray in the target zone.

The range is currently being subjected to testing in independent spray testing facilities and in practical use on golf courses. The nozzles are planned for sale release in late spring 2012.

Also new from Syngenta at BTME was an easy to use three-step Art of Application

Calibration Guide. It includes full information and guidance to accurately set-up and calibrate a sprayer, along with a quick reference card for operators to keep in their wallet or sprayer cab, to encourage regular calibration checks to maintain accurate application.

The Guide can be downloaded from the website, with cards available direct from Syngenta or at any of the regular Syngenta seminars and events over the year.

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New Golf Irrigation Control System

Bailoy Products launched its latest golf irrigation control system at BTME.

The GTI EC is a simple-to-use, cost-effective wall-mounted irrigation control system. Bailoy created this product for all those who want a modern solution with more features than a basic wallmount, but which is less expensive than a full PC system. Importantly, GTI EC has been designed as the perfect upgrade or replacement for existing SC3000 and TW2 wallmount controllers.

Bailoy designed and built the Toro-branded SC3000 system in the early 80s.

The GTI EC also offers an extremely effective, value-for-money solution for new irrigation installations of a more straightforward design.

For example, smaller golf clubs and courses, and nine-hole courses or municipal sites with less complex watering needs, will appreciate its cost-effectiveness in these economically tough times.

It's equally adaptable for irrigating sports surfaces such as football and rugby pitches, tennis courts and bowling greens, too; as well as commercial landscapes and large residential gardens.

After installation and initial set up, the



user is guided through a series of short multiple-choice screens to set the system according to their needs, and then it's ready to irrigate.

Ten straightforward watering programmes and other simplified features ensure GTI EC is foolproof. It can be operated from the wallmount itself or

users can opt to access the system via an internet-enabled iPad or tablet device, or through an existing office computer. This option mirrors the GTI EC screen on the remote device, giving the user control from any location on or off site

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INFiNiCut

The latest generation of walk behind greens mowers from ATT combines leading edge technology with the greenkeeping expertise of its inventor, John Coleman.

INFiNiCut comprises the INFiNiPower power unit and the SMARTCut grass cutting cassette (above) to create an advanced dedicated greens and tees mower.

INFiNiCut has one of the shortest footprints of any walk behind mower on the market allowing ultra-low heights of cut, on even the most undulating greens without scalping. An all new dual power source – Hybrid Engine/Generator Power system or battery power – reduces noise and improves fuel efficiency.

ATT's INFiNiCut™ is a constituent part of the INFiNiPower walk behind total turf maintenance cassette system - the SMARTCut™ cassette can be withdrawn and replaced with any other cassette in the system such as SMARTVibe, THATCHMaster, and Ultra-Groomer.

www.grassgroup.co.uk



Doosan Portable Power

Doosan Portable Power has introduced a new branding scheme for the company's ranges of portable air compressors, generators and lighting towers.

These products were added to the Doosan range when the company acquired several of the construction equipment businesses of Ingersoll Rand in 2007, along with the Bobcat, Geith and Montabert ranges.

The portable compressor range from Doosan Portable Power comprises 25 models running from the compact 7/20 portable compressor to the large 10/425 Oil-Free machine covering free air deliveries from 1.9 to 45.5 m³/min at output pressures from 7 to 25 bar.

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Lakeland operate and own a wide range of specialist plant, machinery, transport and equipment including 360 excavators with the latest power tilt attachments, dumpers with low ground pressure tyres and bulldozers. Some of this machinery has been manufactured to individual specifications in order to ensure improved efficiency in service provision.

Lakelands experienced management team and skilled technicians pride themselves on being able to deliver projects to the highest standard, on time, within budget with minimal disruption to golf club members and the environment.

Golf course construction services include project design, planning and management, earthworks, shaping, drainage installation, water engineering, final preparation, surface installation, aftercare and seasonal maintenance.

Lakeland has the pleasure of working with many Professional Golfers together with some fantastic Architects, Designers, Course Mangers and Greenkeepers in the country. Lakeland are proud to provide a first class service to all of its clients and cater for a wide range of budgets from municipal facilities through to top Championship courses in the UK and Europe.

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