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- 1 Point per slide
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- **Rehearsal**

- Practice aloud
- Gain feedback
- Check room and equipment



With ever more emphasis on greens performance and the need for regular top dressing, Laurence Pithie examines the methods used past and present for working top dressing into the turf surface

Brushing-in top dressing - the options



Dressing and drag matting
(1984, Minchinhampton)



Modern day drag matting on
the 9th green at Frilford Heath

The Early Days

The spreading of a sand based top dressing onto putting surfaces for improving playability has been in use for around 150 years. It was certainly an essential part of Old Tom Morris's program of work, first on Prestwick and then latterly at St Andrews during the middle part of the 19th century.

What isn't clear however, is how this was 'worked-in' to the surface in these bygone days; possibly using a broom or yard brush. There are no records of the amounts or frequencies used but it is likely that this would be relatively small and used more for turf repairs and levelling out ruts, hollows and animal scrapes.

Rolling was the other mainstay of 'early' greenkeeping. Ironically this is back in vogue after an absence of nearly 100 years when it was found that after prolonged use of heavy iron rollers, greens were becoming 'hide-bound' or compacted.

More Modern Times

Although Sisis had developed various pedestrian driven aerifying units soon after William Paul's three prong coring fork invention

circa 1920, it wasn't until the 1950s that a powered coring aerifier was introduced by the American, Thomas Mascaró. He would later produce a vertical cutting machine for thatch removal.

The use of powered aerifying and vertical cutting machines became ever more popular as the demand for improved putting greens became greater. This also meant that larger amounts of top dressing were required to follow up these cultural practices and so began the next phase in how to move this material into tine and core holes, as well as vertical grooves. Chain link drag mats were introduced which could be pulled by hand or towed by machine, thus allowing material to be dragged into the surface once dry.

Prior to 1980, top dressing in the UK was still largely confined to spring and autumn following pre and post season renovation work to coincide with the golfing calendar; a topical issue at many clubs some 30 years later! Course Managers introduced or developed various techniques to spread top dressing, some of which are shown in the accompanying photographs. Lines of greenkeepers brushing greens with besom brushes was not uncommon, particularly on the more traditional golf courses. Even



Drag brushing the green after top dressing

the use of hover mowers to blow the sand into the turf canopy has been used in recent times.

A Remaining Challenge

The introduction of 'spinner' type top dressers presented Course Managers with the opportunity of applying top dressing little and often, very quickly and ahead of play. A few passes with a drag brush or similar implement soon made the material disappear and following a dry cut, the golfers were largely unaware that this work had been carried out. This is a popular practice throughout the turfing world, whereby the amount of organic matter build-up is balanced and diluted by the application of top dressing every 7 to 14 days.

However, one aspect of renovation work that has been a challenge for many years is the filling of core holes with sand top dressing. A common issue is that core holes are not being filled leading to uneven and bumpy turf surfaces.

Not filling the core holes is also a lost opportunity for dealing with thatch accumulation, since the holes quickly close up again. It often appears that the holes are filled but when profile samples are taken, it indicates merely a 'bridged' cover-

ing whereby the wet sand lies above the hole with the void remaining. This is especially the case when this work is carried out before and after the main playing season when surfaces are damp and temperatures cooler.

Options Available

Brushing very light applications or 'dustings' of sand dressing into the turf canopy can easily be achieved using a variety of methods that are quick and effective. Since only very small quantities of material are involved, this is a straightforward exercise, although it could be argued that some of the dressing is removed during the first two cuts.

Following hollow coring however, this is a different challenge. A typical 50x50mm (2 inch) tine pattern using 13mm (half inch) wide coring tines to a depth of 100mm (4 inches) requires around 3 tons of material per average sized green to completely fill the holes.

In warmer and drier climates this is perhaps less of an issue but in our cool temperate climate, this is harder to achieve, especially if the sand is wet or even just damp. Purchasing the more expensive kiln dried sand still requires a dry surface; by no means a guarantee



ABOVE: Brushing in top dressing using Greentek Multi-brush (Cotgrave Place)
BELOW: Sweep n Fill brushing sand dressing into core holes (West Hill)





in the UK, particularly in western regions. Therefore what are the options available to course managers?

Drag Matting

This is a quick and low cost method whereby the drag mat can be towed behind an assortment of vehicles from a bunker rake to a golf cart. It is not suitable for working in larger quantities of material but ideal for light dustings and has been a common practice for decades.

Drag Brushing

A towed drag brush achieves similar results to the drag mat but has the same limitations. A brush mounted on the three point tractor linkage inserts more pressure but still has some limitations in what is achieved. However it is a useful ploy for producing more upright growth prior to being mown.

There are all sorts of mounted brushes available ranging from a Sisis 'Zig-Zag' brush to the Greentek 'Multi Brush' which can fold up to give a 'triple' action spread for top dressing, while dispersing dew or grass clippings on fairways when fully extended.

Brush Attachments

These range from the older rotary brushes that can be mounted on the front of a greens triplex or similar mowing unit, to more specialised brush units that are fitted in place of cutting units or verti-cutting reels.

Blowers

These are less common in the UK but the objective is to direct high volumes of air to blow the dressing into the core holes and turf canopy as opposed to dragging or brushing which can be abrasive to the turf.

The Buffalo Turbine Sand Devil blower is an American unit for this purpose with other models suitable for blowing cores to the sides of greens, tees or fairways for collection.

Contra-Rotating Brushes

These are more commonly referred to as 'Sweep and Fill' brushes, with two variations available: the original Sweep n' Fill brush from JSM or the TB220 from R&K Kensett Ltd.

The two rotating brushes have the ability to move larger volumes of sand into core holes in a few passes, even when the sand is damp.

Both types come complete with transport wheels which are raised when brushing and can be towed behind a basic vehicle.

For the first time it is possible to completely fill all core holes under reasonable conditions quickly and efficiently without requiring large numbers of staff.

These brushes are also useful for grooming greens surfaces and helping to increase green speed. It also gives Course Managers the option of using slightly smaller and less disruptive coring tines while still able to fill the holes.

TOP LEFT: Drag brushing green with home made unit after coring Kaskada

SECOND TOP LEFT: Grains keeper brushing in dressing South Essex

MAIN ABOVE: Drag matting dressing using astro turf mat upside down Hertfordshire

In-house variations

The use of an old upturned range mat which is towed behind any small vehicle gives a very satisfactory performance for working-in small amounts of dressing for next to no cash outlay.

When these mats become worn and unsuitable for use on the range or winter tees, they can still prove useful for this purpose.

Another variation is to use a metal frame and pallet and then cover this with astroturf or similar to form a small robust unit with additional weight.

SUMMARY

Course Managers are always looking at ways to improve efficiency and the quality of putting surfaces. There are brushes, mats and blowers available to meet these objectives and to suit all course budgets, some more capable than others.

For completely filling core holes, the most effective method to date is the use of one of the contra rotating brushes which overcomes an age old problem.

For courses that have little or no need for coring, then any of the other alternative methods will serve the purpose at a relatively modest cost.

Much depends on what you intend to achieve and also the timing, since working top dressing into the putting surface is better achieved when playing surfaces are dry and the grass is actively growing during warmer temperatures.

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Double the power?

James de Haviland gives us his verdict on the ATT INFiNiSystem™ with a little help from his friends at Heythrop Park



Manufactured by Advanced Turf Technology, the ATT INFiNiSystem is sold and marketed through The Grass Group. This is a clever bit of kit, but what is it exactly?

As the INFiNiSystem concept is keen to shout about both its versatility and choice of battery or hybrid power, the basic message may well get lost. So rather than go into all the various options and cassette choices it is best to focus one simple point. Is this system based around a good pedestrian greens mower?

The short answer is a qualified yes. If you just want a conventional

dedicated pedestrian 22" greens mower, and nothing else, you may go for a proven mower from the likes of Baroness, John Deere, Toro or Jacobsen instead. But with this machine you have both its cassette system and alternative power options to consider.

Let's look at the INFiNiSystem traction unit in its wholly battery powered mode. Taking power via a 30kg lead acid battery pack, it does without fancy lithium ion power cells.

The downside is that the power pack will run out of puff after completing up to seven typical greens. You would need to buy another battery pack or two to complete an 18 hole course, swapping over exhausted packs as they run out of juice.

For most golf courses, this will be too much of a hassle to consider. So ATT has another solution in the form of 1.5kW Power Module which simply slots in place of the battery pack. This two-power option could mean you can carry out hushed early morning mowing for some of the holes on the battery and then switch to day-long hybrid stamina as the rest of the world wakes up. Seems like a good compromise.

None of this is of any relevance unless the traction unit itself is mated to a mowing 'cassette' that delivers a top-notch finish. If you are blessed with the healthy dose of cynicism that protects you from spurious claims, the chances are you will need some convincing.

Greens mowers are precision tools, and a cassette mower element could suggest versatility over cut quality. Well - be prepared to be pleasantly surprised. During our all too brief run with the INFiNiSystem in its mower role the finish it achieved was top notch.

"The way in which the mower follows contours is good," says Dave Capes, mechanic at Heythrop Park. "From a mechanic's point of view the cassette system has the attraction of making it easy to swap the mower for one with different settings quickly too."

A key advantage of the cassette system developed by ATT is that it was developed as a mower first. The mounting system incorporates a flexible mount that allows the cassette chassis to move in the lateral plain. In work, the cutting cylinder's freedom to follow contours ensures a good cut over undulations with a reduced risk of scalping. An added

BELOW: Swapping the SMART cassettes



INFiNiSystem™ list prices and cassette choices

Traction unit and chassis

INFiNiSystem™ 22" traction unit with chassis£5,420

Petrol Power Module£1,500

Battery Power Module£720

SMART Cassettes

SMARTCut 7, 11 or 14 blades£990

SMARTHatchmaster£995

SMARTVibe£1,150

SMARTUltraGroomer£1,260

SMARTScarifier£950

SMARTSarel£795

SMARTSpiker£704

SMARTPowerBrush£720

SMARTBrush£650

Complete mower guide price£8,646

(To include Traction unit with Petrol Power Module, SMARTCut mower cassette, Rear roller power brush, Transport kit and Grass bucket.

tweak on the cylinder is the ability to adjust its angle to the bottom blade. As the latter is worn back and reground, the way in which it acts against the cylinder blades alters. This can be adjusted on the ATT cutting head, enabling more of the bottom blade to be used before it needs to be replaced, with no need to compromise the quality of cut.

The cassette chassis itself is engineered to allow the cylinder, of either 7, 11 or 14 blades, to be popped out and replaced with a choice of turfcare tools – see left. In itself, the cassette chassis is an interesting part of the system as it comprises front and rear rolls, with the choice of ribbed or smooth front unit and with a gear driven brush option for the smooth roll at the back.

In fact it is the detailing of the mower that impresses. All the bearings are sealed units of a standard design. If you need a new one you can buy a replacement from pretty much any decent bearing supplier. Even the batteries in the battery power pack are replaceable with types available from a motorcycle dealer.

“I think the mower feels a bit heavy with the battery in place but it is just fine with the engine power pack,” says Mark Davies, greenkeeper at Heythrop. “We also ran the battery flat in just under seven greens. Even allowing for the quiet operation in battery mode, I would choose hybrid power.”

Same cassettes fit ride-on triples

The cassette chassis plus an adaptor kit will also fit John Deere, Toro, Jacobsen and Hustler Turf ride on-triples. The Grass Group has existing cassette users employing essentially the same units on their triples as used for the INFiNiSystem.

Of equal importance, a ride-on can be fitted with all-new cutting cylinders, so allowing triple users to keep an existing mower but economically rejuvenated with all-new cutting units.

Which brings us back to where we started.

The Grass Group has a lot to say about the ATT System and the INFiNiSystem pedestrian traction unit. So much so that the versatility almost gets in the way of the basics. Look at the INFiNiSystem traction unit as a mower that can be battery or hybrid powered first. Try it out as a greens mower.

In hybrid guise, the power unit will do what a ‘conventional’ greens

mower will do. It will also do the same on battery power, but will need a fresh power pack or recharge after seven holes.

If the unit impresses as a mower, then you can look at the full range of SMART cassette options that enable it to do more. Were we impressed? We did not have the machine long enough to come away with a concrete yes.

You can only give that when you have a machine for long enough to learn how to work with it and see how a swap to various SMART cassettes works on a repeated basis. Initial impressions suggest the INFiNiSystem is certainly a good mower and one those with an open mind should put on their demo list.

“I think we would need more time to really get to grips with what the INFiNiSystem offers,” says Course Manager Phil Helmn.

“The system is packed with some really good ideas and I can see the appeal of being able to swap cassettes and even use the same units on a ride-on triple. Electric drive and hybrid power is interesting but battery power is too short in our application”.

Thanks to Phil Helmn, Dave Capes, Mark Davies, Heythrop Park Resort and Jon Proffitt at The Grass Group.



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Events Coming Up

West - The Norrie Whytock annual challenge will be taking place at Auchterarder with the qualifiers Gordon Sangster, Stuart Taylor, David McBride and John Barr, all winners of their classes at the spring outing. We hope they can achieve a victory as it's been a while since the West section has come near.

West - The Autumn outing is scheduled for 19 September at Eastwood GC and I hope there can be a few new faces turn up to enhance the numbers. Please remember to contact me if you have any information about retirements, births, illness, or just plain gossip that other folk might be interested in, I can be contacted on stuart.taylor@glasgowgolfclub.com or 07790 823914.

North - The Spring outing is now booked and we will be going up to Moray Golf Club in Lossiemouth on the 1 May 2014, we hope you can make the effort to attend what we are sure will be a great day. The team for the Norrie Whytock trophy has now been picked so further details will follow in the Sept issue, and please get in touch with any other news.

North - On a sad note the North Section would like to pass on their condolences to the family and friends of Greenkeeper Craig Smith. Craig worked at Royal Dornoch Golf Club before moving out to work in Australia where he was tragically killed following an accident.

Central - The next event in the Section will be the Autumn tournament on 4 September at Stirling Golf Club. Entry forms

should be with you any day if they haven't yet arrived. There will also be one posted on the website www.biggacentralsection.org.uk

News

West - Something I forgot to mention was the recent accident involving Gary Divers' son Christopher who was over in the states at university, unfortunately he was involved in an accident and passed away in hospital. The section would like to pass on our thoughts and condolences during this time.

West - John Clelland at Paisley Bushes GC suffered some severe damage to a few greens in recent months, we hope this will be the last of it and would wish him the best of luck trying to get things back to normal. Derek Duthie informs that he is celebrating 25 years service with Aitkens Seedman, Derek as everybody knows is the sales representative for the west of Scotland, originally he started as an apprentice at Cardross, and moved on the Head Greenkeeper at Cambuslang before shifting path onto the sales route, its nice to see he has made a full recovery from his car accident a couple of years ago.

Central - Over 25 people came along to Elmwood on 23 July to hear John Kaminski of Penn State give us the inside story of the recent US Open at Merion which given our own Open had just passed made for an interesting comparison. The pairs competition is progressing well with a couple of teams close to securing their places in the semi-finals. Please remember to email or text me your results as soon as possible.

Welcome New Scotland Members

Robert Galloway, Greenkeeper, Turnberry Hotel & Golf Course, Ayrshire
David Rieck, Student, SRUC (Elmwood), Central
Robert Fraser, Assistant Greenkeeper, Castle Stuart Golf Links, North
John Bambury, Course Manager, Trump Golf Scotland, North

Welcome New Northern Members

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Events Coming Up

North East - Brand new summer comp which will become an annual event will be held on 21 August at Percy Wood Golf & Country Club, this will be a stableford, entry fee £10 to members and £15 to non members. Includes a bacon roll before play followed by buffet meal after, along with prize giving. Entries must be made by 14 August. Tee times between 1pm - 3pm.

Cleveland - A trip to the potash mine is going to be organised anyone interested in going can they get in touch with Pembo on 07791695768. Places are limited so get in quick!

Sheffield - We are planning a visit to St George Park to the FA National Football Centre at Burton-on-Trent on October 16, anybody wanting to go must email me at neilpeters66@gmail.com to reserve a place, there are only limited number places available.

Northern - Greenkeepers v trade match date not set yet but looking at October at Cookridge. 10 man team, anyone wanting to play please contact Andy Slingsby.

North West - The Willie Whitelaw bowl at Penrith golf club on September 11. Please phone Phil Dewhurst for details and booking.

North Wales - The autumn tournament is to take place at Royal St. David's Harlech on September 18 please return your entry form and payment to Carl as soon as possible as the starting sheet for this will fill very quickly.

NEWS

North East - The recent match with the Cleveland section was a win to the Cleveland lads. Played at Durham City which by all accounts was in superb condition so credit must go to Stan and his team.

Just let the section know that myself Glen Baxter is now writing the news for the section as the committee felt I was best equipped to gather any news from my rounds when visiting you all.

Cleveland - Congratulations to Olly Shepard and his good lady who have had twins and Roger Mackerall and his good lady also celebrating the birth of a little bundle of joy. Unfortunately the Cleveland bongo drums didn't tell me the if they were boys or girls. Anyway congratulations all round.

Stressholme GC has merged with Blackwell Grange to become

Blackwell Grange GC with Dougie Avey becoming Course Manager. Good luck in the new role.

Well done to James Tock of Richmond GC for completing his NVQ Level 3.

Northern - Presidents day at Scarthingwell GC - a huge thank you to Ben and his staff for a very welcoming venue and also to John Waite and the boys for setting up a fantastic course, all the guys thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was reflected in the scoring! Results below.

North West - I'm sorry to report the passing of larger than life global hygiene rep, Alan Sergeant who died in July and it is also my sad duty to report the passing of another part of sales history in our area as Graham Walker ex of Walker Brothers, St Martins also died in July our heartfelt wishes go to family and friends of both.

Movers And Shakers

North East - Jon Watson has recently taken up the role of course manager at Parklands Golf Club so we wish him well in his new role.

Results

Cleveland - Spring outing at Brancepeth Castle. Div 1: 1 Mark Brown 31pts, 2 Paul Legg 29, 3 Martin Woods 25. Div 2: 1 Adrian Partridge 32, 2 Barry Walker 29, 3 Tracey Maddison 27. Div 3: 1 Ian Pemberton 26, 2 Daniel Egan 17, 3 Aidan Coates 12. Nearest the pin: Ian Pemberton, best nett on the par 3's: Ian Pemberton, longest drive: Adrian Partridge, best trade: Chris Fidell.

Northern - Presidents Day. Winners : Div1 1 D Gosney; 2 R Harris 3 A Auterson, Div2 1 R Walker 2 B Gomersal 3 J Waite, Div3 1 R Armitage 2 R Smith 3 B Jackson Trade 1 G Baxter 2 T Arana Nearest the pin 1st P Fell 2nd N Blisit, President prize R Walker

Sheffield - A very good day was had and was well attended at Dore & Totley, the course is in good condition and thanks goes to John Goldthorpe and his staff. The day was won by A. Unwin with a score of 70 nett.

North West - The summer tournament at Ormskirk golf club was well attended and a great day was had by all. The course was in magnificent condition and I would like to thank Mike and his staff for a great day. The winner was Paul Pierce. Nearest the pin was Paul again and longest drive was Gary Burgess. The guest prize was won by Tony Kevadras.

THANKS TO SPONSORS

North East - Thanks to TSL for sponsoring our match against the Cleveland section.

Cleveland - Thanks to Northern Lubricants, Aitkins, Rigby Taylor, Peter Marshall and Greenlay for sponsoring the spring outing.

Northern - Presidents day. Thanks to the sponsors : unfortunately Simon from Everris could not make it but the lovely Rebecca from Sheriff stood in for him, a great thank you to Everris for their continued support of our section.

North West - We thank Bathgates Leisure in the form of Nick Grey for sponsoring the cricket evening at Ashley cricket club.

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Events Coming Up

East Midland - Having had our trip to Kedleston Park at the beginning of August our next event is at Lutterworth Golf Club on 31 October (no I won't be wearing my Halloween mask), this is also our AGM so please think up some questions/suggestions to put to the committee. Or if you are interested in helping on the committee then put yourself forward for selection.

News

East Midland - Nailcote Hall in Coventry on Wednesday 3 July played host to our annual par 3 competition. This year the committee decided to sponsor the event and we had a well supported day on a beautiful sunny afternoon. The course was, as ever, excellent. Results below

There is a suggestion within the section to get a five-a-Side football competition going.

Currently Scraptoft GC, with Player/Manager Nigel 'The Special One' White, seem to be hammering everyone.

So if anyone is interested in getting involved and taking out some of your frustrations on other greenkeepers then drop me an email/text or even phone me and lets see what can be arranged. My details are under the picture of the George Clooney lookalike above.

Midland - The section played their annual match vs The Presidents team at Handsworth Golf Club on Thursday 20 June. The match was played in the usual good spirit, with the Handsworth Golf Club Presidents Team coming out on top 3½ to 2½.

As usual a big thanks to Handsworth Golf Club for their hospitality, and the Midland section team for their continued support in this long running event.

East of England - Congratulations to Bruce Hicks (Boston GC) and Gary Salisbury (Burghley Park GC) for being part of the support team at The Open.

Results

East Midland - Par 3 comp results 1 Beedles Lake 83pts, 2 Scraptoft GC 81, 3 the event sponsors The Committee team with 79. The barbecue was excellent and we were very well looked after by Nailcote Hall.

Midland - Results from the Summer Golf Day at Penn Golf Club on 10 July. 1 Simon White 33pts, 2 Ed Stant 33pts, 3 Adam Jones 33pts,

4 Karl Williams 32pts, Rhys Thomas 31pts. Nearest the pins were A Jones, Andy Brougham, L Swann & J Fox. Our thanks to Paul Mills and his fine team for presenting the course in such fantastic condition, and to the Club for allowing us courtesy of the course and clubhouse for the day.

East of England - Market Rasen May 22: 1 Simon Bossett, 2 Peter Allbine, 3 Bruce Hicks, 4 Robin Portess. Ian Collett from Rigby Taylor was Trade winner. Nearest the pins: Geoff Wand, Matt Haynes, Alex Clarricoates, Carl Chamberlain

Movers & Shakers

East Midland - We would like to welcome Ken Harding to the Leicestershire area. Ken has taken on the reins at Willesley Park Golf Club for what looks like an exciting time for one of the county's most prestigious courses. Ken has immediately been involved in the section playing in Carl Chamberlain's Rigby Taylor team at Nailcote Hall.

Sponsors

Midland - Our thanks to the sponsors for our last golf day at Penn on 10 July. The main prize table for the day was sponsored by Farmura. The 4 nearest the pin prizes were donated by Whitemoss, Sherriff Amenity, Countrywide and our President, John Hammond. Thanks also to Farols for the halfway house and all those who brought raffle prizes.

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East of England - Thank you to John Hewson and his staff at Market Rasen for providing a course in excellent condition. Also to all the clubhouse staff for making us welcome and providing an excellent meal afterwards.

Thanks also go to our sponsors on the day, LMS Lincoln Ltd for the main prizes, and T.A.S for the nearest the pins. T.A.S is the new business venture of Garry Poole, formerly Course Manager at Belton Park. His number is 07701 034100.

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Adam Williams, Greenkeeper, Marriott Forest of Arden, Midlands

Stewart Weller, Greenkeeper 21 yrs & over, Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club, East of England

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