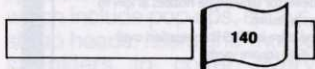


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engines on the smaller pumps the introduction of carrying frames produces a very compact and truly portable set.

Wherever **ALCON PUMPS** are in use there exists a technical and back-up service not far away in the form of an agency network, who call upon the manufacturers for support whenever necessary.



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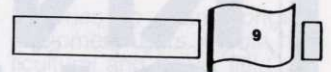
INTRODUCED to maintain consistently good putting surfaces on golf greens more economically are Ransomes new hydraulically driven Verti-Groom cutting until for their GT Greens Triple mower.

Compared with conventional greens cutting units, during trials both in Britain and overseas, the Verti-Groom units collected up to three times the amount of material after cutting a green. Besides grass cuttings, the boxes also

contained thatch and moss.

Being mounted ahead of the front disc roll the Verti-Groom, which can be lifted out of work, does not throw top dressing into the cutting cylinder and as it floats independently of the cutting unit Ransomes say it is not over aggressive.

Mounting the Verti-Groom in front of the unit keeps the distance between the front and rear rolls to the minimum which reduces the incidence of scalping on undulating greens.

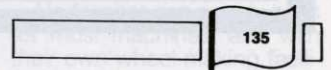


G.J. CRAIG ENGINEERING

G.J. CRAIG Engineering, manufacturers of the **CHIPMUNK** range of tree stump grinding machines are pleased to be able to show their range of machines at the European Turf Management Exhibition.

At present three machines are available, those being the 8 h.p. pull start and 8 and 12 h.p. electric start models, although they are now developing a larger model which should be available during the early part of 1990.

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ONE SHOT DISPENSER

Each premeasured dose treats 540m² (650 square yards). Sufficient to treat the goalmouth areas and centre circle of a football pitch or the average area of a golf green.

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The secret of good grass establishment is careful seedbed preparation and the use of high quality seed mixtures. However, even with thorough preparation, weed seeds will be present in the seedbed and spread in from the surrounding area. KNOT OUT is formulated to kill germinating weeds including Knotgrass to give the grass seed a clean start. KNOT OUT is supplied in pre-measured doses to cover 540m² (650 square yards). This

is sufficient to treat the goalmouth areas and centre circle of a football pitch or the average area of a golf green. Prepare a firm, well aerated, moist seed bed and sow grass in normal manner. For best results use KNOT OUT within two days of sowing. Do not disturb the soil surface after application as this may break the herbicide layer and reduce weed control. KNOT OUT will not control growth from roots of established perennial weeds.

WEED SPECTRUM

- Mayweeds
- Common Chickweed
- Knotgrass
- Common Mouse-ear
- Speedwells
- Parsley-piert

APPLICATION RATES

Apply as a medium spray (BCPC definition) using hand-held, pedestrian controlled or boom-mounted sprayer calibrated to apply 90-460 litres per hectare (7 1/2-37 gallons per acre) using 80° or 110° flat

fan or deflector (anvil) type nozzles at low to medium pressure. 1 measure in 5-25 litres applied over 540m² (648 square yards).

AREA m ² sq yd	TYPICAL SITES	KNOT OUT REQUIRED	WATER VOLUME litres gals	
540 650	FOOTBALL PITCH (goalmouth areas and centre circle) GOLF GREEN	1 syringe	5 to 23	1 to 5
810 975	TENNIS COURT FULL SIZE	1 1/2 syringes	7 to 37	1 1/2 to 7 1/2
1080 1300	CRICKET SQUARE (including run-ups)	2 syringes	10 to 50	2 to 10
1620 1950	BOWLING GREEN	3 syringes	15 to 75	3 to 15

MIXING INSTRUCTIONS

Put into the spray tank half the water required. Dispense contents into the water in the spray tank. Make up to the required volume of water and agitate thoroughly.

When spraying has been completed, thoroughly rinse out the sprayer using clean water and a liquid detergent.

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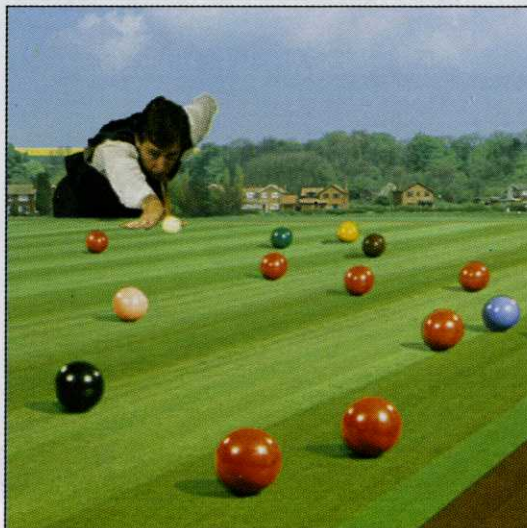
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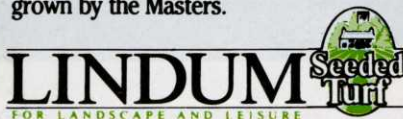
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WATERMATION/T & G TURF IRRIGATION

WATERMATION will have on display a full range of turf irrigation equipment suitable for all sports turf purposes, including golf, football, tennis, bowling greens and ski slopes. They also now have a full range of specialist landscape sprinklers, which include pop-ups, sprays, shrub heads, risers and mobile sprinklers to cover every aspect of garden irrigation.

Watermation are continually developing and testing out new concepts in irrigation equipment. This programme includes testing by the University of California Center for Irrigation Technology.

Of special interest will be their recently updated TW2 computer controller which is now presented in a more compact, easy to use style and has a see-through glass door for instant checking of operation. Also introduced since the last E.T.M.E. is the new model Watermobile, their travelling sprinkler, which is particularly useful for all large turf areas such as golf fairways, football fields, running tracks, etc.

Both the TW2 controller and the Watermobile have been designed and manufactured in this country by Watermation and along with their other products, are sold world-wide.

Watermation is represented in the Harrogate area by T & G Turf Irrigation, who share the stand with them. The two partners, Tony Teggin and Noel Glover have over 17 years experience in irrigation installation and have worked as a successful partnership now for over six years.

SACHS-DOLMAR (UK)

THE British Isles' leading supplier of outdoor power equipment, Sach-Dolmar (UK) Ltd., will be displaying machinery from its extensive range on stand A5 at the 1989 European Turf Machinery Exhibition.

The Robin Dagger Soil Ameliorator is an easily portable machine designed to aerate the subsoil by injecting blasts of compressed air at 150 psi, treating areas of up to 2 metres in diameter on each injection. It improves drainage, stimulates root growth and effectively alleviates soil compaction.

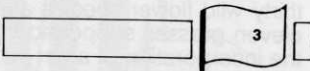
Machines from the Robin range of nine rugged brushcutters will be on display with new features which improve ease of operation even further. Robin brushcutters now range from the lightweight 16cc Model NBF 171 to the professional Model NB 50L with its powerful 51.7cc engine. All are supplied complete with safety goggles, instructions and toolkit.

Three chainsaws from the Sachs-Dolmar range of fourteen will be shown. The lightweight 33cc model 100 Super, the sturdy general purpose model 109 with a 43cc engine and choice of 15" or 18" (38 or 45cm) bar sizes, also the powerful 51cc model 111 which is an all-round performer at an economical price.

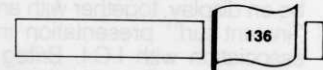
ETME will see the new Sachs-Dolmar range of seven rotary roller and wheel drive mowers powered by the well proven Kawasaki engine. The range includes electric start models and 19" and 21" blade versions. All machines feature efficient blade brakes.

Information on the Sachs-Dolmar (UK) countrywide network of dealers will be

available at the stand, also details of the company's comprehensive spares and service capability.



batteries to many original equipment users in both horticultural and power field.



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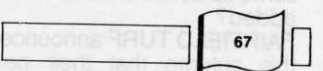
UNDERGEAR offer the most comprehensive range of Turfcare tyres in the world.

In addition to being sole U.K. distributor for Goodyear Terra tyres, Undergear are distributors for Trelleborg and Continental tyres. They also supply specific tyres from other manufacturers worldwide.

Four years ago Undergear developed their own "golf" design tyres specially for the preparation of the Ryder Cup course at The Belfry. This tyre is now available in a wide range of sizes and can be found working on courses all over the UK and in several other European countries.

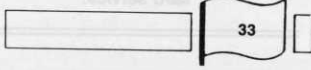
Undergear can supply tyres for most machines, and with their own wheel-making facility, offer complete tyre and wheel units to customers' individual requirements.

Tyre and wheel conversions are available for all two and four wheel drive tractors, with tread patterns suitable for golf course or general amenity area usage.



INTURF

THE INTURF group continues on course to becoming the number one turf production company in the country. It has turf production units in Scotland,



TERRA-TIRES

As sole UK distributor for Goodyear Terra-Tires, Undergear carry the complete range of sizes and types, including built-up tyre and wheel units for LGP conversions.



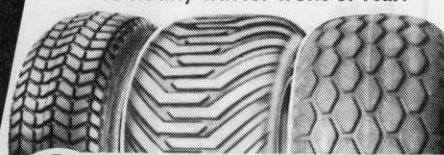
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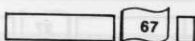
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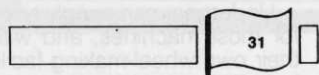
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Yorkshire, the Midlands and Newmarket.

Its Super Sword range will be on display, together with an "instant turf" presentation in association with I.C.I. Britag, with whom it has developed the remarkable "Tech Turf" system.

A recent development within the group has seen the formation of T.S.I. Turfgrass Services International - to provide technical and leisure marketing services to the sportsturf industry as a whole.

New brochures providing professional advice on turf laying and maintenance techniques will be available, plus personal assistance from INTURF staff on the stand. Also, winners of the INTURF Competition will be announced. Time is running out, so get your entry in before December 31st. Three great prizes including a trip to Florida are up for grabs, plus twenty five consolation prizes well worth having.



FAIRFIELD TURF LTD.

GREEN, Green, Green, nothing but green! Does this remind you of your golf course, surely it would be more interesting if some splashes of colour were added?

FAIRFIELD TURF announced this autumn that their new FLORA TURF is now ready for harvesting.

This turf is ideal for inclusion in golf roughs as well as many other landscape situations. Consideration could be given to areas such as banks, tee sides, bunker sides etc, where

a low maintenance regime is required.

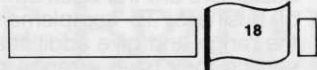
FLORA TURF was sown from a mix containing some thirty wild flower species and eleven grasses supported by the incorporation of a net into the turf backing. Once laid, the Wild Flowers in FLORA TURF soon spread, thus allowing the laying of fairly small areas of FLORA TURF to eventually achieve attractive swathes of colour.

SUPER TURF, our tees grade, is becoming increasingly popular with greenkeepers because of its tightly-knit habit and fineness of leaf, yet exhibiting very good wear characteristics.

SUPER TURF was recently chosen by Transcontinental Golf Construction Ltd for tees, bunker and green surrounds at the new Chartham Manor course in Sussex, where Fairfield Turf Ltd supplied over 12,000 sq yds.

SUPERFINE TURF has been in such demand for golf and bowling greens this year that new orders will be supplied from March 1990 onwards.

For news of further developments and information on our current grades of turf please pay us a visit on stand A9 at Harrogate.



TRELLEBORG

TRELLEBORG, The Swedish specialist tyre manufacturer, celebrated during 1989, their 30th year in production of Low Ground Pressure Tyres. The experience acquired in that time allows them to justly claim to be amongst the market leaders

throughout the world in LGP wheels and tyres.

The TRELLEBORG range of Turf, Forestry and Agricultural tyres are designed to allow access to the ground without causing surface damage and/or soil compaction. A wide range of tyre sizes and tread patterns are available to enable the selection of the optimum wheel equipment for a particular tractor/machine, or set of circumstances.

The tyres are usually supplied with custom built wheels ready to bolt on to the machine. The turfgrass tyres have earned a reputation for being eminently suitable for the demands of the greenkeeper and the groundsman.

The agricultural range include specific designs for top work, general purpose and traction. The forestry tyres are specially built to endure the tough conditions encountered in woodlands.

The arbiters of the Sport of Kings, the Jockey Club, have invested in several sets of Trelleborg tyres to maintain the valuable turf at Newmarket.

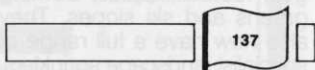
This is the site where they claim to regularly cut the widest gang mown cut in the world, (42 feet wide no less, enough to cut the racecourse in one pass).

Milton Keynes Development Corporation also have several tractors with the company's Low Ground Pressure wheel equipment in order to ensure that the acres of grassland and woodland are not damaged during maintenance.

The Superintendent of Parks at Windsor Great Park has standardised his tractor fleet on Trelleborg Tyres.

Clearly with clients such as

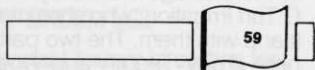
these enjoying the benefits of using their low ground pressure fitments, the company can legitimately claim considerable advantages in the preservation of delicate surfaces and subsoil condition.



RHONE-Poulenc Environmental Products is once again exhibiting its brand-leading range of herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, grass growth regulators and speciality products at ETME Harrogate.

The control of weeds, pests, diseases and associated problems calls for professional management and cost effective solutions. For the past 20 years Rhone-Poulenc has been the UK's leading supplier to the professional user with not only the finest range of dependable, effective products but a service that includes technical advice, information, training and education.

Aspects of safe use of pesticides, calibration and application techniques will also be featured on the ETME stand and of course the full technical sales team will be available to offer visitors advice and assistance with specific problems.



Don't forget to use the Reader reply pre-paid card service.

PAR 4 Irrigation System Service

For the installation, maintenance and repair of irrigation systems on golf courses, bowling greens, tennis courts and any playing areas, farms and garden sites.

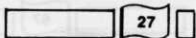


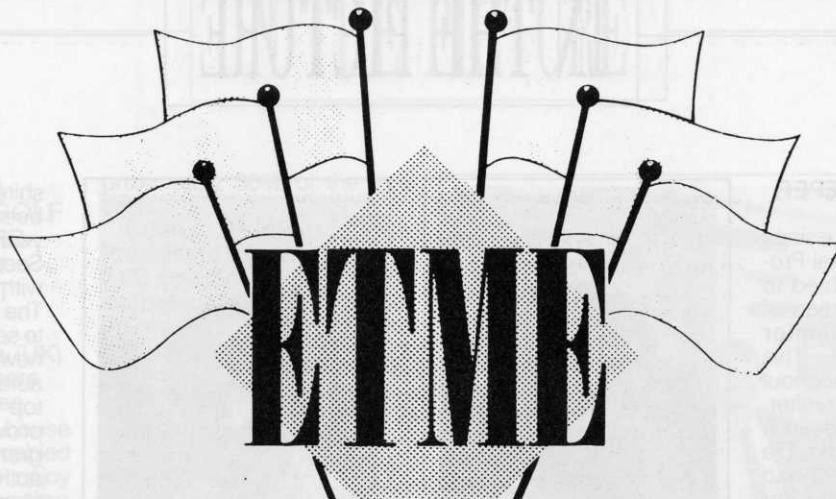
Suppliers of galvanised PVC and polythene pipes and fittings, valves, pumps, agricultural and pop-up sprinklers and associated equipment.

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- ★ Michael Bonallack, Secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club opens ETME on Wednesday, January, 24th, 1990.
- ★ The Nature Conservancy Council launches its publication "Guidelines for Nature Conservation and Golf Course Design and Management."
- ★ BIGGA launch a certification scheme leading to the award of a Master Greenkeeper Certificate.
- ★ National Turfgrass Council and BIGGA together present (starting on Tuesday, 23rd January) 32 seminar events.
- ★ There's a day and evening social programme for accompanying wives/companions.
- ★ . . . and you can explore 100's of ideas surrounding new machinery, equipment, products and services.



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IN THE PICTURE

'THE ICI GREENKEEPER AWARD'

FOLLOWING discussions with ICI Professional Products, I am delighted to announce the introduction of 'The ICI Premier Greenkeeper Award'. This competition will run throughout 1990 and annually thereafter.

The basis of the competition will be the submission of a paper of between 2000 and 3000 words, the subject for 1990 will be 'A Year in the Life of My Golf Course'. Papers must be submitted by 31 July 1990.

The Regional structure will be used to determine finalists for the Award. They will be chosen on the basis of one per Region plus two best runners up - seven in all. Finalists will be selected by a panel consisting of the Chairman of BIGGAs Education Sub-Committee, the Education Officer and myself together with nominated representatives of ICI. At this stage the seven finalists will be visited at their courses by a representative of ICI and a representative of BIGGA to assess the general presentation of the course and workplace and in particular compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act and the Safe Use of Pesticides legislation.

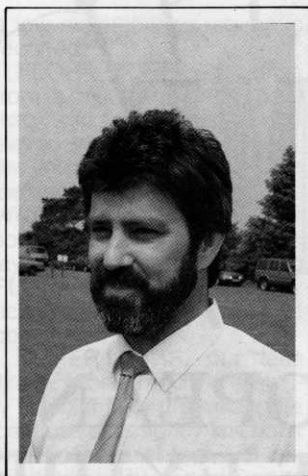
Panel interviews will follow and will be held at Aldwark Manor in November/December each year with winners being announced each January at E.T.M.E. and in 'Greenkeeping Management'.

The Panel interviews will comprise of a question/answer session and the winners will be determined on the basis of interview together with an assessment of the paper submitted and the course/workplace visit.

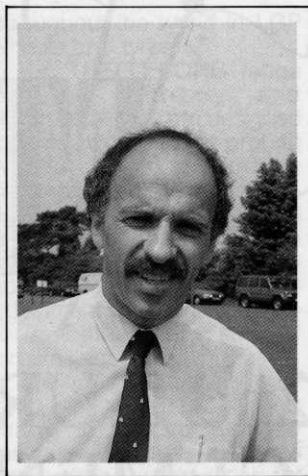
The Award's structure will incorporate a first prize of a place on the annual BIGGA trip each February to the GCSAA Exhibition/Conference in America. The second prize will be a weekend for two in London with tickets provided for a major golf event and West End show.

The third prize will be a weekend for two in York based at Aldwark Manor (including complimentary golf) with tickets for an event of the winner's choosing.

The winning entry will be published in 'Greenkeeping Management'. Awards will be



Roger Mossop



David Siddon.

"This award reinforces our support for the fine sports turf industry and BIGGA"

- Roger Mossop

made to the other finalists as well as to other entrants deemed by the Panel to have reached a high standard of presentation.

Members should note that the seven finalists will be awarded credits towards the Master Greenkeeper Certificate.

The Award represents an extension of ICI Professional Products support for BIGGAs Education Programme. Members will be aware that ICI already support the E.T.M.E. Seminar Programme and this additional backing for greenkeeper education and training is much appreciated by the Association.

Members can register for the competition on either the ICI or BIGGA stands at the E.T.M.E. in January. Alternatively please write requesting 'The ICI

Premier Greenkeeper Award' application form to Headquarters Office or telephone Debbie Savage on 03473 581/2.

NEIL THOMAS

JOINT SISIS/BRITISH SEED HOUSES/ROLAWN FIELD DAYS

AROUND 330 groundsmen and greenkeepers turned out at the three joint SISIS/BSH/ROLAWN field days in Birmingham, Stoke and Southampton at the end of October.

In spite of hard ground conditions the SISIS Varicore pto operated aerator performed impressively and the new Hydromain Twin 25 aroused much interest.

The cricket square at Hamp-

shire County Cricket Club had been re-seeded earlier in the year using the SISIS Auto-Seeder and the tennis courts with the new Contra-Seeder. The excellent results were plain to see. Demonstrations of other new and established SISIS aerators, Scarifiers, seeders, top dressers and sweepers provided a well-balanced programme of interest to local authorities, golf clubs, and all types of sports clubs who attended.

All those who attended the events were interested to hear about the production and use of Rolawn cultivated turf from Technical Director, Robert Laycock.

Samples of turf on display attracted much favourable comment and all concerned were impressed by the professionalism of the Rolawn team.

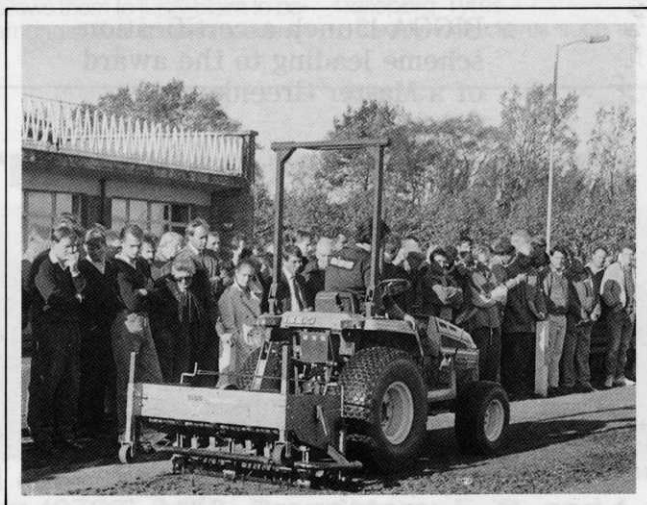
Some of those present had had no experience of using turf other than meadow turf and many did not realise there was now a ready supply of cultivated turf direct from Rolawn depots and that it could save time and money and satisfy their committees and players at the same time.

The selection of grass seed species was the theme behind the British Seed House presentation, taking into account that the wear tolerance of a grass sward is the main criteria for those engaged in the maintenance of outfields. Similarly tolerance of close mowing of certain grass species is equally important for the upkeep of fine turf areas.

Specific cultivars were later highlighted quoting examples of where they had been successfully sown: Penncross Creeping Bent had been chosen as a monoculture for seeding the greens at the new Johnny Miller course at Collingtree and light play was possible eight months after seeding.

Mermes, Loretta and Gatton perennial ryegrasses are consistently specified by local authorities for renovation of winter sports pitches and British Seed Houses confirmed that these cultivars are excellent choices with quick establishment and maximum wear tolerance guaranteed.

The possibility of holding similar seminar/demonstration days in 1990, in other parts of the country is being discussed and plans will be announced early next year.



The SISIS VARICOR is demonstrated at the Field Day.

IN THE PICTURE

BRITISH AND INTERNATIONAL GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COURSES

Sponsored by Kubota (UK) and the Greenkeepers Training Committee

BIGGA's first in-house training courses enabled 100 delegates to enjoy seminars from leading speakers in their various specialist fields. Every course place was filled.

Delegates from all over Britain and several from Germany gathered at the BIGGA Headquarters at Aldwark Manor near York to learn both from the speakers but also from exchanging their greenkeeper experiences amongst themselves.

For many of the delegates it was their first taste of greenkeeper education and training other than perhaps the occasional lecture or company open day. The week, whilst intense, was very rewarding for all who attended.

The subjects covered during the week were management of time; computers and the course manager; grasses for the golf course; budgeting and accounting; conservation and the golf course; Health and Safety at Work Act; problems associated with the management of golf greens, trees, fairways and bunkers; communications; personnel management and the management of pesticides and turf diseases.

The sponsorship by Kubota (UK) and the Greenkeepers Training Committee enabled costs to be limited to £115 per week (inclusive of VAT) ap-

proximately 30% of the true cost.

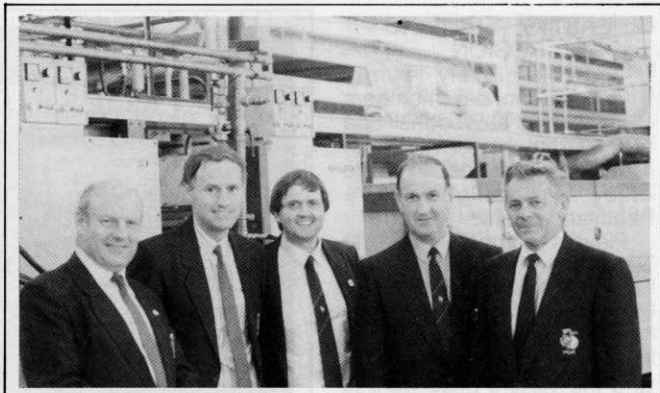
Brian Hurlley, Vice President-Director, Kubota (UK) commented: "As major suppliers of tractors and ride-on mowers to the turfcare market we have a commitment to assist greenkeepers. With the golf market expanding rapidly there is going to be a need for more greenkeeping staff and the courses carried out by BIGGA are an important contribution to the future of golf courses in the UK."

The enthusiasm generated throughout the four weeks will ensure that management courses will be repeated next October/November on a similar format and the courses are likely to be heavily oversubscribed. Attendees enjoyed first class hotel and conference facilities and given that the BIGGA Headquarters are within the venue, the setting is ideal.

The success story of BIGGA's first series of in-house courses demonstrates that in addition to the Greenkeepers Training Committee's 'approved' college courses, many members wish to further their education through the more informal surroundings of BIGGA Headquarters at Aldwark Manor.

SECOND SITE FOR STA-BRITE

STA-BRITE Supplies Limited, the rapidly growing grounds maintenance supplies and equipment company, are moving into their newly acquired freehold warehouse and office complex in Basingstoke during December. Their accounting function will remain undisturb-



At the printers, left to right, Ivor Scoones, Neil Thomas, Roy Kates, Paddy McCarron and Dennis Archer.

ed at their existing Farnborough site together with the manufacture of STA-BRITE goal posts and sight screens. So STA-BRITE will be very ready for a New Year of continuing expansion, and they are currently looking to recruit 2 or 3 new Territory Sales Managers to meet the demands of an increased customer base throughout the South.

The new warehouse is fully enclosed and will be racked out for palletised goods, including an ample chemicals store built on a modular design and capable of being extended to contain up to 13 tons of herbicides and pesticides on pallets and loose on shelving. Innovative mechanical handling should make the warehousing operation extremely efficient and the excellent level of service provided to customers at present is set to improve still further. Extra staff are being recruited to ensure that order processing, despatch and delivery to customers will be quicker than ever.

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THE Association's Magazine Sub-Committee visited Newcastle recently to assess the progress of their publishing operation. The whistle-stop tour included visits to main sub-contractors such as the printers, the pre-print house and the Mailing House. Sub-Committee Chairman Roy

Kates summed up the Committee's reaction as "a real eye opener as to what goes on behind the scenes".

The Committee also met the staff. Particular note was taken of the team building problems encountered following the launch of Greenkeeping Management last June in mid season and the subsequent logistics of setting up the circulation data base.

The Association Chairman Paddy McCarron expressed everyone's view when he said "we were saddened to hear about David White's resignation as Editor and thank him for his efforts". The Committee met the new Associate Editor Mike McClennan.

It was unanimously agreed that the magazine had successfully established itself and had played a major role in the massive increase in membership over the past 6 months. Also of particular note was the current spectacular commercial success and subscription sales. Over one quarter of the U.K. golf clubs are already taking the magazine and are continuing to do so at the rate of about 25 per week.

Circulation policy, which has been the subject of unjustified comments by outsiders, was discussed and endorsed; the popularity of Greenkeeping Management within both the private and public sectors was noted. And, of course, the magazine is now essential reading for the growing membership which has grown to nearly 3,500.

Latest news is that Rene Orban, previously Managing Director with Compact Machinery of Selby, Yorkshire, has been appointed General Manager of Jacobson in the UK.



At Aldwark - David Golding, Bill Lynch, Roy Kates, Paddy McCarron and Ivor Scoones.

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EAST OF ENGLAND REGION

ON a lovely sunny Autumn day members played at Woodhall Spa Golf Club by kind invitation of Mr N. Hotchkin, enabling us to enjoy the delights of a heathland course.

Players competed for the Rigby Taylor Trophy and prizes donated by our trade friends.

Guests who joined us were from Sheffield and Nottingham and the visitors prize went to Billy Gray who had an excellent score. Runner—up was Alex Green of Newark.

The Rigby Taylor Trophy was won by Colin Swingler with David Salisbury as runner-up.

The prizes were presented by Steve Dickenson who complemented Graeme Patrick on the condition of the course and for the experience gained by those who hadn't had the pleasure of playing Woodhall before.

COLIN SWINGLER

KENT SECTION

OUR autumn tournament combined with the regional tournament was a very good enjoyable day, even for those of us who spent most of our time spraying balls left and right, never to be seen again.

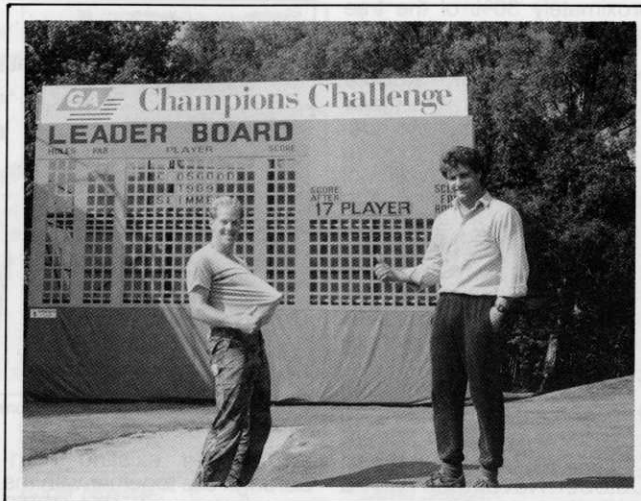
Much credit must go to Malcolm Grand and his staff on the fantastic condition of classic Littlestone links course after the very difficult Summer this year.

The morning round saw a great performance from the winner, Ian Rawlins with 42 points. Somehow I do not think that he will be playing off 12 in our next competition.

Second was Steve Suttle with 38 points, followed by Alan Sheppard, also with 38, but pipped on the back nine. Fourth was Alan Glazier of Cuddington with 36, and fifth was Duncan Kelso with 34 points.

For the trade competition our apologies must go to Bernard Dibhams who did in fact win, but due to a mix up the first prize went to David White, followed in second place by David Hawkins.

With all the morning prizes going to the Kent members, it was good to see the Surrey lads striking back with first and



Walton Heath staff Mik Wells and Phil Beal celebrate the new, lower compaction levels.

second places in the Short Course competition in the afternoon. First was Dave Barnes and Roger Glazier, with second Michael Maish and Ted Bond, and third place going to the Kent duo of Bernie Sturdy and Nigel Stapley.

Also on the golfing front, Andy Toomey of Bexleyheath put in a good performance in the Iseki Final at Moor Allerton.

The Regional team as a whole came second with the Sussex Section providing the overall individual winner.

Apparently the conditions were very windy and difficult for all those who played, although Andy felt that he was a bit disappointed that with all the extra practice, his scoring on the day let him down a bit.

Congratulations must go to him on getting further than the rest of us and helping to represent the Region so well.

We have arranged some lectures and demonstrations more details of which will be sent nearer the time.

On Tuesday January 9 at West Malling Golf Club there will be a talk by John Hinton, the Field Support Manager of B.A.S.F., entitled "Fertilizers - An Essential Management Tool" which should be interesting and may arouse some conflicting feelings.

On Tuesday February 13 there will be a demonstration and talk by Colin Pryce on the TerraLift machine for relieving compaction, at Canterbury Golf Club, and on Tuesday March 6 there will be a talk by Danny Godfrey of Inta-Seeds Ltd on grasses and their breeding and development for golf courses.

PAUL COPSEY

SURREY SECTION

MONDAY October 23, saw the Surrey Section Autumn Tournament, hosted by Worplesdon Golf Club, just outside Guildford.

On the first full working day, after Surrey had been lashed by gale force winds, Head Greenkeeper Brian Turner and his staff had to prepare a course in difficult circumstances, with the odd fallen tree as an added problem.

But when 9 am came and the first Surrey members started the 27 hole stableford competition, they found a well manicured course and true, slick putting surfaces welcoming their golf.

The results were as follows: 1st J. Davidon, 59; 2nd D. Woodward, 57; 3rd T. Hall, 54; 4th D. Shaw, 53.

Best Scratch: B. Turner, 49. Best A.M.: C. McMillan, 36; Best P.M.: J. Russell, 20. Veteran's Trophy (over 45): P. Weston, 45.

With the exception of the Veteran's Trophy, all the prizes were kindly donated by Rigby Taylor and were all hand cut crystal. The prizes are, without doubt some of the best ever played for, and my thanks go to Regional Sales Manager Bernie Tomlin for his continued support.

Also, my sincere thanks to Ron Jobson for his early morning help, without which, the day would not have run smoothly.

Finally a word of thanks to Worplesdon Golf Club Secretary Major Jones and all the club's staff, for the most courteous of welcomes, and

the offering of such splendid facilities to all the Section members present. All through the day our members were met by professional and friendly staff, willing to make our day equal to that of a Club member's. I look forward to renewing our acquaintance.

In March, Walton Health Head Greenkeeper Clive Osgood, took it upon himself to diet. After admitting that he was over-weight, Clive attended the Jenny Craig Weight Loss Centre in Epsom.

But even with their expert help Clive still had to draw on great willpower, and to his credit he has now achieved his goal weight, losing a total of 101 lbs in 6 months, and becoming Jenny Craig's star client.

Many congratulations Clive on your new found health and look.

MIK WELLS

SUSSEX SECTION

ROWLANDS Castle Golf Club, was the venue for our Autumn Tournament meeting.

Our thanks go to the committee for the courtesy of the course. In dull and misty conditions the morning round was a stableford. The results were:

1 R. Short, 36 back nine; 2 N. Beadle, 36; 3 L. Harris, 35.

After a ploughman's lunch and a pint, the afternoon's medal round was played in much better conditions. The results were:

1 P. Negus, 70 nett back nine; 2 D. Coomber, 70 nett; 3 M. Butrymowicz, 74 nett.

Thanks go to the caterers for the evening meal, also to the trade, Rigby Taylor and Parker's for prizes.

Our next meeting is the Turkey Trot at Seaford.

DEREK COOMBER

MID ANGLAIN SECTION

ONLY 22 members attended our Autumn tournament at Buckingham G.C. Whether the price is not right, or members could be repairing their courses after the hot summer. I hope numbers increase next year.

The course was presented very tidily thanks to Brian Piggot and his staff.

Thanks also to the committee for their continuing support, and the facilities on the day.

P. FITZJOHN

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EAST MIDLANDS SECTION

I very pleased to be able to start this month by saying that at last after 5 years of trying, the Rigby Taylor match against the Midlands Section was won by the East Midlands team 8½ to 6½. The team was P. Sewell, P. Tatlow, R. Barker, D. Leatherland, S. Goode, R. Willars, G. Arnold, N. Root, D. Branson, M. Bindley. **WELL DONE LADS.**

The match took place on Monday 2nd October at Longcliffe Golf Club. Our thanks go to Walter Coles and his team for an excellent course and to Rigby Taylor for laying on the day for us all.

Congratulations go to P. Sewell (2nd), R. Barker (3rd) in Division 1 and M. Billings (3rd) in Division 3 in the Iseki National Final held at Moor Allerton on Tuesday 24th October.

Our Bring and Win Winter competition is to be held at Birstall Gold Club on Wednesday 13th December.

Entry Forms have been circulated. If you have been missed please contact me immediately.

ROGER WILLARS

EAST ANGLIAN SECTION

OUR last golf meeting of the season was at the Links Newmarket Golf Club, and what a glorious day out it was.

Martin and the lads did a good job for us on the track, and the catering staff were definate candidates for the winners enclosure.

It was quite a small field, 20 or so, and those who cantered the course were as follows:

The High Handicap Hurdle (19-28) first past the post was Toddy Huddlestome (again) 34 points; Runner up was Paul Starr 32 points; after a steward's enquiry which saw M. Lathrope disqualified for excessive use of the putter!

Sweet Strikers Selling Plate in the chase (0-10), First was Mr. Huron 38 points; he'd walked the course before; Runner up T. Barton 32 points, he's since moved to pastures greener in Yorkshire - we all wish him well - good luck Tony.

The guest prize went to Brian Walker 38 points.

Prizes were donated by Colliers (NCH), Pattisons, Glen Heating & Choppiens (Cams).

Our thanks to all who helped, especially Uncle Sam.

A merry Christmas to all our readers.

MICK LATHROPE

DEVON AND CORNWALL SECTION

OUR first meeting of the season was held at Teignmouth Golf Club on Tuesday, 17th October.

With fine weather 30 members took to the course to play for the D.O. Hunt Trophy.

1st T. Farkins, 83 - 16 = 67; 2nd N. Weller, 81 - 10 = 71; 3rd B. Ridgeway, 93 - 21 = 72.

Our thanks must go to Jack Moore and his green staff for the excellent condition of the course.

After a superb meal our guest speaker for the afternoon talk was Patrick Goldsworthy of ICI on Turf Disease, the subject at the forefront of Greenkeepers minds recently.

Many thanks Patrick, an entertaining talk.

The second meeting of the season was held at Elfordleigh Golf and Country Club, Plymouth.

The day's agenda was as follows: Golf foursome format for the Robertson Ltd Trophy, followed by dinner and the section's AGM.

On the course the weather was raw and wet and only the hardy finished their rounds with the 19th hole being the most popular of the day.

1st G. Child & P. Newcombe, 31 points; 2nd J. Lawton & R. Whyman, 28 points on count back; 3rd G. Hargrave & P. Connett, 28 points.

I would like to thank Mike Eritton of Robertson's for donating the prizes.

After a superb meal we held our Section AGM. The agenda was as follows:

1. Financial report showed that funds had slightly increased over the year.

2. Chairman's report. The Chairman referred to our administrator Jim Wood who has left the section to take a post with the War Graves Commission in France. The Chairman on behalf of the members would like to thank Jim for all his hard work.

The Chairman also congratulated Paul Newcombe for winning the National Tournament and for winning 0-9 Sec-

tion of the Iseki finals at Moor Allerton Golf Club.

The Chairman hoped that support from the Section for Westurf 90 would be much higher than last year. He also thanked the members and trade members for their support during the year.

3. Election of officers for the committee were as follows: Secretary R. Whyman; Chairman B. Pile; Committee B. J. Summers, S. Redman, J. Mitchell. Regional Committee: S. Redman, R. Whyman. Vice President A. Dommett.

4. Venues and speakers for the next two seasons were discussed.

5. A match between Devon v Cornwall greenkeepers to be played in January on an informal basis.

6. Gordon Child gave the section an update on regional and national matters.

I would like to wish all members old and new a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

RICHARD WHYMAN

NORTH-WEST SECTION

OCTOBER has been a busy month starting with the Autumn Tournament at Lostock Park Golf Club Bolton.

The weather was very kind to us and the course was in superb condition thanks to John Bond and his staff.

The catering staff laid on a feast fit for a king, and the hospitality of the club members crowned the day.

As usual some good scores were recorded but none better than Paul Pearce.

The results were:

P. Pearce, best gross; C. Jones, best nett; Paul Smith, 2nd nett; W. Merritt, 3rd nett; B. Cross, Vets prize; The guests prize, Captain Lostock G.C.

I would like to thank the trade for their contributions to the prize table.

Preparations for the Mere seminar had been going on for some time, but as time drew near things became hectic.

I would like to thank John Lowery, the seminar chairman, and the rest of the committee for the hard work put in to bring about this annual occasion.

The day turned out to be very educational with the speakers leaving no doubt as to how professional they are in

their own fields. The speakers were:

Derek Green, (Restoration of a golf course); David Stubbs (Conservation on golf courses); Danny Godfrey, (Grasses for breeding); David Golding, (Education the BIGGA way); Tony Gentle, (Man management).

The attendance figures for the seminar were very low compared with previous years and in my opinion this was because the date had been brought forward to October instead of the usual March date.

Comments on this would be much appreciated.

On 25th October John Hinton Field Support Manager for B.A.S.F., entertained us with a very interesting talk on fertilisers and their use. This talk was highly appreciated by the members present.

After the talk refreshments were served complements of B.A.S.F., and we went directly into the Annual General Meeting.

The number of members attending the A.G.M. was 18 and considering the N/W section have 286 members, I can only assume that most members are satisfied with the way the section is functioning. Although various items were heatedly discussed by some members, eventually everybody departed on friendly terms.

It only leaves me now to take this opportunity to wish all members a very happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

BERT CROSS

MIDLANDS SECTION

A pat on the back must go to the East Midlands team who finally beat us in the annual Rigby Taylor event at Longcliffe Golf Club on October 2nd. Thanks to my old friend Walter Cole for preparing the course at the end of this exceedingly dry summer.

Still with Rigby Taylor, the final of the Summer pairs knockout was played on October 19th at Coxmoor Golf Club in Nottinghamshire.

Once again that formidable pair from Walsall, Steve Wood and Tony Jesson, reached the final round but were beaten at the last hole by Tom 'Killer' Kelsall and Richard Lowe in what was a very exciting match. Tom commented on

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the excellence of the course and considered it to be one of the best he has ever played on.

Thanks are due to Steve Blakeman and Ken Chatwin for their time and effort in organizing both of these events.

A good time was had by all who attended the Burrows Golf day at Brocton Hall on October 17th with Barry Wood emerging the victor. Thanks to Harry Johnson and his staff for all the entertainments.

The following day, October 18th, the finalists from our years tournaments teed up at Copt Heath Golf Club with their counterparts from the East Midlands to compete for the Len Breakwell Rose Bowl which was won by Mick Hughes.

Thanks are due to Len Breakwell and Keith Fitzhenry, who we are very pleased to hear is making an excellent recovery from his recent ill-health.

I hear the course was in fine fettle and Harold Lewis and his staff earn congratulations for the fine condition.

Looking ahead to 1990, on February 12th Mr John Hinton from BASF will be giving a talk on fertilizers during the evening - venue and time to be arranged - but do endeavour to keep the date open.

Finally may we wish Tony Luckman well on his recent promotion to Deputy Head at Harborne Golf Club.

Christmas Greetings and the very best for the New Year to all our members.

IVAN TOON

NORTH EAST SECTION

On September 21 we held our Autumn Competition at the City of Newcastle G.C.

After suffering gale force winds for the previous three days, we were glad of the relief of the wind to give us a beautiful day of sunshine.

I would like to thank Ken Rutherford and his staff for the excellent condition of the course considering the weather we have had over the past few months.

Also thanks to the committee of the club for granting the courtesy of the course, the Captain Mr G. Cairns for presenting the prizes and the steward for the meals.

Thanks also to the sponsors, The Ryton Sand and Gravel Co; Bland-Short; TurfCare Supplies; Karsway; N.E. Chemicals; Stewarts of Edinburgh; Econmice Forestry Group and TACIT for supplying flag poles.

Scores: Best Gross: D. Jennings, Newbiggin G.C. 77+34=111; Ransomes Cup: A. Fiddes, Warkworth G.C. 84-17=67, 43-8½=34½; Greenlay Cup: 0-11 Handicap R. Robison, Slaley Golf and Country Club 77-6=71, 38-3=35, 106 nett; Fewsters Shield: 12-28 Handicap: J. Hagen, Whickham G.C. 86-15=71; 45-7½=37½.

Leading scores: M. Simpkin, Parklands G.C. 78-6=72+38-3=35 107 nett; G. Redhead, City of Newcastle 84-11=73+40-5½=34½ 107½; G. Richardson: Whickham 79-6=73+38-3=35, 108; C. Hawkes, Morpeth 79-6=73+38-3=35, 108; C. Rogerson, Barnburgh Castle G.C. 79-6=73+38-3=35, 108.

There was a good turnout of members and all the 31 competitors who played the 27 holes competition received a prize.

A special mention to David Jennings of Newbiggin G.C. who had a hole in one at the second hole 142 yds. He also received a special prize for this feat.

At the end of the presentation the Secretary informed the members of the new subs. This was met by the disapproval of several members who signed a petition which will be sent to H.Q.

JIMMY RICHARDSON

BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON SECTION

Our Autumn Tournament took place on 2nd October 1989, at Flackwell Heath Golf Club, Nr High Wycombe, Bucks.

On a day with near perfect playing conditions, the competition started with four ball better ball in the morning, followed by foursomes after lunch. Our congratulations go to those listed below in a close fought competition;

1st all day: P.J. Whelelhan and B. Mann, 78 points; 2nd all day: J. Teixeira and L. Jenkinson, 77 points; 3rd all day: S. Edwards and I. Ben-

nett, 77 points (on countback); Best am score: C. Vernon and K. Levy, 44 points; Best pm score: D. Porter and A. Waters, 35 points. The nearest the pin honour fell to D. Porter.

Our thanks for a superb day go to T. Paikers, Rigby Taylor, Maxwell Hart, Golf and Turf Equipment, Gibbs, Stabrite, Pattisons and BIGGA for providing the prizes.

Our thanks are also extended to Lee Robinson, Head Greenkeeper at Flackwell Heath and his staff for the excellently presented and playable course, and to the catering staff who stood up well to the hungry needs of the 44 players taking part.

HARVEY TRIBE

SOUTH COAST

As mentioned in my last section notes, the South Coast Section is hosting a regional greenkeeper's seminar on Tuesday, March 13, 1990 at Sparsholt College, Hampshire.

Your Chairman, Secretary and Eric James have met as a working group to plan the seminar and, with the support of your committee and Regional Administrator, Gordon Childs, have finalised the programme.

Papers will be given on golf course conservation, turf machinery, golf course construction and a viewpoint from a golf professional.

Programmes are available from me and other Committee members, and the fee for the day, which includes lunch, will be £10.00 for BIGGA members and £15 for non-members.

Please support this seminar by your attendance and by circulating details to club secretaries, chairmen of greens and any other interested members of your club. Members of other sections and regions reading these notes are most welcome to attend. I will be circulating programmes to other section secretaries.

I look forward to receiving your confirmation of attendance and participation for this event.

For our first winter lecture in November, a most interesting illustrated talk on John Deere Tractors and golf course equipment was provided by New Forest Farm Machinery Limited, Greenkeeper Division.

Speakers were Nick Clarke, sales manager and Phillip Tong, area manager. Our thanks to them for providing both a video and slide presentation, which was much appreciated by those members in attendance.

BOB DENNIS

EAST MIDLANDS SECTION

Our AGM was held at Melton Mowbray G.C. on the 13th November. Our thanks go to the Club Captain and committee for the courtesy of the course, the use of the clubhouse and to the catering and bar staff for their hospitality.

With a real thick blanket of Scotch mist over the course, it looked in as good a condition as any in the section, many thanks to my staff for their efforts. Maxwell Hart presented us with a shield to be played for at our AGM's. The winner was Richard Barker - 2 up, runner-up and winner of a John Deere watch was Ian Marshall - 2 up. The trade winner was Brian Booth - 4 down. The associate winner was Ken Wilson - 1 up.

The following members were elected: Chairman, N. Root; Vice-Chairman, R. Barker; Secretary, G. Mitchell; Committee, P. McCarron, N. Danvers, G. Arnold, S. Donoghue; Regional Reps: N. Danvers, G. Mitchell.

The section members wish Roger Willars all the very best in his new position as regional administrator, his hard work and dedication are our loss but the region's gain. What's it going to do to your golf Roger?

Our winter competition is a bring and win, to be held at Birstall G.C. Christmas dinner afterwards will be washed down with one or two drams and then a presentation of the challenge shield we won from the Midlands sections presented by Rigby Taylor.

May I wish all BIGGA members and H.Q. staff a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

GORDON MITCHELL

**Notice to members;
The Annual General Meeting
will be held on Tuesday 13th
March 1990 at 2.30 p.m. in
The Royal York Hotel, York.**