



JACOBSEN MACHINERY AND OPERATOR TRAINING WINS OVER WORTHING GOLF CLUB

New turf maintenance equipment, supplied by local Ransomes Jacobsen dealer Harper & Eede of Albourne, has been delivered to Worthing Golf Club. Ransomes Jacobsen is a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company.

The Club, which features two eighteen hole golf courses, is probably the finest downland course in England and occupies a commanding position on the slope of the South Downs, immediately below the site of the Roman fort at Cissbury Ring.

Course Manager George Barr has been refreshing his turf maintenance fleet over the past couple of years and has returned to Harper & Eede to purchase two Jacobsen TR3 tees mowers, an HR3300T out-front rotary, an AR250 semi-rough mower and a Jacobsen LF fairway mower.

Commenting on his recent purchases he said,

"We looked at a range of equipment from the big three manufacturers and every member of the team tried each machine. I insist on this level of staff involvement because they are the guys, and in our case, girls who actually operate the equipment. Yes price is a factor, but the overriding criteria is that the machine is best suited for the task it is to perform.

"The HR3300T is highly productive and with a cutting height adjustable from 1" to 3" it's excellent for maintaining the rough; it's excellent; one of the best. I'm really pleased with the AR250; I've never seen a sculpting mower that follows contours as this one does. Being side discharge it's ideal, especially around bunkers.

"When we first trailed the TR3, my immediate impression was that it was too big. However, once we'd sat on it and used it, there was absolutely no issues whatsoever; again it's an excellent machine with a very fine cut on greens surrounds and tees.

"Another plus for choosing the Harper & Eede offering was related to operator training. It was very thorough and almost as important, it was enjoyable, but the real advantage is that it is NPTC certificated."

George has been Course Manager at Worthing for the past three and half years, having spent over 16 years at Ham Manor, just down the coast at Angmering. He is responsible for a team of 14 including a dedicated mechanic and a gardener.

