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Hamilton Golf Club mark new Wiedenmann Terra Spike GXi8 HD "as excellent"

Wiedenmann UK's latest Terra Spike, the GXi8 HD which was launched in September, has met with full approval from one of its first Scottish owners, Hamilton Golf Club, in South Lanarkshire.

Following the launch, Michael James, Wiedenmann UK's northern sales manager, and Euan Thomson from dealer Fairways GM, brought the new GXi 8 HD to the Hamilton club for a demonstration of its different tine lengths and diameters. It didn't take long for the new machine to impress. Course manager, Bruce Cruickshank, who took up his post midway through 2009, was looking for a deep fast aerator which was both productive and easy to operate for his eight greenkeeping staff. He elected for the GXi 8 HD after seeing its smooth operation.

"We're confident we've bought the best on the market. Our machine has turned out to be absolutely brilliant, indeed everything we had hoped," he enthused.

"We wanted an aerator which was totally tractor-friendly: something easy to lift and vitally spring-loaded to minimise any impact between machine and tractor, explained Bruce Cruickshank. "We also needed an ergonomic machine that the greenkeeping team felt was simple to operate without compromising on quality and efficiency."

"The GXI8 HD really suits our new Iseki TK 5470 tractor as the 1.8m width of Terra Spike is designed to be wider than the tractor wheel span and so there are no issues with tractor tyres backing over newly tined ground."

"Everything about it is straight forward. Tool Free adjustment for heave and depth allows you to quickly set the machine achieving optimum results on different parts of the course. It's working out perfectly with consistently even tining. We're using it on all areas -greens and fairways. We'd be on the tees too but we're presently installing a new irrigation system.

"Ours is a very, very wet course although playable - and busy- all year round. We'll be aerating all over as many as nine times in the year - perhaps only tining once during the four months that we call summer but monthly at all other times choosing from either 1/2", 3/4" or hollow tines. If we've been over the greens and fairways there is no disturbance to the playing surface and members are unaffected.

When Wiedenmann created the new GXi8 HD, moving parts like springs and heave linkages were re - positioned behind covers at the front of the machine away from the dirt zone. This reduces wear and tear and helps quieten the machine. The centre of gravity is now closer to the tractor making it exceptionally stable. The tines on the GXi are now even closer to the front roller ensuring a uniform job is carried out on undulating greens.

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Michael James, Wiedenmann UK's northern sales manager said:

"The HD in the name stands for Heavy Duty so although the machine is ultimately designed for greens, tees and fine turf areas, it's equally ready to cope when the going gets tough and can be used on fairways which aren't built on rocky sub soils. This machine is just right for Hamilton GC as there is much undulating ground with many bunkers coming into play on every hole."

With over 1000 members Hamilton Golf Club is an active club with a long history. Founded in 1892 it was first located on a site near the former home of the Dukes of Hamilton. In 1925 the club moved to its present site and the new course layout was developed by the legendary golf architect, James Braid. The course is a mature parkland design measuring over 6,600 yards framed by over 20 species of trees. During the 1970s a large tree planting operation was undertaken and now those trees are well established.

Bruce Cruickshank, moved to Hamilton last year from another championship course, the Roxburghe Golf Club in Kelso.

"It's quite a contrast for me. Roxburghe was a new course built in only 1997 and I became involved when it was still farmland with potatoes growing in the fields. This is a considerable change. Life is good though and working alongside Captain Neil Eadie and greens convenor Ian Donaldson there is a lot of development already in place," he said.

Hamilton has recently constructed a six hole 'Academy' facility to encourage new golfers to the game whilst new driving bays are also in the process of being built.

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Caption: Bruce Cruickshank, Course Manager at Hamilton GC with his new Wiedenmann Terra Spike Gxi8 HD

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