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Waterville Golf Links Excited for the Future after First Look of the Jacobsen Eclipse 360 ELiTE

Waterville Golf Links, County Kerry, Ireland, is a spectacular course surrounded by the sea with views of Macgillycuddy's Reek Mountain range and Ballinskelligs Bay.

As a course, Waterville Links has developed over time from the initial 9-hole course in 1889 to the 18-hole it is today. The modern Waterville experience was shaped by notable golf architect Tom Fazio in the 1970s, who worked at clubs including Augusta National, Winged Foot and Pine Valley. Gently undulating fairways on the front nine are contrasted by the channels of elevated dunes on the back nine.

Since 1996 this stunning remote course has been cut using Jacobsen, starting with General Manager and former Course Superintendent Michael Murphy and continuing with current Course Superintendent Gerard O'Neil.

As a club, they have witnessed first-hand the evolution of Jacobsen machines, but the most significant step forward is the move to a lithium-ion battery in the Eclipse 360 ELiTE.

"It's the future as we're seeing with cars and everything going down the electric and hybrid routes," Gerard begins. "Golf courses will probably have to start changing in the next five to ten years, so if Jacobsen is producing this, this early, it's a quality machine already, so it'll only get better with more testing and more usage, so I'm excited for that.

"We had it on the course for a day, and I thought it was a very good machine. Very quiet, and a bit quicker in transport as well. A very solid machine and the speed from green to green for us paramount, and as I said that has improved.

"The charge is something that surprised me because it lasted a lot longer than I expected. I was like, 'Oh god, this thing is just going to die after a few greens'. But we could have gone again, again and again really without charging it - I was impressed with that.

"The lack of noise is something that you really notice as well. You can hear other things in your units, so you're listening out for something; you might hit a stone that you'd otherwise miss if you had a diesel engine rattling behind you. So the quiet working is good for that, the operator generally and for reducing noise for anyone else on the course.

"And the weight, another thing with the battery is with the weight. I remember seeing a Ransomes around 20 years ago when I worked in Australia, and you could see the tyre tracks, but the Eclipse 360 just floated across the greens and left no tracks. It was beautiful; I thought it was a very good machine."



Everything new and exciting about the machine stems from the ELiTE battery. Lithium-ion batteries have powered E-Z-GO vehicles for over 15 million hours, and the Eclipse 360 ELiTE has adopted that technology to make a mower that can cut 50+ large greens on a single charge.

The Patented Frequency of Clip Control ensures a consistent cut by linking the reel speed to the forward speed. By having the reels turning in time with the wheels, you can keep a consistent frequency of cut regardless of who is mowing but still have the option to increase it without reducing the mowing speed. This control is taken further with individual unit control that can adapt the cutting configuration to vary wheel runs and truly eliminate triplex ring.

Noise during operation is reduced to virtual silence, meaning the machine can be used to cut anywhere early in the morning without disruption. The significant reduction in noise pollution is combined with zero air pollution as well as eliminating the possibility of hydraulic oil spills on greens.

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