

Ransomes take the wraps off

■ **Ransomes** has launched a new top of the range walk behind greens mower and a new all-hydraulic tees, greens approaches and surrounds triplex onto the market.

The Greens Super comes in mowing widths, of 20, 22 and 24 inches each with a precision ground 11 blade reel for cuts from .06 in to 0.06 in. The new 3.7 hp petrol Kubota engine allows a cut speed of 246 cuts per metre as opposed to the 140 available on the existing machines in the range.

Among the other features are operator presence controls on counter-balanced floating handles, two section aluminium rear roller with differential for easy turning without turf scuffing, a choice of plain or grooved front roller and can be specified with Ransomes' verti-groom attachment and wheels, without loose parts, are supplied for ease of transportation.

Price of the machine, which will receive its first public showing at the IOG Saltex Exhibition in September is from £2,330.

The Ransomes T-Plex 185 mower is a three unit 6ft cut machine in a choice of 19hp or 18hp petrol engines with constant drive to all three wheels and a maximum speed of 9.3mph – maximum mowing speed is 5.6mph.

The machine, a prototype of which was unveiled secretly to greenkeepers at last year's Saltex Exhibition for their input, features power steering, an up-front operating position unique to tees and surrounds mowers giving the operator excellent visibility and walk through platform.

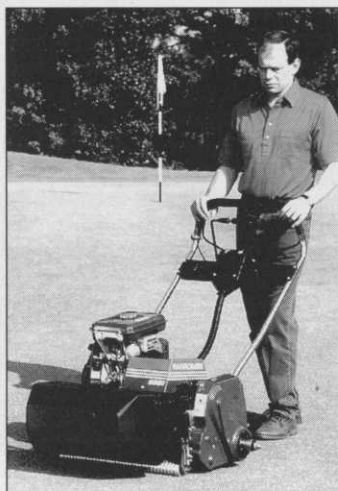
Cutting units can give front and rear discharge of clippings and can be partially lifted or raised to 45 degrees to narrow the width and make transportation easier.

The machine is priced at £12,695 with the 19hp diesel engine and five bladed cutting reels. Seven or 11 bladed reels add £435 and £495 respectively.

Ransomes is also taking orders for a new 33 horse power four wheel drive fairway triplex with 22 inch width cutters and six and a half inch diameter cylinder.

For further information contact Ransomes, 01473 276302.

■ Carnoustie has bought the first



Top: The Ransomes T-Plex 185
Above, The Greens Super

Grainskeeper Greens Brush in Britain to assist Links Superintendent John Philp and his team in the preparations for the Scottish Open.

■ Designed for fitting to power units such as the Kawasaki Mule the latest addition to the **Amazone** range of spreading equipment is the GS 10 de-mountable spreader unit.

Capacity is 600 litres and the body comes complete with sup-

Amazone Ground Care - De-Mount spreader body



port legs for parking when demounted.

Sand, grit, fertiliser, salt and other abrasive materials can be spread to a wide range of application rates using the GS 10 Top Spreader. Spreading width is 1.5 metres.

The price of the GS 10 in standard form is £3,260. Further information: 01579 351155.

■ **Amenity Technology** has launched the Moisture Smart Watering Gauge onto the British and European market.

The gauge lets you know when water is needed, the amount of water that is being used, the amount of water that is being applied from rainfall or irrigation, how much water to apply and how long to operate an irrigation system.

Developed in America the gauge combines a miniature evaporation pan and rain gauge.

The gauge costs £37.50 + VAT per unit and is available through Amenity Technology Network. Tel: 01734 510033.

■ A new three in one professional power tool is being introduced by **Partner Jonsered**. The Jonsered Combi range provide facilities to cut grass, lawn edges and hedge trimming with on a single change of cutting head. The range includes an anti-vibration system which isolates the lower shaft and engine from the upper section, including the handlebar mounting. Tel: 01453 820305.

■ **Lemken Tri-Ag** has launched a new turf aerification machine.

The Turf Quaker slices into compacted turf and loosens it with a vigorous side-to-side action causing decompaction.

The Turf Quaker is an aerifying machine with its slitting blades mounted in a scroll pattern rather than mounted straight across a power driven rotor. It is able to work in all soil types through its Selectatilt gear box which permits the speed or blade rotation to be increased or decreased. Rotor speed options are 165, 190, 210, 235 at 540 pto rpm.

Price is £3,550 and for further information Tel: 01953 605151.



The Huxley Grainskeeper

■ The **Huxley** Grainskeeper mounts on the front of a Huxley, Toro or Jacobsen ride-on greens mower and has hydraulically driven contra-rotating brushes which gently work top dressing, sand and grass in all directions without bruising the turf.

Used prior to spraying liquid fertiliser, the Grainskeeper stands the grass up and ensures better leaf coverage.

The price is £2,500 + VAT and demonstrations are now available from Huxleys. Tel: 01962 733222.

■ **CB Designs** has supplied two major new clients with tee signs, The Old Course at St Andrews venue for this year's Open Championship and Valderrama in Sotogrande, Spain, venue for the 1997 Ryder Cup.

The Old Course obtained traditional cast metal plaques finished in the St Andrews blue with all the detail hand painted and set in replica granite. The signs have a special fixing system to prevent souvenir hunters removing them.

Valderrama has granite boulders with the detail engraved in fine detail including graphics provided by Strokesaver.

Further information: 01494 432452.