Who to look out for at BTME – it’s the show of the year

- A selection of just some of the companies you can expect to see at Harrogate in January. Next month’s Greenkeeper International will contain the official, comprehensive catalogue and guide to the event.

RANSOMES

One of the new additions to the Ransomes range of turf care machinery making its first appearance at BTME is the Envirojet turf grass injection system. Envirojet is a high pressure water injector designed to break up sub-surface compaction, improving drainage, root growth and aeration without disturbing the surface of the turf. The system can be used also to inject pre-mixed materials such as chemicals, fertilisers and wetting agents, placing them at the exact depth necessary for optimum effect. Benefits of such direct, precise placement include the potential use of lower chemical concentrations and the prevention of spray drift and surface run-off, greatly reducing the risk to staff and the environment.

Being mounted on and powered by a Cushman Turf-Truckster vehicle, the Envirojet system needs no separate water supply. Clean water or a pre-mixed solution is contained in a 160 gallon fibreglass tank carried on the vehicle’s chassis and delivered to the 10 jetting nozzles by a high pressure pump. All liquid passes through a patented sequencer unit which can be adjusted to alter the flow rate and the injection depth to suit requirements. Ransomes is planning an extensive demonstration programme for the Envirojet during 1997 and will be pleased to speak with greenkeepers about the system at Harrogate.

LEVINGTON HORTICULTURE LTD

Levington Horticulture concentrates on the key products for revitalising fine turf after the stresses of a winter preceded by a long hot summer on its stand at BTME this January. “Even the best maintained fine turf will have struggled in the hot dry conditions of last summer. Combine that with winter weather and greenkeepers could well be dealing with some thin stressed swards, open to disease infection and moss colonisation this spring,” said Levington Technical Services Manager Keith McKee. “Now is the time to begin the repair process, ready for the coming season.”

Levington Greenermaster Mosskiller will be prominently featured on the stand as an ideal spring treatment for fine turf. Alternatively where moss is not a problem, Levington Greenermaster Turf Tonic is an ideal spring treatment similarly encouraging healthy and resilient growth.

MIRACLE PROFESSIONAL

Miracle Professional will as usual be giving their full support to the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition and their stand will be featuring their wide range of products. Major chemical brands include the fungicides ‘Daconil Turf’ and ‘Greenshield’.

WINNERS

James Simmons of Royal Eastbourne GC was the winner of our BTME competition. James wins a trip to Harrogate for three nights, staying in a top hotel and entry to all educational seminar sessions.

In second place and winner of a trip to Harrogate, accommodation for two nights and entry into the educational seminar sessions is Gordon Mcke of St Andrews Links Trust and third is Timothy McCreadie of Royston GC who wins one night’s accommodation and entry to all seminar sessions.

Winner of the Christmas Hamper for registering before November 8 was Roger Buchanan, Head Greenkeeper at Wollaton Park GC.

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SISIS EQUIPMENT (MACCLESFIELD) LTD
Sisis will display items from their large and comprehensive range of golf course maintenance machinery.

STANDARD GOLF (UK) LTD
Standard Golf will display their complete range of Golf course Equipment from the USA and are the world’s leading supplier of course equipment. Included in the range are ball washers, litter caddies, rakes, tee markers, flag sticks, course and tee data systems. Demonstrations are now being planned with both the newly launched and the existing machinery.

RIGBY TAYLOR
Rigby Taylor has made a major investment in the development of new products, and there will be further introductions at BTME '97 under the "Advanced Technology Products from Rigby Taylor" banner. In addition, there will be Technical Advice from supporting manufacturers, competitions and special show offers to make your visit to our stand at Harrogate entertaining, informative and profitable.

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Lastec with the articulator have just perfected the art of grooming the world’s finest floating rotary mower. Meet the X-series articulator, with proven durability stronger, lighter, together, better. The articulator offers the highest quality finish cut of any rotary mower. They cut over 10 feet wide with the same accuracy as a single 21” push mower, precise length, better grass distribution, better wet grass cutting, winter mulching.

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Pattison's 100th year has been a landmark which the company chose to celebrate with the launch of the 100/100/100 Club which gave 100 golf clubs £100 each to towards the cost of attending education sessions at Harrogate.

"The on-going education of greenkeepers is paramount for the future of the golf clubs and we felt that by assisting clubs in providing help towards the education costs it would be money well spent," explained Mike Hinch, Managing Director - Sales and Marketing.

"We hope that the relationship that we have with BIGGA will continue to grow and that we will be able to work again on future events that help the golfing industry to evolve even further," he added.

It has been a particularly busy year for Pattissons with one of the highlights being the acquisition of JDS (Customisation) Ltd, now called Cygnet Golf Ltd, Europe's largest supplier of golf gift products.

This year has also seen the opening of Pattissons Spanish Office, based in Marbella. H. Pattisson (Iberia) SL has been set up to sell both companies' range of products, while Pattissons is also having talks with a major supplier of top dressing to become the distributor for Spain and Portugal.

Members of the 100/100/100 Club are invited to visit the Pattisson's Stand at BTME where the 25th, 50th, 75th and 100th member will receive a valuable and exclusive gift.

Super Bs are designed to deliver maximum versatility to operators working in the local authority, contracting and golf maintenance sectors. Further flexibility is available with the option of Bi-Speed Turn on the two larger units. Other Kubota machines featured at BTME '97 include tractors from the 35hp-45hp Grandel range, the 29hp new Triple Turf Mower the LT324 featuring a 4 wheel drive "on-demand" system, will make its first visit to BTME. The successful FM514 Fairway machine now features an attractive cab and our pedestrian greens mower will show why this machine is fast becoming one of the most sought after greens mowers both at home and abroad.

Hayter have been producing top quality grass cutting products for over 50 years without compromising on quality. On Stand C42 this is more than evident with the products on display for golf course and local authority markets. Launched at SALTEX, the new Triple Turf Mower the LT324 featuring a 4 wheel drive "on-demand" system, will make its first visit to BTME. The successful FM514 Fairway machine now features an attractive cab and our pedestrian greens mower will show why this machine is fast becoming one of the most sought after greens mowers both at home and abroad.

JACOBSEN E-Z-20 TEXTRON
Once again we will be exhibiting some of our extensive range of turf equipment including products from Jacobsen E-Z-20, Granley, Turfco and Smithco. We will also be able to demonstrate our CD Rom parts system to interested parties.

KUBOTA (UK) LTD
The Super B series, the latest range of compact tractors from Kubota is the main attraction at this year's BTME show.

The three tractors in the Super B range (18hp B1730, 21hp B2100, 24hp B2400) made their debut in late 1996 to wide acclaim and confirmed Kubota's leadership in the compact tractor market. A hydraulic lift capacity of 750kgx, a flat operator deck, high clearance and optional Buisard cab means the
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strated, offering greenkeepers access to information and technical advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Another innovative year for Supaturf.

TORO COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS/ LELY (UK) LTD
Toro will be showing the new Reelmaster 1600. Toro’s latest walk behind mowing unit suspension system. Also on show will be the Greensmaster 3200 first shown at last year’s BTME will be a grooming reel and thatching unit.

J.D GREASLEY LTD
The company which is a specialist contractor for refurbishment works and alterations to existing golf courses, along with the construction of new courses has had a very busy time in 1996 having constructed over 40 new golf greens in the year. A new 18 hole course at Springs GC. Oxon designed by Brian Husgett has been built while a new 11 holes have been built alongside the picturesque river Dee on Royal Deeside for Deeside GC. Due to open in ’97 are 14 new holes at Gog Magog GC.

The company has unrivalled experience in carrying out alteration work with a minimum of disruption and disturbance to the club and its members. It also operates an extensive range of specialist plant and equipment, much of which has been developed through working on existing courses to ensure damage is kept to an absolute minimum.

JOHN DEERE LIMITED
Three new machines are making their debut on the John Deere stand. the 220A walk-behind greensmower features a new “operator presence system”, making the machine more comfortable and easier to operate. The new 4hp Honda engine is ISO mounted to reduce vibration, while the grassbox has a new mounting design and is ventilated to allow more efficient airflow while retaining the grass clippings. The new John Deere 3215A light-weight fairways mower is a value-for-money entry machine, available in 2WD with five in diameter seven blade standard cutting units. In addition there is a new Roberine 802-D front-mounted rotary mower.

INDUSTRIAL POWER UNITS
Industrial Power Units (IPU) is now within the leisure industry. Pro-Sport and supply a wide range of tools, fuel, equipment and personnel. Pro-Sport Chemicals Ltd (HMC) produces under the brand name of Pro-Sport a comprehensive range of graded sands, root-zones and top dressings for application within the leisure industry. Pro-Sport root-zones are available as USGA Premier Golf, Golf and Sports Pitch. A new product will be on display at BTME 97 – Pro-Sport Eco-Zone, made using a green waste (peat free) product. The new Pro-Sport Leighton Buzzard White Bunker sand will also be on display. Pro-Sport Top Dressing products will also be on display, including the new Pro-Sport Eco-Dress, which again uses the Green Waste technology to provide a peat free top dressing product.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE CONSTRUCTORS
The Association have an interesting display of photographs covering the various golf courses that have been constructed by members during the past eighteen months. Constructor members are currently building eight new golf courses designed by various golf course architects both in the UK and Europe. They are also actively involved in various course alterations to existing courses. Members will be available during the show to answer any queries concerning the construction and maintenance of golf courses.

MOMMERSTEEG INTERNATIONAL
A comprehensive line-up of grass seed varieties and mixtures awaits visitors to the Mommersteeg International stand.

The display features Mocassin, a highly-rated slender creeping red fescue in STRI trials. Mocassin is the company’s newest slender creeping red fescue with good disease resistance and high shoot density. It adds resilience to the turf and produces a dense, close knit even texture. The variety is particularly suited to golf greens, tees, bowling green, croquet lawns and ornamental turf.

Mocassin has been included in two specialist mixtures for the golf course – MM12, a mixture for tees and fairways and MM13, a fine fescue mixture for tees and fairways without smooth stacked meadow grass. Also featured is the Mommersteeg biological seed treatment – improved Headstart. The re-formulated seed treatment is used on all Mommersteeg MM mixtures and ensures better root and shoot development, greater water absorption and improved photosynthesis.