With the weather for once favourable Windsor Race Course was the magnet for large crowds to attend Saltex '96 with over 400 exhibitors displaying many products for the first time.

The week was also notable for the number of well known companies celebrating anniversaries — Pattisson’s with 100 years of trading, Jacobsen with 75 years, Hayter’s with 50, Kubota with 21 years since it introduced the first compact tractor and John Deere 30 years in America and 10 in the United Kingdom.

Richard Barker, Head Greenkeeper at Kirby Muxloe GC, found an ever more ingenious way of ensuring his picture appeared in the magazine — he won a two week fly-drive holiday for two to Florida in a Turf Machinery Prize Draw.

Richard’s entry was one of almost 400 received by Turf Machinery Ltd from Course Managers and Head Greenkeepers.

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Ransomes

A number of new products were unveiled at Ransomes at Saltex '96.

Ransomes Fairway 405—a seven-gang, ride-on fairway mower with a cutting width of 4m (158in), believed to be the widest of any machine in its class. The Fairway 405 has a 46.5hp turbocharged diesel engine/ selectable two or four-wheel drive and the option of 7 or 11 blade cutting units, all with Ransomes' variable weight transfer system, ensuring a close, even finish over undulating turf.

Ransomes Motor 180—Reintroduced in response to user demand, this updated ride-on triplex mower is ideal for cutting golf course tees, greens approaches and surrounds, plus other fine turf areas. Economical, lightweight and ground hugging, the Motor 180 has a 16hp petrol engine and hydrostatic transmission with on- demand third wheel hydraulic drive available as an option. Mowing width is 1.8m (71in) from either 7-knife floating head or 5-knife fixed head cutting units.

Ransomes Parkway 22-0—a ride-on, three unit cylinder mower with a 38hp diesel engine, hydrostatic transmission and selectable two and four- wheel drive. Combines a precision cut with rugged built quality making it ideal for local authority DSO, landscape and contract applications. Maximum mowing width is 2.15m (84Y2 in) and customers can choose from three different cutting units.

Ransomes Air Groomer—Offered as an option on the Ransomes Greens Super 55 walk-behind greensmower, the Air Groomer blows moisture from greens covered with dew or irrigation droplets, the patented Air Groomer avoids any risk of turf damage caused by physical pre-treatments on wet grass.

Ransomes Enviroyet—Designed for mounting on the Cushman Turf- Truckster turf maintenance vehicle, the Enviroyet system uses high pressure, pulsating water jets to alleviate turf compaction and introduce materials such as fertiliser, pesticides and wetting agents into the soil. The 10 boom-mounted jetting nozzles can be supplied from a tank on the Turf- Truckster or from an independent water supply.

Ransomes TG4650—A trailed, seven unit hydraulic gang mower designed for high output cutting of parks, playing fields, sportsgrounds and recreation areas. Suitable for tractors of 60hp-plus, the TG4650 has cutting and transport widths of 4.65m (15ft 3in) and 2.3m (7ft 6in) respectively. It is available with a choice of precision built cutting units to suit a full range of grass conditions and mowing schedules.

Ransomes Front Line 728—Believed to be the first out-front rotary mower of its size with hydraulic rather than mechanical drive to its cutter deck, producing a simpler, quieter system with reduced maintenance. The 728 is ideal for local authorities, utilities, contractors and other commercial users needing a rugged, high output mower with comfort and servicing convenience to match.

Pro-Sport

A new formulation of top dressing for sports turf of all types has been added to their Pro-Sport range of products by Hepworth Minerals and Chemicals Ltd., (HMC). Shown for the first time at Saltex, Pro-Sport Ecodress uses composted green waste as the organic content of the sand based dressing.

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Toro

The new Toro Reelmaster 2600-D is an all-purpose triplex mower ideal for around bunkers, greens, tees, collars and approach areas. It features the all-new design, engine, drive, cutting units and mainframe of the Reelmaster 2300-D introduced last year, but is fitted with wider cutting units to give an 85” cut for greater productivity.

The mower has Toro’s unique L-I-N-K-5 cutting unit suspension system and an adjustable spring counterbalance for enhanced ground-contour following without extra down-pressure.

To work in all kinds of terrain, including early morning wet grass, the unit has an hydraulically-driven reel system with variable reel speed. The 2600-D is powered by an 18hp Perkins diesel engine and two- or three-wheel drive can be selected on the move.

Toro’s Greens Aerator is now equipped with a state of the art Briggs & Stratton, Vanguard V-Twin engine known for its smooth, quiet and efficient running. At 16hp there’s ample power available for any turf condition and fine selection.

The Hydroject 4000 is a trailed version of Toro’s well-proven walk- behind Hydroject 3000 water-injection aerator. Towed behind a utility vehicle with on-board water tank, it gives users the flexibility and convenience to aerate areas not served by a mains water supply.

Despite Drainage Machines, on show with STSIS at Windsor for the first time, makes intensive drainage available for all. Fitted on Compact Tractors of 28 HP+, groundsmen themselves can now readily install very cost effective drainage in convenient stages, using either bought or hired equipment.

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The use of composted green waste to provide the organic require- ment gives this product special appeal,” says Pro-Sport Sales Man- ager Tony Jacques.

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Charterhouse

Charterhouse announced two new products which reflect all the quality, strength and reliability attributes built into their existing range of well known products.

However, the new Rapidcore and Greensseeder have been specifically designed for high volume manufac- turing achieving economy of scale.

Their prices of £2,938 for the Greensseeder and £4,438 for the Rapidcore will be particularly well- come to greenkeepers and grounds- men working on a tight budget.

Kubota

Kubota (UK) Ltd revealed three new 4WD compact tractors called the Super B range. Completely re-styled into their existing range of well known products.

Jacobsen

A choice of three more powerful engines gives Jacobsen’s new gener- ation of Turfcat out-front rotary mow- ers a wide range of power and traction drive options. Turfcat models now feature a Kubota 23 or 26 hp diesel engine, a Ford petrol engine and two or four wheel drive.

Key new product improvements are greater productivity, operator comfort and reliability. Operators can now mow up to six miles per hour in low range. And transport speeds in high range up to 10 miles per hour get the Turfcat between jobs faster.

The Turfcat’s new ergonomic design features a contoured seat and easy-to-reach controls. All controls are located up front and are easy to read. Foot pedal operation for mowing and transport keeps the operator’s hands free from steering.

All models feature Jacobsen’s hydraulic deck drive and hydrostatic transmission with dual-range transaxle to handle tough mowing conditions.

Lack of space means further details of new products launched at Saltex have been held over until next month.