The latest products on show at Harrogate Week 2011

**NEW PRODUCTS**

Blinder Bunker Liner Ltd launched a new patented bunker lining system, Blinder, at BTME.

The system is environmentally sound and uses rubber crumb made from recycled tyres mixed with a binding agent to produce a bunker lining that provides a solution to many of the problems associated with maintaining bunkers.

Blinder was developed by Course Manager, Murray Long, who was looking for a viable option to reduce bunker maintenance hours. Rubber crumb is mixed with a binding agent and then spread onto a sub-base at a depth of 25mm. It is then smoothed by hand to provide the perfect base for the bunker sand. It can be extremely useful in areas of heavy wear such as practice bunkers. It is also very effective in chalk and flint soils, especially stopping contamination of stones and other particles into the sand. Bunker maintenance is an issue I’ve been battling with for many years, and I’m confident that I’ve found a solution, not only for me, but also for my peers.”

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**PRO-PRUNER**

The PRO-Pruner range developed in New Zealand by Lakewood Products, offers simple, robust, well engineered pruning tools capable of pruning branches up to 60mm in diameter. The advanced design features of the PRO-Pruner include:

- A unique curved blade: the shape of the curved blade pulls the pruner onto the branch and holds it tight, helping to avoid collateral damage, blade crossover and slip. The blade holds bigger branches and easier scarring are major benefits.

- PRO-Lock threading threaded handles, fitted with specially designed PRO-Lock bolts, has eliminated nut and bolt failure. The easy adjust PRO-Lock bolts prevent lifting when the lock-nut is tightened. This system reduces the number of working parts ensuring the pruners perform better.

- Strength and durability; reducing the bolt holes in the handles to 7mm and reconfiguring the thin strength in the steel arms further strengthens the handles.

- Operator comfort; ergonomically designed grips and the offset handle to the head have helped in reducing shock to the operator’s arms and hands.

- Lakeswood Products has now made the PRO-Pruner available in the UK through Baxter Baye Limited.

**NEW SCOTTS LAUNCH**

Greenmaster Topdress Z is a fine particle-sized topdressing based on Scotts’ Pro-Lite aerate technology. This gives a particle count of 1,100–2,000 granules per gram. It has an open caged structure with a very high nutrient holding capacity, making it ideal for use as an amendment to new courses or in topdressing. The high Cotton Exchange Capacity of Topdress Z helps turf managers with their nutrient management by enabling the soil to hold onto more nutrients.

Stuart Staples, International Technical Manager, said that turf managers can save time and money while improving the health of their turf by using controlled-release fertilisers.

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In addition, providing a steady supply of nutrients rather than a ‘beat or famine’ approach has been proven to improve turf health and resilience,” he added.

**EUROFLO IntroDUCED BY RiGBY TaYLor**

Following extensive trials at golf clubs in the UK, Rigby Taylor, in partnership with seed breeder Top Green, launched EUROFLO urban flower seed mixtures at BTME.

Brightening up the golf course, natural floral cultivars are mixed with wild flower species to provide horticultural excellence.

These mixes help to provide areas which will give back to nature what has often been taken away by the destruction of natural habitats.

Attracting wildlife throughout their long-flowering period from late spring well into the autumn they offer animals and insects cover and an extended food source.

Through trials and tests at 18 UK sites, Euroflo has been found to be highly successful on varying ‘normal’ soil types including loam, sand, clay, stone and slightly acidic to alkaline soils with a pH of 6 to 8. These colourful mixtures have also performed well on steep slopes but here the sowing rate needs to be increased to 5g per square metre to allow for run-off.

Virtually no maintenance is required on the 14 hand-selected mixtures being introduced which can include mixtures which replicate a club’s corporate image.

**NEW BLEC MULTIVATOR**

A unique chassis design with quick hook-up rear attachment system transforms the Multivator into a multi-use machine carrying out a wide range of tasks achieved with only one drive unit.

Decompacting, soil recyling and topdressing in one pass, the Multivator has quick hook-on rear attachments, easy change blade system and heavy duty reversible drive system.

There are five models available in different widths – three for mid-range tractors and two heavy duty for higher HP tractors. All units are equipped with overload cam clutch and the heavy duty models also feature long life side gear drive with forward and reverse rotation.

The heavy duty units also feature a heavy duty gearbox with four shafts to give two-speed drive and reverse rotation – mounted on a swivel base for easy drive change. On the heavy duty models a PTO shaft drive is fitted for rear attachments and an extreme duty overload clutch (pre-set).

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