

Greenkeeper International takes a look at the very latest products and services available from the fine turf industry

New mowers from John Deere

John Deere's new 1435 and 1445 front mowers deliver increased standards of traction, manoeuvrability, comfort and productivity for all commercial applications. They are based on a durable, high strength, tubular steel frame, with cast iron front and rear axles and rear bumpers, heavy duty dual hydraulic cylinders, long life steel mower decks and an award winning composite hood design.

Replacing the F735 and F1145 machines, the 1435 and 1445 feature a more powerful Yanmar liquid cooled diesel engine at 24 and 31

gross hp respectively.

A foot activated duff lock gives extra traction on hillsides and in slip-pery conditions. The mower's lower centre of gravity and wider wheelbase, as well as the mechanical four wheel drive - standard on the 1445 model, and optional on the 1435 provide increased stability and traction in both forward and reverse. Dual drive wheels are optional.

Increased productivity is provided by the large capacity 14.5 gal fuel tank, which allows 10 hours' mowing without the need to refuel, and the durable hydrostatic transmission, with higher forward speeds up to 12mph. Both machines became available in April with a choice of heavy duty commercial mower decks made of 7 gauge steel, the thickest in the industry. The 1435 and 1445 claim the smallest front mower turning radius in the industry, at 50cm).

Manoeuvrability is further enhanced



by the exclusive rear clear trimming' feature on 1.82m deck models, which allows the steered wheels to stay within the path cut by the front mower deck.

A patent pending air intake system allows air to enter from the rear and side of the mower, also contributing to lower sound levels and giving less build-up of debris. An integral two post ROPS is standard equipment, and can be folded down for mowing under low hanging trees, for example.

Options include hydraulic weight transfer and cruise control, a rear hitch and hard or soft cabs; heavy duty attachments include a 1.19m snow blower, 1.37m front blade and 1 .52m rotary broom.

Base prices of the new John Deere front mowers are £9,732 for the 1435 with 2WD, and £12,581 for the model 1445 with 4WD. In addition, the 1.52 and 1 .82m (60 and 72in) side discharge mower decks cost £2,154 and £2,500 respectively, and the 1.57m (62in) rear discharge deck costs £2,268.

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Blooming marvellous mix from Advanta Seeds

Advanta Seeds has introduced a new 100% wild flower mixture into its MM and Designer amenity ranges. The 'corn field annual mix' has been designed to produce a field of traditional wildflowers, reflecting how meadows might look if left to grow

The mix consists of seeds of corncockle, corn marigold, common poppy, cornflower and corn chamomile, and produces an attractive and colourful area during the summer flowering period. This mix should be sown on a weed-free site of low fertility, at a rate of 2g per square metre. No fertiliser is needed, as this will encourage broadleaved and grass weeds to compete too aggressively, making it difficult for the wild flower seeds to establish.

Sowing can take place either in the spring, from March to May, or from



early August to mid September. The seed should be spread evenly across the soil. Mixing one part seed with four parts dry sand will make this easier. After light raking the seed should be

firmed in by treading or rolling - followed by watering with a fine spray if

conditions are dry. The area should be kept well watered and free from unwanted plants until the mixture is established.

For further information tel: 01529 304511

Kawasaki's latest pumps tackle the dirtiest of waters

Two new models have been introduced to Kawasaki Commercial Products pump line-up with the introduction of a brace of trash pumps. Targeted principally at the construction, utilities and other commercial sectors, the arrival of the KWS2O-A and KWS3O-A dirty water pumps takes the number of Kawasaki models available to the UK market to six.

The 2" and 3" outlet, semi-trash', centrifugal, self-priming models are available to the market after being introduced to Kawasaki's UK dealer network in March.

As with all Kawasaki pumps, the two newcomers are engineered to a high



specification offering exceptional levels of performance, durability and reliability. An impressive FE, OHV, fourstroke heavy duty engine features a large muffler for quieter operation while a larger capacity fuel tank also extends periods of operation.
For heavy working environments, a fullframe provides protection for the water outlets and controls while a specially designed mechanical seal on the PTO shaft improves durability. A superior discharge capacity is maintained by a super-duty impeller design.

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More torque from Euroflexis' turfcutter

Euroflexis, a recently formed company based at Coventry, are powering their turfcutters with Hatz 1B20 diesel engines. The turfcutter originally designed and built by Kevin Ballinger, now the Managing Director of Euroflexis, runs on diesel instead of petrol. The advantages of this are economical and, probably more importantly, because the engine is more powerful with greater torque. Diesel, especially red, is infinitely cheaper than the cheapest petrol available. The engine will perform all day on one tankful. The turfcutter has en tested in extreme conditions With the ground saturated due to recent terrible weather conditions, the turfcutter stood up well to the challenge. Traction in these conditions was good and the cut maintained.

For further information contact; Euroflexis Ltd, Turfline, 9 Bayton Way, Exhall, Coventry, West Midlands CV7 9ER

Small is 'super' for Kubota's new range

April saw the launch by Kubota of six new four-wheel drive compact tractors covering the 17hp to 27hp power band. Described by Kubota as the "new generation" Super B series, they supersede the original Super B compact tractors which were introduced in 1996 and have been the UK's best-selling compact tractor range ever since Kubota's latest Super B tractors comprise the 17hp B1710 with gearbox smission, the 21hp B2110 and 24hp B2410 available either with gearbox or dual-range hydrostatic transmission (HST), and the B2710, a 27hp tractor with a three-range hydrostatic transmission. The B2710 is an addition to Kubota's Super B series line-up, the highest-powered tractor in the previous range being the 24hp B2400. All of the new models are powered by Kubota's quick-starting E-TVCS (three vortex combustion system) water-cooled Diesel engine.

The three Super B hydrostatic models have as standard Kubota's unique Bi-Speed Turn, which helps produce faster, smoother, tighter turns with reduced surface scuffing. Electro-hydraulically activated, the system engages automatically when front wheel turning angle exceeds 35deg. At this point, front wheel speed is increased by 60% over the rear, helping pull the tractor through corners and produce easier steering around obstacles. Bi-Speed Turn disengages as the wheels straighten. disengages as the wheels straighten. For improved manoeuvrability and reduced operator fatigue, the Super B range has speed-sensitive power steering, enhanced by tandem hydraulic pumps which boost oil flow, pressure and rear linkage lift capacity to levels associated with far larger tractors. The B2710 HST can lift loads of 830kg at its lower link ends. Mid-mounted mowing equipment available for the latest Super B series tractors comprises 1.37m and 1.52m side-discharge rotary decks with an optional high dump grass collector. There is also a 1.52m rear discharge rotary deck. All mowing equipment can be attached or removed in minutes. To allow unobstructed movement across kerbs, each mower deck incorporates a high-lift cylinder which gives a ground earance of 170mm

For further information tel:

Kubota get tough with ride-ons

New from Kubota for the 2001 grasscutting season is the G2160 ride-on mid mower, ruggedly built to withstand the toughest professional use.

Powered by a low noise, low emissions 21hp diesel engine, the G2160 is the first in a new line of heavy-duty ride-on mowers from Kubota. Key features include speed-sensitive power-assisted steering, high capacity hydrostatic transmission and a pressed steel ladder-frame chassis which provides exceptional strength and torsional stability.

A choice of 1.22m and 1.37m sidedischarge mid mower decks is offered, both having shaft and twin vee-belt drive and hydraulic lift and lower. Cutting height can be varied from 25mm to 100mm by means of a hand dial beneath the driving seat. When mowing has been completed, the G2160's high power output and commercial build quality enable it to be used to tow suitably-matched implements such as a trailer, turf scarifier or leaf sweeper, extending the machine's yearround versatility. The mower deck can be fitted or removed by one person in

Shaft-driven from the engine, the hydrostatic transmission (HST) system produces infinitely-variable travel speeds in forward or reverse up to a maximum of almost 10mph.

Operating performance is enhanced



by the large capacity HST unit, which helps keep oil temperature low, and the gear final-drive which ensures that power is transmitted positively and smoothly to the rear wheels.

Available now for demonstrations nation-wide, the Kubota G2160 is ideal for maintaining amenity and landscaped grass in public and private parks and estates as well as roadside verges, golf courses and larger gardens.

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Get totally tropical with Tonick

The new, tropical strength, two wire decoder from Tonick Watering is designed for use in the Tropics and incorporates the most effective lightning protection currently available. Developed from a proven technique used in another industry, the lightning protection is uniquely afforded to remote solenoids up to 800 metres away; decoder clusters can therefore also be used to replace old satellites.

Designed to last at least 10 years, this ruggedly constructed decoder brings benefits to installations in both tropical and other locations. Earth stakes are not required and this reduces cost and installation time. The five year warranty extends to lightning strike.

A low cost programmer can be used for quick, simple address setting and testing before installation. This address



can be reprogrammed if necessary. The Tropical Strength decoder is available to order from nearly all independent irrigation installers.

For further information tel: 01269 832325

Powerful thatch remover from Sisis

The new SISIS Rotorake 600 is a superb thatch remover for regular routine use when used at a shallow setting, this powerful, heavy-duty machine also has the capability to work deeper when required. With a maximum working depth of 45mm, severe thatch problems, increasingly common with climatic changes and some of the newer species of grasses, can now be controlled with ease. A range of interchangeable reels is available for year-round use, including a heavy duty reel of extra-durable blades for deep scarification.

When used at maximum depth the Rotorake 600 retains the finesse of the SISIS AutoRotorake and leaves a clean cut groove.



It incorporates the SISIS Rotorake contra-rotation principle, whereby the reel rotates at high speed against the direction of travel. The blades therefore cut upwards continuously throwing fibre forwards rather than pushing it into the surface. The machine is also held to the ground to maintain a regular working depth.

It also contributes to aeration. The clean, continuous slits assist water and air absorption through a heavy thatch layer, and integration of top dressings is also improved.

For further information tel: 01625 503030

Allman's latest addition not shrouded in secrecy

Allman has introduced a six metre "Drift-Master" Shrouded Boom. This lightweight boom shroud is available as an add on kit for all hydraulic or electric folding six metre Allman booms, which makes it easy to fit to existing machines cperating in the field.

With the increasing pressures to protect the environment and meet the growing demands to control and maintain high quality turf, Allmans now offer a system which will help to maximise the window of opportunity to enable greenkeepers arid amenity spraying contractors to carry out spraying. Prices for 6 metre boom shroud kits start from £1,180.00 + VAT

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require a

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HEAD GREENKEEPER

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GREENKEEPER

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July '99; Carnoustie, Golf Course Furniture, Spike Research, Toro profile, BIGGA Silent Auction

August '99; Viscount Whitelaw tribute; Open review; Merrist Wood; Saltex preview; Turf; Trees; Grass Cutting; BIGGA Golf Day review; Redexim profile

September '99; Slaley Hall; Tyres; Spotlight on Thatch; Elmwood College Awards; National Championship preview

October '99; The Manor House, Castle Combe; Aeration; Saltex review; Mycorrhizas; Toro Award preview

November '99; Sir Michael Bonallack interview; The Pines GC; Oil; Bunkers; National Championship review

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May 2001; Foot and Mouth Disease Special Report; Maintenance Facility report; Bunker Sand; ATVs; RainBird Profile; Fineturf Genetics; BTME2002 countdown; Electric-powered machines Chairman The Chair

What a fickle bunch



As I mentioned last month I was due to pay a visit to the South West and South Wales Region which has been particularly badly affected by the Foot and Mouth Outbreak. Well I made the trip, which took in a Regional Heath and Safety course held at Bude and North Cornwall Golf Club, and I was delighted to have the chance to say a few words and offer a sympathetic ear in support of those who have been particularly badly hit. I was impressed by the manner in which the greenkeepers I met are facing up to this immensely difficult situation and passed on the thoughts and good wishes of their colleagues in other parts of the country.

I was certainly pleased to have been able to make the trip and it also gave me a chance of seeing the work of Richard Whyman and his team at Bude and North Cornwall Golf Club. It hadn't been affected by the FMD, in fact it had seen quite a lot of play, and despite a hard winter it was in great condition. You could see that Richard and the team had obviously been busy through the winter.

Moving on to other matters, I was delighted to hear of the excellent response to the R&A funded survey which had been circulated by Mike Williamson. It is by your taking part in such projects that we on the Board of Management get a feeling for how well the Association is working and I certainly appreciate the constructive criticisms and observations that I have already seen coming out of the survey. You can be assured that these will be considered and discussed at the next Board of Management meeting.

At this time of year, when we are getting well into the season there is a greater emphasis on presentation and the need for our machines to be working to their best capability is important. With that in mind I have been pleased to see on my visits round the country more and more clubs now have a designated mechanic. To my mind this is the key to the job as it frees up the rest of the guys to get on with their main work. We at Walton Heath are lucky enough to have one of the best mechanics and his work is really invalu-

At the time of writing the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth is just a week away and I expect by now Chris Kennedy and his team will be recovering after another successful week. Last year the weather was appalling and BIGGA's Support team was a great help to Chris in getting the course playable quickly after the torrential rain. This year the South East Region is organising the team, comprising members who have given up valuable time over a Bank Holiday to take part. Their effort is certainly appreciated at one of the highest profile events on the golfing calendar.

Reading last month's magazine the "True Grit" article by Dr Stephen Baker of the STRI caught my eye. It reminded me of a PGA European Tour Conference I attended about 10 years ago in Penina, Portugal, when we spent most of the five days talking about nothing but bunker sand. It is truly a huge subject and I think it can be summed up by the last paragraph in Dr Baker's article.

"...there have been reported cases of sands being accepted as excellent by members at one golf club while the same sand is considered poor on other courses. This many be a result of the fickleness of the golfer, but clearly further work is needed to improve our understanding of the effects of installation methods, sand depth and maintenance."

With my greenkeeper hat on I've often considered collecting together samples of sand and presenting them to the membership so they can make up their own minds on what they want.

Talking about fickleness brings me nicely to the weather. Having endured the wettest winter in our or anybody else's lifetime I've been talking with colleagues in the south east and we reckon it's now too dry and wouldn't mind a little bit of water.

The point was brought home to me as I drove past Epson Downs, which will host the Derby in a few weeks time, and they had their watering system full on giving the track as much water as they could.

I feel that every day you don't have to use the watering system is a bonus and just a touch of the real stuff would be welcome at the moment.

As I said we are a fickle bunch.

Clive Osgood

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