

## Ransomes & Toro sign with Turfnet on-line service

SKILLMAN, N.J. — The Toro Co. and Ransomes America Corp. have signed with TurfNet Online, allowing golf course superintendents with internet capabilities to interact directly with the manufacturers through Factory-Direct Feedback, a new component of the internet service based here. Toro and Ransomes America Corp. initiated the program last month with commitments to establish new levels of communication with end-users of their products.

With Factory-Direct Feedback in place, golf course superintendents participating in the TurfNet program are now able to establish on-going dialogue with their suppliers; provide continuous feedback to the manufacturers regarding product performance; suggest product improvements; and obtain factory service expertise regarding product issues unresolved through traditional channels.

Manufacturers, in turn, may instantly communicate information regarding new product instructions, updates, improvements or service bulletins directly to the end-user.

As the first Windows-based, on-line service exclusively for the golf course industry, TurfNet Online supports private and public messaging between TurfNet members, including six discussion forums on various turf management topics. For more information, contact TurfNet at 800-596-1133, ext. 5343.

## Winner named in Best Green contest

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Seed Research of Oregon, Inc. has announced the winners of its "Best 18 Greens in North America" contest.



The regional winners are:

East — Kevin Pryseski, Cattail Creek Country Club, Glenwood, Md. (Providence); Southeast — Mike Brisbois, The Legends at Chateau Elan, Braselton, Ga. (Dominant); Midwest — Don Tolson, Fox Hollow at Lakewood, Lakewood, Colo. (Dominant); Southwest — Paul Ellwood, Club Terraviva, Scottsdale, Ariz. (SR 1020); West — Jon Clark, North View Golf & Country Club, Cloverdale, B.C., Canada (Providence).

Cattail Creek's Pryseski, CGCS, was named the overall contest winner, for which he will receive a trip to Sydney, Australia for the 1997 International Turf-grass Conference.

The greens were judged on the basis of color, density, uniformity and overall quality. Consideration was given to the number of rounds the greens receive, the climatic conditions of the region, age, mowing height, green construction, green speed, *Poa annua* invasion and the amount of nitrogen used.

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ST. LOUIS — Manage herbicide has received regulatory approval in California and is now approved for use in all major U.S. turf markets. Manage is formulated to selectively control purple and yellow nutsedge in warm- and cool-season turf-grasses. It was introduced in 1995 following approval in other states. In California, Manage had been used only in experimental areas pending registration.

## Deere Team tournament set for Nov. 14-17

NEWPORT COAST, Calif. — Teams from across the United States and Canada will tackle the course at Pelican Hill Golf Club here Nov. 14-17, during the 10th annual John Deere Team Championship Golf Tournament finals.

Competing teams are already winners, having topped their field in one of the 36 qualifying tournaments sponsored locally by their John Deere golf and turf distributor. Finalist teams are composed of the golf course superintendent, golf professional, the club manager and club president (or two other members of the top

management team) of the qualifying course and a representative from the course's local John Deere distributor.

John Deere will again contribute \$20 to The GCSAA Foundation for each team competing in the U.S. local qualifying tournaments and \$20 to the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA) for each team competing in the Canadian local tournaments.

In 1995, John Deere's contribution to the combined associations totaled \$18,000, which puts the tournament's total contributions over the \$100,000 mark.

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