**Toro adds St. Andrews to irrigation list**

**By Trevor Ledger**

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — Toro Co. has landed the contract to be the exclusive irrigation provider for all five championship courses and the nine hole course at St. Andrews Links, Scotland.

The £2.3M contract will see Toro providing the control system and sprinklers with the piping and installation due to go out to tender during May 1998.

St. Andrews Links Manager, Ian Forbes, is excited at the prospect. "I'm looking forward to getting our hands dirty installing these systems. Up to now the irrigation at St. Andrews has been has been bought piecemeal."

According to Forbes, St. Andrews' present system evolved over 30 years and is reaching the end of its useful life. "It's a hybrid system," he said. "St. Andrews realized that its irrigation needed updating in order to maintain its position as one of, if not the, most famous golf courses in the world."

With the Millennium Open scheduled for St. Andrews in the year 2000, the stakes could not be higher.

A committee was formed to investigate the available options and, after extensive research and presentations, the Toro Company was chosen.

Toro's International Director of Marketing, Phil Burkart, identified a primary reason for the prestigious deal. "A key closer was the central control system, SitePro."

Ian Forbes was happy to confirm this. "Like the extra capacity SitePro gives us to store and manage our irrigation system and other types of information. Keeping track of fertilization rates is a good example. In the past this has typically been kept by individuals in their heads."

**Smithco seals 'speed boss' patent**

**By Michael Levans**

WAYNE, Pa. — Smithco Inc. has recently secured full patent protection for its "speed boss" operational speed governor system for its bunker rakes, technology the company introduced last year.

Installed as a standard feature on all the company's gasoline, diesel and electric bunker rakes, the "speed boss" control system for bunker rakes governs the speed of the unit during raking.

When the raking implement is lowered into the sand, the system takes over and automatically limits the operational speed, which is adjustable and pre-set by the superintendent.

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**SR teams with UHS**

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Seed Research of Oregon (SR) recently announced that its has formed an alliance with United Horticultural Supply's Atlantic Division for the distribution of the complete SR product line.

UHS will be covering the western two-thirds of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and all of the New England states. Also included in this alliance are Sweeney Seed Company, King of Prussia, Pa., and Pro-Seed Turf Supply of Chantilly, Va.

This alliance now offers complete sales, service and distribution of the Seed Research grass seed products throughout the entire region. The SR turfgrasses are being used extensively by a wide range of customers, including landscapers, sports turf managers and lawn care companies.