BAYER'S Revolver takes aim at ryegrass and Poa

The product will be labeled for use on bermuda (except for ultradwarfs) and zoysia turfgrasses and can be used on the entire course, including greens. It will not be labeled for use on St. Augustine or paspalum varieties. Bayer is currently conducting studies to determine whether the product can eventually be safely applied on ultradwarf bermudagrasses such as Mini-Verde, MS-Supreme and Champion.

"Revolver removes cool-season grass from warm-season grass," said Don Myers, product development manager for Bayer ES. "It will aid in the transition from overseeding, get rid of the clumpy ryegrass that has gotten into roughs and it is useful for the removal of Poa annua. This will truly be a Southern herbicide."

Proper application timing is critical to the effectiveness of the new herbicide. "Revolver is a very flexible product," said Myers. "But it must be applied in warmer weather for maximum effect."

IQLink gives courses full control over golf cars

IQLink uses GPS to monitor and control golf cars.

If a golfer enters an area that has been designated as sensitive, such as a green or recently sodded or seeded area of the fairway, the system can be configured to alert the golfer both visually and audibly and slow or stop the car. The GPS display mounted in the car warns players to return to designated golf car areas immediately. A similar warning can be sent to the pro shop or to on-course marshals.

Another feature allows the course manager to program specific maximum speeds in certain potentially dangerous areas, such as steep embankments or sharp turns on cart paths. Upon entering such an area, the system automatically sets parameters for where golfers can and cannot take golf cars.

"If you want to observe path-only rules for the day, it's easy to do that up," Rumac said. "They can do it from the computer in the clubhouse or the maintenance facility, or even through the Internet if need be, using the Windows-based wizard."

Briggs & Stratton creates Commercial Power Group

ATLANTA — Taking a marketing end run around traditional original equipment manufacturers (OEM), Briggs & Stratton introduced its new Commercial Power Group to superintendents here at the GCSAA Conference and Show Feb. 13.

According to Doug Page, director of commercial marketing for the Commercial Power Group, the move is intended to both expand its product line and increase the end-user push for its engines in OEM products.

"End users are important because they will not only buy products and use Briggs and Stratton services for their existing engines, but they also tell OEM what engines they think should be in products," he said.

As part of its new strategy the commercial power group rolled out seven products in Atlanta.

• Recognizing the growing importance of electrically driven accessories on utility vehicles, commercial mowers and other power equipment, the group introduced a 20/50 AMP Alternator option for its twin-cylinder Vanguard engines. It produces 20 amps of power at 1200 RPM.

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