CHAMPION MARKETING SERVICES is presenting Warm-Up with Gary Player, a device that cannot damage the club, cannot fly off and can strengthen wrists.

THE TORO COMPANY introduces the Groundsmaster 72 riding rotary mower, first of a new “silent breed” without belts or chains. It can be easily converted into a snowthrower or sweeper. It has a 72-inch cut, modern styling, electric start, rear-wheel steering, eight-hour fuel capacity, low center of gravity, short-turning radius and quick forward-reverse.

IRROMETER COMPANY introduces the model RA Irrometer for automatic control of drip, subsurface or sprinkler irrigation system, which acts as a “dummy root” registering how hard roots are working to extract moisture from the soil. It measures available moisture in the soil directly and continually. Adjustable moisture selector on top of the gauge sets optimum soil moisture. This method of automatically controlling irrigation only permits water when it is needed by the crop and turns off the irrigation system when the crop has had enough.

VANDERMOLEN CORP. adds a 12 hp heavy-duty chipper to its 1973 Diadem Brush Chipper Line, which offers the highest hp available on small brush chippers. The unit features the Diadem single casting rotor, which chops branches of up to three inches in diameter into small chips, ideal for mulch and compact bagging. The chipper is available as a skid or wheeled model with four pneumatic tires and roller bearing wheels.

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT “INSTANT REPLAY” GOLF CAR

General Battery Corp. has come up with a system that they think will revolutionize the present method of maintaining golf cars. Its experimental Instant Replay is a slide-out tray that contains a completely integrated battery power source, golf car charger and controller. The company says that the power system can be changed in less than two minutes. The prototype golf car is especially designed to provide space for the system, but any company that adopts it can locate the battery pack according to the design of their car. The original car for the prototype was provided by Pargo.

This is how the system works: Following a round of play, the car is returned to the maintenance area or pro shop. The energy system may then be recharged, unless the car is needed for immediate rental. In that case, the rear bumper is lowered and the system is rolled out onto a specially-designed conveyor. Another charged energy system is rolled into place, plugs are reinserted, and the golf car is ready.

Incorporated into the system is a low voltage indicator light on the car’s dashboard. If the light goes on, the golfer knows he has about one mile of operation left to reach the pro shop without damaging the batteries or being stranded. It is his choice: He can finish his round or return to the service area.

General Battery is working on a more elaborate quick change system for large golf car fleets. This development will be reported in an upcoming issue of GOLDFOM.

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