

New sprayer

A NEW sprayer was introduced by Allman Patents Ltd. at Motspur Park. It is the Multispray knapsack sprayer.

The 3.8 gallon tank is made from reinforced polypropylene which does not corrode. The simple pump gives 75 p.s.i. pressure provided by the action of two arms situated for protection in deep grooves incorporated in the design of the tank.

A large, fine mesh filler strainer is easy to clean. No tools are required the pump is fixed by a wingnut and the ball valve is removable by hand. There are no springs and oil or grease are not required.

Measuring $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 17'' \times 22\frac{1}{2}''$, the sprayer has a low centre of gravity and is specially shaped for operator comfort. Price will be £32 plus V.A.T., carriage paid.

Turf matting

AQUAFEED weather resistant nylon matting is set in the surface of the soil, loose or sandy ground is stabilized, and in addition protected from erosion.

The matting permits free entry and circulation of oxygen, and this assures the pre-requisite for healthy plant growth and good grass coverage. Turf may even be pre-grown in the matting, for these reasons Earth Anchor Matting is extremely useful in the laving down of sports and playing fields. Amongst other things, the matting's porosity promotes surface drainage and drying, and in addition, serious harm to turf is prevented, scuffing and traffic damage recovering quickly. Complete details may be obtained from Amberol Limited. Railway Wharf, Derby Road, Belper, Derbyshire.

Open day

A SUCCESSFUL Open Day was held at Twyford Seeds Ltd., Adderbury, Banbury, Oxfordshire, recently when nearly 400 guests inspected their extensive amenity grass plant breeding station and trial grounds. Many greenkeepers attended from all parts of the country and considerable interest was shown in the new ryegrass called MANHATTAN which has achieved consistently good results over the last three years at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley. MANHATTAN was also sown round the Twyford trial golf green, where it looked very strong.

MANHATTAN is particularly hard wearing and is said to have a very low cutting requirement. It is rapid in establishment and forms a good ground, cover for golf fairways and tees.

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The golf green which has been down for three years was quartered and sown with four different fine turf mixtures. Twyford's PENNCROSS was particularly outstanding in one quarter, having a close knit sward of fine grasses and a root growth of over 4" in depth.

It was announced by Mr. Jonathan Franks, the Sports Turf Manager, that Twyfords had been awarded the contract for the supply of grass seed and pre-seeding fertilizer for the new 36hole Belfry championship and executive course which is being constructed at Sutton Coldfield, where PENNCROSS is sown on the greens and MANHAT-TAN perennial ryegrass on the tees and fairways.

Golfing talk

EYRE Methuen Ltd. have just published "How to Talk Golf" at ± 1.75 which in the Foreword they describe as the first attempt to include in the form of a glossary both the standard terminology and the jargon of the game. Written by David Langdon the book is liberally illustrated by his excellent cartoons.

Under "Greenkeeper" we find the following explanation: "The bronzed, muscular factotum responsible for the daily state of the entire course. Usually to be seen motoring round the fairways on a tractor apparently aimlessly, in all weathers, or at rest in his hut scanning the "Greenkeepers Wanted" column in "Golf Weekly" to check on current pay scales being offered in the trade. Often a man of infinite charm, with an affable manner and a plus-two handicap. Always a good captive audience for a boring shot-by-shot account of your round of golf when it is difficult to detect the glazed expression in his eyes, narrowed to slits by long exposure to the elements"



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