

IOG SPORTS & LEISURE WORLD TRADE EXHIBITIONS

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ROYAL WINDSOR '88

The Institute of Groundsmanship Sports and Leisure World Trade Exhibition at the Royal Windsor Racecourse, Windsor this month has seen an increase in the demand for stand space rise 25% since last year. In 1988 there are no fewer than 388 exhibitors, including those from 27 overseas Countries. To this you can add a record number of Colleges and Associations which are featured in the extended Educational and Training Section. Despite many rival attractions it is still the biggest show of its kind and the greatest meeting place for the whole industry.

We will be in our usual position, first on the left as you enter the Exhibition, Central Avenue 1-2, however this year the visitor will note a few changes - watch this space!!!

As usual there will be much to see, particularly in the expanded demonstration areas and we have illustrated a few products that will, we have no doubt, be of interest to greenkeepers countrywide.

Toro will unveil two new models the 3 wheel drive Reelmaster 216, a triplex mower complete with hydraulic drive and Kohler air cooled 16hp engine with electric start. Secondly there is to be a diesel version of the Greensmaster 3000, a restyled machine with a 3 cylinder water cooled Mitsubishi engine, this machine now features power steering and the diesel model returns excellent fuel results.

Sisis too are introducing a new Hydromain Tractor, which is capable of utilising front drive implements including a 3 unit hydraulic cylinder cutter. Also new is the Varicore, a PTO driven coring machine with variable depth control and alternative hole pattern.

Iseki, have just about turned their range on its head, as was witnessed by the competitors at the Iseki National Golf Tournament Finals at St. Pierre, last month. There is a new look for all their compact tractors with many new features in the entire range, the easy-step-thru flat bed being common to many models. Add to these the Coremaster and the new models from Turfblazer and there really is something new for everyone.

Jacobsen too are continuing to make their mark in the UK, this year they not only have introduced the LF-100 fairway mower, the diesel Tri-King 1671D, but in an entirely new departure they will now distribute E-Z-Go golf carts and utility vehicles in the UK.

Huxleys will be showing their 358 triple greensmower to the general public for the first time (see Notebook - July '88), they will also be unveiling the latest additions to the Cushman turf care system, Royer soil processing and screening equipment and their own hydraulic reel mowers for compact tractors.

John Deere, who came into the market with their grounds care system as recently as 1986, have introduced additional items to their UK range this year (see Notebook - June '88), details will also be announced at the IOG of a new professional turf mower which is currently being evaluated in the UK.

Ransomes always come up with something new for the IOG, and this year is no exception, they are introducing the TURFTRAK system, which incorporates 2 and 4 wheel drive power units, with a wide range of front mounted attachments. The TURFTRAK system which is marketed outside the USA under the Ransomes banner, has been developed in the USA by members of the Steiner family, whose business Ransomes bought earlier this year, and is now known as Steiner Turf Equipment Inc.

Turfland Professional Equipment, who are sole distributors in the UK for the Brouwer range of turf-care machinery in the, will be demonstrating the full range of machines including the Brouwer-Vac, the largest capacity vacuum machine available, as well as their turf harvester which is the world wide market leader in mechanical turf harvesting.

There are many new developments and products to be seen from all sides of the industry, chemicals, fertilisers, irrigation, sprayers, golf course accessories etc. A review of all that's new at the IOG will appear in the next month's issue.

