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As A Result Of Legislation...



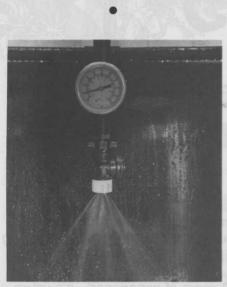
The Supaturf safety pack.

Supaturf has introduced a safety pack for spray operators.

It comprises protective gloves, goggles and masks, all conforming to British Safety Standards, and retails at £21.50.

First-time purchasers will also be able to obtain a free pair of hearing protectors.

For further information, contact Supaturf Products, Oxney Road, Peterborough PE1 5YZ. Tel: 0733 68384.



A worn nozzle, resulting in incorrect spray application.

A study carried out by May & Baker highlights the significance of nozzle matching on spray pattern uniformity.

To improve the performance of spray application, May & Baker, in conjunction with Lurmark, is offering a range of nozzles specially designed to suit the needs of chemical users.

This colour-coded, range covers May & Baker's herbicides, fungicides, insecticides and growth regulators, enabling the spray operator to choose easily the right nozzle to suit each chemical.

Tests have shown that these nozzles, made of Kematal, are stable and durable.

As nozzles wear, so the flow rate increases. In the case of Kematal nozzles, an increase of only five per cent extra spray in the flow rate was detected after 60 hours continual use, whereas stainless steel nozzles led to 16.1 per cent extra spray and brass gave a 30.4 per cent increase.

> A Lurmark nozzle with spray pattern uniformity.



Jola Good Show!

AF Trenchers has launched a new Jola fertiliser spreader, following the company's appointment to market the Jola range in the UK.

The new type 110 has been designed for accuracy of spread control and can be adjusted to provide spread widths from 12 to 24 metres.

The spreader features double stainless steel rotors, enabling it to handle fertilisers of any chemical constitution. A new veebelt drive system provides efficient and quiet operation. Its spread control is obtained by adjustments to the discharge hole, rather than by varying the rotation speed, and the efficient spread pattern eliminates the danger of pollution to water courses and adjacent areas, resulting from stray fertiliser application.

The type 110 is a robust machine and the standard fit includes lid, screen and a flexible cable for spread control from the cab. It is also equipped with brackets for raising the spreader when using in standing crops.

Two sizes of machine are offered - 950 litres or 1,350 litres and filling can be achieved by front loader, tip wagon or bulk bags.

Full technical specifications for the type 110, as well as the single rotor types 50 and 60, are available from AF Trenchers, Gosbecks Road, Colchester, Essex CO2 9JS. Tel: 0206 44411.



The new Jola type 110 double spreader.

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A Newcomer With A Difference

Rufford Top Dress Supplies have acquired a sand quarry. Based at Rufford, near Southport, Lancashire, the deposit of silica sand has been described as one of Britain's finest top dress making sands.

The sand is under 25 acres of thick forest and the soil covering the sand is an accumulation of many years of forest litter, which is now a decomposed leafmould, making it ideal for mixing with the sand to produce a high quality top dressing for use on all kinds of sports turf surfaces.

The company have vast reserves of both sand and soil in the quarry and there is also a huge deposit of valuable peat, which has, as yet, not been touched. A mixture of bark and sedge because it, too, lies under a forest, the peat is considered to be ideal for planting.

The quarry has only recently been taken over by the Rowcroft-Hambro (Group), based at Manchester, and the new owners are now determined to break into the UK top dress market.

As they own, extract and process the product, they guarantee total consistency of quality. And, as they control all of the operation in the quarry, they also guarantee to deliver to practically every corner of Great Britain within 48 hours and, indeed, within 24 hours to many areas.

The comany have invested heavily to bring the quality of processing up to a high standard. As both the sand and the soil deposits are lying under a forest, removing brambles and twigs has proved difficult, but now, at last, this has been totally overcome. The end product is a very fine and easy to apply top dress at competitive prices.



The Rufford site has proved rich in resources.

The company had supplied over 60 golf clubs in various parts of the country by the last weeks of 1986 with either sand, soil or top dress and are now actively seeking to appoint agents throughout the country to promote this single product. As it is a single product with a single price, the company believe it would be easy for manufacturers and suppliers of machinery, as well as, of course, companies already involved in the marketing of top dress, to act as agents.

The company plan to install a bagging plant and currently deliver loads from five tonnes up to 25 tonnes in bulk to most parts of the country, but especially to the North-West, North-East, Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Cumbria.

RUFFORD TOP DRESS SUPPLIES



Require immediately agents for all parts of the UK to help in the launching and establishment of their superb product.

The company has recently acquired ownership of a sand quarry located at Rufford, near Southport, Lancashire. This quarry has vast deposits of a very fine silica sand which has been described by acknowledged experts as one pf Britain's finest top dressing sands.

As the quarry has been under a forest for over one hundred years the sand is covered by a layer of soil which is in effect an accumulation of forest litter, now a rich decomposed leafmould. When the fine sand and this soil are processed together they produce a top dress of the very highest quality.

The company is now very well situated and totally determined to make a major impact on this market and this is a unique opportunity for suitably qualified agents to join us, in what would be a long term financially rewarding joint venture.

All enquiries to: The Managing Director, Rowcroft-Hambro (Group) Ltd., Hambro House, Bradfield Road, Urmston, Manchester. M31 1PA Telephone: 061 747 4333

SANDFORD SPRINGS GOLF CLUB nr. Newbury require an enthusiastic

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(commencing April 1987)

The course is at present under construction (the remaining 9 holes to be completed this year) and the post will therefore provide an exciting opportunity of working on the course from its earliest stages of development through to opening in 1988/89.

Must be of proven ability. Career details to be enclosed with reply.

Salary negotiable, accommodation provided.

Reply to:

Hawtree & Son, Golf Course Architects, 5 Oxford Street, Woodstock, Oxford. OX7 1TQ

People, Places, Products

The National Turfgrass Council recently returned Howard Swan to a second term as chairman and, with the retirement of Neil Gilmour, John Holborn of the National Playing Fields Association was chosen as vice-chairman. John Shildrick was reconfirmed as secretary.

"I was particularly pleased with our workshop programme last year," Howard said, "which was excellently supported and anticipate that the fourth NTC conference and seminar (scheduled for October and which will take water management as its theme) will be a major event.

"We are planning a permanent secretariat for 1988 and shall be looking to our supporters in the industry to assist in setting this up."

The council also noted the appointment of council member Jon Bauer (ILAM) on the NPTC committee concerned with training under the new pesticides legislation and an updated bulletin of turfgrass research for publication in December.

The 1986 bulletin analysed areas of research presently being undertaken in the UK. The new version will revise this analysis to mid-1987 and also point towards areas of future research.

Peter Roberts, general manager at Toro Irrigation, became chairman of the British Turf Irrigation Association at its recent AGM. Robin Hume of Turf Irrigation Services was elected vicechairman.

Roberts' immediate task will be to lead his committee of Bill Hawthorn (Watermation), John Penny (Cameron Irrigation) and Howard Swan (Golf Landscapes) to draw up proposals for minimum standards of irrigation on all kinds of turf and landscape.

The BTIA has already published minimum standards for golf course irrigation in its free booklet Your Guide To The British Turf Irrigation Association and plans to extend this to cover bowling greens, tennis courts, running tracks, soccer and rugby pitches and, perhaps most importantly, general landscape irrigation.



Christopher Sturdy.

Christopher Sturdy, 31, Rolawn's unit manager at Shackleford, near Godalming, Surrey, has been appointed southern area manager. He will be responsible for coordinating the company's two southern units.

David Levy is the new assistant manager with Corin Bowyer, sales administrator. Charles Frankau remains unit manager at Woodbury Hall, near Sandy, Beds.

The company, which has over a thousand acres of turf under cultivation in Britain, also operates from Elvington, Yorkshire and East Lothian.

Johnsons Seeds has issued the 1987 J Range brochure listing the seven standard turfgrass mixtures and three master blends recommended for sports and amenity areas.

The new brochure has been redesigned to simplify mixture selection. Proportions of individual components in each mixture are set out, together with recommended sowing rates and mowing heights in both metric and imperial measures. Recommended uses of each mixture are specified and grouped under four main headings.

Mixture descriptions have been revised, so that users can choose the best mix for their needs quickly and with confidence. Further guidance is available on the back cover where an A-Z list advises on mixture selection.

Copies of the J Range brochure are available free from Johnsons Seeds, London Road, Boston, Lincs PE21 8AD. W. H. (Bill) Heath resigned from Supaturf recently to work as an agent, supplying grass seeds, fertilisers and topdressings through William Riley & Sons, Halmerend, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. He can be contacted on 0782 627780.

The IOG's programme of practical weekend training courses opened in January at Birmingham where sportsground construction was the topic.

Other subjects, venues and dates: are machinery and equipment, at Exeter from February 28-March 1, cricket square maintenance, Twickenham, March 14-15 and Exeter, March 28-29, bowling greens, Chippenham, April 4-5 and winter games pitches, Stockton on Tees, April 11-12.

The fee for each course is £40, inclusive of VAT, refreshments and lunch. The fee for IOG members is £20.

Further details from the Education Secretary, IOG, 19-23 Church Street, The Agora, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK12 5LG. Tel: 0908 312511.

Scottish Agricultural Industries is offering four new composts. Potting Plus has a resin-coated fertiliser enabling plants to be fed for up to nine months.

Container Plus is an advanced formula compost based on a blend of quality sphagnum peats and bark. It contains enmag, the safe source of slow-release nutrients, a resin-coated fertiliser for longer term feeding and grit for greater plant stability. SAI's Container Plus feeds plants for up to 15 months.

Modular SP is a new formula economy compost for use in the production of modular seedlings.

Ericaceous SG is an advanced formula compost with added sand and grit that is suitable for all lime-hating species.

All SAI composts are based on sphagnum peat with the addition of a balanced supply of nutrients including enmag. The four new composts are available in bulk and Modular SP is also sold in 100L bags.

Full details from SAI, 25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh EH4 3ET. Tel: 031-332 2481. **Jack Has Europe In His Sights**

Camcorp International and International Resort Holdings have been appointed to represent Jack Nicklaus Golf Services in Europe.

Nicklaus' reputation as a golf course designer is rapidly approaching his record exploits on the course. He has designed 76 courses around the world, 42 of which are now open for play. His designs span eleven countries.

Jack Nicklaus Golf Services provides a complete service to golf clubs and real estate developers, from initial planning through design to organisation of the club structure and maintenance of the course.

Camcorp International, a sports marketing company specialising in European golf, is owned by Roddy Carr, the ex-Walker Cup player. The company currently promotes the Spanish Open and the Portuguese Open.

International Resort Holdings specialises in golf-based developments. It is owned by Graham Fisher and Alistair Smith and was responsible for the first Jack Nicklaus course in the UK – at St Mellion, it recently opened for play.

Jack said: "I have known Roddy and his family for many years and Graham has worked with us over the past five years on the St Mellion project."

"We have been approached by several developers and are currently looking at proposals in France, Germany, Spain, Italy and Portugal. We hope to have five Jack Nicklaus signature golf courses under construction by the end of 1988," Roddy said.

Roddy Carr can be contacted on 01-438 0890, Graham Fisher on 04427 4656 and Alistair Smith on 031-225 3488. People, Places, Products – Continued...

Too many courses have tatty tee markers. One company – Tacit-T-Markers of Unit 3, 3 Millers Lane, Monks Kirby, Rugby CV23 0RJ (Tel: 0788 832166) – has noticed this and is producing a tee marker that is both tidy and light.

A height of 16in helps define teeing ground clearly and the markers come in a variety of colours – white for men's medal, yellow for men's and red for the LGU.

A set of 36 markers costs $\pounds251.64$ ($\pounds6.99$ each) and a club or company emblem embossing service is available at $\pounds39$ for the set. Postage and packing ($\pounds8.36$) takes the total price to $\pounds299$.

Brian D. Pierson is now located at Homestead Farm, Ringwood Road, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 6QY. Tel: 0202 822372/824906.

After the success of its fully automatic irrigation system at last year's National Garden Festival, Stoke, Turf Irrigation Services of Sandbach, Cheshire has already commenced work on a similar installation for the 1990 National Garden Festival at Gateshead.

The TIS system at Stoke comprised five main areas each with its own water supply and pumping system. Controlled by a twowire multi-zone electronic control system utilising 250 solenoid valves, water was delivered through 1,500 Toro sprinklers, ranging from small Toro AG2 heads, 570 Shrub-heads and Toro 640 and Super 600 series pop-ups to specialised low flow sprinklers and drip for small areas.

Toro 570 Stream Rotor sprinklers at Etruria Hall, formerly the Wedgwood family home and now the National Garden Centre headquarters.



Applicants are invited for the post of

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Applicants with a proven ability and suitable qualifications should send current C.V. to:

The General Manager Staverton Park Golf Club Staverton, Daventry, Northants.

MOORS VALLEY GOLF COURSE

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A qualified Greenkeeper experienced in all aspects of golf course maintenance is required for the challenging task of maintaining this newly constructed 9 hole course. The golf course, which is part of the Council's Country Park Development, will open in the spring of 1988 and there is a possible extension to 18 holes.

Applicants should apply in writing with C. V. to: Personnel Officer, Wimborne District Council, Council Offices, Furzehill, Wimborne, Dorset.

Closing Date: 27th February 1987.