



■ If you feel like splashing out, Kawasaki are offering zero per cent financing on selected ATVs (including the exciting 4WD 300 C model) over a 12 month period. Telephone: 0908 664615.

■ The STRI have published their annual 'Turfgrass Seed 1992', useful to all purchasers of amenity grass seed. The booklet provides independent guidance on the suitability of different grasses and grass cultivars for use on all amenity turf situations. All the names listed on their merit list should be available for sale in 1992. Price £1.40 including post from STRI, Bingley, W Yorks BD16 1AU.

■ A delighted Andy Hardie told me at IOG that Gem Professional are the first manufacturers of fertilisers and turf dressings to be awarded the BS 5750 certificate for quality assurance. "We can now proudly say we are first for quality", he chuckled. Telephone: 0254 393321 for the full story.

■ Maxicrop Int. have added a new, quick acting 'green-up' product to their range of seaweed extracts. Containing 6% iron, Maxicrop No 6 Seagreen will give a much more intense greening of sports turf than ever before. Details from Sonia Pyne, telephone: 0536 204254.

■ With interest in advancing putting speed and pace by rolling turf taking the greenkeeping world once again by storm, SISIS have introduced an innovative new machine, the Auto-Trugreen. The ride-on unit has split rollers - one on each side - both driven by a hydraulic motor axle from a 5hp vertical-shaft petrol engine. Further details, telephone: 0625 503030.

■ Complete Weed Control have announced the opening of their 21st regional office, to be known as London North Central. The new office (081-508 5600) is responsible for an area bounded by the Old Kent Road to the south, A5 to the west, the M25 to the north and stretching almost to the M11 to the East. The region will be operated by George

Carfoot. In addition, we are told by Monsanto that CWC will distribute Roundup "A", an amenity labelled glyphosate product, under agreement with the manufacturers. Details, telephone: 0608 644044.

■ As a result of demands made at last year's IOG, Fisons have launched two wholly organic fine turf fertilisers: Greenmaster Organic 1 and Greenmaster Organic 2. These two seasonal fertilisers perform to the demands set by good inorganic equivalents, yet are formulated using 100% organic ingredients. They are resistant to scorch, offer a balanced, long lasting feed and spread easily with mechanical spreader. Brochure available, telephone: 0473 830492.

■ Rolawn Turf Growers announced at IOG that their turf is now available cut in 25-30 square yard rolls, at no extra cost. They say it's possible to lay these big rolls with very simple equipment, which they intend to supply to customers if required. Telephone: 0904 608661.



■ In 1971 Sandyhills GC in Glasgow was the first to buy a Toro Greensmaster. That machine, pictured, having given 20 years of sterling service, was traded-in recently for a new Toro Greensmaster 3000D. Interestingly, the trade-in value

was almost exactly the same as the original purchase price back in '71!

■ Greenfix Ltd have extended the distribution rights of the well known seed company, Inter Seeds Ltd, to market its range of biodegradable erosion control and plant establishment systems. This new agreement allows Inter Seeds to promote the full range, including pre-seeded and non-seeded erosion control products, mulching mats and spats, as well as new products for late '91 and '92. Telephone: 0242 573202.

■ Ransomes have announced that their 1991/92 Multi-mower will be powered by the Kubota GH250 OHV petrol engine. The addition of this unit means, with only one exception, that the company now fit Kubota petrol and diesel engines to all their products. Details from Kubota Engine Division, telephone: 084 421 4500, or Ransomes, telephone: 0473 270000.



■ Nomix-Chipman has launched a new broad-spectrum total weed control herbicide. Marketed as "Dash", glufosinate-ammonium will control annual and perennial grasses and broad-leaved species. It will also kill troublesome weeds such as bracken and field horse-tail. "Dash" is the first new active ingredient aimed at the amenity sector since the FEPA legislation was introduced six years ago, and is expected to make major in-roads into the total weed control market. Telephone: 0272 574574.

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