

**Zeneca Professional Products** promoted two new fertilisers. Cleanrun is an addition to the Longlife Standard range. It's a 'feed and weed' mini granular conventional fertiliser with an NPK analysis of 9:7:7. It also contains two selective herbicides, 2,4-D and mecoprop to give control of most fairway turf weeds. Recommended price is £8.64 per bag. The other new fertiliser is Renovator, a triple action product offering turf managers the opportunity to feed, weed and control their moss problems in one operation. Longlife Renovator is a mini granular fertiliser with an NPK analysis of 8:1:1 containing 2,4-D, dicamba and ferrous sulphate. Recommended price is £15.88 per bag.

**Lindum Seeded Turf** announced an agreement with StrathAyr, an Australian based company. The new agreement sees them importing and installing the patented StrathAyr BAyr Root Processing system which involves removing all soil from harvested mature turf so that a vegetative mat free of soil is achieved. Recently returned from Australia, Lindum chief executive Stephen Fell said: "I have been very impressed with how the concept of washed turf has been accepted and successfully put into practice." Fell is convinced that BAyr Root Washed Turf is right for sand green construction. "Too often I see that conventional turf results in poor rooting which means slow establishment as well as the turf soil/sand interface causing drainage impediment and the development of a lateral shear plane. It is vital that all soil is washed off the turf to avoid any sand rootzone contam-



Lord Whitelaw admires the Beaver FM 514 fairway mower. Features include newly designed 26in fully floating cutterheads which are available with 7 or 11 blade cutting reels offering a clip rate of 131 or 206 per metre. Power is provided by a 29hp Lombardini diesel engine.

ination and the BAyr Root Washed Turf System that we have installed is the only system that I have discovered that will achieve this."

**Supaturf** launched five new products: Primer 604 matrix flow soil surfactant, Infiltrix soil penetrant, Supaturf SS/G spring and summer granular fertiliser, Greenit turf colour restorer and Supa Mark aerosol line marking equipment.

**Groundsman Industries** launched a new tractor/utility mounted

aerator, the 8120. This model can be mounted on the normal three-point linkage of any mid-range compact tractor capable of 15hp at the PTO or on any specialist turf vehicle such as a Cushman. Groundsman claims the new unit is both durable and robust and offers quick-change tine holders which will take hollow, solid, slitting and micro-hollow tines. Features include linkage mounting (either standard three-point or using a spring ballast frame for turf vehicles), adjustable rollers and storage wheels.

**Rolawn** is now supplying turf in 'budget roll format'. The new rolls are approximately 15 sq yds each. Their dimensions are 21ins wide by 25 yards long and they weigh about 5cwt. All are provided with netting as standard and have a circular core running through their centre which takes a standard forklift tine. Rolawn also has a new laying machine which is 48ins wide, 35in high and weighs 60 kilos. It costs £395 plus VAT or can be hired for £15 a day.

**Jacobsen** showed the new LF 128, a lightweight five unit ride-on fairway mower. Powered by a 28hp Kubota diesel engine, the LF 128 is fitted with hydraulically driven 22in wide cutting units offering a total cutting width of 100ins. It is available in 4WD

form and comes with large hydraulic pump, large diameter hoses and large displacement cylinder motors. For improved ground clearance, the cylinder motors are mounted on the outside and a new cylinder mounting frame and a new hydraulic hose configuration are used. For those wanting an inexpensive 2WD fairway mower, the LF 123 with CARB approved 23hp engine is available. For bunker maintenance, Jacobsen is importing the Sandstar 2 Bunker Rake which is powered by a Vanguard 16hp 2 cylinder engine. The 1.8m (72in) Sandtrap Rake which can be hydraulically risen and lowered from the operator position comes as standard. Available as an option is the hydraulically lifted and lowered sand cultivator which spans 1.5m and a front mounted aluminium sand plough. For easy access, maintenance and repairs there is a swing-away fibreglass body.

**Tildenet** has added two types of bay dividers to its range: made-to-measure padded bay dividers made from foam-filled PVC which can be printed with logos and advertising, and net bay dividers made from golf practice replacement netting. The Bristol-based company also launched an anti-ball plugging net that's designed to reduce the number of lost balls on waterlogged driving ranges



Lilleybrook GC's Paul Jenkins, centre, had more reason than most to celebrate the launch of Supaturf's Primer 604. The Gloucestershire course manager won a trip to this month's GCSAA show in San Francisco in a competition to promote the new product. Pictured congratulating him are Supaturf chairman David Palmer, Aquatrols' international marketing manager Demie Moore (no, not that Demie Moore), and BIGGA chairman Barry Heaney, who made the draw.



## MORE NEW PRODUCTS NEXT MONTH

and DIY kits for perimeter netting and golf practice nets.

**Headland Amenity** launched a range of liquid slow-release nitrogen fertilisers. Based on triazone, the products are designed to promote uniform turf growth and improve grass quality throughout the season while also reducing summer scorch risks and leaching. One of the major benefits, according to Headland, is that fewer applications – taking less time – are needed to dress the turf, compared with conventional products. Because the nitrogen is released more slowly, only half the number of applications are needed throughout the year to better the performance of traditional urea-based liquid fertilisers. The range includes: N-Sure (28N:OP:OK) containing 72% of its nitrogen in slow release form; Trisert KS (15N:OP:12K:8S) with sulphur and potassium as well as 60% slow-release nitrogen, intended for hardening-up turf and helping to prevent disease by discouraging annual meadow grass and acidifying the soil; Trisert (13N:3P:4K) with phosphorous and potassium plus 72% slow-release nitrogen to provide a balanced feed with an 8-12 week release pattern.

**Claymore Grass Machinery** showed the Sabo Roberine Continent 400-3D, which is designed for cutting tees and bunker surrounds. Features of this 1.8 metre triple are the rear-mounted 14.5hp diesel engine, the hydraulic driven transmission and mowing units, the three-wheel configuration and power steering and standard weight transfer system, plus optional 3-wheel drive and differential lock. Mowing speeds can be varied to suit conditions and there is the choice of either 7- or 10-bladed cutting cylinders. Cutting heights are from 8mm to 55mm and grassboxes are available as extras. Claymore also showed the Continent 800-D, a 1.5m wide out-front rotary with a top operating speed of 20km/h. If extra traction is needed the 800-D has a weight transfer system as standard and the option of four-wheel drive and differential lock. A balanced wheel base at front

and rear gives stability on slopes.

**Euromec** displayed its new range of front deck mowers and collection machines. The mowers, unlike many competitive machines, have been designed from the outset to collect grass cuttings. Large hoppers and the provision of a powered high lift dump are two of the common features. The top of the range compact Turbogross model has a zero steering radius, enabling operators to cut grass in the most inaccessible places. Also available is a wide range of extras: chopper incorporating collection system, front brushes, flail mower, scarifier, side discharge deck and snow blower. Euromec also displayed the new multi-purpose walk behind TurboVac which collects all types of debris from any grass or hard surface area.



The new Ransomes Fairway 250 – a lightweight five unit mower

**Ransomes** launched a lightweight five unit fairway mower. The Fairway 250 comes in two- and four-wheel drive versions, both equipped with water-cooled diesel engines, hydrostatic transmissions and interchangeable cutting units. The highly manoeuvrable two-wheel drive machine has a 23hp engine and 5in (127mm) diameter cutting reels with a choice of nine or 11 blades. For more demanding mowing applications and where extra grip is required, the 33hp model is equipped with selectable two and four-wheel drive and has the option of seven or 11 bladed 6.5in (165mm) diameter cutting reels.

**Green Link Products** launched Liquid Green, a new turf colourant that allows greenkeepers to respond instantly to turf damaged through cultural, climatic or chemical means. Applied as a conventional spray, Liquid Green provides the turf with a natural looking green colour for up to 14 weeks while the grass

recovers. The cost is less than 0.5p per sq metre. In addition to its application as a spray pattern indicator, Blazon can now be used to colour lakes, ponds and water hazards, imparting a natural, healthy appearance to water that is off-colour, dirty or just in need of extra sparkle. Blazon and Liquid Green are distributed in the UK by Farmura Limited.

**Johnsons Seeds** unveiled three new amenity grass varieties: the perennial ryegrasses Merci and Danilo, and the strong creeping red fescue Diego. Merci is described as an exceptionally fine-leaved, compact, dense turf type – combining very good wear tolerance with the characteristics which produce high quality ornamental turf. Merci is included in the Taskmaster mixture for golf tees and lawns. Danilo is a dual purpose turf cultivar for both heavy duty sports wear and for less intensively used turf such as lawns and landscaped areas. It has good shoot density and fine clean easily-cut leaves. It too is included in Taskmaster, as well as Johnsons 1995 J5 Mixture for fairways. Diego is the highest ranked cultivar on the 1995 STRI Merit List – with the top rating for short growth, mowing tolerance, shoot density and freedom from dollar spot.

**Etesia's** range of professional ride-on and pedestrian rotary mowers made its debut. For cutting slopes around tees and bunkers Etesia offer the PSE, a lightweight yet rugged four-wheeled rotary mower. Powered by the latest 3.8hp 2-stroke Suzuki engine this 46cm (18in) machine is compact and easy to transport between sites. For situations where a wider machine is required, there is the self-propelled RKEB with 4-stroke 9hp Kawasaki engine and the RTEB fitted with a 7hp Bombardier Rotax 2-stroke. Both machines have electro-magnetic blade clutches plus a safety feature that stops the cutters rotating within three seconds once the controls are released. The blade is driven through a floating coupling designed to protect the engine crankshaft from excessive impacts.



■ Fiona Whitelaw, an account manager at Fairway Finance, achieves a lifetime ambition by meeting Lord Whitelaw, who she claims is a distant relative.

■ Turnberry course manager George Brown was presented with the keys to a new 45hp L4200 from the Grandel series, the 25,000th tractor sold in the UK since Kubota set up here 15 years ago. Handing over the keys to this unit, which has been specially show-finished in silver and Kubota orange, was Brian Hurlley, vice president-director Kubota (UK). Mr Hurlley said: "The sale of the 25,000th unit is a very important milestone in the history of Kubota in the UK. I am delighted that this state-of-the-art tractor is going to such a prestigious and loyal customer as Turnberry."



■ Ray Burniston and Pat Bates, attending BTME for the first time as exhibitors with the Association of Golf Club Secretaries.

■ Lost during the show were two black cases belonging to the BAGCC, but found in the Old Swan Hotel was a wallet. If you have any information, please call BIGGA HQ on 01347 838581.