

Eye-opener

Stuart Green, the very first winner of the Gleneagles Excellence in Golf Award, used part of his £1,650 bursary prize to visit the GCSAA Conference.

Sponsored by Ransomes and Scottish Grass Machinery, the scheme enabled six students to spend 12 months on The Gleneagles Hotel's three championship courses to study and carry out all aspects of golf course design, management and maintenance as part of their three year HND golf management course.

Students went through a rigorous selection process and faced written and practical projects at the end of the year.

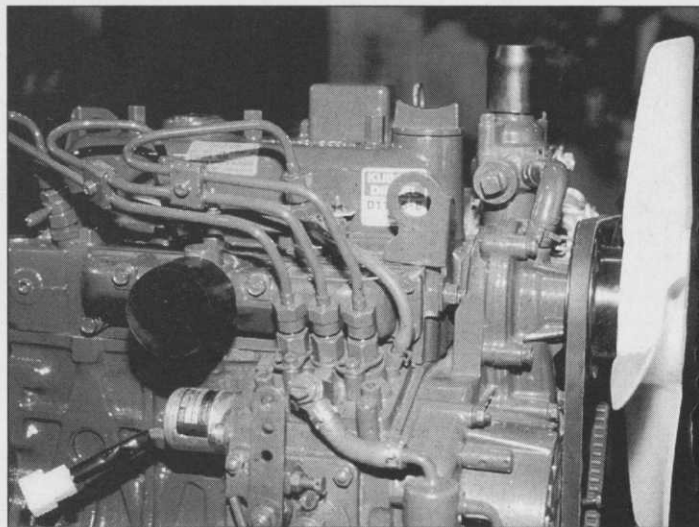
The 1995/96 Gleneagles Excellence in Golf Award scheme now in progress has been extended to include HND students from nine UK colleges as well as one from Australia. Jimmy Kidd, Director of Turf Grass Management with Gleneagles Golf Developments, announced that Gleneagles will be looking for students to apply also from North America for the next award year, commencing in August.

'Many new products and techniques tend to appear first on the other side of the Atlantic'

greatly superior lubricating properties over other vegetable oils, including rapeseed.

Any spills will cause only minimal turf damage and do not harm the roots. As a bonus, it can be mixed with mineral oil without problem in specified machines. Ransomes expects to include Turf Protector as standard on more grass-cutting equipment over the coming months. The principal machine requirements are additional oil cooling and an oil reservoir shaped to prevent possible foaming.

Any method of improving the accuracy of fertiliser, fungicide and pesticide applications must help in reducing potential environmental damage. The Land Pride Material Injection System (MIS) uses water to incorporate dry or liquid materials into the soil, getting down to "the root of the problem" without any surface disruption. As a bonus, the high pressure jets can help alleviate localised dry spots and soil compaction.



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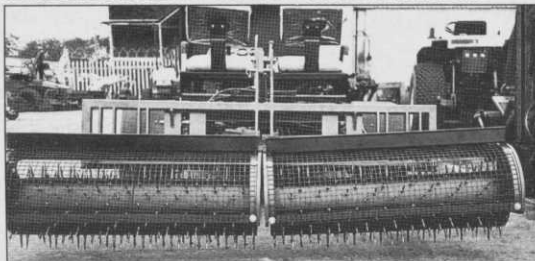
The unit has seven nozzles set 3in apart and can be programmed to inject at spacings from 1.5in up to 6in, adjustable in 1.5in increments.

Maximum injection depth is 8in. To eliminate jet wear, all injected materials are pulled into

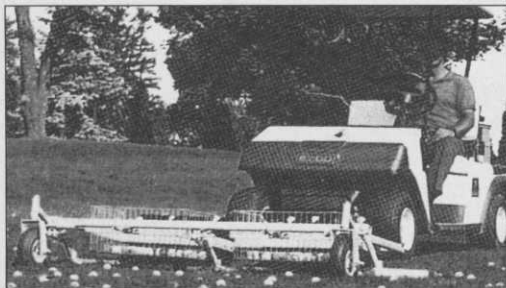
the ground by the vacuum created by the rapid movement of the water and do not pass through the nozzle.

At the show, Landpride announced the appointment of Staffs-based Turfmech Machinery as its UK distributor.

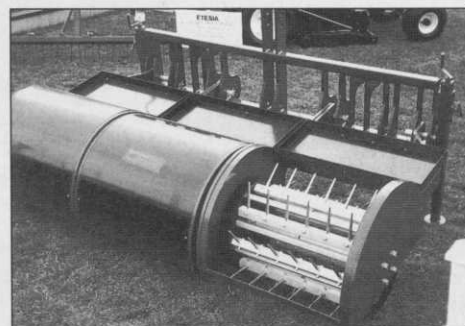
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