

# Horticulture Industries

**H**orticulture Industries Show at the National Agricultural Centre, at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, on June 5 and 6, includes many exhibitors from the amenity turf industry and gives greenkeepers an opportunity to catch up with the latest developments.

The Show will be opened by Margaret Beckett MP, the Shadow Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. Joining Mrs Beckett will be the President of the Chinese National Parks Association who will be leading a delegation of eight managers on a 15 day fact finding mission to Britain.

Among the seminars being held in conjunction with the show is a Golf Course Managers Seminar in association with Charterhouse Turf Machinery on Wednesday June 5 and another on Sports Ground Maintenance by Martyn Jones, Senior Lecturer in Turf Grass Science at Myerscough College, also in association with Charterhouse.



#### Risboro' Turf

Increasing numbers of greenkeepers are recognising the benefits of the Sorrell roller during dry summers when root zones need an ample supply of water. A Sorrell roller opens the soil crusts to allow water percolation and aids the ingress of any fertilisers, top

dressings and seed.

Risboro' Turf has three Sorrell rollers, a 1.9m wide tractor or turf-track mounted unit or 61cm and 76cm pedestrian models.

RTS's golf course range also includes; two multi-tine aerators, the tractor mounted 1.5m Hercules and the 51cm Big Willy

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#### Vitax

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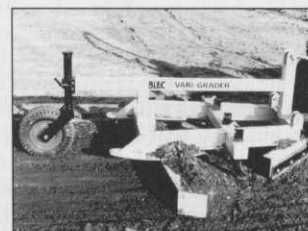
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Seeding Machines – Cultipack, Dimpler, Brillion, Turfmaker and Aqua Seeders.

Overseeders – Seedmaster, Rotary Turfmaker, Uniseeder and Star Seeder and one new overseeder model.

Misc – Landscape rakes, Gandy spreaders, Top Dressers, Post Hole Digger and Turf Cutter will be shown.

As always BLEC anticipates another busy show this year and looks forward to seeing both established and new customers on its stand and demonstration area.

## Inturf

A long winter combined with full match programmes has created wear problems at many football grounds this year. The only proven solution to keeping areas such as goal mouths in playable and grass covered condition is using Inturf's Lay 'n' Play Turf Tile System. Turf Tiles are available on a supply basis or supply and lay, using Inturf's own qualified ground staff who have undertaken turf renovation work at over 20 Premier and First Division football grounds in the last year.

For the first time Inturf will have a small demonstration goal mouth area set up at the outdoor exhibition area along with their usual indoor display of Big Roll and conventional turf.

## Rolawn

Rolawn will be demonstrating its lightweight Turfmaster Laying Machine for the first time at Horticultural Industries.

The machine has a UK patent and is available exclusively from Rolawn at £395 plus VAT.

This simple machine is used to lay Rolawn's 13 square metre budget rolls of turf which are unique to the company.

The Turfmaster doesn't have an engine and weighs 60 kilos. It breaks down into five components (including the low ground pressure tyres) in two minutes. When built up the Turfmaster can easily be transported on any standard pick-up truck. When disassembled it can be transported in a hatch back car.

The 13 square metre budget roll can be laid in less than a minute, enabling landscapers to achieve cost savings in laying and production previously unavailable.

## Eric Hunter

Eric Hunter and Co (Tools) will be showing a very large range of professional landscaping and horticultural hand tools by leading manufacturers. Hunters Tools has gained considerable recognition for value, service and attractive prices.

Appointed principal supplier to Glendale Industries in 1995, Hunters has also had the confidence of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for over 15 years.

Many large DSOs and significant contractors have found Hunters a good firm to deal with.

Eric Hunter Grinders Ltd (an associated company) will be showing its world beating JUNO mower reel and bedknife grinder. Already installed into a large number of premier golf course workshops, this machine combines accurate "Relief Angle" grinding of reels and also bedknives on one machine. It is water cooled for health and dust suppression and all machines are fully installed with full training provided.

Landscape tool users and greenkeepers are recommended to visit this most interesting stand at Stoneleigh 1996.

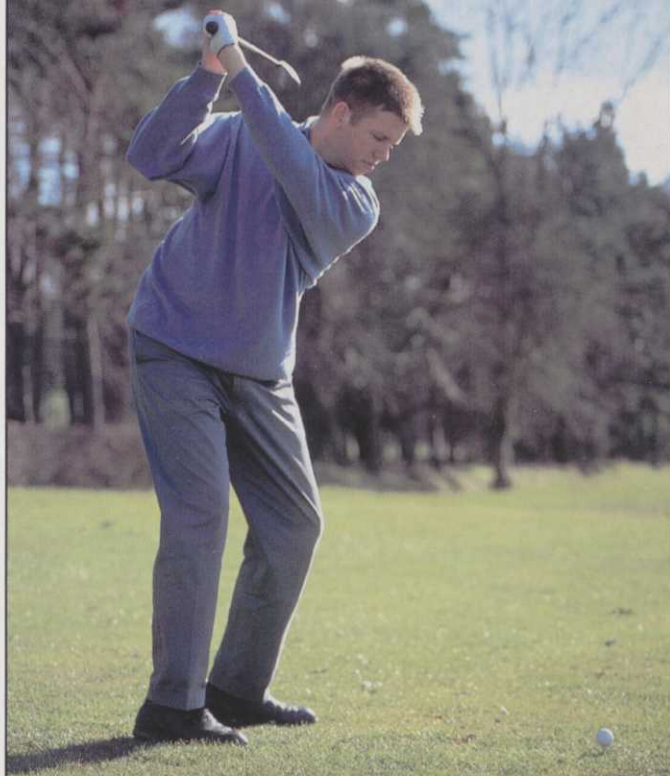
## Rhône Poulenc

Rhône Poulenc will be featuring its extensive range of turf products and also its total herbicides range.

New to the range is Spasor Biactive. The addition of this non-irritant, 360 g/L glyphosate based product enables Rhône Poulenc to provide customers with a complete range of options for total weed control.

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## Ransomes

Professional grass and turf machinery suitable for maintaining a full range of sports, leisure

and amenity areas will be exhibited by Ransomes at the forthcoming Horticulture Industries show.

A total of five different cylinder mowers will be displayed encompassing the tournament quality walk-behind Greens Super, the productive Highway 213, the versatile T-Plex 285D, the high performance Fairway 305 and the formidable Commander 3500DX.

Complementing this impressive display of fine finish mowers will be the T-51D "bat-wing" rider rotary with 2.97m (117in) cut width and 1.55m (61in) transport width, a Cushman 4-Wheel Turf Truckster, now with power steering, a Ryan GA30 solid and hollow tine aerator and the Ryan Mataway combined overseeder and dethatcher.

## Dixon & Holliday

In recent years Dixon & Holliday knapsack machines have become established with greenkeepers and local authorities as the easy and safe means of cutting steep



banks and tall hedges.

Their hover hood mower, pictured above, incorporates the air cushion principle, but with the motor on the operator's back he has better balance and complete control of the mower. The machines are also no mean performers with string trimmer heads or steel resharpenable blades. Ease of changing heads

gives D&H knapsack machines exceptional versatility in all its roles.

The long reach hedge trimmer enables the operator to cut hedges over 3m high without trestles or ladders. As well as its range of knapsack brushcutters Dixon & Holliday will be exhibiting a complete range of accessories for its machines.

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