

NEW PRODUCTS

■ Yorkshire based Course Care has launched Course Wear a range of stylish yet rugged workwear featuring the Tuckaway Rain Suit – a lightweight, ripstop, pu backed nylon rain suit which comes in its own drawcord stuff bag designed to “tuck away” in any machine ready for the operator to combat sudden downpours.

The Drill Suit is a 300gm cotton rich two piece, sold either as a suit or separates. The pullover V-neck top with collar has elasticsation at the waist, adjustable cuffs and a generous radio/mobile phone sized breast pocket. The trouser has an elasticated waist with draw cord and ankle zip, and is cut with extra long body length to ensure optimum movement, comfort, and good lower back protection. Course Wear unites corporate smartness with sturdiness and durability.

For further information Tel: 01535 611103.

■ Shropshire-based Links Leisure, has redesigned its golf practice net to include a one-piece net which, it claims, simplifies both installation and replacement.

Originally designed to allow golf clubs to make maximum use of the space available for practicing facilities, the Pro-Tee nets can be constructed in single or multiple ways.

Extremely robust and requiring little or no maintenance, the nets measure 3.5 by 3.5 metres in single bay multiples and each bay consists of a rust-resistant frame – either galvanised or coated in green plastic – and a cage net, plus a long-life baffle net.

For further information Tel: 01948 663002.

■ Following the successful launch of the Hosecomatic kit earlier this year with over 1 000 sold. Spalding have introduced a new Hosecomatic kit containing BSP fittings. Developed in close cooperation with their customers, the kit, say Spaldings contains 1/2 inch and 3/8 inch BSP fittings in both male and female hoses ends, 90 degree elbows and unique hose menders to fit both 3/8 and 1/2 bore pipe sizes.

The kit is ideal for in field repairs saving both the cost and downtime of call out charges or removing the pipe and returning



■ The Turfdry Drainage System combines maximum efficiency with minimum disruption.

Maximum efficiency is achieved due to the surface area of Hydraway being 40% greater than conventional 80mm plastic pipe, combined with the fact that water can enter the drain through 75% of that area, compared with only around 6% for plastic pipe. The geotextile allows water through at a rate of 60 litres per second per square metre under a 100mm head which, combined with the high in-plane flow rate of the drain, allows for the rapid dispersal of excess surface water.

Hydraway is only one-third the width of 80mm plastic pipe and can therefore be installed in a much narrower trench. Our specially designed equipment, on low ground pressure grassland tyres, enables machine installation of Hydraway as the trench is cut, with excavated soil being loaded directly into a trailer via a high-lift conveyor. After back-filling the trenches with lytag the installation is completed by an application of sand or rootzone, rolled flat, and the surface can be returned to immediate use. For further information Tel: 01283 551417.

it to the workshop for repair. No electric or hydraulic power is required making the kit totally portable. The kit is supplied with all the components required.

A full range of replacement fittings are available, say Spaldings, including JIC fittings and adapters from BSP to JIC.

For further information Tel: 01522 500600.

■ Two-stroke engine technology is constantly under development by Stihl, the international power tool company. The latest tool to benefit from the Stihl design team's attention is a new blower/vacuum unit – the STIHL BG75

The STIHL BG75 weighs only 4.3 kg, making the petrol driven lightweight ideal for unrestricted movement while the blast generated by its 25.4cc engine is capable of a maximum wind velocity of 60 metres per second – over 130 mph.

The advanced engine has been developed with innovations such as 5 section crankshaft, 4 port piston, fixed choke carburettor, elastostart, all of which give the user easier

starting, improved performance and optimum combustion. When using specially formulated Stihl two-stroke oil, the fuel/oil ratio can be reduced to 50 to 1 meaning carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon exhaust emissions are minimised to give the operator an almost smoke-free zone.

The new Stihl BG75 is priced £235 ex VAT.

For further information Tel: 0800 137574.

■ The Maestro Model 778S drinking fountain has an attractive “high-tech” appearance. Made of gleaming stainless steel the Model 778S features a sculptured bowl on a slim pedestal.

Robust and practical, the Model 778S requires minimum cleaning or maintenance. It also features a water bubbler with a special “anti-squirt” device.

For further information Tel: 0181 302 4035.

■ Over recent years many of the products that have been taken for granted by the modern turfgrass manager have become unavailable due to changes in

health and safety, and environmental legislation. In view of this it is logical that that alternate and effective products designed to ensure turfgrass health and quality would be developed.

For the past 25 years research has taken place in Germany into the development of substances known as membrane effectors which act on the membranes of micro-organisms, including those in the soil, and can stimulate or inhibit microbial activity. Most of this research has taken place in agriculture and horticulture however it has now been applied to fine turfgrass with impressive results.

Turf-Actant-Z is a highly concentrated extract of membrane effector substances of plant origin, which when applied as a foliar spray stimulates photosynthesis. As a result chlorophyll production is increased and the resulting sugars are transported to the roots and secreted in the soil to provide nutrients for beneficial micro-organisms. Because of the increased nutrient levels soil bacteria multiply and produce more enzymes which liberates nitrogen and other nutrients from immobile reserves in the soil, in addition the phytohormones which stimulate root development are also secreted. With higher levels of photosynthesis a considerable “green up” effect is achieved together with a significant increase in leaf mass which results in a denser sward, at the same time savings are made as a direct result of the reduction in the use of fertilisers.

An additional effect of applying Turf-Actant-Z is that the plant is induced to develop its intrinsic mechanical and chemical defences against fungal attack and some insect pests, this protection develops within 4-8 days of treatment.

Turf-Actant-Z is applied at the rate of 0.5 litres per 500 m² in 25 litres of water and may be applied in conjunction with other spray products. Best results are achieved by application being made every 4-6 weeks. Turf-Actant-Z has no negative impact on man, animal or the environment and leaves no harmful residue in the soil.

For further information call 0800 136231.