

News from Patisson's

The Oakland Tee Marker is a brand new product from Patisson's. Made from recycled waste polystyrene but with a wood effect, it is extremely durable and environmentally friendly. The body of the Oakland is colour impregnated so that if the surface becomes worn it is not noticeable. The ends are painted white with vinyl numbers and the marker is fitted with a single aluminium peg which is both resistant to erosion and can be easily put into the ground.

The Windsor Tee Marker is part of the Windsor Tee Collection which consists of a divot box, tee marker and a litter bin. They are all made from moulded plastic. It will hold a plate for course or sponsorship details and is hollow so that it can be filled with sand or water for ballast.

The Sarrell Roller has been a part of the Patisson's range for some time but it has been joined by a one and two drum version which are expected to be popular with people needing to aerate a small area of land.

Patisson's has appointed Matthew March to its Sales team. Matthew will be looking after Patisson's ClubCall members as well as the trade export side of the business.

Boost for Huxleys

Huxleys has received keen interest and important orders from a number of prominent golf courses since taking on exclusive responsibility for the supply and installation of Campbell Turf.

Among the first customers to specify the advanced synthetic turf as a replacement for natural and artificial surfaces on golf tees and pathways were Marriott Hotels - Meon Valley, near Southampton; St Pierre, near Chesham; and Dalmahoy, near Edinburgh.

The most recent of the installations is at Dalmahoy, where eight Campbell Turf winter tees have been installed - four on the East Course and four on the West.

"We are delighted with the all-round improvement," commented Dalmahoy's Director of Golf, Brian Anderson. "I play off the surface myself and it is just like striking the ball from a good lie on natural turf."

Installed on the par threes on Dalmahoy's two 18 hole courses, Campbell Turf not only looks and feels like grass, giving golfers the ability to control the ball through the air, but the material will also accept a normal tee peg pushed into the pile.

Huxleys will be pleased to provide full information, quotations and details of other Campbell Turf installations in the UK on request.



Toro Scottish dealers A M Russell have scooped a hat-trick of successes in the turf maintenance equipment manufacturer's latest annual dealer awards. The Edinburgh-based firm ran off with the top accolade of Best Overall Dealer, as well as picking up the award for Best Sales Increase and producing the Salesman of the Year, in the shape of Alistair McRobert. The award for Best After sales Service went to A T Oliver & Sons, in Kings

Langley, Herts. Winners were presented with their plaques by Graham Dale, Managing Director of Toro distributors Lely UK, and Bob Buckingham, The Toro Company's European Sales Manager. Pictured from left to right are: John Cockburn, A T Oliver's Sales Manager; Director Joe Zawinski and Managing Director Brian Goudie, principals of A M Russell, Graham Dale, Bob Buckingham and Alistair McRobert.

Full range on offer at new academy

Work on the six hole Greenkeeping Academy at the Berkshire College of Agriculture for which the first turf was turned by then BIGGA Chairman Pat Murphy last year, has begun in earnest.

J & E Ely are the contractors. They have worked with the College previously and have close links with the architect, Donald Steele & Co., and many of the Rootzone sponsors including Banks Amenity Products and Bardon Aggregates.

The majority of trees were planted and the broad fairways shapes were cut over the winter.

The irrigation supply will hopefully incorporate the use of grey water and will demonstrate all types of systems from valve in head gear driven through to impact heads. These heads have been sponsored by Toro, Rainbird, Hunter, Watermation, Weathermatic and Nelson via suppliers. The consultancy has been sponsored by York Martin & Co.,

The greens have been designed not only to challenge golfers, but also to show the problems that certain shapes create for maintenance. The architecture also shows the green shapes approximately repeating the period of their construction.

The green constructions cover the 20th century. They include 1900s soil based Tom Morris shaping; 1920-30 clay boiled green.

A great deal of sponsorship has been received. For example the perched water table used by Donald Steele & Co. is sponsored by Banks Amenity products and Bardon Aggregates. The UGSA type is sponsored by Hepworth Minerals and Chemicals Ltd. The modern Dutch green which uses full sand rootzone has been sponsored by Roffey Ltd. who have also sponsored the recycled materials green finally a tee will be constructed using a hi-tech foam based system sponsored by Greenscape (UK) Ltd.,

The areas will be seeded with greens and tees sponsored by Mommersteeg Ltd.

Considerable time has been given by the Industrial Liaison Team, these include Malcolm Peake, and Martin Gunn, of Temple Golf Club; Allan Collis, of Castle Royle, and Ray Clarke, of Harleyford Golf Club.

Michael Bonallack, Secretary of the R&A who have been major sponsors, will open the Academy officially in the autumn of 1998.

Rain Bird set to fly stateside

Rain Bird has signed an agreement with American Golf to be the exclusive supplier of irrigation equipment to the world's largest golf course management company.

American Golf operates more than 260 private, resort and daily fee golf courses and practice centers in the U.S. and the United Kingdom.

The three-year agreement allows the exclusive use of Rain Bird products on all American Golf new course irrigation system installations and/or major renovations to existing systems. It is estimated that American Golf will use Rain Bird products in nearly 20 new course irrigation system installations in 1998.

"American Golf is very pleased to be teamed up with the golf industry's leading irrigation software and whole goods company," said John Meyer, American Golf's Director of Fleet Management and National Accounts.

"Rain Bird's exceptional products and expertise will help us continue our commitment to providing the most superior maintenance possible at our courses nationwide."