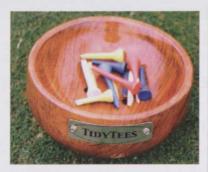
NEW PRODUCTS

TIDY UP YOUR TEES

New company, Tidytees, have introduced a simple product into the market place, to try and combat the ever-increasing problem of debris on the tees.

The product was put on trial for a six month period at Aston Wood, a West Midlands golf club, to measure the effects and acceptance by members and visitors.



The product 'Tidytees' consists of a solid hard wood bowl with a stainless steel metal spike to hold it in place and two drainage holes.

Tidytees are a simple cost effective solution that keeps the tee areas in pristine condition, whilst also reducing the cost of mowing the tee areas. No more punctures, damage to mower blades, and wasted time picking up broken tees.

For further information Tel: 0121 352 1200; Email Tidytees@aol.com or visit www.tidytees.biz for full details and information on how to obtain a free sample.

AVONCROP AMENITY PRODUCTS PROVE POPULAR

Iron Max and Iron Max + K, have proven to be very successful since their launch.

Unique complex iron formulated with the latest surfactant technology, makes these liquid Irons quick acting, with excellent longevity and colour improvement to all turf. Iron Max and Iron Max +K contain 8% iron making it one of the strongest iron products



available. In addition to ensuring even coverage, the surfactant acts as a dew dispersal, for a few days after application. All this is achieved at a low and economical application rate of 20 litres per Ha.

Both Iron Max and Iron Max + K provide a little organic nitrogen - reducing turf stress, and a package of trace elements along with humic acids - encouraging healthy turf with increased disease tolerance.

For further details contact your Area Representative or call Sandford Office on: 01934 820868 or Bracknell on: 01344 426600.

LOST GOLF BALLS - A THING OF THE PAST

Sanderson Golf announces the answer to every golfer's greatest frustration - lost balls. The Ballfinder Scout (TM) is a hand held electronic device that can locate lost balls up to 35 feet away.

Using the latest digital imaging and tracking technology to locate white golf balls hidden deep in the rough, Ballfinder Scout (TM) is fully endorsed by six-time major championship winner, Nick Faldo.

The device uses a video camera that can search up to 600 square feet in one second: that's almost 1/7 of an acre in 10 seconds. Each of the resulting two million pixels is scanned in nanoseconds and analysed. Once a golf ball is located, the Ballfinder Scout (TM) vibrates and blue LED lights direct the golfer to the spot where the ball lies.

Nick Faldo says: "At every level of golf, everybody is going to lose golf balls. With the Ballfinder Scout (TM), golfers are going to find their balls quicker, they'll play faster, have more fun and shoot better scores."

The Ballfinder Scout (TM) is available to golfers in the UK and Europe from Sanderson Golf Ltd. Orders can be made from the online shop at www.sandersongolf.com

BIONUTRIA LAUNCHES LIQUID FERTILISER FOR WATER BAN AREAS

Danish sports turf fertiliser manufacturer BioNutria, has launched a new product targeted at those clubs affected by water company drought orders. BioGolf StayGreen, combines the company's highly effective liquid fertilisers with wetting agents

John Quinn, Managing Director of the product's UK distributors said: "In order to maintain a course's tees and greens in the drought order areas, greenkeepers will have to keep up their feeding regimes and try to ensure that any rain that does fall is held by the soil for as long as possible. BioGolf StayGreen is a pre-diluted liquid fertiliser with a wetting agent, which will enable greenkeepers to apply a fertiliser which will not scorch and doesn't need rain to wash it in. The wetting agent will allow any rainfall to be more easily absorbed by the soil and reduce evaporation."

BioGolf StayGreen is available from Greenmaster Professional Groundcare on: 0800 027 6561.



BUSINESS BOOST WITH NEW BOBCAT® FLAIL CUTTER

Oxfordshire-based Robinson's Trees Ltd, has purchased the first UK's Bobcat® FC175 heavy-duty flail cutter. Mounted on the company's Bobcat T200HF high flow compact tracked loader, the new FC175 flail cutter provides a cutting width of 1.75 m. It extends the fleet of attachments that Robinsons uses for site and scrub clearance work for local authorities, country estates, forests, parks, amenities, golf courses, utilities and elsewhere.

The Bobcat FC175 flail cutter, was supplied by Wallingford-based R F Hayden Machinery Sales and Service. Robinson's Trees offers the Bobcat T200HF compact tracked loader and attachments for hire with an operator certified by the National Plant Operators Registration Scheme.

The Bob-Tach linkage allows vertical movements and oscillations in all directions, providing excellent flotation of the cutter main frame and ensuring that the FC175 flail cutter is easy to use on virtually any type of terrain and very close to trees and other obstructions.

For more information visit: www.robinsonstrees.co.uk



NEW TRACTOR

AL-KO's Garden Tractor range has expanded to include a new model, the T16-102HDH. This new tractor is powered by a Honda GCV530 16hp twin cylinder engine, producing high quality smooth running, as well as high cutter deck torque and drive wheel traction.

All AL-KO twin cylinder tractors have 102cm cutting deck, six-stage height of cut adjustment from 30mm to 90mm, high quality hydrostatic transmission, Xenon headlights, and a grass catcher capacity of 300 litres.

For more information on the AL-KO tractor range call Rochford GM on: 01963 828000 or visit www.al-kogarden.co.uk

NEW ISEKI COMPACT TRACTOR

Ideal for professional grounds care applications, Ransomes Jacobsen, a Textron company (NYSE: TXT), has introduced a new Iseki compact tractor. Powered by a 16.9hp, three-cylinder diesel engine, the TM3160 Garden tractor, features four-wheel drive and differential lock, providing excellent traction when working on slopes or in wet conditions.



The gearbox provides six forward speeds and two reverse, ensuring the correct drive for any given application. The TM3160 also features a mid pto, ideal for driving a mowing deck and a rear pto for various mounted tools.

Peter Powell, Tractor Manager at Ransomes Jacobsen said: "This tractor is a

great package; it's not a consumer tractor that's pretending to be a professional machine, it's a purposed designed grounds care tractor, that will also appeal to private customers with large gardens and significant areas of land to maintain."

More information is available at: www.textron.com.

GARSIDE SANDS LAUNCHES NEW LITERATURE

Garside Sands, a leading producer of specialist graded silica sands, has introduced an up-to-date products listing, to provide customers with a comprehensive guide to its full product range.

The datasheet provides the name of each product, size range (in mm) and product colour. Products include: dried; graded silica sand; filtration gravels; damp sands and a range of coloured sand. Garside sands are used in markets as diverse as: sports; water filtration; industrial and decorative applications.

To obtain a copy of Garside Sands' product listing, call: 01525 237911.

NEW SWIVEL HEAD FOR LONG-REACH HEDGE TRIMMERS

Viking takes the challenge out of trimming hedges, with a new 'swivel' head system.

Long-reach hedge trimmers are excellent for keeping tall or extra-wide hedges in trim. Viking, specialists in garden power tools, have introduced two new models to their range. The Viking Hel 700 has an overall length of up to 2.6 metres and the Hel 700 K is slightly shorter at up to 2.1



metres, both have a new adjustable cutting head, which can be set at varying angles to suit the user's working position and cutting plane.

For further information visit: www.stihl.co.uk



RAIN BIRD INTRODUCES THE NEW EAGLE 351B TEE SPRINKLER

Rain Bird, the leading irrigation equipment manufacturer, is launching its new Eagle 351B Tee Sprinkler. The 351B is designed specifically for use in block systems for tee, bunker and landscape area irrigation on golf courses.

Its robust construction means the 351B is far more durable than any other short-throw sprinkler, and to back up the Rain Bird promise of durability, the 351B is sold with a five-year warranty, provided it is installed on a Rain Bird swing joint.

The 351B's range is particularly impressive, spraying between 5.5 m - 18.8 m. To maximise this capability, the nozzle range is designed for both optimal distribution and close-in watering. The 351B sprinkler is fully top-serviceable - the internal assembly can be removed from the case, simply by taking out the snap ring on the top of the sprinkler.

For further information Tel: 01438 314583.

KUBOTA INTRODUCES A CLASS-LEADING HEAVYWEIGHT

Kubota, the world leader in mini excavators, has extended its range with the introduction of the short tail swing KX080-3. This high performance, 8 ton machine, launches in the UK in August.

Providing exceptional safety; durability; reliability; versatility and comfort, the KX080-3 offers a well-balanced arm and bucket, to provide the operator with unparalleled digging force. This allows the excavator to dig faster and more efficiently, in the toughest conditions.

It delivers a reduced rear tail swing radius that takes it into the tightest spots, coupled with improved machine stability. The rear overhang features cast-iron protectors to significantly reduce the chances of damage to the machine when working in restricted space.

The steel-core positioning and lug pattern on the rubber crawler has been designed to achieve a long working life and give outstanding durability and lower vibration when traveling.

For further information Tel: 01844 214500; Web: www.kubota.co.uk