

NEW PRODUCTS –

Landscaping Special

PREDICTING TURF DISEASE FOR BETTER CONTROL

A powerful new internet-based decision support service specifically developed for the UK and Ireland is now available to turf managers through Syngenta. Called GreenCast, it gives turf managers early warnings of likely disease attacks and weather events via a dedicated website, www.greencast.co.uk



GreenCast – our unique turf management decision support system.

Developed by Syngenta Professional Products over the last two years, GreenCast provides turf managers with detailed weather information and key disease forecasts across the UK and Ireland. With up-to-the-minute accurate information, available 24-hours a day, GreenCast gives an early warning of impending changes in weather conditions, predicts disease infection levels and helps turf managers decide the optimum time to apply fungicides. For more information visit www.greencast.co.uk

BEAT THE HEAT

Fanfare™ had added two new colours to its 2007 range - Orchid and Pink Sparkle.

This sun-loving Impatiens, with its exotic New Guinea blooms, is a go-anywhere plant due to its consistent performance in sun, part-sun and shade locations. With their mounding, spreading and cascading habit, they quickly fill large garden beds, hanging baskets and containers providing incredible all-season colour. Fanfare™ rebounds quickly from water stress without shedding buds or blooms.

For the full range and availability of Fanfare™ Impatiens visit: www.ballcolegrave.co.uk



CELEBRITY GARDENER GIVES BACKING

Kim Wilde has been singing the praises of traditional rubber crumb technology that reinforces and cushions ground surface on golf courses. The popstar has teamed up with Dunweed, a company that produces the original rubber crumb that is applied to grass to create reinforcement, prevent soil compaction and improve drainage and aeration. Its patented rootzone application is already popular among greenkeepers and the crumb is used extensively on greens and lawns throughout the UK.

For more information call: 01928 735555 or: 07739 525065.



NEW AND SQUEAKY CLEAN

Two great new colours; Light Pink and Dark Pink Magic, have been added to the UK's top selling range of Aztec™ verbenas. Aztec™ verbenas keep benches spic 'n' span with reduced chemicals and easy finishing, and their super-uniformity, early flowering and excellent branching give the grower a quick cropping series.



For the full range and availability of Aztec™ ® Verbenas visit: www.ballcolegrave.co.uk

HARDWOOD STAKES

Northumberland based company, Trees Please, has launched a new type of tree stake.

These hardwood stakes made from Acacia (Robinia Pseudoacacia), contain a natural resistance to decay – Which is of utmost importance these days, as businesses are no longer allowed to burn timber that has been treated.

The stakes are also very strong, resulting in fewer breakages during use.

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



BSH SEED CATALOGUES

British Seed Houses' 2007 seed catalogues are now available to download from their amenity website at: www.bshamenity.com.

Available as five separate PDF documents – native flowers, seeded turf cultivars, sports mixtures, golf mixtures and landscaping mixtures, they're quick and easy to save to your desktop. Simply click on the banner at the



top of the homepage.

The 2007 BSPB/STRI Turfgrass Seed Listings booklet is also available to download from the website, free of charge.

NEW BRONZED-LEAF BEAUTY

Ball Colegrave have added the new bronze-leaf Nonstop® Mocca to their distribution list. With its large fully double flowers, Nonstop Mocca contrasts exceptionally well with foliage. It combines early flowering with a narrow blooming window, low production costs and an excellent garden performance.



Nonstop® Mocca' is available from Ball Colegrave as pelleted seed for precision sowing in five distinct colours. For more information contact Ball Colegrave customer services on: 01295 811833.

A NEW FACE FOR BEDDING

The first ever seed-grown Angelonia series offers ease and convenience to growers and carefree performance for consumers and Parks bedding. Growing Serena™



Angelonia from seed is economical and easy – it branches well without pinching and flowers vigorously with no need for deadheading. Serena™ Angelonias can easily be combined in the greenhouse with warmer crops like Impatiens. Plants are ready to transplant four to five weeks after sowing and saleable in small pots or premium packs in 13-15 weeks.

Angelonias love the sun and heat. Serena™ is no exception with a shorter garden height than vegetative varieties it is highly versatile and ideal for use in garden borders, mixed containers and Parks bedding schemes. For more information contact Ball Colegrave on: 01295 811833.

NEW ORGANIC FERTILISERS

Demand for fertilisers which use only natural products is on the increase, and Scotts has recognised this need by introducing Greenmaster Organic. It is a granular formulation composed of a mix of organic and natural ingredients guaranteed free from disease, weeds or other contamination. The mineral and organic part provide the grass plant with essential nutrients, and the organic component stimulates soil micro-organisms. Greenmaster Organic feeds the turf and stimulates soil life in one treatment. There are three products to choose from; high nitrogen and high potassium for fine turf, and Sportsmaster Organic, a high nitrogen version for sports outfields. These fertilisers provide a naturally slow-release source of nutrients that ensure an even growth without growth peaks. They can help increase the Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC) of the soil, therefore increasing the efficiency of nutrient applications both now and in the future. The products also improve soil structure, natural nutrient cycling and breakdown of thatch.

For more information visit: www.scotts.com

WIND TOLERANT NOZZLES



Strong winds play havoc with watering, especially during hot dry summers when greens and tees can bake if water can't reach the playing surfaces due to the wind factor. The summer of 2006 was such a summer, and may be a typical of future weather patterns in the UK.

For courses where wind is a regular challenge to the normal watering needs, Rain Bird, the world's leading irrigation equipment manufacturer, has developed the new EAGLE 700/750 Wind Tolerant nozzles. These have been specially designed to combine a lower trajectory with innovative features that produce two essential factors:

- A larger water droplet size to counter the strength of the wind more effectively
- A specially adapted spray pattern - The combination of which makes the resulting water curtain far more wind tolerant.

For further information contact Rain Bird's Golf Manager for the UK and Ireland, Kneale Diamond, on: 01438 314583 or: kdiamond@rainbird.fr

LAWN EDGING



D J Turfcare Equipment Ltd has launched the Atom Golf Bunker Edger.

Light and manoeuvrable, D J Turfcare claims the Atom can trim bunkers up to eight times faster than other edging devices.

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

GDC CONTROLLER



Toro Irrigation believes a highly-innovative Golf Decoder Controller (GDC) system launched recently, is set to revolutionise golf course irrigation design and management. It will benefit everyone, they say, from golf course designers and irrigation consultants to installers and greenkeepers. Graphic showing Toro's new GDC irrigation system, which can operate up to 800 sprinkler stations per cable path, with up to 50 of them operating simultaneously, off only a single 2 x 2.5mm² cable.

LIQUID FERTILISER

Rigby Taylor has launched Microflow-CX, a range of multi-component liquid fertilisers with secondary elements and micronutrients for use on amenity turf.

These liquid fertilisers have low scorch potential and are absorbed through the leaves and roots of the grass plant.

For more information visit: www.rigbytaylor.com

YEAR-ROUND DISEASE CONTROL

Banner Maxx is a new fast-acting, broad spectrum, systemic fungicide from Syngenta that uses unique chemistry to deliver exceptional control of Anthracnose, Dollar Spot and Brown Patch in turf. The active ingredient in Banner Maxx is propiconazole, which acts in three ways, by protecting the turf, eradicating the disease, and curing any damage caused.

For more information visit: www.syngenta-crop.co.uk

HYDROSTATIC RAINWATER HARVESTER

Rainpiper.com has launched the first ever hydrostatic rainwater harvester that allows gardens and plants to be maintained without draining the mains water supply. Rainpiper stores over a ton of natural rainwater in vertically installed rain towers linked to a rainwater reservoir. The rainwater is dispersed by a hose giving a soft spray specifically designed not to damage plants and flowers.

Landscape management companies that rely on water will have instant access to harvested rainwater to maintain commercial landscapes without effecting the environment. Hydrostatic pressure forces the rainwater through a bespoke length of hose without having to use an electrically driven pump.

Rainpiper works independently of the main supply therefore can be used during a hosepipe ban. Users are supplied with a sign to display during water shortages to prove they are using harvested rainwater.

Every Commercial Rainpiper is tailored to fit the individual building. The capacity can also be set to suit requirements, from six thousand litres upwards.

For more information visit:
www.rainpiper.com

AIR-POT SYSTEM

Deepdale Trees Ltd grow all their containerised trees in Air-pots – a relatively new technique of containerising trees and large shrubs.

Consisting of a reusable plastic sleeve which surrounds the root system. The sleeve, laid flat, resembles a honeycomb with slits in the top layer.

The slits are positioned on the outside of the container and allow air pruning of the roots. This produces a more fibrous root system, because the surface does not allow root circling.

For growing trees in Air-pots, each tree is placed on a layer of compost and tied to covered support wires.

For more information and details of Deepdale Trees Ltd's products, visit:
www.deepdale-trees.co.uk



PRODUCT GUIDES

Rolawn has produced a series of product guides, each featuring a specific product group in the company's expanded range. For domestic customers 'Choose it, Lay it, Live it' covers preparing and laying a Medallion® lawn, and an 'Aftercare Guide' details how it should be maintained. 'Topsoil & Bark' highlights the benefits of selecting quality topsoil and bark, along with frequently asked questions and a handy calculator to determine requirements.

For landscape contractors, the 'Turfmaster™ System' explains the labour saving way to turf large areas in minimum time and 'Minster Pro™' highlights the key benefits and applications of Rolawn's new greens turf which utilises the most advanced cultivar technology.

The leaflets are available from Rolawn Depots, email: info@rolawn.co.uk or tel: 0845 604 6085

ROLL UP AND ROLL OUT



Ultra Spreader International's latest newcomers to their existing range of spin and drop spreaders, tippers, trailers and screeners are the 'Ultra Mat' and the 'Ultra Diamond Brush'.

The 'Ultra Mat' is an all rubber dragmat. The mat is available in different sizes, making it ideal for large-scale treatments of any natural or synthetic grass area.

The second product launched; the 'Ultra Diamond Brush' is a new diamond shaped broom which can be supplied with a different

type of bristle for use on different surfaces. For more information visit: www.ultraspreader.com

AMENITY SECTOR CLEANS UP FOR WASTE RECYCLING



Techneat Environmental has launched a new range of products engineered to help amenity managers and greenkeepers clean up for more effective waste plastics recycling. With tough waste management legislation and the cost of landfill disposal, businesses are increasingly looking at sustainable recycling routes for used pesticide containers that have been safely and thoroughly cleaned, to meet environmental obligations.

The new Techneat Environmental Can-Drain is a free-standing, self contained tank for draining triple-rinsed pesticide containers safely and quickly. The large-capacity covered hopper collects washings into a reservoir, which can be emptied back into the sprayer for safe disposal. The company has also introduced the clever Rinse Nozzle as a separate option, to wash the insides of plastic pesticide containers more effectively. For further information visit:
www.techneat.co.uk

PRECISION BLENDED TOP DRESSINGS

Bespoke Blending and Bagging (BBB), run by Ecosolve Ltd, has launched the first customised service for precision blended top dressings, rootzone and soil amendments in the fine turf sector.

BBB has its own blending and bagging plant which uses state of the art equipment to produce any mix of product in a variety of particle sizes specifically for the requirements of individual greenkeepers, agronomists, soil amendment and turf maintenance specialists.

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

AMENITY GRASS SEED MIXTURES

A new catalogue which features all amenity grass seed mixtures in the MM range, has recently been published by Advanta Seeds.

The catalogue provides a user-friendly selection chart which enables greenkeepers and other professional turfgrass managers to locate the best mixture/mixtures for new or overseeding projects.

To obtain a copy of MM Amenity Grass Seed Mixtures 2007, email: paul.lees@advanta-seeds.co.uk or tel: 01522 861318.



TOP AMENITY PLANTS DATABASE LAUNCHED

A 'Top Plants for Amenity Landscapes' database is being launched by the HTA in conjunction with the Landscape Institute to provide guidance and support to Landscape Architects and highlight some of the best and most widely available plants for use in amenity plantings. The database lists the top 50 trees, top 100 herbaceous (including grasses, perennials and bamboos) and the top 50 shrubs and it is available on a searchable website and also in the form of a free poster.

The lists have been compiled by the HTA using independent experts working closely with nurseries supplying the amenity plant market and in consultation with the Landscape Institute. The list can also be used alongside the National Plant Specification (NPS), which provides specification details for thousands of plants that can be used in landscape schemes. Visit: www.plantspec.info for more information.

GROWING DEMAND



Bellwood Trees have seen a growing demand from golf courses for semi-mature trees to be used in landscaping the public areas of the course. Large trees are being used to provide an instant and dramatic impact in the clubhouse area, for both existing and new developments. This can be seen in the photograph of semi-mature Birch, just three months after being planted at The Duke's Course, St Andrews.

For more information please visit: www.bellwoodtrees.com



WILDFLOWERS

Alba Trees have introduced a range of 18 common British native wildflowers, grown from seed in 175cc cells. These can be planted almost all year round, moisture permitting. There is no need to create a clean seedbed; the plants can be planted direct. Competitive annual weeds do not have a chance to invade and choke the young plants. These will flower and set their own seed in due season thus establishing their own progeny. Growers will find that this can often be a more successful and cost-effective way of establishing wild flowers.

Availability varies throughout the year, contact Alba Trees on: 01620 825058 or visit: www.albatrees.co.uk



DESIGN PACKAGE

A World of Golf, together with their associated partners can provide you with the full landscape design package, from initial site appraisal through to detailed design, construction management and completion.

Our experienced team can resource the necessary skills across a broad range of disciplines including: Golf Course Architecture and Management; Landscape Architecture; Topographical Survey; Civil and Structural Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Sustainability and Health & Safety and Planning Supervision.

For more information call Andrew Mair, A World of Golf Ltd on: 0191 2306211 or 01670 590043 or mobile 07949 128759.

An attractively designed car park and approaches can add to the landscape setting of the clubhouse and course facilities