

# GI NEW PRODUCTS

The latest products on show at Harrogate Week 2011



## BLINDER BUNKER LINING SYSTEM LAUNCHED AT BTME

Blinder Bunker Liner Ltd launched a new patented bunker lining system, Blinder, at BTME.

The new system is environmentally sound and uses rubber crumb made from recycled tyres mixed with a binding agent to produce a bunker lining that provides a solution to many of the problems associated with maintaining bunkers.

Blinder was developed by Course Manager, Murray Long, who was looking for a viable option to reduce bunker maintenance hours.

Rubber crumb is mixed with a binding agent and then spread onto a sub-base at a depth of 25mm. It is then smoothed by hand to provide the perfect base for the bunker sand. It can then be sprayed to match the colour of the sand, if required.

The liner is resistant to club strikes and burrowing animals and drains at a rate up to 2,400 ml per hour. It also minimises contamination to the sand, which can create

substantial savings in sand replacement and reduces the possibility of stones on the fine turf areas surrounding the bunkers. It also offers protection to the drainage system, extending the timeframe for drainage replacement programmes.

The new system can be easily installed when renovating existing bunkers or constructing new ones.

Technical Director, Murray Long, added: "Blinder is suited to all types of bunkers and can be extremely useful in areas of heavy wear such as practice bunkers. It is also very effective in chalk and flint soils, especially stopping contamination of stones and other particles into the sand. Bunker maintenance is an issue I've been battling with for many years, and I'm confident that I've found a solution, not only for me, but also for my peers."

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## PRO-PRUNER

The PRO-Pruner range developed in New Zealand by Lakewood Products, offers simple, robust, well engineered pruning tools capable of pruning branches up to 65mm in diameter. The advanced design features of the PRO-Pruner include:

- A unique curved blade: the shape of the curved blade pulls the pruner onto the branch and holds it tight, helping to avoid collar damage, blade crossover and slip; the ability to hold bigger branches and easier scarring are major benefits.

- PRO-Lock threading: threaded handles, fitted with specially designed PRO-Lock bolts, has eliminated nut and bolt failure. The easy adjust PRO-Lock bolts prevent lifting when the lock-nut is tightened. This system reduces the number of working parts ensuring the pruners perform better.

- Strength and durability; reducing the bolt holes in the handles to 7mm and riveting the tube to the high strength steel arms further strengthens the handles.

- Operator comfort; ergonomically designed grips and the offset bolts on the handle to head have helped in reducing shock to the operator's arms and elbows.

Lakewood Products has now made the PRO-Pruner available in the UK through Baxter Bay Limited.

[www.propruner.co.uk](http://www.propruner.co.uk)

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## NEW SCOTTS LAUNCH

Greenmaster Topdress Z is a fine particle-sized topdressing based on Scotts' Pro-Lite zeolite technology. This gives a particle count of 1,100-2,000 granules per gram. It has an open caged structure with a very high nutrient holding capacity, making it ideal for use as an amendment to new rootzones or in topdressing. The high Cation Exchange Capacity of Topdress Z helps turf managers with their nutrient management by enabling the soil to hold onto more nutrients.

Stuart Staples, International Technical Manager, said that turf managers can save time and money while improving the health of their turf by using controlled-release fertilisers.

"Controlled-release fertilisers deliver their nutrients over a specified period in a consistent and reliable way, so losses are minimised and nutrient use efficiency is greatly improved. While the price per kilogram is greater than conventional fertilisers, the long lasting effects of the product, reduced nutrient losses and the saving in labour costs compared to repeated applications of a conventional fertiliser, means that multiple savings can be made over the course of a season."

"In addition, providing a steady supply of nutrients rather than a 'feast or famine' approach has been proven to improve turf health and resilience," he added.

[www.scottspromotional.co.uk](http://www.scottspromotional.co.uk)



## EUROFLOR INTRODUCED BY RIGBY TAYLOR

Following extensive trials at golf clubs in the UK, Rigby Taylor, in partnership with seed breeder Top Green, launched EUROFLOR urban flower seed mixtures at BTME.

Brightening up the golf course, natural floral cultivars are mixed with wild flower species to provide horticultural excellence.

These mixes help to provide areas which will give back to nature what has often been taken away by the destruction of natural habitats.

Attracting wildlife throughout their long-flowering period from late spring well into the autumn they offer animals and insects cover and an extended food source.

Through trials and tests at 18 UK sites Euroflor has been found to be highly successful on varying 'normal' soil types - including loam, sand, clay, stoney and slightly acidic to alkaline soils with a pH of 6 to 8. These colourful mixtures have also performed well on steep slopes but here the sowing rate needs to be increased to 5g per square metre to allow for run-off.

Virtually no maintenance is required on the 14 hand-selected mixtures being introduced which can include mixtures which replicate a club's corporate image.

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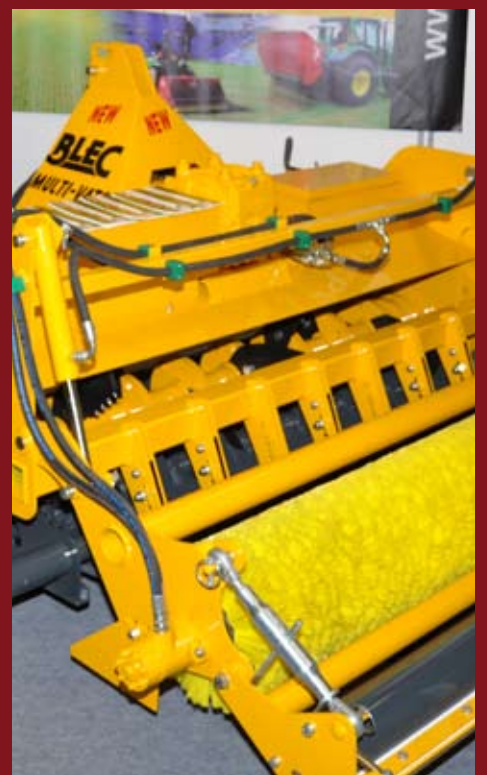
## NEW BLEC MULTIVATOR

A unique chassis design with quick hook-up rear attachment system turns the Multivator into a multi-use machine carrying out a wide range of tasks achieved with only one drive unit.

Decompacting, soil recycling and topdressing all in one pass, the Multivator has quick hook-on rear attachments, easy change blade system and heavy duty reversible drive system.

There are five models available in different widths - three for mid-range tractors and two heavy duty for higher HP tractors. All units are equipped with overload cam clutch and the heavy duty models also feature long-life side gear drive with forward and reverse rotation.

The heavy duty units also feature a heavy duty gearbox with four shafts to give two-speed drive and reverse rotation - mounted on a swivel base for easy drive change. On the heavy duty models a PTO shaft drive is fitted for rear attachments and an extreme duty overload clutch (pre-set).



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