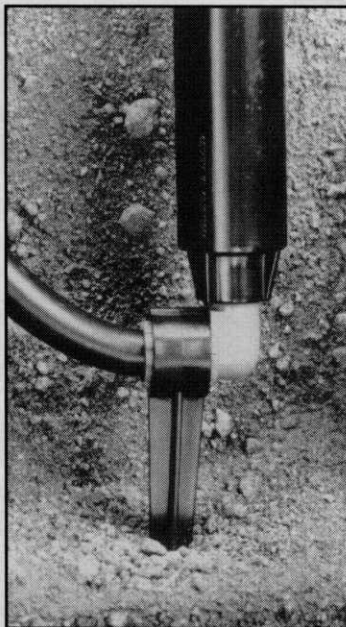


Introduction

Hello, and welcome to the inaugural Buyer's Guide, published by *Golf Course News*. This directory was designed to provide thorough information on industry suppliers and their products — all at your fingertips.

Before you start thumbing through the pages of informative data — all cross-referenced for your convenience — allow us to serve up an added bonus. Listed below are select new product stories, chosen because they ranked among the year's most popular in terms of reader response.

We hope you find the following articles of interest. We also hope this year's Buyer's Guide will serve you well over the next 12 months.



The E-Z Stake lock from Olson

Spray heads staked in place

The E-Z Stake, new from Olson Irrigation Systems, is designed to provide a simple method of positioning spray heads when using swing pipe.

The E-Z Stake slips over and engages the teeth on an E-Z Ell, locking the stake in place. Designed for use with side- or bottom-mounted spray heads, the fitting can be staked vertically into the base of the trench or horizontally into the wall. The Olson E-Z Ell screws onto swing pipe for a simple and inexpensive way to connect a spray head to the pipe.

For more information, call Kathleen Baldwin at 619-562-3100; or write Olson at 10910 Wheatlands Ave., Santee, Calif. 92071.

CIRCLE #104

E-Z-GO introduces vehicle maintenance software

E-Z-GO Textron has introduced a personal computer-based vehicle maintenance system designed specifically for golf cars and utility vehicles.

The E-Z-GO Maintenance Information Management System (MIMS) was developed in a joint effort by E-Z-GO and IBM. It's designed to make effective fleet management less time-consuming and eliminate much of the paperwork associated with vehicle management.

MIMS monitors virtually every aspect of fleet operations. The course operator simply inputs daily car usage information plus data on any maintenance performed.

Documents generated by the system include preventative maintenance schedules, maintenance reports, car starter schedules, car rotation reports, car and course usage reports, parts inventory reports and parts inventory transaction reports. The program will also generate purchase orders for E-Z-GO parts.

E-Z-GO provides the computer and all the software needed to run the program. In addition, E-Z-GO installs the system, trains the course personnel and maintains the system.

For more information, contact your nearest E-Z-GO representative or call 1-800-241-5855.

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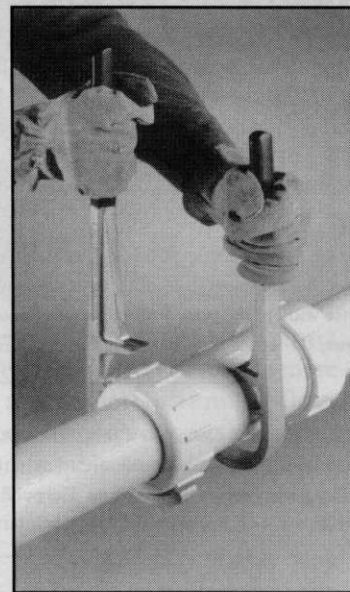
Nub wrench tailored to PVC couplings

Stamos Tool, Inc. of Boise, Idaho, now offers a full line of cast aluminum wrenches designed to fit all nub-style PVC compression couplings and most adapters.

The open-jaw design allows nub wrenching anywhere along the pipe without the need to slip the wrench over an open end. The push/pull leverage of the jaw prevents damage and distortion caused by common pipe and chain wrenches. Each Stamos PVC Nub Wrench fits at least two sizes of PVC fittings, features a rubber-coated handle, and comes with a money-back guarantee.

For more information call 208-377-0511; or write to Stamos Tool, 5469 Kendall St., Boise, Idaho, 83706.

CIRCLE #106



The new nub wrench from Stamos

Terracare unveils double-tine spiker

Terracare has developed a double-tine spiker that will fit on all Terra aerators. The blade is 4 1/2 inches long and spaced 1 3/4 inches by 3 inches. The tine is free swinging and has a rubber turf hold-down.

The double-tine spiker is designed to allow uninterrupted play, even after green-aeration. For more information, call 606-429-3402.

CIRCLE #108

Tempest Technology harnesses the wind with the Tempest blower

Because most superintendents don't have access to helicopters, Tempest Technology Corp., among the largest manufacturers of power blowers in the fire-service industry, recently introduced a new gasoline-powered blower for golf courses.

According to Dexter Coffman, president of the Fresno-based company, the Tempest is "the most powerful blower on the market, producing huge volumes of air that quickly dry a wet green... For the first time, golf course superintendents have a powerful, completely portable unit that will dry a wet green in a fraction of the time required by nature.

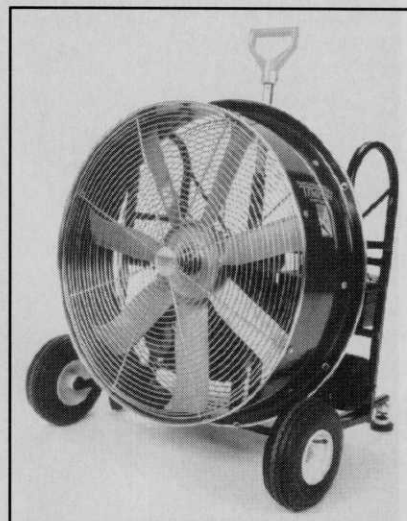
"The Tempest blower creates a micro-environment, putting out an air blanket over the green. A superintendent can actually control the amount of air needed for

each problem green... The blower is designed to pinpoint the blanket of air and produce the proper micro-environment."

Tempest offers four different models ranging from the 24-inch, blade-size unit — available in five-horsepower Tecumseh or nine-horsepower Honda engine — to a 27-inch unit, available in a 10-horsepower Tecumseh or 13-horsepower Honda.

The blower features a dependable shroud with front and rear grills to ensure safety. Other special features include "off-road" tires, a retractable handle for easy handling, an auxiliary gas tank for long run periods, and a "Quiet Pack" muffler for reduced noise levels.

For more information and a free demonstration, golf course personnel may call 800-346-2143.



The Tempest portable power blower

CIRCLE #111



The new Renovator-20 from Lesco

Lesco introduces multi-purpose seeder

New design features on Lesco's Renovator-20 — new upper handle design, heavy-duty cables and belt tensioner lever — make it more durable and easier to operate.

The Renovator-20 is really three machines in one: a seeder, slicer and dethatcher. The seed hopper holds about 35 pounds of seed which is metered precisely and dropped before slicing. There

are 40 hardened, high-carbon steel blades spaced two inches apart, designed to allow air, moisture and fertilizer to penetrate the turf/soil interface more easily.

The unit is powered by an 8-hp Honda. Its manual depth control is from 0 to 1-1/4 inches.

For more information, call 216-333-9250; or write to Lesco, Inc., 20005 Lake Road, Rocky River, Ohio, 44116.

CIRCLE #112

Lebanon announces 18-3-18 fertilizer

Lebanon Turf Products has introduced Country Club 18-3-18, a new homogenous fertilizer designed to provide a 1:1 ratio of nitrogen to potash on fairways and other large turf areas.

This granular product has been manufactured to deliver a balance of nutrients for long-term color response, improved wear resistance and disease tolerance, plus increased summer durability and winter hardiness.

Formulated with 6.0 units of WIN and micro nutrients, Country Club 18-3-18 contains slow-release methylene urea nitrogen, recommended where efficient fertilizer usage is required.

At suggested rates, a 50-pound bag of Country Club 18-3-18 will cover up to 18,000 square feet.

Lebanon has also announced plans to donate 50 cents for every bag of Country Club 18-3-18 sold over the next 20 months to GCSAA Scholarship & Research, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's non-profit foundation. Funding will support research on groundwater quality.

For more information on 18-3-18 and other Lebanon products, call 1-800-233-0628.

CIRCLE #114