

# Portable, natural tee platforms

By Hal Phillips

Porta Turf, a division of Putting Greens International, has developed a portable platform system for growing natural turf.

Designed to eliminate run-down tee boxes and artificial turf mats, Porta Turf platforms also reduce mowing time, chemical use and watering because there's less square footage to maintain.

The five-foot square platforms are constructed with a perforated plastic base held together with an aluminum frame. Inside the frame, a three-inch layer of soil is applied where seed will then be planted.

The squares can be used individually or placed next to each other to form a larger tee box area. Platforms can be rotated to ensure even usage and wear. By placing the worn squares next to each other, watering can be done with one sprinkler and mowing completed quickly.

For more information contact Jerry Carr at 800-837-1744.

## NEW MATS ABSORB THE BLOWS

At one time or another, range owners and operators have surely encountered angry patrons bearing bent or disfigured club heads. Disillusioned golfers with gimpy wrists have also been known to happen by the office.

Run-of-the-mill practice mats simply don't give, especially when hitting down on a 5-iron, according to Fiberbuilt Manufacturing Inc. officials.

Fiberbuilt Golf Mat Panels aim to eliminate those touchy encounters with dissatisfied customers. Fiberbuilt has designed a surface to actually feel like thick, natural, green grass.

What sets Fiberbuilt Panels apart, the company claims, is the reduction of impact shock that causes club damage and, sometimes, personal injury. Gone is the annoying club bounce common to standard practice mats.

The Fiberbuilt Panels are an interlocking system that can be used to upgrade golf mats currently in use.

The Panels can also be purchased as a complete unit with stance mat for commercial driving ranges. Each panel measures 12 inches x 12 inches x 2 inches thick, and can be replaced or rotated in a matter of minutes. The unique construction and design of the Fiberbuilt Panels make them impossible to tear.

For more information, contact Michael Hooper 800-661-8132.

## TEE HOUSE PROVIDES COVER

Wittek Golf Supply Co. recently announced the addition of the Tee House to its line of driving range equipment.

The Tee House is an arch-shaped structure that provides shelter and privacy to golfers on the driving range tee line. Large enough to accommodate two

golfers and an instructor, the Tee House offers complete privacy for the student and teacher.

It also extends the golf season by providing a safe haven from inclement weather. The Tee House provides comforting shade at the height of summer and can be equipped with a heater for colder days.

The Tee House features a rigid aluminum frame covered by a vinyl-coated polyester fabric. Retractable wheels and an anchor-

ing system make it easy to move — and sturdy once you've found the right spot.

For further information contact Anne Alder at 312-463-2636.

## THE BALL DELIVERY SYSTEM

Hollrock Engineering, manufacturers and suppliers of a complete line of equipment for all range operations, recently introduced the golf ball delivery system.



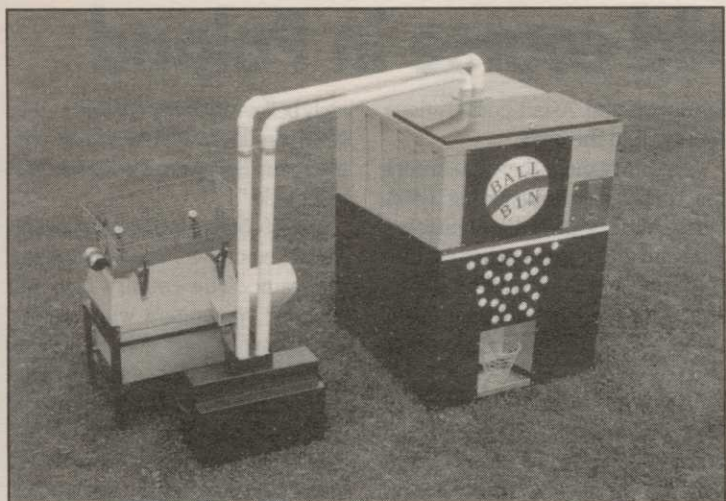
The Porta Turf natural tee platform.

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The Hollrock Ball Bin and ball delivery system.

# Ball retrieval made easy, automatic

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The patented 22K Commercial Ball Washer cleans 28,000 balls an hour and delivers two clean balls at a time to Hollrock's new ball shooter. Capable of shooting balls as high as 30 feet in the air — through pneumatic tubes — the Ball Shooter feeds two balls at a time to Hollrock's newly engineered Ball Bin, which features a hopper with 9,500-ball capacity.

To receive balls from the ball

shooter, the Ball bin may be located close by, on another building level or in an adjacent building. Hollrock's Ball Bin is token actuated and is easily adjusted to deliver from 15 to 70 balls per bucket. There is only one moving part. From the time the balls are picked up on the range and dumped into the 22K washer, they are never touched again until a golfer tees them up on the range.

For more information, call 203-688-5269.

## PRACTICING THOSE UNEVEN LIES

All the buckets in the world won't prepare a player for uphill, downhill and side-hill lies. However, two new products just might.

The Tufshot Golf Mat, manufactured by the Del Rey Co., allows golfers to practice difficult shots resulting from uneven lies. The Tufshot consists of two pieces: a slanted, round base made from a foam material; and a synthetic turf mat.

The base is sloped at a four-degree angle and weighs just seven pounds, making it easy to move around and create uphill, downhill and side-hill situations. The Tufshot was designed specifically for practice and teaching sessions, and the base will conform to uneven surfaces often found at golf ranges. For more information call John Horn at 800-TUFSHOT.

A Swedish product, Realtee Golf Tee Mat, also provides the player with multiple stances, though from a square base. The Realtee is perched on four legs, each of which can be adjusted to simulate those awkward lies.

The Realtee also comes equipped with three different turf lengths — foregreen, fairway and rough. The unit also features a convex mirror, allowing a unique view of one's stance and swing.

For more information on Realtee, write EW Golf HB, Box 10261, S-100 55, Stockholm, Sweden or call 46-8-667-09-05.

UNFORTUNATELY, BLENDS JUST CAN'T MATCH OUR GREENS GRADES.

## SPICING UP RANGE TARGETS

A self-clearing, slightly elevated green, the H1 Target Range, can be situated anywhere in the hitting area. When a golfer puts a shot on the green — 16 x 24 feet, 20 x 24 or 24 x 28 — a blue light signals success. A hole in one is rewarded with flashing red lights. The sharpshooter also receives a Hole In One Award Certificate and a prize from participating ranges.

Each hole-in-one winner is automatically entered in the National Hole In One Pro Shot Program, which includes monthly drawings and regional/national "shoot-offs" featuring prize money.

Hole In One Pro Shot also offers a revenue-sharing plan whereby the firm provides target units at no cost. Hole In One will install and service the H1 at its own expense, and participate in a revenue-sharing plan with the range. For more information call 818-993-SHOT.

## RANGE BOSS BALL WASHER

SGD Co. of Akron recently unveiled its new, improved Range Boss golf ball washer. This all aluminum, non-corrosive ball washer will clean 15,000 balls per hour and features an EZ lift-out brush for removing stones, broken balls, etc.

For further information and a free catalogue, contact SGD East at 1-800-321-3411.