

Au Courant Accessories

Manufacturers offer myriad items

There are several new accessories on the market, from items to dress up the course to tools that superintendents and their crews can use to make their jobs easier. Golfdom checked in with accessory manufacturers recently and asked them what they had cooking on the new-product front.

Easy does it



Standard Golf says its EasyMark System makes it easy to place temporary flagsticks almost anywhere around the golf course without having to cut a hole.

“The EasyMark System allows flagsticks to be placed around the course more freely,” said Matt Hurley,

Standard Golf’s vice president. “Flagsticks can be set for different chip-shot scenarios on practice greens or at a driving range.”

A course also can use the EasyMark System to set flagsticks lining a path to direct guests or to help add a golfer’s touch in decorating a special event, Hurley says.

The system includes a Tap-In Flagstick Anchor and a 3-inch spotter ring that allows flagsticks to be placed virtually anywhere in a matter of seconds, according to the company.

Standard Golf also offers its Custom Golf Flagstick program to give golf courses new options for using flagsticks as a communication and marketing medium on the golf course. Custom Golf Flagsticks leverage the flagsticks’ position in the unsaturated media environment on the golf course to capture golfers’ attention, according to Standard Golf. Courses can add

their own message, logo or advertisements. Standard Golf’s Custom Golf Flagsticks are available in several different styles.

A real-wood look

Eagle One Golf Products latest product line is made of 100 percent recycled fiber and polymer and looks more like real wood. The Greenwood product line’s real-wood feel requires little if any maintenance, according to Eagle One.



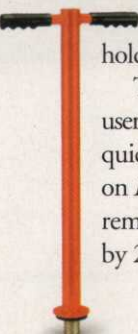
Greenwood products have a “rough sawn” finish that is commonly associated with many lumbers. The product line includes water-cooler enclosures, trash and divot mix containers, benches and more.

The material does not require any preservative treatments or water sealing.

Plug away

Par Aide offers the new Accuform Turf Plugger and Accuform Ball Mark Plugger.

The Turf Plugger allows users to easily replace worn, damaged areas with healthy turf. It can be used on greens, tees, fairways and ends of cart paths. The Turf Plugger removes plugs 2-3/8-inch wide by 2-1/2-inch deep. It features a replaceable cutter blade made from case hardened steel and a hollow handle that can hold up to 12 plugs.



The Ball Mark Plugger helps users remove ball marks on greens quickly and easily. It also works on *Poa annua* and goosegrass. It removes plugs 1-1/2 inch-wide by 2-1/2-inch-deep and comes with

three rubber washers that allow for shallow plug extraction. The hollow handle can hold up to 12 plugs.

Par Aide also offers the Accuform Profile Sampler, which makes extracting soil samples easy. Users get an undisturbed soil profile 6-inches deep, 3-inches deep and a half-inch-thick.

The easy-to-use hinge allows users to easily view the root zone and thatch clearly, with no screws or bolts to get in the way.

Par Aide says its Accuform Moisture Sensor takes the guessing out of how much moisture is in soil.

The Moisture Sensor is ideal for measuring differences in soil conditions throughout the course, according to the company.

Goodbye geese

From Tee to Green offers AwayWithGeese, a pond float that effectively eliminates problems of droppings, aggressive behavior and damage brought on by nesting geese, according to the company.

Working on the principle that Canada Geese are generally lazy and like to sleep undisturbed at night, AwayWithGeese is a simple, compact and maintenance-free geese deterrent for lakes and ponds. The patented device is a flashing light, charged by photocells and automatically activated with a light sensor for nighttime use. This LED light is mounted to an enclosed weatherproof float that is positioned in the center of the afflicted pond or lake. The light flashes once per second at night to discourage the geese from foraging and nesting.

The compact device is harmless to the environment and ecosystem of the pond and is visually innocuous, measuring only 15 inches wide and 12 inches above the water line. A land-based unit is also available. ■