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Turfco Manufacturing is leading manufacturer of top dressers and material handlers for golf applications. In fact, Turfco developed the world's first mechanical top dresser in 1961, and continues to lead the industry with patented top dressing technologies, including the Mete-R-Matic[®] continuous chevron conveyor belt and ground drive system, and the WideSpin™ 1530 technology found in the company's broadcast top dressers. Today, Turfco offers the widest range of top dressers available, from the self-propelled models for greens and tees, to large pull-behind models appropriate for fairways and other large turf areas.

Turfco products are renowned as much for their solid quality and durability as they are for their unparalleled performance in the field. This is backed by the company's exclusive three-year warranty, the longest in the industry. In addition to top dressers, Turfco manufactures a wide range of equipment for commercial turf maintenance and upkeep, including aerators, overseeders, dethatchers, sod cutters and more. All are designed and manufactured at the company's Minneapolis headquarters.

WideSpin™ 1530 Broadcast Top Dresser

Turfco's WideSpin[™] 1530 broadcast top dresser is ideal for superintendents who implement a light, frequent top-dressing



program. The machine can top dress as light as a fertilizer spreader up to 30 feet wide, allowing superintendents to top dress 18 holes in as fast as 90 minutes. The light, uni-

form and clean application means no dragging is required.

Thanks to its patented design, the WideSpin 1530 is the only top dresser that can switch from light to heavy top-dressing applications without attachments. Exclusive angleadjustable spinner plates allow up to 15 degrees of adjustment to maximize material penetration in varying turf conditions. As a result, the WideSpin 1530 is the first machine capable of uniformly applying ¼-inch or more of top dressing up to 15 feet wide—nearly three times wider than standard spreaders.

The WideSpin 1530 is available in tow-behind and truckmount models. The truck-mount model is available for the Cushman[®] Turf-Truckster, John Deere[®] Pro Gator[™] and Toro[®] Workman[®] utility vehicles.

CR-10 WideSpin™ Top Dresser and Material Handler

Turfco has introduced the patented WideSpin[™] technology to its CR-10 broadcast top dresser and material handler. The CR-10 combines patented Turfco material handling technologies with WideSpin broadcast top-dressing technology to create an exceptionally versatile and easy-to-use golf course maintenance and renovation tool.

Utilized as a material handler, the CR-10 features a patented three-position hand-held control that provides operators flexibility and freedom to monitor material flow and placement from the



most convenient location. The flow control feature, in tandem with the 180-degree swing of the cross conveyor, allows the CR-10 to effectively place material without moving

the machine, reducing shovel work. The large, four cubic yard (3.06 cubic meter) hopper capacity of the CR-10 makes it useful for filling other top dressers, bunkers, sand traps, washouts and more.

The CR-10 is capable of applying light or heavy top dressing applications at broadcast widths of 15 to 40 feet. Turfco's Wide-Spin technology, combined with the CR-10's exclusive angleadjustable spinners, also gives superintendents the unmatched ability to apply a full-range of top dressing depths, from light to ¼-inch or more.

Mete-R-Matic XL

Building on the simple, dependable operation of its well-established Mete-R-Matic III, Turfco has introduced the Mete-R-Matic XL tow-type top dresser, which offers increased hopper capacity for larger turf areas on golf courses.

The Mete-R-Matic XL features Turfco's proven Mete-R-Matic design, which combines a patented chevron belt design with its patented ground drive system to ensure even



distribution of heavy, medium or light top-dressing materials, regardless of moisture content and vehicle speed. An adjustable metering gate accurately controls the flow of material from the conveyor belt to the brush, which drives material downward to penetrate the base of the turf. These features combine to make the Mete-R-Matic XL the easiest-to-use, most consistent large area top dresser available.

With a hopper capacity of 2.25 cubic yards (1.72 cubic meters), the Mete-R-Matic XL can carry a maximum load weight of 6,000 pounds.



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Whether its topdressing or filling sand traps, completing a landscape project, or building that new tee or green, "material handling" is a critical part of every superintendent's day. Our goal at Ty-Crop is to make sure our products are the right tools to help you get the job done. That's why our focus is on designing high-performance, simple-to-use, long-lasting equipment to transport, move, deliver, place and spread more kinds of materials more effectively.

Our innovation in material handling and topdressing is unmatched, including the first four-wheel walking beam low-impact suspension system in 1990, the first material handler in 1991, and the first multifunctional topdresser in 1997. Ty-Crop is proud of its leadership role in the professional turfgrass maintenance industry. But we're about more than great equipment. We see the big picture and have long been one of the strongest contributors of financial assistance for education, research and growth of the game.

Ty-Crop's turf products include a full line of material handling and topdressing equipment designed for the daily rigors of golf course or sports field maintenance. Customers can select from a range of sizes, configurations and prices to find the products that make the most sense for their facility, tow vehicle and budget. Product performance, simplicity and reliability have become the hallmarks of the Ty-Crop brand.

Every Ty-Crop representative has extensive experience and is happy to walk customers through the what, how and when of material handling, topdressing and everything related to these important operations. To learn more about how material handling and topdressing can help you affordably create the best possible playing conditions, visit www.tycrop.com or call 800-845-7249.

MH-400 Material Handling Unit

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tions. The MH-400 is the original material handler. It's perfect for daily maintenance, renovations and construction, surprisingly affordable for what it can do, very simple to use, and never needs a day off.

PP-180 Light and Frequent Topdresser

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ProPass delivers the lightest footprint and a level of spread accuracy that makes irrigating or brushing afterward optional. This technology makes light and frequent topdressing a cornerstone practice for creating greens that are faster and more consistent than ever.

QP-300 Multi-functional Topdresser

Customers all over the world rely on the QuickPass and the use of three quickattach spreading options to spread almost any type of wet or dry material including top dressing mixes, compost products, sand,



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QP-450 Multi-functional Topdresser

The midsize QuickPass 450 and quick-attach options (no tools

required) is a perfect fit with most tow vehicles and offers the productivity to quickly top dress several fields in a single day. For added versatility, the QuickPass is designed with the ability to spread a variety of wet or dry materials at vary-



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TD-460 Large Area Topdresser

Top dressing is critical for creating smooth safe playing conditions and a healthy, deep roots growing environment. For facili-

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rials from \mathcal{M}_{6} -inch to several inches in depth, and top dress with up to 7 cubic yards in a single load make it the right tool for the job. *Proven performance, reliability and versatility are the hallmarks of the Ty-Crop brand.*



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Because of activists, extremists and misinformed politicians, consumers are questioning whether the products and resources (such as water) used to care for their lawns, landscapes and other green spaces are a waste—or a harm to the environment. Yes, legislation and regulations have been throwing the green industry some rough punches. And we're about to start fighting back.

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A foursome of senior golfers hit the course with waning enthusiasm for the sport. "These hills are getting steeper as the years go by," one complained.

"These fairways seem to be getting longer too," said one of the others.

"The sand traps seem to be bigger than I remember them too," said the third senior.

After hearing enough from his buddies, the oldest, and the wisest of the four of them, at 87 years old, piped up and said, "Just be thankful we're still on the right side of the grass!"



Out of Bounds

SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

Poke



n Aug. 2, 1876, famed gunman and cardsharp Wild Bill Hickock pulled a pair of black aces and black eights

while indulging in a game of poker at Saloon No. 10 in Deadwood, a rough and tumble gold rush town in the Dakota territory. Unfortunately, Hickock wouldn't finish that hand: a ne'erdo-well named Jack McCall gunned him down from the back. That hand - bullets over eights - became known as "Dead Man's Hand."

Thankfully, the game of poker has become a bit more civilized since the early 19th century, when a variation of poker, played with 20 cards, was used by riverboat mountebanks to rob unsuspecting suckers of their "poke," or money. While the word "poker" wasn't officially used until 1834, links to the game go back to the French game of poque and the German bluffing game pochspiel.

Now, of course, the country has flipped for poker, fueled in part by ESPN's coverage of the World Series of Poker, the Travel Channel's World Poker Tour, the Bravo's Celebrity Poker Showdown, films like Rounders and James McManus's thrilling book, Positively Fifth Street: Murderers, Cheetahs and Binion's World Series of Poker. From local taverns to VFW halls, from the cyber-rivers of online action to the neighborhood game with buddies,

HERE ARE YOU SOME IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO GET IN THE **COUNTRY'S HOTTEST NEW GAME**

BY MARK LUCE

Texas Hold 'Em tournaments have captured the American imagination with a frenzy that shames fads such as pet rocks, Cabbage Patch Kids and Rubik's cubes.

So what's the draw? Well, it takes nerve, psychology, luck and smarts to play the game well. Then there's the visceral thrill of winning. In the words of hustler extraordinaire Fast Eddie Felson, "Money won is twice as sweet as money earned."

Texas Hold 'Em is a quick game, too, with two cards in the hole (only you see them) and then five cards up (community cards). From those cards, you build the best five-card hand possible. The game can be invigorating and heartbreaking simultaneously. Watching it on television is surprisingly exciting.

Now before you rush out and blow \$10,000 to try to get a seat at a table in the World Series of Poker, let's talk a little common sense. Gambling can be addictive, which can ruin your life and family. If you remain hot to play for stakes at a casino, know your limits and learn the game and its rules (Hoyle's Rules of Games). Trust me, losing money doesn't make you smarter, better looking or more manly. It only makes your wallet thinner. If you're going to head to the casino, take an amount that you know you can afford to lose. Otherwise, stay at home and sit at an Internet table and play with fake money.

If you're like me and you enjoy the game but don't want to lose \$200 to folks you don't know, host your own game. Anywhere from five to seven players make for a decent poker night. In our game, we don't bring more than \$20 to the table, and play nickel/dime/quarter games - Low Chicago, Pass the Trash, Seven Card Stud, Baseball, Five Card Draw with a maximum of three raises per turn. With those stakes, even the worst card player can survive for a few hours.

You'll improve over time by playing at home or online because you'll learn how to bet, bluff and fold more effectively.

While we're on the subject of crucial poker skills, Kenny Rogers had it right: Knowing when to fold 'em is probably the most important skill to have in playing poker.

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