

# MGCSA Affiliate News

## Toro Establishes Revolutionary, New Class Of Rotary Mower with Groundsmaster® 3000

The Toro Company has announced the all-new Groundsmaster® 3000, a riding mower that provides specific features requested by golf course superintendents, and in doing so, establishes a whole new class of rotary mower. The Groundsmaster 3000 combines a 33-horsepower gas or diesel engine of a noticeably quieter performance with improved hillside stability and wider mulching deck.

According to Rick Rodier, a marketing manager for Toro's Commercial Products Division, the Groundsmaster 3000 was created based on extensive research sessions conducted with turfcare professionals and golf course superintendents.

"The Groundsmaster 3000 is everything these experts asked for in a new riding rotary mower — a powerful, economical machine, stable and durable enough to handle a complete spectrum of mowing needs, including difficult, hilly terrain," said Rodier. "The mower's advanced rotary cutting system provides a quality of cut that meets — or exceeds — golf course standards."

He added that the Groundsmaster 3000 hails from Toro's Groundsmaster® family of mowers. "True to its name, this new rotary mower is a reliable and durable machine with the added agility operators need to work efficiently. Toro expects this new class of mowers to be quickly embraced by superintendents."

Most notable, the Groundsmaster 3000 offers improved hillside stability — and operator safety — due to a larger wheelbase, lower center of gravity and larger tires. A 33-horsepower engine handles bigger, heavier jobs. An added plus is its low noise emission level. Operators and the surrounding environment benefit with quieter mowing conditions. Also, a highly versatile "quick-attach" system means cutting decks and attachments can be changed quickly with few tools, making the mower ideal for year-round use.

The Groundsmaster 3000 has immediately available an enhanced Guardian® 84" Recycler® mulching deck. Hydraulic counterbalance, soft-ride castor wheels and a responsive deck design adjustable to extreme turf contours help ensure a smooth, even cut.

Two versions of the Groundsmaster 3000 are currently available: a two-wheel drive diesel model and a two-wheel drive gas model. A four-wheel drive diesel model with on-demand forward and reverse four-wheel drive will be ready for delivery in the spring of 1996.

Customers can receive additional information about the Groundsmaster 3000 by calling MTI Distributing Co. at 1-800-362-3665.

## Check Signature Announces Conference Contest Winners

Check Signature has announced the winners of the contest at the Trion Lift booth at the MTGF Conference this past December.

The contest was to name the golf course hole pictured and displayed at the booth. The winners are:

Ralph Arnt, Carver;  
Ken Dehkes, Mendota Heights;  
Rick Fredericksen, Woodhill C.C.;  
Bill Larson, Town & C.C.;  
Ken Otto, Valleywood G.C.;  
Eric Netz, Wayzata C.C.;  
Kevin Nieman, Woodhill C.C.;

An eighth correct entry was received but had no name. All winners received a Turfchek® II.

Thanks to all who stopped by the booth.

## New 70" National Hydro Triplex Mower Offers Out Front Cutting For Tees and Bunkers

New customers during 1995 report that the 80" Hydro Triplex is nearly an ideal tee and trim mower. Its out front cutting allows high visibility while its rear wheel steering offers easy turning and high maneuverability. The combined capability makes trimming around tees, bunkers, surrounds and greens go quickly and easily. Specially designed to cut as low as 1/2," the user has the option of attaching snap-on baskets to collect grass clippings

The 70" costs less than a comparable, commercial rotary mower.

Additionally, the company engineered the hydrostatic drive to the wheels and hydraulic lift for mowers for simple maintenance.

For users that want to have the 70" Hydro Triplex handle more than trimming, it provides one of the finest striping cuts available. The shearing action of its six-blade cutting reels brings a professional striping look to all types of turf.

For more information call Stan Kinkead, general manager of National Mower at (612) 646-4079.