New Products & Services

A compilation of new products and services available in the sports turf field

Bannerman Topdressers & Aerifiers

Bannerman offers three new aerifiers. The first is a gaspowered, walk-behind unit with three options in tines coring tines, slitter tines, and Aerway shatter tines. The second is the Multi-Ject 400 with the same options in tines, but ground-driven and tractor towed or attached by a 3-point hitch. The third is the 6-foot Super-Ject with the same tine options. All tines are interchangeable and replaceable. The interchangeable tine system has the advantage of year long use with virtually no interruption of play.

The Bannerman Sports-Topper has a capacity of 1.5 cu. yd. and is hydraulically driven, either directly from the tractor hydraulics or using the tractor P.T.O. to operate the rolling floor and dispensing brush. Spreading width is 58 inches and a depth coverage can be precisely controlled from 1/16 to one inch. The double-

walled, aluminum hopper is very sturdy, but light, and surface pressure on the ground when loaded is 8 - 10 p.s.i. The treadless tires are mounted on compensating swing axels, ideally suited to fine-turf area such as golf greens.

Take Home Turf Mats

Oseco Inc., the Brampton, Ontario based seed company is pleased to introduce an entirely new convenience product for the home and cottage owner.

"Take Home Turf" mats are made of recycled wood fibre and textile with a mixture of 30% Kentucky bluegrass, 40% fescues and 30% turftype perennial ryegrass evenly distributed throughout.

Only certified Oseco seed varieties suitable for sun and shade are incorporated in the mats.

They are manufactured by Canfor, a 55-year-old, forest product company in British Columbia.

The mats are environmen-

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tally friendly and easy to use. Canfor's research team worked closely with the Plant Science Department at the University of British Columbia in their development.

Oseco Inc. successfully tested the maps at its Brampton, Ontario test grounds prior to making a marketing commitment. The mats are 60 sq. feet in size and each roll weights just 8 pounds for easy handling.

The mats eliminate seed washout and provide a perfect distribution of the seed. They are also a great weed barrier allowing new growth time to establish.

Greenscape Grass Seed

Pickseed Canada Inc. offers a new grass seed mixture targeted at both the home owner and the professional landscaper. It combines rapid establishment, 100% perennial grasses, desirable turf quality, and adaptability to a broad spectrum of turf use and management situations.

Rapid establishment, a critical concern, is achieved by using 30% Edge perennial ryegrass, together with 30% premium GroKoted Kentucky bluegrass and 40% creeping red fescue. The creeping red

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fescue adds shade tolerance to the mix and gives it persistence at low management levels. The premium Kentucky bluegrass provides traffic tolerance and good quality at high maintenance levels. The predominance of Kentucky bluegrass and Edge perennial ryegrass assures the quality level preferred in most turf situations. The recommended seeding rate is four pounds per 1000 square feet.

Dol Turf Restoration

Dol Turf Restoration is a company dedicated to offering a comprehensive program of turf maintenance services. Among the services offered by the company are topdressing, overseeding, dethatching, sodding, standard aeration, water injection aeration, and verti-drain aeration. In addition bulldozing, fine grading and complete sports field construction can be conducted. The company is also prepared to carry out soil evaluation studies and develop fertility programs to provide the best sports fields possible.

The company is under the

directorship of Gord Dol who has 15 years experience in the turf industry, which includes sports turf restoration, roadside turf establishment, and erosion control.

CYNTHIA Kentucky Bluegrass

Cynthia is a fine leaf Kentucky bluegrass that reaches its prime in mid-summer. Mid-summer is a tough time for bluegrass. Cynthia can keep out weeds such as crabgrass and milk spurge. Under the severe drought, and excessive heat of 1988 only Cynthia maintained its colour, density, and freedom from crabgrass, oxalis and milk spurge in trials at Minneapolis, MN.

Cynthia establishes fast! Fast establishment means less repair and down time. Cynthia is good for both repairing a damaged lawn and when a new lawn "specs" require grass cover within a limited time period. It exhibits improved resistance to dollar spot and to sod webworm.

Cynthia has narrow leaf blades. It's colour is a bright medium green. It is especially satisfactory when used in mixtures with the newer finer textured perennial ryegrasses and fine fescues. Its texture makes it extremely compatible when repairing the density of lawns consisting of older bluegrass varieties.

For satisfactory results only moderate (maintenance) amounts of nitrogen and irrigation are needed. It is recommended for parks, athletic fields, schools and commercial turf as well as for home lawns.

In the 1988 National Turfgrass Evaluation Program, held at 27 locations in the U.S., Cynthia had a mean turf quality rating equal to or surpassing such well known varieties as Nassau, Eclipse, Merit, Monopoly, Gnome, Amazon, Mystic and Joy.

Cynthia is available from Rothwell Seeds, Lindsay, ON.

Compu-spray Mosquito Control

Rittenhouse Sprayers introduces Compu-spray, an excellent new means of control for flying insects including mosquitos, black flies and

gnats. It hangs discreetly from a tree or post and requires no external source of power or water, yet gives effective control for over an acre. In trials conducted by the Univ. of Guelph, the Compu-spray reduced mosquito bites by 68%. Similar trials with electronic bug zappers did not show a significant effect. It's 3.75 litre tank lasts a week per fill and two 6-volt lantern batteries, included, last a season. This product keeps track of wind direction and time and will emit a fine mist spray no more than once per 12-hour period in any one wind direction. The spray is carried by the wind to kill mosquitos where they breed. it may also be set to exclude spraying for certain wind directions, for instance, when the wind is blowing towards a patio or building.

The TORO HC4000 Aerator

The Toro Company has announced the new HC4000 mechanical coring aerator. This mid-size model is smaller than a fairway aerator and larger





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than a dedicated greens aerator. The result is a high-capacity, highly maneuverable deep-coring aerator, designed especially for smaller, less powerful tractors.

According to Tom Fischer. Sales Manager for Turf Care a Toro distributor - the HC4000 is for customers who need the added maneuverability of a smaller, tractormounted model. The HC4000 aerates tight turn-around spots like tees and greens, and infield areas using a lower horsepower tractor; making it an ideal aerator for golf courses, athletic fields, parks and school grounds.

The HC4000 has a capacity of aerating 0.8 acre/hour. The tractor-mounted design increases operator control for turns within small, confined areas. A 25- to 45-horsepower tractor with hydraulic ports to raise and lower the coring head is required. It offers five different tines to penetrate to depths of 4 or 6 inches on a 6 inch tine pattern. Powerful crank arms are designed to withstand the rigors of various turf conditions. An all-gear drive, protected in oil, eliminates chains and belts. Also included are adjustable tire scrapers to remove accumulated soil from each wheel.

Cushman 6150 **Rotary Mower**

G.C. Duke Equipment Ltd. announces the availability of the new Cushman 6150 Triplex Rotary Mowing system. The mowing system is available in 9 ft. 8 in. and 10 ft. 7in. cutting widths. The unit features a 4cylinder, 51 h.p. water cooled Diesel engine and individual lifts to each cutting deck. They are also equipped with a deluxe operator's seat, hydrostatic, 4-wheel drive and power steering.

ParEx 29-3-6 **Fertilizer**

Vigoro Canada, Inc. has introduced a new fertilizer specifically designed for golf course roughs and park conditions. ParEx 29-3-6 with XC IBDU offers the opportunity to get IBDU performance in those turf areas where you would normally use an "ag" or SCUbased fertilizer. XC IBDU means the IBDU particles are larger than regular fairway grade. This offers the turf manager four to five months of residual feeding. ParEx 20-3-6 is offered at an economical introductory price and will save on application expenses with its extended release. Contact TurfCare at 1-416-836-0988 for further information.





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