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New Tow Behind Verti-Top For Artificial Turf

IDEAL FOR APPLICATIONS that require a lighter unit or when a tractor isn't available for use as power unit. This new tow-behind Verti-Top from G.C. Duke Equipment Ltd. utilizes the same innovative cleaning technology as its tractor mount version by quickly and effectively removing debris from the surface while gently brushing and grooming the turf fibers. All material that is brought up is sifted out in a vibratory shaker screen with the clean infill being returned to the turf and the debris sifted into two easy-to-empty bins. The tow behind Verti-Top is equipped with a quiet and powerful Briggs & Stratton Intek 6.5 hp engine for long life and trouble-free performance. This machine can be used with any power unit – from a golf cart to a riding lawn mower. For additional information contact: Dick Raycroft, draycroft@gcduke.com, 905-637-5216 x116 (Burlington area), 905-338-2404 x116 (Toronto area), 1-800-883-0761 x116 (Toll Free).

Bannerman Infield Chalker: New for 2010

THE BANNERMAN INFIELD CHALKER (Model # B-LC-1234) applies powdered line marking materials on grass and non-turf surfaces. Our hopper has an adjustable dispensing aperture positioned close to the ground to minimize drift and is equipped with a steel lid to protect the content from blowing about or getting wet in case of rain. The width of the marking is adjustable from 1" (26 mm) to 4" (102 mm). For extra stability and ease of handling, the Infield Chalker is equipped with 4 wheels and pneumatic tires. The front wheels are extra large to ensure a uniform drive for dispensing mechanism



when fully loaded. To cut off the dispensing action, you simply raise the wheels so there is no traction. For further information, visit www.sportsturfmagic.com.

QUALITY SEEDS INTRODUCES RTF®

SPORTS TURF MANAGERS are always looking for better ideas when it comes to establishing and maintaining sports fields. Something new to consider is an innovative product called RTF®, a rhizomatous tall fescue with impressive wear and drought tolerance.

RTF is a patented true rhizomatous tall fescue bred exclusively by Barenbrug Group and sold exclusively in Canada

through Quality Seeds Ltd. A rhizome is a horizontal, underground lateral shoot that elongates underground away from the plant and sends out roots and shoots from additional growing points called nodes. Standard tall fescue does not contain rhizomes. With RTF, your sports field has the ability to repair itself resulting in a consistent uniform appearance.



RTF has been selected and bred for heavy traffic. This was accomplished through an intensive and technical process which tests wear tolerance. RTF has been tested for over eight years on actual sports fields in the US and Europe and has had great success. In a recent drought tolerance trial by New Mexico State University, RTF outperformed all other standard tall fescues.

Contact Quality Seeds at 905-856-7333 or support@qualityseeds.ca if you are interested in "RTF Turf Saver Seed" or for the location of an RTF sod grower near you.

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TORO PURCHASES TY-CROP MANUFACTURING ASSETS

THE TORO COMPANY HAS once again proven to be the leader when it comes to turf maintenance equipment. Through this acquisition, Toro has acquired several models of topdressing and material handling equipment that will enhance the company's position in the turf maintenance industry. TY-CROP products will be marketed under the Toro brand and sold through Turf Care Products in Ontario and Quebec (www.turfcare.ca).



"Comprehensive cultivation and topdressing programs are increasingly important for our customers around the world," said Michael Happe, vice president of Toro's commercial business. "Golf courses and sports fields rely on these machines to achieve improved agronomic conditions and to create healthy, consistent playing surfaces. TY-CROP's solid reputation in this important category complements our existing line of application and cultivation equipment. Equally, it provides our customers with a more comprehensive offering to meet their turf maintenance needs."

Sports turf managers will use these machines to evenly apply a variety of materials like topsoil, fertilizer, sand, lime, and even crumb rubber for artificial turf. Turf Care Products Canada is the exclusive Toro equipment and irrigation distributor for the Ontario market.

PARKS & OPEN SPACE ALLIANCE UPDATE

This year presents all of us in the parks and recreation field with many challenges. Shrinking budgets, tighter controls on spending and greater scrutiny of courses and conferences are pressures facing members throughout the province. The Parks and Open Space Alliance (POSA) continues to work on behalf of all parks professionals to create new opportunities for professional development and career growth by targeting those areas and skills that are keys to success in our industry.

POSA and its partner organizations, the Ontario Parks Association, the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association and the Sports Turf Association, are actively reviewing our courses and ensuring that they deliver premium value for cost and address the pressures and opportunities in our field. We are always working to develop new valuable and innovative programs to be delivered under the POSA banner to complement and enhance the courses offered by our core organizations.

You are invited to attend our Summer Operational Forum on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at the Cambridge Hespeler Arena. This year's theme is Accessibility in Ontario's Parks. Join us to hear a variety of interesting and dynamic presentations that will help us to understand the needs and requirements of these members of our community and how we can help to enhance their parks experience and open doors to new opportunities.

June 23 Program Overview

- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA): Standards, Legislation and Municipal Response
- Active Living Alliance Tool Kit
- Accessible Playgrounds
- Variety Village: Promoting Access and Inclusive Participation
- Open Forum/Discussion: Topical Trends and Issues for Parks and Open Spaces

Sports Turf Association's Sports Turf Management & Maintenance Course

1/3 required courses for the Parks & Open Space Professional Training Program (Level 1)

May 3-6, 2010, University of Guelph

For more information & registration: 519-763-9431
www.sportsturfassociation.com/POSA/Prof Training Program

