
HAPPENINGS

Free Advice for What Ails You

Got a sore wrist, tennis elbow, hurt finger? These ailments, along with other pains of the wrist, hand and elbow will be discussed free to callers to the American Physical Therapy Association's (APTA) hotline during October, National Physical Therapy Month. The toll-free number is (800) 955-7848 and will be available October 27-28, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Eastern time.

The hotline is sponsored by APTA, the Oregon Physical Therapy Association, Washington Physical Therapy Association and the Section on Orthopaedics as a public service. It is not intended to be a substitute for a visit to a other health care professional. Callers may request free brochures, including *Taking Care of Your Hand, Wrist and Elbow*, *What You Should Know About Carpal Tunnel Syndrome*, and *Taking Care of Your Shoulder*.

Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs Named

The 1995 board of directors of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute was announced during the association's 43rd annual meeting in Kiawah Island, SC.

Serving on the board this year are: Kendrick B. Melrose, chairman, The Toro Co.; Warner C. Frazier, vice chairman, Simplicity Manufacturing Inc.; Patrick W. Curtiss, secretary-treasurer, Honda Power Equipment Manufacturing; Michael S. Ariens, Ariens Co.; David R. Campbell, MTD Products Inc.; K.O. Dixon, Dixon Industries Inc.; Jairo A. Estrada, Garden Way Inc.; Jeffrey W. Mack, Lesco Inc.; Mark C. Rostvold, John Deere Co.; Richard W. Shoemaker, Kohler Co.; and L. Edward Shultz, Murray Ohio Manufacturing Co.

Serving as committee chairmen are: Kendrick B. Melrose, executive

committee; Mark C. Rostvold, marketing services; Michael S. Ariens, technical services; Jeffrey W. Mack, EXPO planning; David R. Campbell, personnel; Warner C. Frazier, convention planning and future plans; and Patrick W. Curtiss, finance and budget.

Composting 101

Blending to create valuable soil conditioning products is a well-established practice with nurseries, landscape contractors and natural-fertilizer suppliers. However, composting as a method to turn greenwaste into valuable compost and mulch is not so widely practiced.

A new publication by JG Press of Emmaus, PA, *Green Industry Composting*, provides all the knowledge that turf managers need to make composting a profitable part of regular operations.

The 72-page publication was compiled by the editors of *BioCycle*, Journal of Composting and Recycling. For more information, call (800) 661-4905 or (610) 967-4135.

ROOKIES

PRODUCT UPDATE

Dethatcher and Verticutter

With its flexible tines, the EasyRake "combs" grass only a quarter inch into the soil, so it cannot penetrate into the root structure. If a more vigorous process of dethatching or aeration is desired, the company also offers a vertical slicer that cuts into the soil with hardened steel slicing knives. For established turf not in need of complete renovation but with a thatch problem (dry spots, fungus, etc.), the spring-tine dethatcher can be the solution.

EVERGREEN

INTERNATIONAL INC.

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Riding Mower

The 70-inch Sports Turf Riding Mower is designed especially for sports fields. The shearing action of its six-blade reels

results in a professional striped look. Rather than bruising the grass as it is cut with a rotary mower, the reel cutter grooms the grass and helps build a healthy turf. It offers a fine cut for tough grasses such as bermuda and can groom a half acre in 15 minutes. The six-blade reel turns slower than a rotary blade, meaning the unit uses up to 50 percent less gas than standard rotary mowers. Additionally, the reel blades require sharpening less often, saving time and maintenance costs.

NATIONAL MOWER

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Overseeder/Dethatcher

The Ryan Mataway Overseeder features a new design for better traction and maneuverability. Both a dethatcher and overseeder, the Mataway features heavy-duty snap-out reels that allow the operator to select the type of blade and spacing desired for vertical slicing. The

seed-rate adjustment feature helps ensure proper seed flow. Two-inch reel spacing enables overseeding in one pass. By removing four pins, the overseeder becomes a standard dethatcher. The 11-hp Kohler Command engine meets all current California Air Resources Board (CARB) emissions regulations. Other features include a 19-inch seeding width, a removable weight bar for increased traction and a depth adjustment of up to 1.5 inches.

RANSOMES AMERICA CORP.

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Line Marker

This dry line marker mounts with one pin on the front of an athletic-field maintenance machine. The feed rotor is driven with a 12-volt motor and produces a two- or four-inch-wide line.

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