



Kiscutter sod cutter to the sports turf market

Turfco now offers the Kiscutter Sod Cutter to sports turf managers. Lighter in weight, the simple-to-use Kiscutter weighs only 140 pounds. An inexpensive option, it is easier to operate and transport than traditional sod cutters. Four-wheel design, pneumatic tires and a rear-wheel drive are some features making it easier to operate and transport. It also features a 5.5 hp Honda engine, which can cut up to 150 feet per minute, but produces lower vibration reducing operator fatigue. Easier to understand than any other sod cutter on the market, operators just have to set the depth adjustment and then run simplified controls on the handle bar. Additionally, lightweight folding handles result in easy lifting, hauling and storage.

www.turfco.com



STEC now distributing TRILO products

STEC Equipment has announced that they will handle North American Distribution for TRILO professional outdoor clean up equipment. With a complete range of Blowers, Verticutters, and Vacuums, STEC has a TRILO to fit any need. The TRILO SG400 is a versatile turf vacuum with many options and features. With over a 5 cubic yard capacity, 33" fan, 80" tipping height, and turf tires, the TRILO makes clean up and collection a breeze. The options include: Verticutting head, so you can verticut and collect in ONE PASS. Hand Held Hose, for clean up around tight areas. Flail mower head, for simultaneous cutting and collection. Gully brush, for curbs and walls. The SG400 truly is a multi-function tool.

www.stecequipment.com



Renown fungicide receives registration for use on sports turf

Renown fungicide, a broad-spectrum product from Syngenta, has received EPA registration for use on professional turf sites. It is the only product to contain the active ingredients found in both Heritage and Daconil fungicides. By combining proprietary azoxystrobin from Syngenta and finely milled chlorothalonil, Renown provides both systemic and contact modes of action. Its preventive and curative properties help control key plant diseases including dollar spot, brown patch, gray leaf spot, algae, anthracnose and more. Renown is not currently registered for sale or use in all states. Please check with your state or local extension service before buying or using this product.

www.syngenta.com

Chapter Highlights

Iowa Chapter: Part of a Larger Network of Industry Professionals

THE IOWA STMA CHAPTER knows how to share. ISTMA shares office space and an



Dr. Dave Minner of Iowa State, a national turfgrass industry leader.

Executive Director with a group of green industry organizations. Executive Director Jeff Wendel, CGCS, manages the Iowa Turfgrass Institute (ITI), The Iowa Golf Course Superintendents Association (IGCSA) and the Iowa Professional Lawn Care Association (IPLCA), in addition to the Iowa STMA. The ITI is considered an umbrella organization that fosters research, education, and the dissemination of information on turfgrass.

This unique arrangement with one Executive Director allows these organizations to have professional management with phone and email contact during business hours. None could afford full-time staffing on an individual basis.

According to Wendel, managing all of these organizations is effective, especially in designing the annual Iowa Turfgrass Conference program. "Having a good understanding of how these professions are similar, and how they are different helps us really develop education for each group. We can also efficiently use speakers," says Wendel. Another economy is in using the same membership database program. ITI owns the program and Wendel is able to easily keep track of each organization's membership.

The groups share a website, www.iowaturfgrass.org. Check it out to see a great model of collaboration. ■