

## SEED RESEARCH HONORS RHODE ISLAND RESEARCHER

Seed Research of Oregon presented Dr. Noel Jackson their Research Excellence Award at their summer advisory committee meeting in Corvallis, OR.

Jackson was honored for his dedication to the study of turfgrass pathology at the University of Rhode Island. Throughout his career, Jackson has researched turf diseases and their causal agents and pioneered studies of dollar spot, summer patch and take-all patch diseases.

## GREEN INDUSTRY SHOW MAKES MORE SPACE

Green Industry Show management has revised the trade show's floor plan this year to accommodate exhibitors requesting more booth space.

"Because of the success of last year's show, many of our exhibitors are asking for more space," says Ann E. McClure, GIE show manager. "So we've redrawn our floor plan to include wider island exhibits." The larger areas will allow for a more diverse and innovative trade show, McClure said. "Attendees should expect to see more exciting products and imaginative displays."

The show, scheduled for November 15-18 at the Baltimore Convention Center, is once again being held in conjunction with three educational conferences put on by the three GIE-sponsoring associations: the Professional Lawn care association of America, the Associated Landscape Contractors of America and the Professional Grounds Management Society.

## HEALTH STUDY GETS GRANT FROM WGCSA

A major scientific study of the health effects of pesticide exposure recently received a substantial boost from Wisconsin's golf course superintendents. During a May 25 event at Waupun's Rock River Country Club, the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association presented a grant totaling nearly \$10,000 to the national foundation sponsoring the study.

The research project is the first to examine whether superintendents have higher rates of any cancers or other ill-

nesses that could be related to their occupational exposure to products used to control weeds, insects and turfgrass diseases on golf courses.

The study, which is sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America research foundation, is being independently conducted by the University of Iowa College of Medicine's occupational health institute.

## RANSOMES AMERICA NAMES WHURR PRODUCT MANAGER



Ransomes America Corporation has named Peter Whurr product manager for the Cushman, Ransomes and Ryan product brands.

Whurr has more than 25 years of industry experience, joining Ransomes America Corporation in January 1992 as director of sales and distribution for the Turf Products Division. He previously was product manager for the Grass Machinery Division of Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies, an England-based firm. Ransomes America Corporation and Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies are subsidiaries of Ransomes plc, Ipswich, England.

## ASGCA DONALD ROSS AWARD GOES TO WADSWORTH

The American Society of Golf Course Architects has given the 1993 Donald Ross Award to Brent Wadsworth. The award honors someone who has made significant contributions to the game of golf, especially in the golf course architecture. Wadsworth is chairman of the Wadsworth Construction Company.

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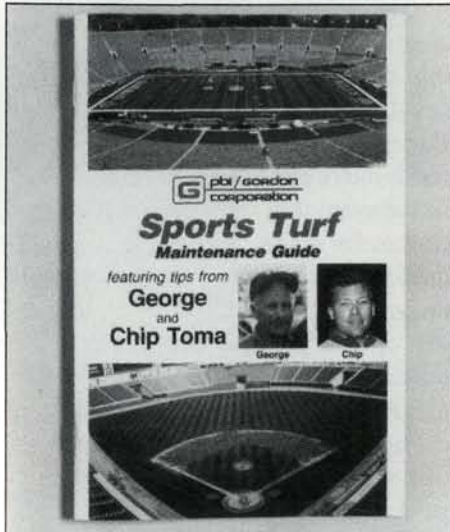
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## PRODUCT UPDATE

### SPORTS TURF GUIDE



PBI/Gordon's Sports Turf Maintenance Guide features tips from noted Kansas City groundskeepers George and Chip Toma. The 32-page booklet outlines specifications and suggestions for mowing, watering, fertilizing and weed, insect and disease control as well as seeding, sodding, thatch and clippings management.

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The Multislit is fitted with intergrated pressure rollers with floating heads to follow ground contours, and additional weights may be added. A 6-foot model is also available.

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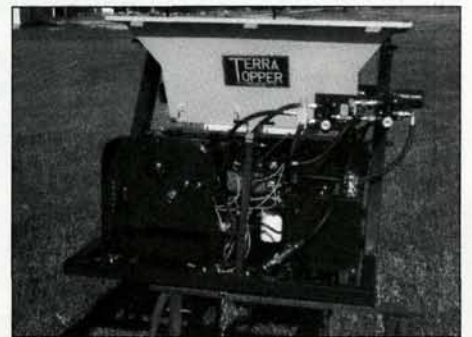
The York Broom model YB32 mounts to a standard category I or II 3-point-hitch tractor and requires a PTO running at 540 rpm. The YB32 is equipped with a reversible gearbox that allows the rotation of the brush to be reversed, permitting the operator to sweep in either direction of travel.

The YB32 is available in 6-, 7- and 8-foot widths and may be equipped with all polypropylene, crimped wire or a 50/50 combination of convoluted brush sections at no additional cost.

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## PRODUCT UPDATE

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#### COURSE AIR

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# REBOUND

Congratulations on the excellent article by Bob Milano in the June 1993 edition of *sportsTURF*. Mr. Milano's article, "Take a Systematic Approach to Irrigation Trouble-Shooting," was a pleasure to read and, in some ways, has vindicated me in the eyes of my peers.

Employed in the field of turfgrass irrigation for a central California school district, I am often approached by administrators, managers, teachers and coaches looking for a quick solution to "dry spot" problems. Often it is impossible to persuade these people that sometimes the problem is only a symptom of soil problems or a greater irrigation disease, that being one of overall system design flaws or improper initial installation. I have always subscribed to the adage that a sprinkler system is an interrelated and interdependent body, and that the whole system must be investigated in a systematic manner. It is so tempting in our profession to replace one

sprinkler head or perform the "quick fix" in order to please a multitude of individuals without contemplating the overall system effects.

One solution to the "broken-wire" syndrome which I have incorporated into all my design plans is to run additional color-coded ground and control wires through each valve box. The initial extra cost is minor compared to the alternatives. In the event that the wire break location cannot be found, a spare wire can be quickly and easily connected to rectify the problem. This is one alternative to opening up the ground and disturbing a playing surface and has saved time and money on more than one occasion.

Again, thanks for a very timely and well-written article. My subscription to your magazine has indeed been worthwhile, and it will continue.

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