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# big golf show

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**New tools, software, equipment...** heck, a giant golf ball that doubles as a restroom — the Golf Industry Show trade show floor has it all. GCM readers will soon be scouring the trade show in Anaheim in hopes of finding that next great product to help a superintendent do a better job. Though a comprehensive guide of the newest and best products available from the industry would help readers plan an efficient route through the aisles and aisles of booths, it's nearly impossible to amass the volume of information and products that will be on display from more than 1,200 exhibitors Feb. 22-24 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

What we've come up with instead is an abridged version of that guide based on the buzz we've picked up on here at headquarters. Here's a glimpse of some cool new gadgets and equipment you're likely to run into on the show floor. If you've still got time at the end of your day, stop by GCM's booth, No. 2000, to check out our redesigned look.



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**1)** A solar-powered washroom installment from **CabanaCan Ltd.** resembles a golf ball and is designed to function in any remote location as a permanent facility for waste and washroom needs. Each unit contains two washrooms and can connect to the sewer through four possible methods: a 300-gallon holding tank, up to a 5,000-gallon holding tank, a city sewer or a field septic system. Several components of the unit, including the shell, skylights, holding tank, fresh water tank, interior walls and the floor, are made of plastic. Other features include a pump, a vent and lifting pipe combination, an RV toilet, a sink, accessories, solar panel with an adapter and battery, hardware and custom-built door hinges. Contact CabanaCan Ltd., ([www.cabanacan.com](http://www.cabanacan.com)), or visit booth 9043.

**2)** **Novozymes Biologicals Inc.** is displaying two new products at this year's show: its MYCOtabs and Irrigation Solupaks. MYCOtabs 20-10-5 offers a slow release feed-

ing of vital nutrients in a pre-measured 21-gram fertilizer tablet. It's designed for belowground installation to eliminate washouts, and contains added mycorrhizae for increased water and nutrient uptake. The company's Irrigation Solupaks provides a dry rooting stimulant also packaged in pre-measured water-soluble packs. The product promotes rapid growth and regeneration of roots, seedlings, cuttings and transplants. It's designed to minimize stress during installation and transplanting due to poor environmental conditions. Contact Novozymes Biologicals Inc., 800-342-6173 ([www.novozymes.com](http://www.novozymes.com)), or visit booth 5219.

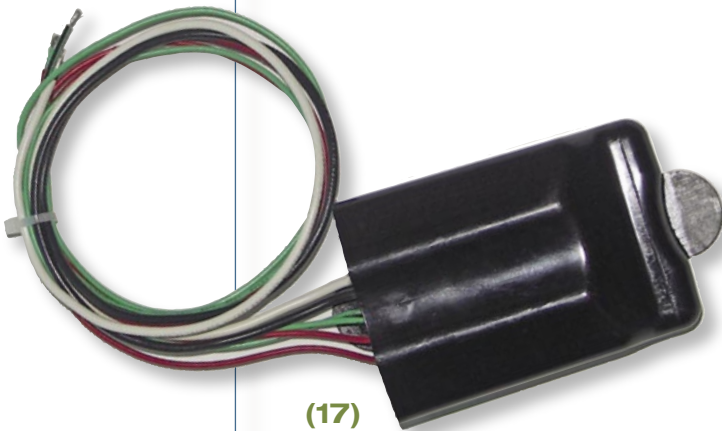
**3)** **Rain Bird Golf Division** is announcing its 351B Rotor Series for short-throw coverage for tee boxes and other small turf areas on golf courses. The series is powered with rugged gear drives and a nozzle design that allows controlled and uniform precipitation from 18 to 55 feet, the company says. It provides full-circle and



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through soil to create a wave action that shatters compacted areas and opens up the subsoil. Also new to the model is the direct drive system and individual shear bolts that are popular features on the smaller models, the company adds. Contact Redexim Charterhouse Inc., 800-597-5664 ([www.redexim.com](http://www.redexim.com)), or visit booth 2336.

**14)** A new hydraulic fluid developed to eliminate turfgrass damage will be introduced by **BASF** at the show. Plurasafe EnBio TCS hydraulic fluid is the first water-free lubricant that provides lubricity to eliminate turf loss when leaked, the company says. It can replace hydraulic fluids based on mineral and vegetable oils, which can kill turfgrass and harm the environment, BASF adds. The product is completely biodegradable and environmentally friendly. Contact BASF, ([www.basf.com/plurasafeenbiotcs](http://www.basf.com/plurasafeenbiotcs)), or visit booth 2200.

**15)** **Aquatrols** has introduced a new surfactant technology, Dispatch Sprayable, which it says offers better control of water and more efficient use of fertilizers and applied chemicals. Designed to manage water across large turf areas for superintendents who don't inject fertilizers and other formulas, Dispatch Sprayable facilitates a reduction of water use even at reduced ET replacement rates, the company says. The product also is said to enhance penetration and uniform movement of other turf management products. Flexible spray rates and application options are available. Contact Aquatrols, 800-257-7797 ([www.aquatrols.com](http://www.aquatrols.com)), or visit booth 1619.

**16)** The Kestrel 4500 Pocket Weather Tracker from **Kestrel Pocket Weather Meters** offers wind direction, crosswind and digital compass details in a 4-ounce hand-held device. By pointing the 4500 in the direction of the wind, the reader instantly displays wind speed and direction in degrees and cardinal compass points, both of which can be saved for later review, the company says. The unit also can calculate crosswind, headwind and tailwind with a few points and clicks, and a digital compass can be used to display forward heading. Both magnetic North and true North displays are available with adjustable declination/variation. Every measurement at variable time intervals is logged and stored by the Kestrel 4500. A capture button instantly stores a snapshot of current values, and graphs can be viewed on screen or uploaded to a PC with an optional serial or USB interface. Also incorporated into the device are a thermometer, hygrometer and barometer with readouts of heat index, wind chill, wet bulb, dew point, altitude and density altitude. A tripod vane mount is an optional accessory. The Kestrel 4500 comes in two variations: one with a backlit display for outdoor applications and one with a reduced brightness red-filtered backlight. Carry cases also are available. Contact Kestrel Pocket Weather Meters, 800-784-4221 ([www.kestrelweather.com](http://www.kestrelweather.com)), or visit booth 9307.

**17)** **The Toro Co.**'s irrigation division is bringing its new Golf Decoder Control system to GIS this month. The new control system is an expandable network of buried decoders available in two versions — a PC-based system with a 3,200-station capacity and a stand-alone unit with a 200-station capacity. Consisting of a central control unit and input and output decoders, the GDC system communicates with the central unit to perform irrigation activity. Using Toro's SitePro central control system software, version 2.2, the PC-based system includes map interface, T.Map, plus optional modules for hand-held radio control and weather stations. The stand-alone system features 10 watering programs, a diagnostic program to test decoders and irrigation schedules, a real-time clock and non-volatile memory to retain information if a power outage were to occur. A latching solenoid function features a waterproof design that's compatible with all of Toro's commercial and golf valves and VIH sprinklers. Contact The Toro Co., 800-664-4740 ([www.toro.com](http://www.toro.com)), or visit booth 4200.

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