same time the installation of hydraulic control tubing to all the heads. He figures to spend more than $100,000 to complete this irrigation switchover. Next door, Clint Smallridge is planning to spend approximately $20,000 for new drainage. The reason for this is the property around his course has been elevated for new homes and this has caused the water that used to run off to back up now onto the golf course. Clint also plans additional cart path renovation in selected areas and a complete regassing of at least four putting surfaces. One other project will be to level several tee tops that have become hump backed due to excessive top dressing where most of the wear appears.

Apparently, many Southwest Florida golf courses are undertaking major renovation programs this year, either because they feel that the funds may not be available next year, or that by doing it now, the golf course will get more value out of the dollar than might be possible a year from now.

New Drag Brush Introduced

Standard Golf Co. has introduced a drag brush for top-dressing greens that will eliminate the stress caused by metal drags. The “Brush-Easy” will also do a more efficient job of putting topdressing into aeration holes when light dressing is applied.

The Pro-Line Brush-Easy mounts six heavy-duty brushes in an aluminum frame that has a total weight of only 22 pounds. The tow bar is designed so that the Brush-Easy may be towed in either direction for longer brush life.

The brushes vibrate topdressing material into the aeration holes, rather than drag the material around, and the brushes stand the grass blades up, putting material around the blades.

According to superintendents, the Brush-Easy doesn't tear up the grass around the aeration holes, doesn't snag the greens, and doesn't pull topdressing off the greens into the low areas.

Greens recover faster. Players are back on the greens faster. And the Brush-Easy makes it possible to do light topdressings — a practice recommended over infrequent heavy dressing.