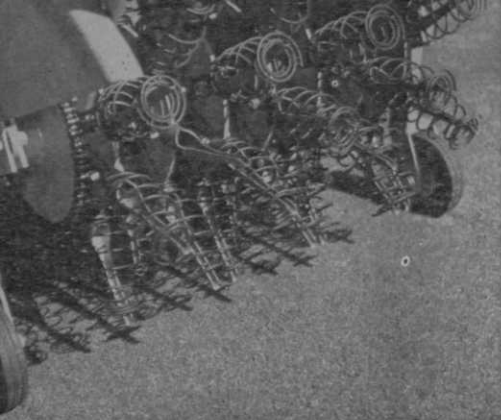


Multiple Aerifying Benefits Thatched Greens

Infrequent mowing during World War II encouraged thatch development on many bentgrass greens. On numerous golf courses the thatch became so thick that subsequent removal became difficult.

The greens at North Hills in Milwaukee were badly thatched when Charles Shiley became supt. Each summer he has been plagued with localized dry spots.

Shiley cross-aerified most of the greens



Super Reel with 1/4-inch open spoon. Coil spring has been removed from one spoon in center of photo.



Aerifier completing third pass across the green. Aerifying was in three directions.

Verti-cutting and mowing with an old green mower completed operation. Final surface putted very well.



Charles Shiley inspects surfaces as workman applies fertilizer with cyclone seeder.

with half-inch spoons. Then he decided to try the new Super Reel with the quarter-inch open spoon after seeing a demonstration at nearby Brynwood.

Greens were aerified in three directions right after Labor Day. Then they were fertilized and plugs were shattered with a Verti-cut. He went over greens twice with the Verti-cut and finished the operation by mowing with an old greens mower. Surfaces were surprisingly good for putting.

There were fewer localized dry spots this year. Root systems went deeper and thatch was less prominent.