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Draining Those low areas

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In early Spring, we seem to be the last course to open, due to casual water still standing. I have not yet been able to tile these low places, so I devised this drainage tool to get the water off as soon as possible. Basically, it consists of a sub-soiler. However, I added a chain and a 2½ inch pipe. I coned the nose and then fastened the chain to it. As the sub-soiler is pulled through the ground, the pipe forms a three inch drainage hole 15 inches under the sod. I was disappointed the first try, because the sub-soiler tore up too much sod and made a very unpleasant job. So I mounted a plow-coulter in front of the arm of the sub-soiler. I can now drain areas with no damage to the turf. The only tell-tale marks are a ½ inch slice through the ground, and a slight heave of the ground of about 1½ inches. This heave will fall to normal after the Spring thaw.

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