

AS I SEE IT!

The loss of the Toro Line, the gasoline shortage and the concern about the environment has brought a whole new concept in turf maintenance by Winfrey Bunton III. It seems he has been working on this project night and day in the company's rear warehouse and as of this printing has a prototype in the field and from all indications should be on the market by mid-summer. This new concept in maintenance will not be for sale, but will be on a lease basis only.

This new product is named "Rent a Goat". It has now been made possible to rent a herd of specially trained Swiss goats that will eat the turf to a uniform height in groups from five to fifty, which are controlled by a muzzle gauge, having three settings for tees, fairways, and roughs. So far he has not been able to perfect a setting for the greens.

As the goats consume the grass they also manufacture a by product of organic fertilizer which is of uniform size and has a guaranteed analysis of 8-2-3 and is spread by the swishing tails of the goats as they proceed on line down the fairway. Win III does admit that at this time he is having trouble in getting just the areas fertilized that the superintendent wants, but promises to have this remedied very shortly.

Before each customer orders the goats he has to specify what type of turf that they will be working on. The reason behind this is that the goats come with three different sets of hoof boots that have a choice of three sets of aerifier tines and spike blades, plus three sets of verticult blades for either bermuda, bluegrass, or bent.

An added feature Win points out is that it is no longer necessary to clean up paper cups and beer cans, as the goats will consume these quite readily and trace elements of aluminum sulfate are added to the organic fertilizer.

It is recommended that all tee mowing be done before any play is out on the course as anyone who bends over to tee up the ball is fair game. Presently this isn't too great a concern, but if it persists OSHA will more than likely require some sort of bumper for the horns.

A shepard is optional but is also recommended in that very few people know how to herd goats in this day and time.

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