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NEW TURF AERATOR RELIEVES DEEP SOIL COMPACTION

Deep soil compaction beneath the turf on golf course greens and tees, caused by heavy foot traffic, has been a constant source of trouble for golf course superintendents. Moisture, oxygen, and fertilizer cannot penetrate deeply enough with the result that the turf loses its resilience, greens tend to flood from rains and sprinkling, and the grass growth is spotty and sparse. Usual spiking or punching does not penetrate deeply enough to cure this deep compaction.

Sod-Master, Minneapolis based manufacturer of turf maintenance equipment, has introduced a new machine, the Pipe Piper Sub-Air, which actually tills the subsoil to a depth of 7 inches which is below the turf thatch. Three parallel-mounted blades cut fine slits through the turf, lossening the subsoil so that moisture, oxygen, and fertilizer materials can easily penetrate below the root growth. No plugs are removed and there is no debris to clean up. Springloaded rollers, which follow behind the cutting blades, iron out any irregularities so that greens remain in top playing condition and golfers need not contend with "pegboard" surfaces. The Pipe Piper Sub-Air is self propelled and only one man is needed to do the entire aerating job.



MC PHERSON, KANSAS — Dale E. Longstaff has been appointed PVC Field Service Manager of the Pipe Division of Certain-teed Products Corporation. The announcement was made by W. R. Blankenship, General Sales Manager of the division.

Mr. Longstaff was formerly the Installation Instrctor for the St. Louis division. He also served as Installation Instructor for Plains Plastic, Inc.