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### COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE PLANT SCIENCE DEPARTMENT NEW HAMPSHIRE. TURF GROWER. ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER?

It's that time of the year when most of you are preparing for the long winter ahead. Your major concern at this time is to insure that your turf survives the long winter months. Winterkilling of turf grasses presents an important problem in the maintenance of fine turf, particularly in the northern states. Winterkilling is a general term that has been used in referring to injuries to turf caused by poor drainage, drying of grass by cold, dry winds, late freezes after the grass has begun to grow in the spring, and to fungus disease.

TABLE 1. FUNGICIDES RECOMMENDED FOR  
THE CONTROL OF SNOW MOLDS

Disease*	Fungicide*
Fusarium Patch or Pink Snow Mold	Benomyl (Tersan 1991) Thiabendazole (Mertect 140-F) Thiophanate methyl (Fungo, Spot Kleen) Thiophanate ethyl (CI 3336) Acti-dione Thiram
Cadmium fungicides (Cadminate, Caddy, Kromad)	Mercury compounds
Typhula Blight or Gray Snow Mold	Chloroneb (Tersan SP) Dyrene Actidione Thiram
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\*Fungicides are listed by common names and some examples of trade names are given in parentheses. Where trade names are used, no discrimination or endorsement by the author or the University of New Hampshire is implied.

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### EXPERIMENT

It's that time again for that tedious job of aerification for those who have the time, the equipment and the man power!

The mechanical method of aerification is a fine practice, but it is still only a temporary measure that must be done over and over again. It can disturb the critical structure of a green but in some cases it may be necessary. Over all it is still a time consuming process.

This summer in 90 degree plus temperatures I tried something a bit different. Vern Rasher came out to the club with a Ford 531 Tractor with a Dedoes 3 pt. hitch aerifier and gave me a demonstration on the fairways. I was impressed with the job the machine did. "Now", I said to Vern, "let's see what it will do on a GREEN". He looked at me as if I was out of my mind. Reluctantly, he agreed to comply with my request on a green that had a good watering the night before. Well, gentlemen, it works with no TRACE of DAMAGE, not only forward, but backward, and it is FAST. Yes, I'm crazy, but so are a few others. By trying unorthodox methods you may be able to save time and still do a good job.

As you all know there are many clubs that have bent and poa annua fairways that are aerified with a tractor unit. So why not a green!?! Believe me, it works. I have requested purchase for this unit for 1978 equipment requisition.

You all remember Norm Kramer who was at Silver Lake. Well, he pulled this same shot with an old West Point and the greens are still there and he was there after it was done.

Being a little crazy helps in this business; otherwise there is no progress.

Leonard Schnepf, Supt.  
Brookwood C.C.

The oldtimers were talking, "The old woman ain't speaking to me," said one, "and I ain't in no mood to interrupt her."