

"SPORTS TURF"

On Nov. 22, 1977 Mr. Oscar L. Miles, Grounds Superintendent at the Broadmoor Country Club in Indianapolis, Indiana, received patent protection (patent no. 4,058,930) from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on a natural turf growing apparatus method of containerized turf, composed of a plurality of independent units for use on athletic fields, baseball diamonds, grass tennis courts and driving range golf tees. Each container will have a detachable upper collar overlapping the side walls. When the collar is removed, the individual containers can be abutted together to provide an uninterrupted, fully established, ready to play on real grass surface. Sports Turf, Inc. containers are to be installed on a prepared base of gravel, asphalt or concrete. In the base a system of plastic perforated drainage pipe and a warming system are to be installed. This will provide a frost-free-dry natural turf condition for year round play on real grass.

With this patented method, units of turf damaged from practice sessions or competitive games can be easily and quickly removed with a fork-lift tractor and replaced with identical, healthy spare turf units. On a multi-use stadium field, the dirt infield baseball pallets could be conveniently lifted and replaced with pregrown established natural grass containers, which would allow football or soccer to be played on real turf during the fall and winter. Owners or management of enclosed domed stadiums could once again anticipate using natural turf indoors. Sports Turf could be stored and maintained on a nearby parking lot and brought in as needed. The inventor is presently forming a full service corporation and seeking individuals or companies that have interests in being licensed installers. The projected construction and installation costs is less than a complete artificial plastic turf system, with the advantages of longer self-rejuvenating life, drier and improved footing, a natural turf grass cushion (less injuries) and in the winter a warm surface to melt snow and absorb rainfall. During the summer, in out-of-doors stadiums, natural turf is much cooler to play upon than synthetic materials. Sports Turf natural grass would help air-condition the atmosphere above the playing field on a hot summer day. The inventor would welcome any inquiries about this new method.

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