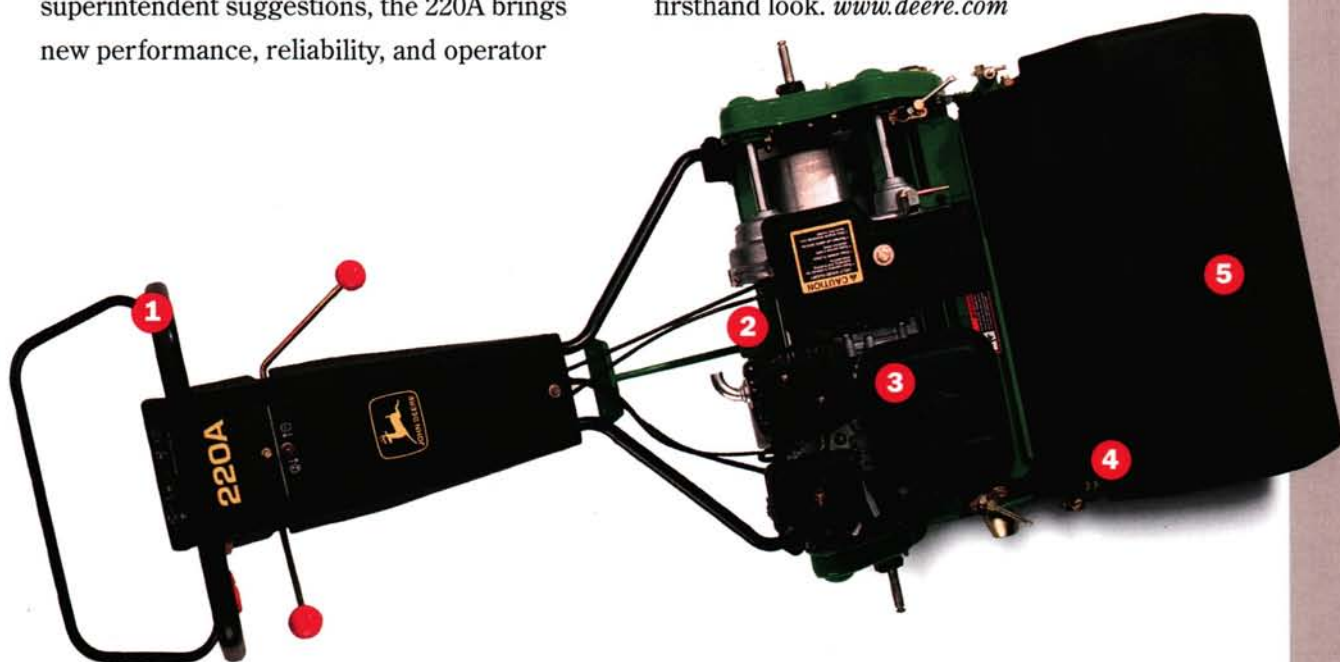


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the Bull Sheet

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September is the annual championship for the MAGCS. Prizes will be awarded low net and gross within flights. Flights consist of Championship, First, Second, Commercial A and B. The low-gross championship flight player will be declared MAGCS Champion and will receive an invitation to next year's Illinois Open.

For Sale by Sealed Bid: 1984 Toro Reelmaster transport frame with 7-7 blade reels, rubber wheels, hydraulic hook-up. 1986 Toro Reelmaster transport frame with 7-5 blade reels, steel wheels, electric hook-up. Both units in good order. Call Sandy Bemis to view equipment at the Round Lake Area Park District Renwood Golf Course.

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If you would like to sponsor a MAGCS meeting in 1999, please call Luke Strojny. Remember, this is one sure way to have your club's picture of the front cover of *On Course*. For clubs that sponsor a meeting in March, April, May and June, you need to take pictures of your course this summer, unless you have good pictures already. We need

vertical pictures to make the best photos for our cover.

Texas A&M is looking for Fairy Ring samples to create a survey identification database.


Dr. Phil Colbaugh of Texas A&M University is collecting and cataloguing the fungi associated with Fairy Ring. This will be used to develop an identification database for future research efforts.

Dr. Colbaugh is requesting samples of Fairy Ring fungi from superintendents across the U.S. Please send samples to: Dr. Phil Colbaugh, Texas A&M University at Dallas, Research & Education Center, 17360 Coit Rd., Dallas, TX 75252, Phone: 972-231-5362, Fax: 972-952-9669.

Director's Column

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that easy getting up and talking in front of a large group of people. If it was, I would have volunteer speakers lined up until the year 2015. Show others we are the professionals we say we are.

In closing, I would just like to say again that it is an honor to be serving as a director for MAGCS. I am very proud to be a part of such a fine organization, and what makes it such a fine organization is the involvement of our membership. Keep up the good work. 

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Better Turf With Compost

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use of soils that, in many cases, there is one-third or less of the original organic matter left. As a direct result:

- Because organic material retains excess nutrients, without organic matter, fertilizer which is not captured by root systems soon after application leaches into ground water and nearby surface water, resulting in wasted fertilizer and significant environmental damage.

- As organic matter is used up, larger and larger applications of fertilizer are required to achieve the same results.

- Soils are much less resistant to erosion, and because of their dusty, hardpan consistency, water runs off the surface rather than soaking into the soil.

- Drought resistance is materially reduced because the soil will not retain as much water from rainfall.

A Better Solution

Test on golf courses and athletic fields show that the use of compost in establishing new turf helps increase the speed and total percentage germination of turf seed and increases the knitting of sod roots. Further, the resistance to heavy wear of turf grown in soil amended with compost, and the ability to recover from such use, improves significantly.

Similar experience by landscapers indicates that incorporating compost into beds before planting, and the use of a soil/compost mixture for backfilling after planting shrubbery and trees, results in larger, healthier plants, lower plant mortality and materially reduced fertilizer requirement.

How to Use It

Here are some proven ways to use compost:

To establish new seed:
Till 2" of compost to a depth of 5" and plant.

To establish new sod:

Spread 2" to 4" of compost on graded soil, disc in, rake smooth, and install sod.

To improve high-stress areas:

Topdress with 1/2" compost twice a year.

Planting herbaceous ornamentals:

Till 2" compost into top 5" to 7" of bed.


To revive dry, brown rough:

Topdress with 1" of compost twice a year.

Planting shrubs and trees:

Mix backfill with 10% to 30% compost.

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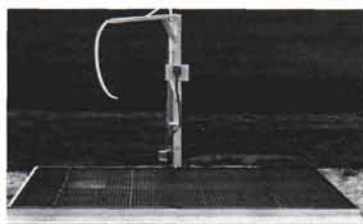
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