

The Gator Grows

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same time the installation of hydraulic control tubing to all the heads. He figures to spend more than \$100,000 to complete this irrigation switchover. Next door, Clint Smallridge is planning to spend approximately \$20,000 for new drainage. The reason for this is the property around his course has been elevated for new homes and this has caused the water that used to run off to back up now onto the golf course. Clint also plans additional cart path renovation in selected areas and a complete regrassing of at least four putting surfaces. One other project will be to level several tee tops that have become hump backed due to excessive top dressing where most of the wear appears.

Apparently, many Southwest Florida golf courses are undertaking major renovation programs this year, either because they feel that the funds may not be available next year, or that by doing it now, the golf course will get more value out of the dollar than might be possible a year from now. ■

New Drag Brush Introduced

Standard Golf Co. has introduced a drag brush for topdressing greens that will eliminate the stress caused by metal drags. The "Brush-Easy" will also do a more efficient job of putting topdressing into aeration holes when light dressing is applied.

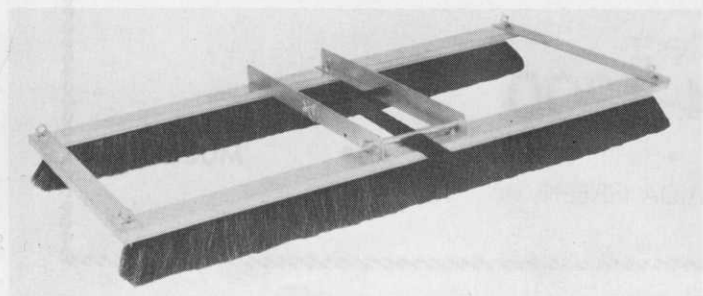
The Pro-Line Brush-Easy mounts six heavy-duty brushes in an aluminum frame that has a total weight of only 22 pounds. The tow bar is designed so that the Brush-Easy may be towed in either direction for longer brush life.

The brushes vibrate topdressing material into the aeration holes, rather than drag the material around, and the brushes stand the grass blades up, putting material around the blades.

According to superintendents, the Brush-Easy doesn't tear up the grass around the aeration holes, doesn't snag the greens, and doesn't pull topdressing off the greens into the low areas.

Greens recover faster. Players are back on the greens faster. And the Brush-Easy makes it possible to do light topdressings — a practice recommended over infrequent heavy dressing.

Complete information is available in the 1981 Standard Pro-Line catalog. Write for your free copy. Standard Golf Co., 220 East Fourth Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613 ■



Which Soil or Water Test Should I Ask For?

The services offered by the Extension Soil Testing Laboratory of the University of Florida are meant to serve a wide range of analytical needs. Since each test offered by the lab was developed for a specific purpose, it is generally inappropriate to use the test results in situations not anticipated when the test was established.

SOIL TESTS AVAILABLE

ROUTINE SOIL TEST. Provides basic soil fertility information for field and forest crops. Includes pH and lime requirements so *DO NOT* request that test if you ask for the Routine test.

pH and LIME REQUIREMENT ONLY. Saves testing for P, K, Ca, and Mg when that information is either not needed or is uninterpretable for the crop or situation in question. *NOTE:* Do not request this test if you have requested the Routine Soil Test. It is included in the Routine Soil Test Option.

MICRONUTRIENTS. Diagnosis of suspected deficiencies or toxicities. Interpretation of results are very tentative for most crops at present.

SOLUBLE SALTS. Primarily for intensively fertilized commercial vegetable crops.

INTENSITY AND BALANCE. Developed exclusively for intensively cropped vegetable soil. Generally interpretable only where sub-surface or seepage irrigation is used under field conditions, and in some greenhouse situations. Specialized interpretation necessary.

GREENHOUSE AND POTTING MIXES. Developed for monitoring fertility status of non-soil potting media used in commercial nurseries. Specialized interpretation necessary.

COPPER TOXICITY. A semi-quantitative test meaningful only for soil from citrus groves.

ORGANIC MATTER. Quantative measurement of soil organic matter content where needed to guide herbicide applications.

WATER TESTS AVAILABLE

HOME WATER ANALYSIS. For diagnosis of quality of home water supply. Interpretation found Fla. Coop. Ext. Serv. Circular 291B, "Home Water Quality Control".

IRRIGATION WATER I AND II. For evaluating quality of irrigation water. Specialized interpretation necessary. ■