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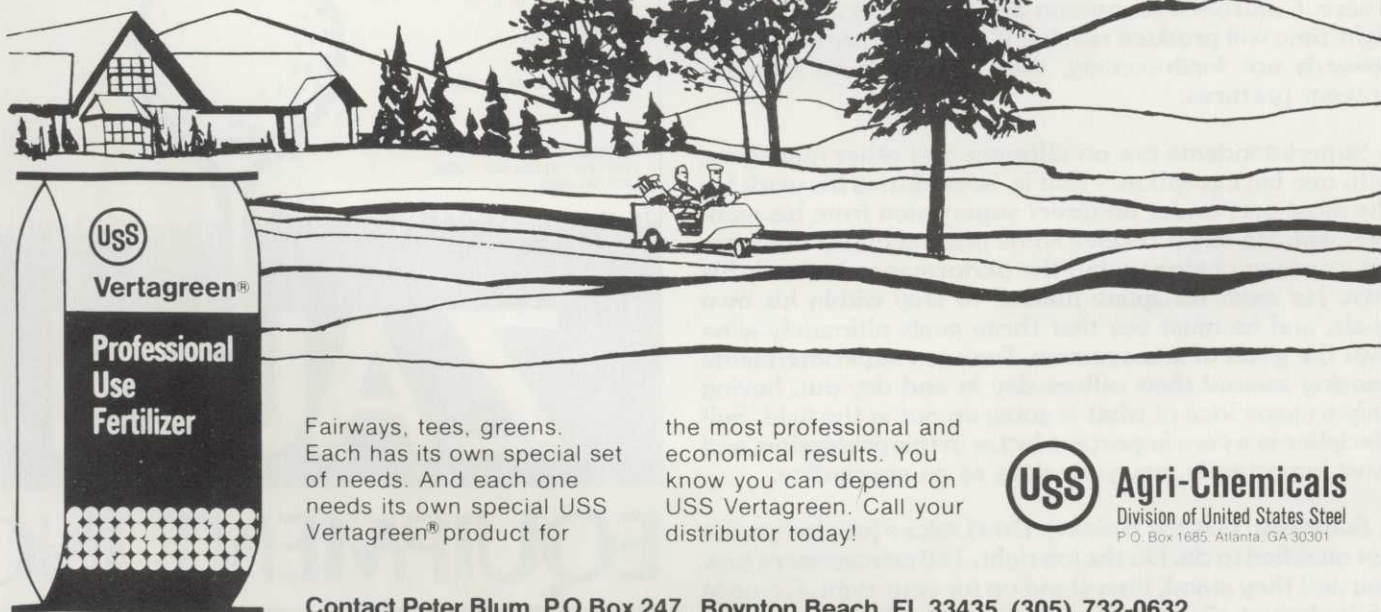


## WET SOIL AND CARTS

With all of the wet weather this winter, someone called to discuss effects of cart traffic on fairways. The superintendent had made a decision to close the course to all cart traffic. Rain twice a week for several weeks and the night before had saturated the soil. The members called two area clubs and found their carts running, then confronted the superintendent with this information. The superintendent realized the two area clubs had paved cart paths from tee to green. This club did not. Next question: It isn't raining now. Why can't we take the carts now? Answer: Water-saturated soil is much more easy to compact than damp or dry soil. The water acts as a lubricant between soil particles. Weight from above, forces soil particles into empty spaces. The soil particles move easily, forcing out free water and any air in the spaces. Granular structure of a good soil is ruined. Pore space for air and water is taken by soil particles, making the soil more compact and dense. Reduced pore space means less room for roots to enter the soil. Result: poor grass growth. A day of running carts on saturated soil could require several years of cultural practices, such as slicing, core aeration and tilling, to correct the soil for good grass growth.

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