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Jobsaver I born out of former course superintendent's frustration

By MARK LESLIE

"It's incredible." "It's fabulous." "It's a 12 on a scale of 10." No, you're not reading an advertisement.

But, yes, golf course superintendents in the Northeast who have tried it agree: They have discovered a new piece of equipment to use in overseeding that may save some of their jobs. It is appropriately named Jobsaver I.

"I built this out of frustration," said Bob Flanagan of Dover, N.H., who actually thought of the design 20 years ago when he was a superintendent at Cochecho Country Club in Dover.

Steve Lyons and Kyle Evans number among those who are glad Flanagan, 57, and draftsman son Robert Jr., 30, turned an idea into an answer to prayer for many superintendents where winter kill sometimes equals job kill.

"There has never been a tool to do the job," said Lyons, superintendent of Hanover (N.H.) Country Club. "Superintendents in the Northern tier of states for the most

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Using Jobsaver I, superintendents can continue playing conditions, left. Steve Lyons said seed germinated and grew from, "conservatively, 95 percent of the holes" made by Jobsaver I, above.

### Independent distributors will sell Jobsaver I

Bob Flanagan, co-founder and president of Turf Specialty of Londonderry, N.H., plans to sell Jobsaver I nationwide to other independent distributors.

"Now that we've had some success I know a lot of small independent distributors throughout the United States. I'll sell it to them and let them sell it to the golf courses," he said.

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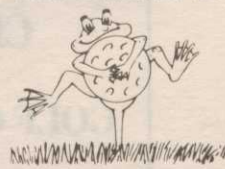
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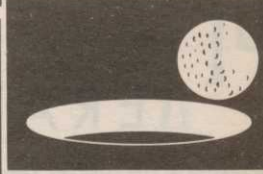
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