

Greens rollers

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Clubs that hand mow could use an old triplex and convert it to a roller. Instead of retiring a triplex mower, a club now can attach a roller to it. Many of these clubs do use triplex mowers in the spring and fall when they're short on help.

Further, Kinzer pointed out the advantage that the QuickRoll is not a dedicated machine.

"A roller has one function," he said. "But you don't need it daily, or perhaps even weekly. If you have a dedicated machine, it's expensive. But everyone has a greens mower. And here's a kit you can use to switch from a greens mower to a roller."

The QuickRoll assembly can be installed in about 30 minutes, is adjustable from 90 to about 120 pounds, and applies four to five pounds of force per inch of roller length, according to Jacobsen's fact sheet. The cost: \$2,200. Kinzer said the equipment was available eight years ago but there was no interest in it.

"Superintendents were content with what they had," he said. "Since then, everyone's become more conscious of ball speed. With that evolution, this came back to the surface."

Dobie called greens rolling "another tool like a verticut or groomer. I see our application as being for tournaments, or events where you want the speed a little faster than normal. But it has advantages in other ways, too. This morning we rolled instead of mowed because we had very little growth overnight."

"Another application comes after top dressing greens. The first couple of days afterwards, the sand tears the mowers up and, since the blades get dull, you're not doing a very good job of cutting anyway. Instead of mowing the next two days, we roll. In theory it sounds good. It makes the mechanic very happy."

Kinzer said one superintendent used the QuickRoll after overseeding his greens, rolling diagonally to the seeding pattern, and "it worked beautifully."

Dobie believes superintendents will do a lot of experimentation with rolling. "I don't know if anyone is going to get on a full-time rolling program," he said. "The easier and faster it is, the more people will use it."

Scotts proceeds with \$14.7m expansion

MARYSVILLE, Ohio — The O.M. Scott & Sons Company recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Bulk Blend facility.

On hand for the two-hour celebration were Gerald Eyerman, supervisor of the Bulk Blend plant, SREF and receiving; Mike Kelty, VP of research and development; Ron Wietelmann, director of manufacturing; and Ted Host, president and CEO.

Completion of this facility, in late August, was the first of a three-part expansion process for the

company. Construction of a new polymer encapsulation plant and conversion of an existing facility to a new, methylene urea granulation technology will be finished in the fall of 1993.

A \$14.7 million capital investment, this expansion is the largest in the company's history.

"This is a major investment in terms of satisfying our customers' needs for highly advanced products and excellent customer service," said Dick Stahl, vice president and general manager of the Professional Business Group.

Shampeny goes from Toro to Bunton

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Bunton Co. has hired Gary Shampeny, an eight-year veteran of competitor Toro, as the new vice president for sales and marketing.

Shampeny, most recently golf operations manager for Toro, was a golf course superintendent in Bozeman, Mont.

"Gary has the perfect back-



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ground to provide the leadership Bunton needs in new product development and customer service for both turf and golf," said Larry O'Connell, chairman and chief executive officer.

Shampeny is a Vermont native and Montana State University graduate.

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