



by Fred V. Grau

ANSWERS TO TURF QUESTIONS

Q's and A's

Q.—Our soils are made up of very well-drained glacial material. Specifications for our new greens call for drain tile. Do you think that tile drainage is necessary?

(Vermont)

A.—With the excellent drainage characteristics of your glacial material I would consider tile drainage superfluous. Tile is specified where the subsoil tends to be impervious or where the drainage is too slow. You don't need tile.

Q.—Our budget has not allowed us to use crabgrass preventive chemicals and, of course, we've had plenty of the weed. We do some reseeding. My question is, "should we aerify our fairways in the spring ahead of reseeding?"

(Maryland)

A.—In your case I would not aerify in the spring. There is no sense in stirring up all those crabgrass seeds. By eliminating spring overseeding you could afford to use a premerge chemical on at least part of the course. Save your over-

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