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Photo by C.F. Marley

TRIBUTE TO RELIABLE "REGULAR"

Best "Antique Tractor" Display We've Seen

When John Stampe, Shipman, Ill., retired, he thought it might be interesting to set up a display made up of implements that had meant a lot to him in his early farming days.

He started farming in 1926 using an International Harvester "Regular" which pulled a 2-bottom, 14-in. plow.

Stampe no longer has the Regular he started out with but was able to locate a duplicate for his antique tractor display. He keeps it, and the plow behind it, painted up in the

original gray and red colors of their day.

Stampe's antique plow and tractor display is beautifully set off with well kept flowers and grass. Completed 7 years ago, it has attracted people from all over the United States who have stopped to take pictures.

Stampe still speaks admiringly of the "Old Regular": "It was the first tractor that was really reliable. You could go to the field with it and count on getting something done."

NEW SPORT FOR FAIRS, FUNDRAISERS

Are You Ready For Blo-Bowling?

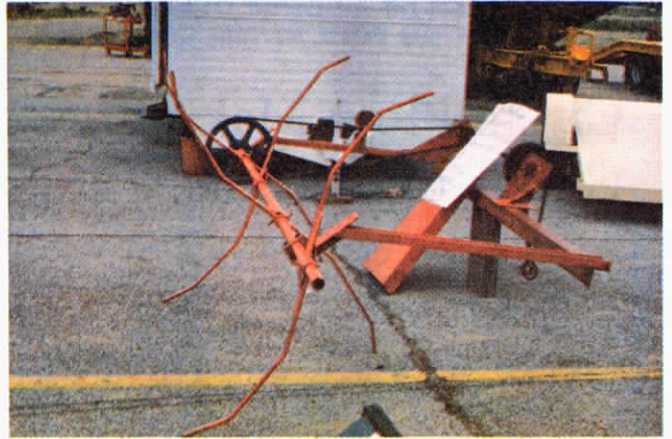
The inventors say it's a combination of hockey, football and soccer, and the newest "sport" in America. Blo-Bowl, they add, is a great idea for putting new life into dead or dying county fairs, fundraisers or anytime you need to combine fun with attention-getting action.

The new game - there's even an official rulebook - is played with hand-held power blowers by two teams that try to blow a 7-in. nerf ball from one end of a 60 by 100-ft. playing field to the other.

The gasoline-powered blowers, used for miscellaneous yard and building cleanup, blast the ball back

and forth along the ground, the object being to keep it in play as each team tries to move it to their goal line. Echo, Inc. in Northbrook, Ill., "invented" Blo-Bowl to promote their line of blowers and ended up holding a series of games across the U.S., including several tournaments to raise money for the Easter Seal Society. One championship game was played at half time of a professional soccer game in Chicago.

For a copy of the Blo-Bowl rulebook and information on Echo blowers, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Echo, Inc., 3150 MacArthur Blvd., Northbrook, Ill. 60062.



Spider reels attach to corn header to salvage down and damaged stalks.

"SPIDER" ROTATES ABOVE CORNHEAD TO PULL IN DOWN OR BROKEN STALKS

Corn-Saving Reel Rakes In The Stalks

"Every corn farmer should own one," says Mac Rogers, manufacturer of a corn-saving spider reel for combines that rotates at about 30 rpm above the cornhead, salvaging otherwise lost ears by raking down or damaged stalks into the header.

Roger's corn-saving reels have been sold "word of mouth" for several years. Now, backed by proven field performance, he says he's ready to go commercial.

"It's so effective that most farmers don't believe it until they've used it or seen it work. One corn grower had about 2-ft. left to fill in his combine hopper during harvest after making one pass through a field. He put our reel on and went down the already-harvested rows again. Before he came to the end, his hopper was full," says Rogers.

The reel attaches to any size cornhead, with just eight bolts. Two "fingers" sweep between each row and adjust vertically so they can be set to reach as close to the ground as conditions permit. On mechanical drive headers, the new reel is belt-driven

from the feederhouse. On hydrostatic machines, the same motor that powers the header is routed through a belt-drive to power the reel.

"It not only gets wasted grain, but virtually eliminates plugging by manually feeding material directly into the auger, and combing through tangles that occur," explains Rogers. "We build them to any row width. By loosening set screws on the reel fingers, they'll adjust to fit 30, 36, and 40-in. rows."

The reel rotates at a constant 30 rpm. Belts are adjusted on both mechanical and hydraulic models to slip if strong resistance from field debris, badly tangled crops or the ground itself, is encountered.

Rogers sells the reel for \$75 a row, plus \$250 for the mechanical drive, or \$125 for hydrostatic drive.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Rogers Trailers, Hwy. 50M on M.F. Road, Garden City, Kan. 67846 (ph 316 276-6932).



Nerf ball and gasoline-powered blowers combine for fast-paced action.