

POP-UP SPRINKLERS APPLY WATER AT PARKSTONE GOLF CLUB

COMpletely automatic watering of all greens and tees is now possible at Parkstone Golf Club, Dorset. No labour is required; in fact, water is applied at night so that there is no interference with play.

The system, designed and installed by British Overhead Irrigation Ltd., of Shepperton, Middlesex (a member of the Wright Rain Group), was officially handed over to the club on 13th October by Mr W. D. Hawthorn, B.O.I.L. general manager.

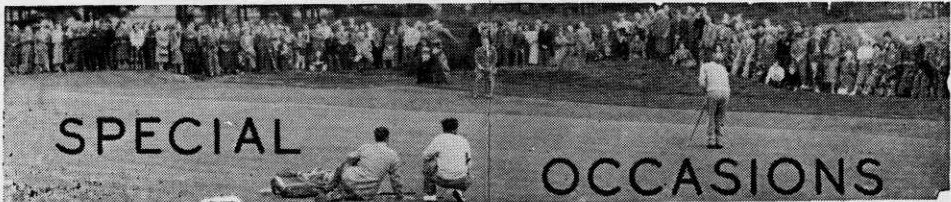
There are already installations at Ashford Manor, Denham and Handsworth clubs and others are planned but Parkstone is the first to incorporate watering for tees and approaches as well as for greens.

The club captain, Mr E. P. Ward, said: "The popularity of Parkstone Golf Club is such that the course naturally gets a tremendous amount of wear. The committee are confident that the installation will materially help to keep the course in first-class condition at all times, aiding as it will the work of the ground staff who will then not have to rely on the vagaries of the

British weather. In other words, we can apply the right amount of water at the right time to all greens and tees with the minimum of effort and with the opportunity of extending the system to all fairways in the future."

Water is applied through 105 B.O.I.L. Toro "pop-up" sprinklers which, when not operating, are sunk flush with the ground around each green and tee. A sequence controller in the pump house automatically starts up the pump and selects the greens and tees to be watered for periods which may be varied from three minutes to one hour. Sprinklers are also sited on seven green approaches which, because of their topography, are liable to dry out rapidly in the summer months.

Water is taken to the sprinklers through $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles of permanent underground P.V.C. piping. A feature of the installation, carried out in only seven weeks, was that the work did not interfere with the play. The scheme was planned so that only twice did piping have to cross the line of play and this work was completed out of playing hours.



NOVEMBER	8th	North-West Section, Lecture, Mr Finch of Maxicrop.
	9th	Northern Section, Talk by Mr B. M. Wood, Old Queen's Head, Main St., Bingley.
	9th	S.G.G.A. Glasgow, Lecture.
	10th	" Dundee, "
	11th	" Edinburgh, "
	25th	Sheffield Section, Lecture, Brunswick Hotel, Haymarket.
DECEMBER	6th	North-West Section, Lecture, Mr Ratcliffe, Rigby Taylors Ltd.
	14th	S.G.G.A. Glasgow, Lecture.
	15th	" Dundee, "
	16th	" Edinburgh, "
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JANUARY	11th	North-West Section, Lecture, H. J. Lidgate, S.T.R.I., Bingley.
	27th	Sheffield Section, Lecture, Brunswick Hotel, Haymarket.