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because setbacks to growth can continue into May.

Moss

Moss which often collects over winter should normally disappear from healthy greens as growth improves but, where it is more persistent, control measures ought to be completed well before any scarification is undertaken. This will ensure that, if one of the slow acting mercurised moss killers is used, it will have to take full effect before the moss is removed during the course of the scarification work.

Timing

The exact planning of these various operations on the greens in the spring programme can only be a matter of judgment according to each locality and even between courses within a locality, while the variations from year to year make for further complication.

Fairways and Tees

The fairways and tees also have their call for spring treatment but owing to the coarser nature of the turf judgment need not be quite so precise and mechanical work such as spiking and harrowing, or scarification, can be undertaken more confidently while scorching by cold winds or other adverse weather is less likely. Operations on these areas have basically the same requirement of providing reasonable growth as early as possible so as to produce full strong swards in readiness for heavy play. As with greens the effect of care during the winter will show itself at this time of year.

GREENKEEPER RETIRES

OVER 50 years' service as a greenkeeper do not go unnoticed as Knaphill man, Mr Harry Hilder, found out this week. Mr Hilder retired recently after working at Worplesdon Golf Club since 1914. He has been head greenkeeper for 40 years.

Mr Hilder, 67, of 63 Highclere Road, Knaphill, was presented with a cheque and a gold watch on Sunday by the club captain, Mr Stanley Bassett. Many members were present at the ceremony. Mr Hilder also received a gift from the club on the occasion of his 50 years with it.

Mr Hilder went to Worplesdon Golf Club at the age of 14 years and, after four months, he received his first token of appreciation from the club—a one shilling per week rise.

Mr Hilder was called up in both wars. He was not called up for the First World War until 1918 because of his age and by the time he had finished his training the war was over. In the Second World War he served for four years, partly in Iran. He came back to Britain for D-Day, and returned to greenkeeping shortly after the war was ended.

Mr Hilder was born in Knaphill. His wife comes from Yorkshire. They have been married for 34 years.

Retirement will be only partial for Harry Hilder, as the club has asked him to continue to visit the club on two days each week as a sort of supervisor among the greenkeepers.

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