

Correspondence

19 Vernon Drive,
Stanmore, Middlesex
24th January, 1972

Dear Mr. Hawtree,

In reply to Mr. Jones letter I would like to point out that I do express an opinion that soft greens, thatch, black slime and Fusarium are accentuated by the use of a pop-up system and this is the reason:—

When greens were made in this Country we, in our draining system, allowed for a certain amount of water retention in the green but the modern method 'American' style is as enclosed and *you will see that* in the U.S.A. they have found part of the answer to automatic sprinklers. They have had these sprinklers for longer than we have, which has given them time to evolve a solution and we have to learn from whoever we can.

My opinion, for what it is worth, is that we have jumped into the deep end with

pop-ups before we know too much about them. This is the reason that I appealed for knowledge from those who have had experience over several years but it would seem that those who could help have not taken up their pens; I only wish they would for the benefit of us all. I did have a personal letter from one greenkeeper which was very enlightening, but unfortunately was not for publication. We are now having pop-ups installed against my wishes, so I hope to visit as many courses who have pop-ups as possible to learn how to use them in the best possible way and still have good greens, so we should be delighted to hear from those who are fortunate enough to have this most satisfactory combination of pop-ups and good greens. May I appeal again for those who can to flood Mr. Hawtree with information for the benefit of us all.

Yours truly,
C. A. Moore.

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New French Sports Expo

An educational and community sports equipment exhibition SPORTEXPO, will be held from the 27th September to the 1st October, 1972, in the new Bordeaux exhibition centre (France) under the high patronage of Monsieur Jacques Chaban-Delmas, Prime Minister, and Monsieur Joseph Comiti, Secretary of State for Youth, Sports and Recreational activities. Sporting equipment from all over the world will be on display and there will be a vast panorama of constructions and materials used for the development of sports and recreational activities. It should be observed that this is the first time that an exhibition of this kind will be held in France.

Super Sucker

Details of the Super Sucker machine referred to in the January issue are obtainable from:—

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Old Felbridge Hotel & Investment
Company,
Felbridge Hotel,
East Grinstead, Sussex.