

The Greenkeepers

HEAD Greenkeeper at Broadstone (Dorset) Golf Club is E. R. West. Eddie West started work at the club in 1963 taking over as Head Greenkeeper in 1966 from Albert Crane who had been with the club for 40 years. Previous work included a spell at the Meyrick Park course in Bournemouth which was interrupted by 2 years National Service in Germany. Eddie has been a member of the B.G.G.A. since 1963 and a member of Parkstone Artisans from 1955-73. Successes include the South Western Championship held at Launceston in 1973. Eddie is now a member of Broadstone G.C. and plays off a handicap of 4.

Broadstone is an 18 hole course sited on heathland but well wooded with Pine, Oak & Silver Birch. It is an interesting course on undulating ground offering a first class challenge without being unduly long. The club has 800 members served

by the club Professional P. Ward. There is a total Greenkeeping staff of five plus two part time assistants when those are required.

Equipment owned by the club includes A Ransome Triplex, 3 Auto-Certes, 1 24" Matordor, 4 Flymos, Bomford Bandit Flail, 2 Tractors, Triple Gang Mower, 1 Cyclone Spreader, 1 Sprayer, 1 Hayter Condor, 1 Patisson 'Spiker, 1 Cart, 1 Front Loader Bucket, 1 Rotary Screen, 1 Dixon Air Cannon (for leaf clearing).

Seeds/Fertilizers/Fungicides used by Eddie include Fisons Mersil, also their weed cleaner, Cannock, SAI, Supaturf and May & Baker.

The course presents Eddie with few problems. There has been some drainage problems on greens and fairways, but a drain renewal programme was started last winter which will be spread over the next year or two.

