

# SPRING TURF MAINTENANCE

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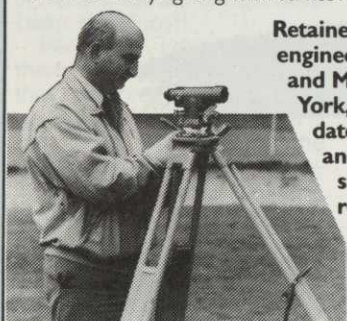
GOLF COURSE OR LANDSCAPE  
**Irrigation?**

York, Parker and Martin form what is probably Europe's most knowledgeable and experienced team of independent and objective irrigation design engineers.

Their business is that of helping intending golf course and landscape irrigation system purchasers to obtain the most cost effective and efficient system to a budget, a system which is installed professionally – under supervision – and one which provides the most satisfying long term service...

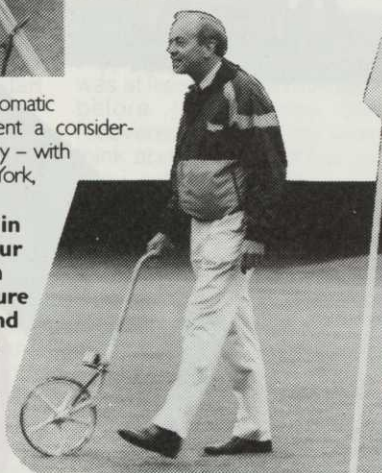


Retained as design consultant engineers by U.K., U.S.A., European and Middle Eastern customers, York, Parker & Martin have, to date, ensured that the feasibility and capital cost of purchasing such irrigation system has resulted in a wise investment – not an expensive mistake!



Tailored to your needs, an automatic irrigation system can represent a considerable purchase so choose wisely – with the professional assistance of York, Parker & Martin.

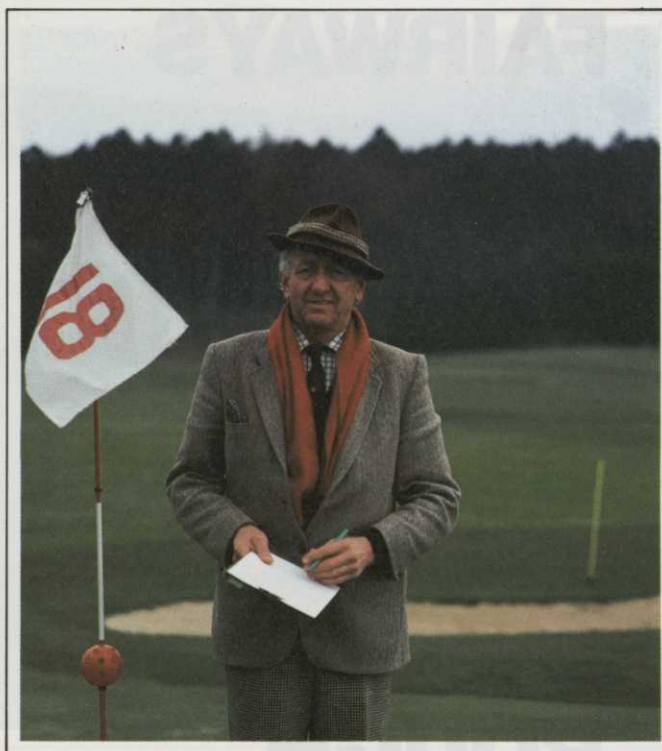
**Remember, they are not in business to sell you or your organisation an irrigation system but simply to ensure the design, installation and long term results are the best you can possibly achieve for your money..**



For further details, talk to York, Parker & Martin today. Phone, fax or write for an appointment.

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C.W. Roupe, past captain, Stock Rockford Golf Club, Grantham.

### VERTI-DRAINING A GOLFER'S VIEW

**B**RR-MM - Tchunk - Tchunk! "What crass stupidity are the greens People up to? We have enough greens problems. All we need is more watering and fertilizer." Such were the typical comments of most golfers when the Verti-DRAINER made its appearance some six years ago.

We watched with fascination to see a tractor and the huge Verti-DRAINER armed with umpteen 14" spikes trundling over our hallowed greens. It pierced deep holes every 4" and seemed to lift and shake the earth like a carpet. The effect was to leave an impossible putting surface like Duralay underlay for several weeks.

Our greens were laid some 65 years ago as lawns for a handful of golfers and managed by enthusiasts rather than skilled greenkeepers. As little as 10 years ago only 300-400 golfers each week trampled the surfaces. With the popularity of golf we now have over twice that number. The greens were wearing badly with all the problems of compaction. For the golfer this meant they had less hold and gave erratic putting. It also meant grumbles in the Club and Committee.

Dedicated Greens Staff, measured watering, suitable organic fertilizers, slitting and fork tining helped hold the

deterioration, but from the advice of the Agronomist it was evident more drastic action was required. It needed deeper tining to aerate the soil, break it up deep down to help with drainage, and to encourage the deep-rooted grasses which are the basis of good greens.

The Verti-DRAIN at the beginning or end of each season has proved to be an answer. The condition of the greens has improved in spite of increased traffic, and we have now started Verti-draining the fairways annually, too.

No longer do we complain but greatly welcome the improvement Verti-draining has given and cheerfully accept the disruption.

So - Carry on - Brmm, Tchunk, Tchunk.

### WESSEX COCOPEAT THE ONLY GENUINE ALTERNATIVE TO PEAT

**W**ESSEX Cocopeat is a 100% renewable resource, with all the characteristics of a high quality peat moss, thereby making it the perfect alternative for peat.

Not only is it a natural alternative to peat but it contains several of its own unique characteristics, such as:

Unlike traditional peat, Wessex Cocopeat has a unique sponge-like structure