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Great Savings Promised Through Diesel Engine Installations

In the future the golf clubs with full rosters will be those with fairway watering—this fact is becoming increasingly evident even in those areas normally visited by comparatively heavy rainfall.

But how is such a project to be financed? How can pumping costs be kept down? Can the job be done without a big increase in green-fees? These are the questions that are being asked by the men responsible for golf course maintenance.

Two clubs in the Chicago area are supplying the answer with Diesel engines. One of the clubs will install a Diesel-driven generating set with which it expects to save $3300 a year in power costs. The new unit will take over the entire job of supplying electricity to the clubhouse and golf course, and, it is estimated, will save 75 per cent in power costs.

The second club is installing a Diesel engine to drive the pumps that supply water for greens and fairways. The estimated saving on this installation is $4,100 per year.

These savings appear remarkable but they are in line with the experience of thousands of owners who use Diesel engines for a wide variety of tasks. Savings in power costs range from 50 to 80 per cent because of many economies these power units effect. They burn low-priced fuel oil and far less of it than gasoline engines of equal power. Also, Diesels do away with stand-by charges, costing nothing to operate when they are not actually running.

Diesel installations promise not only to pay for themselves in the first few months of operation, but also to provide funds, as well as power, for such needed improvements as fairway watering. An annual saving of three or four thousand dollars permanently repairs water pipe leaks anywhere with emergency pipe clamps.

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on present power costs will finance the needed watering system on many golf courses. On others, it will provide funds for improvements around the course and clubhouse or perhaps balance an overtaxed budget.

The Diesel engine is low in first cost and maintenance. It is available with a wide range of equipment, including generators and various types of pumps. It is built in sizes to fit the power requirements of the average golf club—for example, there are now five sizes of Diesel engines available, ranging from 130 h. p. to 47 h. p. It is compact and easily installed. It needs no high lines or outside source of power.

These are the reasons the Diesel engine looms as large on the golfing horizon as it does in the automotive, industrial and railroad fields. It promises a new era of low-cost power, well suited for the varied demands of the average golf club, but more than that, it promises savings so large that needed improvements can be made without additional dues or green-fees.

If records are available of club power costs over the past few years, representatives of Diesel engine makers can easily point out the almost certain savings possible through installation of a Diesel job in place of the club's present engines.

They Got Plenty Tough; Now Members Pay Promptly

FROM J. U. Pearson, green-chairman of the Plumas Lake CC, Marysville, Cal., comes a follow-up to Golfdom's story in February on club collection methods. Mr. Pearson says:

"In your February issue you have an article by Jack Fulton, Jr., entitled 'Be

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