The Infamous Sea-Serpent

In reference to the Charles Erickson article appearing in the April issue of *Hole Notes* it was implied that Mr. W.F. Brooks and Charley Erickson had invented the irrigation device known as the “Sea-Serpent.” Since necessity was appreciated far more than money at that time, many so-called inventions were sold to manufacturers for a new suit of clothes or some form of barter gift.

Scotty McLaren of the Toro Company was an astute dedicated employee and had remarkable rapport with golf course superintendents throughout the United States. Scotty knew what was needed in the field and often brought back to Toro ideas that made handsome profits for the company.

We are assuming that somehow Toro was given permission to manufacture the Sea-Serpent.

In 1931 the following advertisement appeared in a golf supply catalogue supplied to us by Stan Kinkead from the “National Mower” archives.

These are assumptions as proposed by Jack Kolb. If anyone has more definitive information, we would be very happy to receive the details.

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**Toro “Sea-Serpent” Fairway Sprinkler**

In the Sea-Serpent we offer a very effective device for watering fairways. On 40 lbs. pressure will cover 60x160 ft. of area, and greater areas on higher pressure.

On ordinary fairways one man can move it from place to place. The most practical fairway sprinkler we know of. Comes complete with 4 heads, pipe and all truss rods.

Uses 1¼-inch hose.

Price, F. O. B. Minneapolis.................................................. $200.00
Price, F. O. B. Chicago......................................................... 205.00

Complete stock on hand at all times

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