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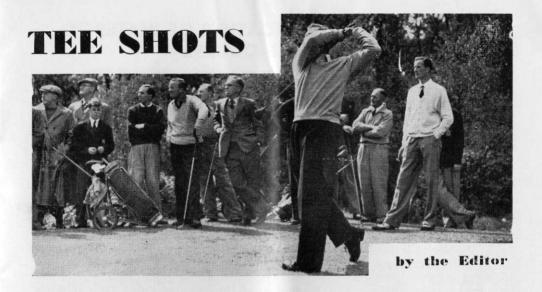
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Perhaps I dreamed it. At any rate, it was 1st April before noon when the letter plopped on to my mat. It came from a body which called itself the IRTS. I gathered this had something to do with research into turf science and that one of their representatives had called to look at my lawn while I was away and wanted to send me his sympathy

"The trouble is," he said, "it is too big. But fortunately modern techniques can ease your task more than you might wot of."

I was puzzled by this "wot of" In the first place, I was taught never to end my sentences with a preposition and in the second place — "wot" — well, I ask you. But I read on.

He thought a good deal of my daisies which, he said, if not cut too short, would give the grass an agreeable mediaeval appearance. (I now began to see the point of his "wot".) I was at all costs to avoid any preparations containing the Sulphates of Ammonia or Iron which tended to blacken and destroy the pretty plants.

He also took a good view of my moss. "While," he said, "there may be certain mercurised products designed to discourage the elegant fern-like fronds of Polytrichum, there can be no doubt that the basic conditions of poverty, bad drainage, compaction and, what have you (it seemed to me I had the lot already),

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# PROVISION AND APPLICATION OF WATER TO THE GOLF COURSE

Bv E. M. BAYLIS, N.D.A.

Advisory Officer, The Sports Turf Research Institute

Δ FTER such a long wet winter any remarks about watering may appear totally inapt but it often happens that very hard or wet winters are followed by particularly dry summers. From the point of view of maintenance it is generally recognised that a club having a good watering system available is in a stronger position than a course where no

artificial watering is possible.

Efficient irrigation provides more uniform playing conditions throughout the summer and also allows the Greenkeeper to follow a much more intensive and flexible maintenance programme. To date far too few courses possess a first-class watering really although a number of clubs are making efforts either to lay on water or to bring an existing system up to date and Where this is improve its efficiency being done many points have to be borne in mind, including the following

Where streams, lakes or wells exist on the course these should be considered first of all as sources of supply but it is essential to establish whether they will provide sufficient water to meet peak needs in a prolonged dry period. Sink ing special bore holes can often be justified although this work will raise the cost of the installation. Occasionally streams become polluted with substances injurious to turf and if there are any doubts about this point it is worthwhile having samples analysed before using the water on greens. Most private water supplies contain a great deal of suspended matter and provision must be made for filtering otherwise sprinkler jets can become blocked or badly worn.

There is often no alternative to using the mains supply but this has its disadvantages. Firstly, mains water is expensive. Charges are usually upwards of 2s. 6d. per 1,000 gallons. Also, restrictions are frequently imposed during draweather just when the system

will be needed most to keep the turf healthy In a few cases mains water delivered at sufficient pressure to allow direct application, thereby avoiding the cost of a power unit and pump. However, it is possible for some form of booster pump to be required.

Choosing the correct type and size of underground mains requires careful cal culation in order to allow for losses in pressure due to friction and heat. In addition metal pipes tend to corrode over the years, reducing their effective A pump unit of the correct capacity must also be chosen. factors must all be taken into account ensure that sufficient flow and pressure are available at the distribution points to operate several sprinklers at one time. The only way to make absolutely sure the system will be sound is to consult a firm of experienced water engineers before work is put in hand

Methods of applying water can vary a great deal and include fully automatic systems using pop-up sprinklers which are permanently left in position, require no movement and consequently cut down the running and labour costs. Systems of this type can be set to operate completely automatically under electric control, if required. Their main disadvantage appears to be the relatively

high initial cost.

Conventional sprinklers are more widely used and those operating on the rotary principle are usually found quite effective, being light to transport and cheap to purchase. The majority of sprinklers require a water pressure of at least 25 lb. per square inch to operate effectively although some will perform satisfactorily at much lower pressures.

Where water pressure is particularly poor a few clubs still hand-water using open hoses but this practice is now accepted as being very inefficient in labour utilisation and seldom achieves

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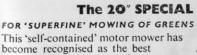
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nection with grass cutting.

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It is important to begin watering before the grass cover shows any sign of suffering from drought. In a particu larly dry and windy spring, greens may well benefit from watering as early as April or May although it is more usual for turf to suffer from drought in the summer when temperatures tend to be higher and evaporation losses greater Water should be applied slowly enough for it to be absorbed by the surfaces. Soils vary in the rates at which they are capable of accepting moisture and although very sandy soils usually permit rapid percolation, the heavier loams absorb water much less readily Fibrous turf tends to retain moisture in wet weather giving soft soggy playing surfaces but if the mat is allowed to dry out it becomes exceedingly difficult to remoisten, the turf therefore suffers badly from drought since most of the water applied is shed off the area. Penetration can be assisted by intensive solid tining before water is applied but the long term aim should be to reduce the fibre formation. Tops of undulations suffer in a

similar manner and local forking before watering is helpful in maintaining uni form conditions where undulations occur

It is most important to give adequate amounts of water to meet the plants' needs. There is almost always a tendency to under-water turf during dry weather Light and infrequent applications of water may keep the turf alive but do not achieve good results. If only the surface is moistened roots tend to be active in this region and the turf becomes very tender and does not withstand wear or drought at all well. The aim should be to keep the top soil moist to a depth of at least 4 inches and preferably more. In order to achieve this something like the equivalent of 1 inch of rain per week is necessary in very dry weather means providing approximately five gallons of water per square yard per week under these conditions. In practice it is better to water thoroughly twice or three times per week rather than give small amounts each day

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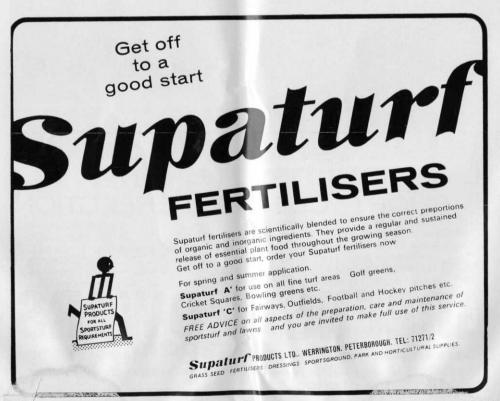
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are those best suited to your idle circumstances." He therefore advised trampling the turf while the surface was wet as a temporary remedy, but he thought that one of those hopping machines, saying "Ouf-Plonk" used by contractors in an endeavour to get back into the trench the same amount of soil that they took out, would in the long run be a sound investment. Steam rollers, he opined, were now difficult because non-turf enthusiasts were acquiring them as garden ornaments rather than essential equipment. In any case, the shrubbery tended to suffer if the driver failed to wind his little steering-wheel quickly enough.

There followed a good deal of technical advice with which I will not bore you beyond the odd quotation. "Mowing once a month at 3/16 in. will tend to reduce vigour and increase deck-chair time." A useful point, I thought. "Worm casts and mole-hills if suitably flattened with a blunt instrument will eventually produce a smooth, earth-like surface on which grass will find it difficult to compete with the more desirable weeds." Heavy top-dressing with a suitable clay soil would assist this condition.

Watering was to be restricted to the months of December and January, when the frozen droplets, besides reflecting the winter sun, would help to do the few remaining grass blades a bit of no good.

There was a useful hint on fertilising. Sodium Nitrate or Nitro Chalk, applied at 6 oz. per square yard in early September, had generally been shown to produce conspicuous bare patches before October was out and with careful neglect these

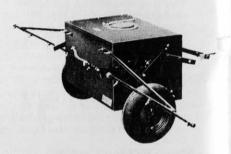


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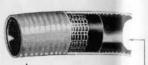


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2. Do not rely on raking alone to remove moss. This spreads moss spores and fragments which can re-infest the site. Always use a moss killer in conjunction with raking.

3. Correct turf management should

always be practised. After using a moss killer the factors responsible for the appearance of moss should be removed.

4. Some common causes for the appearance of moss are

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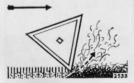
APRIL	13th	Welsh Section, Spring Meeting, Whitchurch Golf Club.
	21st	S.G.G.A. West Spring Meeting, St Cuthbert Golf Club.
	26th	Northern Section Spring Tournament, Pannal Golf Club.
	28th	North-East Spring Competition, City of Newcastle Golf Club.
	28th	North-West Spring Tournament, Wallasey Golf Club.
MAY	5th	Midland Section Spring Tournament, Kidderminster Golf Club.
	9th	North-West Section A.G.M., Garrick Hotel, 7.30 p.m.
	12th	S.G.G.A. East Annual Competition, Royal Burgess Golf Club.
	25th	East Midland Spring Tournament, Kirby Muxloe Golf Club.
	26th	S.G.G.A. North and Mid Annual Tournament, Deeside Golf Club.
JUNE	28th	Midland President's Match, Handsworth Golf Club.
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# **Annual Spring Tournament**

WILL BE HELD AT KIRBY MUXLOE Golf Club on Wednesday 25th May 1966. First Tee, 12.45 p.m. All members wishing to play please notify me by Monday, 16th May to enable catering arrangements to be made.

### **New Members**

We welcome as members to this section, the following gentlemen, G Arnold and I. Toon of Kirby Muxloe, J Moore of Kibworth, J Burnham of Whetstone, W Hampson of Churlwell Manor We hope their association with us will be long and enjoyable.

### Congratulations

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all members of this section to congratulate B. F Mott and wish him all the best in married life.

# MIDLAND

Chairman: G. HART (Gay Hill) By F Cashmore

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# Spring Tournament

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Thursday, 5th May Could we please have your entries by 20th April to enable catering arrangements to be made.

### Annual Tournament

This year's Annual General Meeting and Tournament is being held at the Little Aston Golf Club on 8th, 9th and 10th August and I would appeal to our members to support We have the same few supporting it every year and as it is being held in our section I should like to see a big entry from the Midlands. I also appeal to our Vice-Presidents to do all they can to encourage the staffs on their courses to enter

### **New Members**

We welcome the following two members, M. Markham, Head Greenkeeper at Sandwell Park and G A. Busby, Apprentice Greenkeeper at Little Aston.

# SOUTHERN

Chairman: E. MOORE (Romford)

By W. Mason Hon Secretary: 18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4. Tel.: SUNnyhill 0245

### Lecture

GIVEN BY MR WILLIAM FINCH OF Messrs Maxicrop Ltd., on Wednesday, 16th February, was very well attended. Plenty of questions were asked and answered, in all a very educative and interesting evening was had by all. The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Finch.

# Spring Tournament

Will be held at the South Herts Golf Club on Wednesday, 4th May Will all members when sending in their entries to me, please give their handicap and the name of their club, only those members whose subscriptions are paid up to date will be eligible to play The closing date will be Monday 18th April, an early reply will be greatly appreciated.

# Retirement

I have received a letter from Mr A. Thompson saying after 54 years with North Middlesex Golf Club he has now retired and the club and its members with press men invited, presented him with a clock and cheque. We wish him good health and many happy years.

# New Members

We welcome to the section L. T Edwards of Hillbarn Golf Club, D. McLellan of Malden Golf Club and F Ainsworth of Hampstead Golf Club.

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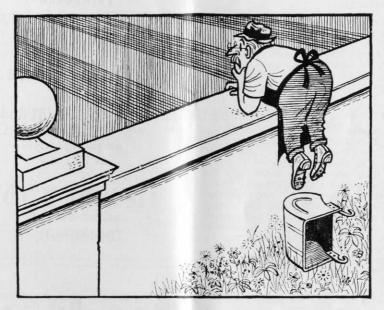
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# NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
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# Spring Tournament

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT the closing date for entries for the Annual Tournament, to be played over the course of the Pannal Golf Club, Harrogate, on Tuesday 26th April, is Monday, 18th April. This is essential so that the draw and necessary catering arrangements can be made.

# Film Show

Thirty-five members attended this show on Thursday, 24th February, held in the club house of the West Bowling Golf Club, Bradford. The film presented by Carreras Ltd., was their newest, this being only the second showing of the 1965 Piccadilly World Match Play Tournament. I am sure that all members will agree that this was a most fascinating and first class film of outstanding golfers in action over the famous Wentworth course. A vote of thanks was given by our President and seconded by the Chairman, Mr D. Roberts, to Mr C. Norton, who presented the show



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### Dinner

The first ever held by the section for members and their wives was held in the club house of the West Bowling Golf Club on Thursday, 10th March. Although we approached the venture with a certain amount of trepidation the evening was an outstanding success and I am sure all fiftyfive attending thoroughly enjoyed it. The whole affair was made free and easy with no speech making and the entertainment which followed was first class. It came as a great surprise to most of us to know that one of our members, G Hartley, was a ventriloquist of outstanding ability A vote of thanks to the catering staff of the club for their excellent service and the club committee for their kindness in allowing the use of the club house was given by our President, Mr W Mountain. As usual, on these occasions, the generosity of our President was evident and for this he was thanked by our Chairman, Donald Roberts. I feel sure that this will now become an annual occasion in the section's events.

# **New Members**

We welcome to the section the following new members Mr J Cogan (Vice-President) and Mr W Heeles, Oakdale Golf Club.



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"Chinese torture?"

# NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman: D. PATE (Royal Birkdale G.C.) Hon. Secretary: 78 Hadfield Street, Oldham, Lancs.

### Lectures

OUR THANKS TO MR JOSS OF S.T.R.I. for a very interesting talk indeed, illustrated by some extremely good coloured slides. This concludes the present series of winter lectures and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the members of the section for the very good support they have given to the various speakers concerned.

# Spring Tournament

This will take place as stated in last month's journal at the Wallasey Golf Club, Wallasey, Cheshire. The competition will consist of 9 holes in the morning and 18 holes in the afternoon, a total of 27 holes. Visitors play a competition in the afternoon of 18 holes. This does not prevent them from playing in the morning if they wish to do so.

I would be grateful if all members who intend to take part would kindly let me know as soon as possible so that I can make the necessary catering arrangements.

Members may invite one visitor only A cordial welcome is extended to all associate members who wish to take part.

# **Annual General Meeting**

Will be held at the Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester on Monday 9th May at 7.30 p.m. Can I count on a big turn out for the occasion?

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4 oz. Cheddar cheese — 2 oz. flour — 2 eggs — fat — salt — pepper — Cayenne.

Grate the cheese and mix it with the flour, salt, pepper, egg yolks and cayenne. Whisk the egg whites stiffly and stir in *gently*. Drop into deep fat (HOT) from a spoon and fry until golden brown.

# Cheese Cakes

2 eggs — 1 teaspoonful of chopped parsley — breadcrumbs — pepper — 1 level teaspoon salt — 4 oz. cheese — 12 oz. potatoes — fat.

Boil the potatoes and while they are still hot, mash them. Mix in the parsley salt, pepper and one egg. Grate the cheese and add. Shape the mixture into balls or flat cakes, coat with the other egg and roll in breadcrumbs. Fry in hot fat for several minutes until golden brown. If you prefer they can be grilled for about five minutes on either side or baked in a hot oven for 20 minutes. If left to stand for 30 minutes after coating, they will keep their shape better when cooked.

# Cheese Delights

½ teaspoonful of mustard — salt —
 ½ oz. butter — 8 oz. cheese — 1 egg
 — Worcester sauce — bread — six rashers of bacon.

Grate the cheese and mix with the beaten egg, Worcester sauce (1 teaspoonful), mustard, a good pinch of salt and the butter. Cut six slices of bread about

the size of the bacon rashers and spread thickly with the mixture, then put the bacon rashers on top. Bake for 10 minutes in a hot oven and serve immediately.

# Cheese Fritters

3 oz. butter — 2 oz. grated cheese — 3 heaped teaspoonsful of breadcrumbs — 1 egg — salt — pepper.

Put the grated cheese in a basin and mix in well the beaten egg, bread-crumbs, 2 oz. of the butter, pepper and salt. Put the other ounce of butter in a frying pan and make very hot. Drop tablespoonsful of the mixture into this and fry until golden brown.

# Cheese Pie

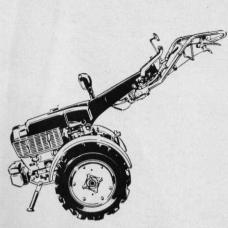
8 oz. cooked potatoes — ½ oz. butter — 1 pint of white sauce — 3 onions — 8 oz. tomatoes — 4 oz. grated cheese — salt — pepper.

Fry the onions. Slice the potatoes and tomatoes and put them in a pie dish, alternate layers of potatoes, tomatoes and fried onions. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Into the white sauce mix all but a little of the grated cheese and pour this over the vegetables. Sprinkle the rest of the cheese on top and lay on some slices of butter. Bake for 20 minutes in a hot oven.

## Cream Cheese

Collect sour milk and cream in a bowl and keep in a warm room until it has set. Pour into a clean cloth and hang up to drain. When almost dry, take down and mash thoroughly with salt and a good pinch of paprika and very finely chopped garlic or onion. This make a delicious cheese for serving on buttered rolls or dry biscuits.

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