

NEWS

Significant savings in labour and water consumption have resulted from the installation of a fully automatic irrigation system at Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands Golf Club. The installation was designed and installed by Robert Sandow (Calf Glade Ltd), using Rainbird equipment supplied by Plastic Tube & Conduit Company Limited.

The course at Aspley Guise has considerable variety in height and soil types ranging from sand to clay. These differences have meant that in the past staff have had to work virtually during the night during the summer to ensure that the correct amount of water has been applied to each green, without disturbing play.

Now the system can be set to operate daily or as infrequently as once a fortnight and left to carry out irrigation completely automatically. This is achieved by the use of a Rain-Clox 8 controller, which can handle eight stations, switching on when required, for a pre-set period, on the days which have been chosen over a 14-day cycle.

Each station is completely independent so that the requirements of each area can be catered for separately. The automatic control can be overridden if necessary, should there be a significant change in the weather.

The water is distributed through a uPVC pipe system from a reservoir at the highest point on the course by a 25 h.p. motor which ensures delivery of the correct amount of water at the required pressure to each green. Each green has four RainBird pop-up impulse sprinklers pre-set to oper-

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ate only over the sector of the circle which covers the green. Each sprinkler can apply up to 5 gal/min, with a throw of 50 ft. . . .

Cooper, Pegler & Co. Ltd., announce that because of increased demand for the "C.P.3" 4-gallon Knapsack Sprayer it has become necessary to expand their production facilities, and offices, warehouse and works are now being extended to enlarge the premises by about 80%. It is hoped that this extension can be brought into use early in April 1974.

Chelwood Tool Company design and manufacture Rakes for specific purposes. A Greenkeeper's Bunker Rake, for Golf Courses is designed to give the correct depth of loose sand in the Bunker. It is 28" wide, has eighteen teeth and it catalogued as No. 18S.

The Rake listed as 27L is suitable for cleaning the Bunkers and drawing the loose sand up the sides of the Bunkers.

The No. 6M. Rakee is a one handed free standing Member's Rake which received an award for the Best Introduction at Mctspur Park 1973.

Richmond Gibson Ltd., of Grantham, Lincs. have added two towed Driftmaster units to the original three hand models they manufacture. The smaller TD 36 is based on the M 36, and has a three foot roller and a tank capacity of 5 gallons. The TD 100 has a 22 gallon tank and the rollers are adjustable between 81" and 105". The TD 100 can be towed by both mini tractors and agricultural type units. As an optional extra a set of road wheels is offered for ease of transportation between locations. . . .

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