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Bob Watson Named Pro at New Course

Robert L. Watson, well-known Westchester, N. Y., professional, has been named head pro at the new Fountain Valley Golf Course on St. Croix, U. S. Virgin Islands. The course, designed by Robert Trent Jones and now being constructed on a 330-acre tract in the north-west sector of the island by Laurance and David Rockefeller, will be ready for play early in 1966.

Watson is currently head professional at Wykagyl Country Club in New Rochelle, N. Y. Formerly he held similar positions at the Fairview Country Club, Elmsford, N. Y., Ardsley Country Club in Ardsley, and the Metropolis Country Club in White Plains.

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tournament time.

"It's maintained the same the year round," said Comely, "except that we honor the PGA request to let the rough grow a little longer at tournament time."

Firestone roughs are lush. They get fertilizer, aerification and water the same as the fairways.

Comely, 55, has been with Firestone since 1934 and heads a full-time ground crew of 18. The crew works in two shifts, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. or longer if necessary.

"We have 600 members and the only way to keep the course in play is to do much of the work at night," Comely says. "All mowing and watering of fairways and the application of fertilizers and fungicides is done at night."

"Greens and tees are mowed and sand traps raked the first thing in the morning."

Firestone's greens particularly are praised by the pros. Comely says their condition is not the result of any special formula. It's just constant attention that keeps them letter-perfect.

The greens are a combination of Seaside and Nimisilla bent, the latter having been added when the greens were enlarged for the 1960 PGA. Commercial fertilizer is used.