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Water *Continued from page 11*

So long as the use of water considers the golfers first, presenting visible hazards and attainable goals, water will have a very significant and contributory place on the golf course.

Irrigation is essential

A function of water on most golf courses which frequently goes unappreciated by the mass of golfers is the use of irrigation to supplement natural rainfall. In the early years, irrigation may have consisted of a faucet and a few lengths of hose. Even today, in many parts of the world, irrigation is at best a hose connection near the green with no irrigation elsewhere. At St. Andrews, an irrigation system installed a few years ago has, in the opinion of some golfers, damaged the playability of that venerable course. Provided the golfers are willing to accept the variable turfgrass conditions which accompany non- or limited irrigation, installation of an irrigation system may not be advocated in some specific areas of the golfing world.

However, given the ever increasing sophistication of golfers worldwide, the unirrigated "natural"

golf course is becoming less and less an accepted fact of golf. That ever uniform, ever green turfgrass of a properly irrigated course is rapidly becoming the standard whether in the desert, the mountains, the seaside or the jungle.

In arid areas the introduction of a pond or lake as a reservoir for irrigation uses permitted golf where before no grassed course could survive seasons lacking natural rainfall.

Golf is a game of turfgrass. However, there are some instances when due to shortages or an absence of water, golf can only be played on a surface that is other than turf.

Oiled sand greens were occasionally encountered here in the United States in the years before World War II. Advances in technology and increases in available funds have just about eliminated their need. In some of the more arid countries of the Middle East, Northern and Southern Africa, oiled sand greens can still be encountered. A weekly or monthly sprinkling of used crank case oil over the chosen greensite will provide the stabilizer necessary to consolidate the sand base. Normally the caddie carries a

"T" shaped smoothing tool in addition to the normal contents of the golf bag. Once the ball is on the putting surface, a path between the ball and the cup is smoothed. The putt may roll true, however, the speed is not sensational to say the least.

Ever increasing labor rates and the questionable dependability of labor combine to minimize the use of portable sprinklers and handheld hoses. Most irrigation systems installed today are, in one form or another, permanently in place systems with buried main lines and lateral piping. Depending upon the particular location, climate and labor situation, the system may be engineered as a manually operated one, as semi-automatic or as a fully automatic system. Coverage may be greens and tees only; greens, tees and fairways, or total "wall-to-wall" full coverage of all turfgrass areas within the boundaries of the course.

At existing golf courses where the older "quick-coupler" type manually operated systems were originally installed, conversion to some type of automated system is being frequently noted.

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Do not make the mistake of assuming once an irrigation system is installed it can be forgotten. Consider the fact that almost any semi-automatic to automatic irrigation system and pumping plant is going to cost from \$100,000 upwards — very upwards for a fully automatic "wall-to-wall" system — on 18 holes of golf. Such systems costing \$500,000 or more are not uncommon. That is no small investment. Installation can be for a new course or at an existing course. However, the most crucial aspect to carefully consider is who will design and engineer the system using what products.

The safest way to obtain the right system for your specific requirements is to retain the services of an experienced professional irrigation system engineer. Some golf course architects have such professional engineers on staff. In some localities, independent irrigation engineers can be retained. Unfortunately, in some regions, only a product distributor's in-house designer is available. That in-house designer may have had virtually no field experience and little engineering background. Some of the in-house distributors or factory designers are more interested in using their product than in considering what is best or most desirable economically for the specific golf course. During the installation process, that factory or local distributor's designer is unlikely to be on-site inspecting the efforts of the Contractor. In many cases, that factory designer never even sees the site, let alone the local climatic tables or soil permeability analysis.

The engineering of the pumping plant which is vital to the irrigation system is not often provided by a factory designer. Without a properly engineered and functioning pumping plant, no irrigation system, regardless of installation cost or products used, will operate correctly. Proper engineering must match the operating requirements of the specific irrigation system design to that of the pumping plant. Pre-assembled "package" pumping systems offer convenience and in some cases, economy as well. Ideally, the engineer of the irrigation system is also capable of providing the pumping plant engineering.

Water has a direct impact on how the game of golf is played. Without water in the form of irrigation, there would be no golf in many parts of the world. Without water, grass will not grow. That is not exactly a profound statement. It is irrevocable, however.

Water as an adversary

By applying water when and

where needed via the irrigation system, a golf course superintendent can achieve optimum turfgrass growth during even the driest periods. Water and turf growth are complimentary but also antagonistic. It is quite easy to apply too much water; especially with elaborate automatic systems which seem to run themselves. Some superintendents set the controller clocks in the spring and never check them again until the fall. Occasionally, the sophistication of the system so overwhelms the superintendent that rather than try to contend with the system, the manual override is resorted to regularly. Regular adjustment of any irrigation system is essential in order to complement the day-to-day changes in any locality's climate.

Bunkers are often observed as small ponds when drain pipes or vertical gravel sumps have not been installed. Runoff water into a bunker from adjacent areas is another result of careless design and construction. Tee tops become a quagmire if the seedbed preparation does not consider climatic conditions, maintenance requirements and golf playability. The installation of drainage lines, gravel and sand based seedbed layers on a teeing surface can forestall maintenance problems for years. Large teeing surfaces are another very desirable part of proper design and construction.

Fairway construction which strips all the topsoil and leaves only hard pan or clay below will soon promote wet spots and turfgrass deterioration. The contouring of fairways to promote surface drainage and the installation of subsurface drainage lines and catch basins as necessary are an essential part of proper golf course architecture and construction.

The addition of sand, organic humus or both may be required in some high traffic or concentrated traffic areas on fairways and at greens aprons as one means of minimizing water induced compaction.

Don't ever let anyone tell you it is easier to correct or fix drainage problems after they occur rather than anticipate them. The golf course architect can, if he is knowledgeable, design and engineer the majority of drainage facilities — drainlines, catchbasins or whatever, in advance on paper, as easily for fairways as for greens, tees or bunkers. It is never cheaper to install drainage facilities later!

During the construction process, the golf course architect must periodically visit the site to personally

review the on-going works. To provide only pretty pictures or merely schematic sketches without viewing the construction can result in many long term problems. In collaboration with the golf course superintendent during the construction process, potential drainage problems and long term turfgrass difficulties can be prevented. Obviously, not all drainage problems on every golf course can be prevented or eliminated, however, an effort to eliminate such problems is highly desirable.

If the golf architect is only concerned with design and gives scant consideration to the long term maintenance of the golf course, the problems of excessive water and the results are sure to come. If the golf course superintendent habitually over-waters, problems will occur which result in the deterioration of the golf course.

Over-watering is a very common practice. During the drought of 1976-77 in California, great cries of terror could be heard as golf courses became one of the first victims of water rationing. Much to the surprise of many, the first 25 percent cutbacks in water usage resulted in few to no deteriorations in turf playing conditions. In some cases, the quality of the turf actually improved. It was not until cutbacks of 50 percent or more were ordered that severe stress and extensive turf die-out began to occur. In areas where *Poa annua* was the predominant turf, the effects of the drought were more quickly felt. Nonetheless, almost without exception, reductions of 25 percent in average water usage did not materially harm the turf. This is a very important lesson in view of the likelihood of energy restrictions and increasing conservation efforts in the future.

Over-watering then, or excessive rainfall and inadequate drainage facilities, with the resulting soil compaction problems, turfgrass deterioration, and undesirable playing conditions causes far more lasting difficulty and has more impact upon maintenance costs than does controlled under-watering.

There is no easy solution. Too much water as excessive hazards, improper irrigation or over abundant rainfall will each create problems for the successful operation of a golf course. Water is an essential element of golf, for playability and maintenance. Design the golf course intelligently, engineer the irrigation system knowledgeably, build it right the first time and maintain it professionally. □

Backpack blowers can save time, labor

Dozens of uses and applications have been found for backpack power blowers, but they are proving to have several uses on golf courses. There are many opportunities for indoor and outdoor maintenance of buildings and grounds, especially considering the large scale cleaning needs of most golf course operations.

Power blowers can be substituted for rakes in cleaning away leaves, grass clippings, and twigs, and for brooms and shovels in heavy-duty cleanup. Speed and ease of operation have been big factors, eliminating countless hours of manual labor.

The **principle** of the back-pack power blower is simple: It's a two-cycle, lightweight, air-cooled engine that's hand-carried or worn backpack-style. The throttle control allows the user to have a gentle breeze or a roaring blast through a hand-held plastic pipe.

In addition to their special needs, superintendents and clubhouse managers will probably find a number of uses for the power blower that have become popular with its existing users.

Many institutions use the units to clean leaves and snow from sidewalks and driveways. It's excellent for unclogging gutters and downspouts. Many factories have used the power blower for cleanup jobs when there's been a spill of some kind.

Tennis court owners have discovered that the power blower is great for drying wet courts and blowing leaves from playing areas. Parking lot atten-

The blower can make cleaning a green a fast and simple job. It can also be used to knock off dew or other excess water.



dants often use it to dust snow from parked cars; and exhibition hall managers use power blowers to clean up trash from floors and seats after the crowds leave the facility.

Many golf courses have developed a number of interesting and conventional applications for power blowers. There are often hard-to-reach places near fences, behind bushes or trees, or in gullies that need to be cleaned. Yet they're hard to get with a rake.

Sand traps and other hazards that must be regularly maintained are candidates for a power blower once-over. Superintendents have found that the power blower can be used during tournaments to dry **greens** wet from dew or watering, before play begins.

Power blowers are ideal for other kinds of cleanup chores, too. There are any number of ways a power blower can be used around a clubhouse, in storage sheds or golf cart storage sheds, that give time and cost-saving benefits to the owner and maintenance personnel. □

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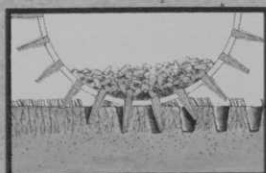
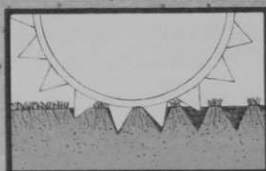
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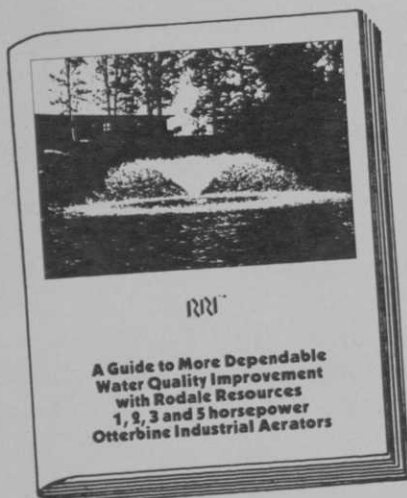
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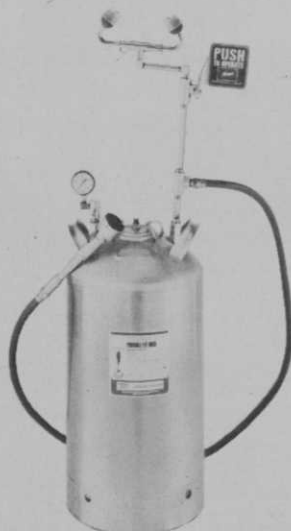
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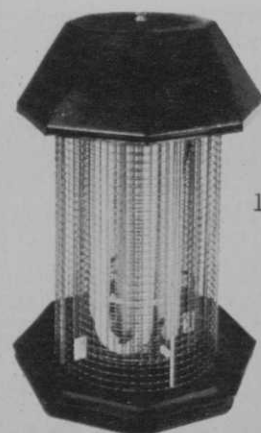


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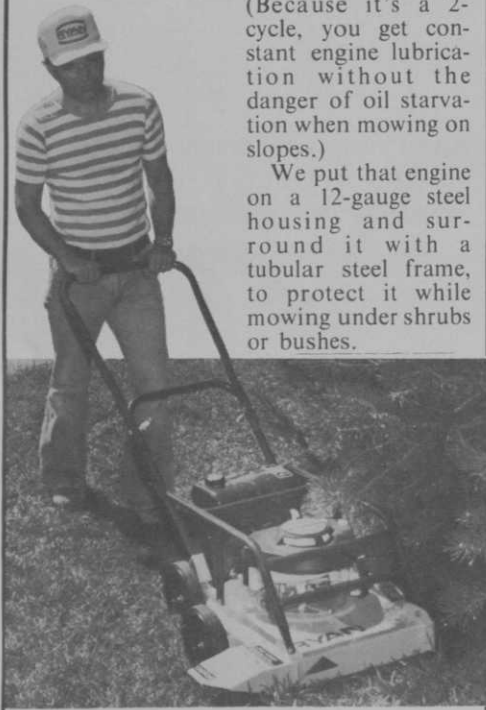
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Should many courses loose money at the expense of private owners?

Government support of municipal golf courses is a major concern of private owners of public courses. And it becomes a question of free enterprise when the municipal courses are supported by tax money, allowed to operate at a loss, and take away golfers from the privately-owned public courses. Number one, the private owner is loosing money because the municipal courses can get away with lower greens fees. Number two, the private owner himself, as a taxpayer, is helping to support his competition.

As a taxpayer myself, I hate to see my money going into loosing propositions. And its another thing to see it fly away when there are profitable enterprises which could serve the public as well.

Could it also be a problem of making facilities available for those who cannot afford it otherwise? I don't think so. It would seem that if a person could afford golf clubs, he could afford greens fees. What are your views?

And, if you read viewpoint in the August issue, you'll notice there are a couple of oops!es in there. One was a typesetting error. It read "right besides this column". It should've read: raht thar beside this here column. Sorry about that. The other was that the reader comment card was not, in fact, raht thar where it oughta have been. The cards have been preprinted for three months and it will be the October issue before it is where I want it. So take a minute and turn back to the front of the magazine, write something, and mail it in.

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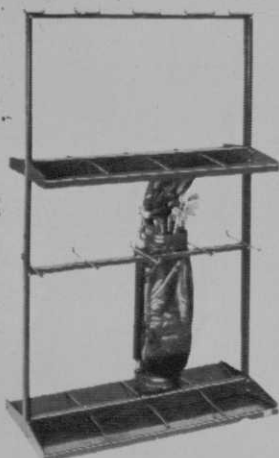
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