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• WHEN you experience long spells of dry weather during the playing season, it is very difficult for the greenkeeper to establish how much water is required, not only for the benefit of the grass, but also to the satisfaction of the bowlers.

• We realise the needs of the grass and that is a minimum of six inches of moist soil to enable the roots to benefit from the use of water from the lower levels, over and above any natural rainfall.

• Should sufficient spiking have been carried out during the Winter months – at least twice a week in the drier areas of the UK, less, of course, in the traditionally wetter districts. Therefore, it is only by knowing your own green, soils and average rainfall levels that you can devise a programme suitable for your green.

• With sandy soils, rain leeches out the fertiliser and plant foods during excessive rainfall, whereas soils containing more organic material do not drain as quickly and thatchy greens fall into this category. • Cleaning out the thatch should solve the problem of a damp surface.