

## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

I am the Head Greenkeeper of The  
..... Golf Club.

I have just been looking over your old May edition and noticed the wages survey. The Head Greenkeeper should get £20 to £24 per week PLUS accommodation. First Assistant — £15 to £17 10s. per week, Assistant — £13 to £14 per week.

On the course I work on these are the wages —

Head Greenkeeper	£15 per week age 26 years
First Assistant	£12 per week age 22 years
Assistant	£5 per week age 17 years
Assistant	£5 per week age 16 years

In my opinion this is a disgrace. Two weeks ago I had a £1,000 competition here. We had to work every night almost for 12 days, sometimes starting at 6 a.m. till 8.30 p.m. We got the course in first class condition. All the club members said this was the best the course has been for about 20 years so why can't the club pay the wages

your Executive Committee mentions. The three assistants never worked on a course before two months ago, so I had to teach them how to cut greens, fairways, approaches, tees, spread dressings, water and so on.

The lads who work for me get on well with me, but the wages are shocking, so the lads are finding other trades with more money. Who can blame them when their hard work is not rewarded? Thanks are not enough.

I am getting married and at present there is no accommodation for me. I have told the Secretary about this situation. He says there might be a place built in about a year's time, but what am I to do in the meantime? I have got a flat near the course, but the rent is high. Paying the rent, getting food in, painting and decorating out of £15 per week is going to be a struggle at first.

I hope you don't mind me airing my views about this but it's the way I feel, and the wages in my district are very poor. They have good courses up here and the clubs should *Pay*.

Yours faithfully,

(Name and Address supplied)



AUGUST	8th } 9th } 10th }	Annual Tournament Little Aston Golf Club.
SEPTEMBER	7th	Southern Autumn Tournament Thorndon Park Golf Club.
	21st	East Midland Autumn Tournament Erewash Valley Golf Club.
	22nd	North-West Annual Tournament Hazel Grove Golf Club.
	27th	S.G.G.A. West Annual Meeting, Lanark.
OCTOBER	6th	S.G.G.A. East A.G.M. Liberton Golf Club.
	12th	Midland Autumn Tournament Blackwell Golf Club.