

## CORRESPONDENCE

*Letter recently sent to the Hon. Secretary from Australia—*

Dear Mr Dix,

I hardly know how to start this letter to you. I am a member of the B.G.G.A. and receiving the Journal way down under.

I was head greenkeeper to Formby Golf Club, Lancashire, for 20 years and then head greenkeeper to the Wentworth Golf Club. But in June 1970 I emigrated to Australia. I have worked at Victoria Golf Club, but six weeks ago I was engaged as course manager to Kings Wood Golf Club which is in Dandenong, about 20 miles from Melbourne. It is an 18-hole course, 6,800 yards long with 1,000 members. My new address is c/o Kings Wood Golf Club, Centre Dandenong Road, Dingley, Victoria 3172, Australia.

I will tell you something about greenkeeping in Aussieland. I have a good friend at Kingston Heath Golf Club from Blackburn Golf Club. He has been here four years. His name is Bill Hunt.

The worst enemy here is fungus. With

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Australia.

the temperature always about 70-75 degrees, there is always fusarium knocking about. May & Baker have a plant here which is a good thing. Grass grows here all the time, never stops growing. We never see snow or frost but plenty of rain and wind. We never need to use top-dressings, only sand, or light sand, as the more nitrate we use the more chances of fungus. So we have to be very careful what we use. Ransomes also have a plant here.

I hope you have a successful season in the U.K. I write to my pal, Harry Walsh, from the North-West Section where I send my subs, so I know what is going on. Please write back as a letter is always welcome.

May I wish you all good luck.

With kind regards from

Len Partridge.

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