

ARE YOU A GOOD GREENKEEPER?

This quiz is designed to find out whether you match up to your responsibilities. For example, can you seriously say you know your job? Are you fully aware of what is expected from you?

Technically, do you understand why seasonal ground work is performed, and indeed, why daily routine work is carried out? It is not only for the money at the end of the week. Do you read, and keep abreast of all the latest developments appertaining to good golf course maintenance? For instance: knowing the correct method for doing a specific job? There are two ways of doing a job. Do you need constant supervision, or less? Are you familiar with the tools for the job? All these questions, and many like them, can be answered below.

To find out your relative position in "operation know-how" and management skills, do the "quiz"; don't be tempted to cheat, even though your conscience may prick.

- Do you consider yourself to be a good greenkeeper?*
 - As good as allowed to be.
 - No complaints from golfers, club secretaries.
 - Within budgetary limits, yes!
- Is your greens chairman a knowledgeable person in turf culture?*
 - Stands by you in all circumstances.
 - Blames you.
 - Believes in constructive criticism, suggests alternative remedies.
 - Understands your problems.
- Do you keep an up-to-date diary. Work progress. Time taken, use of chemicals and results. Climatic conditions, etc?*
 - Yes.
 - Not necessary.
 - Good greenkeepers are guided by events.
- Why do you think the three "Phases of soil state" are so very important?*
 - Do not know.
 - Interdependent.
 - Better if ignored.
 - Essential for good turf-culture.
- Do you know why some plants are more resistant to disease than others?*
 - Micro-organisms in the soil contain antibiotics.
 - Some plants contain antibiotic substances.
 - Because of seed sown in sterilised soil.
- Annual Meadow Grass is the commonest of British grasses; Why is it so difficult to eradicate from intensively used sports areas?*
 - Likes close mowing.
 - Produce large amounts of seed.
 - Elimination would create cultural problems.
 - Arsenic compounds (weed-killers) interfere with plant absorption of phosphorous.
- In the event of a "break-in" at your equipment sheds, do you first*
 - Repair and make good.
 - Inform the police.
 - Check stock and list items missing.
- A Xerophyte is?*
 - Plant growth regulator.
 - Bi-generic hybrid.
 - Drought-loving plant.
- Synthetic growth regulators are used for?*
 - To regulate grass and weed growth.
 - Weed control on lawns and sports turf.
 - For applying to newly sown grass areas.
- Hole trimmers are used for?*
 - Replacing divots.
 - To cover Fairy Ring disease.
 - Finish off hole after cutting.

NOW ADD UP YOUR SCORE

- B—3, A—1, C—1.
- A—3, B—0, C—1, D—3.
- A—score 3 for Yes, B—deduct 1 from score for Not Necessary.

4. A—0, B—3, plus bonus 1, C—0, D—3.
5. A—3, B—2, plus 1, C—0.
6. A—3, B—0, C—3, D—3.
7. A—0, B—3, bonus 3, C—1.
8. A—0, B—0, C—3.
9. A—0, B—3, bonus 2, C—0.
10. A—0, B—0, C—3.

SO HOW DID YOU SCORE ?

A total of 36 is good. Above 36 and under 45 is very good. Over 45 or more, excellent. You are doing well and keeping abreast of new methods and developments in greenkeeping.

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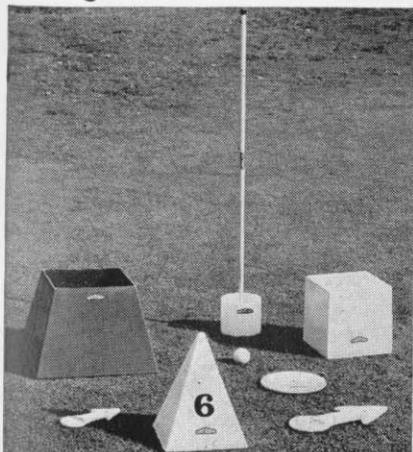
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