

Fifty Years

I wish to salute with much respect and no small affection the greenkeepers who came together to make this Association and those who persevere today.

This family group has kept a pride and purpose in its work during fifty years which have obscured more old values than revealed new ones. It has won respect from all who understand what greenkeeping means.

The job is not easy. To be a paid official amongst honorary ones is unenviable. Captains, chairmen, and committees come and go. The greenkeeper remains loyal to the golf course itself. He is ambitious only to meet its challenge and make it finer. He is patient because he works with Nature. He is tolerant because he knows golfers and their foibles.

This anniversary is a measure of those virtues. They have united a scattered membership with small resources in two unselfish aims—mutual help and the advancement of the craft. These alone will ensure that the achievement of the past will safeguard and benefit the future.

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