



THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT OF the Scottish Golf Greenkeepers' Association will take place at Carnoustie Golf Club on Thursday, 21st June, 1962 by kind permission of the Committee.

Ian Fraser,
General Secretary.

NORTH & MIDLAND SECTION

OUR ANNUAL TOURNAMENT WILL take place at Montrose Golf Club on Thursday, 7th June at 1-45 p.m. by kind permission of the Committee.

New Member

We welcome to our Section Iain R. Armit of King James VI Golf Club, Perth.

W. Ritchie,
Secretary.

LOTHIANS GOLF ASSOCIATION

Short Report on Meeting of Green Conveners and Greenkeepers

Mr. W. A. W. Sivewright presided over a gathering of 31 Green Conveners and Greenkeepers held in Edinburgh.

The Chairman, in his opening remarks, pointed out that this was only an exploratory meeting and all the subjects on the agenda could only be discussed in general and if it was felt that progress could be made or action taken in any direction then a committee would have to be formed to carry out the detailed work involved.

After a general discussion on bulk buying of seeds, sands and fertilisers, loaning of Equipment, etc., it became evident that much information would have to be procured from clubs before progress could be made. At this point a committee consisting of W. Skene (Merchants), T. Cowper (Dalmahoy), T. D. Harkins (Musselburgh) and F. Hunter (Prestonfield) was formed. They

were requested to get from clubs the following information.

(a) What equipment was available in the Lothians? was any of it available for loan?

(b) Were any clubs interested in grouping together with the idea of purchasing between them any major items for course maintenance?

(c) Get information from clubs about sources of supply and cost of seeds, sands and fertilisers.

(d) When available this information was to be circulated to clubs for individual action.

(e) Were any green conveners or greenkeepers interested in the possible formation of night classes by the College of Agriculture.

During the free and general discussion that took place the following interesting statements were made:

(a) Many neighbouring clubs do lend equipment.

(b) Many clubs purchase a large number of items at very favourable rates from friends of the club.

(c) Green Conveners are only messengers between the Council and the Greenkeepers and as they only serve for a year or two, this period is not long enough for them to become interested in the job.

(d) Greenkeepers would rather have a Green Conventer who served for a lengthy period. Someone interested in the job with whom they could discuss their many problems. He might never have any practical knowledge but he could learn to talk the same language.

The question of greenkeepers' wages was raised and the Chairman said there was no authorised scale in existence. Efforts were being made by the Association of Golf Club Secretaries to frame a recommendation to clubs on this matter. Some Clubs tried to use the agricultural rates but in general it was being found necessary if good men were required to pay rates comparable to that paid locally in industry. Some clubs were now operating a superannuation scheme.