

FROM ABROAD

4th June, 1964.

18th June, 1964.

Dear Sirs,

The English King Edward the VIIth, who was in our spa Marianske Lazne/Marienbad in Czechoslovakia for several seasons under medical treatment, gave in 1904 an impulse for the establishment of a golf course here.

Till the beginning of the Second World War the golf course was kept by experts from England. From the year 1939 the golf course is maintained by employees of the town, but the condition does not correspond to the average of a good English golf course as we have not the necessary experience.

The golf course is visited by foreigners, in 1963 by an English team, Silver Wing Club, London.

The obtaining the necessary experience our municipal technical service of Marianske Lazne intends to sent to England, an employee, who would be employed on one of the English golf courses for one month as an assistant greenkeeper for normal salary, from which he would be able to pay his stay in England. Please let us know if this is possible in this season through the intermediary of your Union.

For the year 1965 we should like to realise an interchange of employees, so that one English greenkeeper would be employed on the golf course in Marianske Lazne, and one Czech in England.

We should be very obliged to you for an answer by the return of post if such interchange would be possible, which kindly address to:

SPA-MANAGEMENT,
Marianske Lazne,
Mr. Jan Sperl,
Czechoslovakia.

(Anyone interested please write to Mr. Dix.)

Mr. B. M. Wood, F.C.I.S.
Hon. Secretary,
The Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeping
Apprenticeship,
St. Ives Research Station,
Bingley, Yorkshire, England.

Dear Mr. Wood,

Thank you for your recent release regarding the first annual meeting of The Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship, recently held in Bingley, Yorkshire.

It is interesting to note the good work you are doing in encouraging young men to enter this ever widening profession. In North America, the game of golf is growing far more rapidly than there are golf courses and men to maintain them. Also, in recent years the science of golf course management has advanced rapidly. Higher maintenance standards are demanded, and thus the superintendent must be a better grass technologist, a more astute business manager and keener public relations expert. Few vocations offer more challenge and more opportunity.

The Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America is devoted to these men—golf course superintendents. In this advancing age of specialisation, we feel this term is more applicable than "greenkeeper", and our Association is constantly striving to bring the image of the superintendent to the professional level it so well deserves.

Our official publication, "The Golf Course Reporter", is the world's leading journal on turf-grass science and golf course maintenance. Since your Council's work is so closely connected to ours, we are most pleased to add your name to receive "The Reporter" complimentary each month. It is hoped you will continue to send to us your releases concerning the good efforts of the Council.

Sincerely,
GENE C. NUTTER,
Executive Director and Editor.