

JOINT COUNCIL FOR GOLF GREENKEEPER APPRENTICESHIP MEETS AT BINGLEY

Members of the Joint Council after their Annual Meeting at Bingley on Tuesday, 11th October.

Left to right. John Campbell, President S.G.G.A., Brian M. Wood, F.C.I.S., Hon. Secretary, W. A. W. Sivewright (Scottish Golf Union), George Herrington (B.G.G.A.), R. B. Moffatt (Hon. Secretary S.G.G.A.), F. W. Hawtree (E.G.U.), Chairman. J. R. Escritt, M.Sc., Director, S.T.R.I., John Parker, B.G.G.A., Vice-Chairman.

## **BACK ROOM BOYS**—continued

the staff will be completed—then they may be employed to help with car parking, posted at strategic parts of the course for dealing with bunkers, etc., and any other tasks of suitable maintenance.

This schedule of work continues throughout the course of the event, jobs such as cutting fairways can begin when the days play is over. In the event of drought pre-conceived plans would be brought into operation for watering greens and tees, etc., in the evening and overnight. This considerably adds to the greenkeepers many tasks as it involves moving equipment with care being taken to ensure that all areas receive the same amount of water and the run of the ball will be uniform at every hole. When this is done all equipment must be out of the way before play begins in the morning.

After the event the work of the staff really begins with the task of cleaning up and storing away all the paraphernalia. Bottle tops, nails and studs, etc., are a menace to the mowing machines and make routine maintenance more arduous for the next few days.

When next you view a satisfying event either on the spot or on television and possibly admire the look of the course, remember those behind the scenes and particularly the Back Room Boys.