



### HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

I have been advised by Messrs Slazengers Ltd. that there is a very good greenkeeper's job going at the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. I understand it goes with a good salary and accommodation and the appointment should be on a reasonably long-term basis.

Anybody who may be interested should write to:—

Mr J. Atkins,  
Secretary,  
Royal Hong Kong Golf Club,  
612 Marins House,  
Queens Road,  
C. HONG KONG.

### Tournament 1969

I have just heard from the Welsh Section that the Annual Tournament will take place at the Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club on the 11th, 12th and 13th August 1969.

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### CORRESPONDENCE

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ALDRIDGE,  
WALSALL,  
STAFFS.

Dear Sir,

The last time I wrote to the journal was in 1946 when I wrote about "Better Times on the Golf Course".

The greenkeepers' lot has certainly improved over the last twenty years and I think it will continue to improve.

Now after fifty years' service on the ground staff at Little Aston Golf Club and semi-retired I am not unduly worried about wages structure but I have always fought for, and believed in, status for the greenkeeper. Our old friend, Clarrie Cooke, tried to get members interested in this subject with little success.

What happened to Clarrie? Is he still going the rounds at St George's Hill? I do think that the skill of the greenkeeper should be recognised more. How often does a greenkeeper get a mention in any of the journals that cover the game of golf? Why not a column devoted to "Meet the Greenkeeper"? I believe in more liaison between the members of the golf clubs and their ground staff.

In 1947 a golf match was arranged between the ladies of Little Aston Golf Club and the ground staff—a match which has been played every year since. Owing to the depreciation of the playing strength the ground staff have been joined by the Officers of the Club and the Professional and his Assistant who thoroughly enjoy the game and the hospitality of the ladies in the Clubhouse.

I consider this match unique as both teams contain golfers of National standing. On the ground staff side we have John Beharrell, ex British Amateur Champion, Charlie Ward, ex Ryder Cup player and Master Golfer and Maurice Bembridge, Assistants Champion. On the ladies' side we have Mrs Beharrell, ex Australian and New Zealand Lady Champion and Mrs K. Denham, former Midland Lady Champion. Miss Bridget Jackson played for the ladies' team when she was English Lady Champion.

At Little Aston the Clubhouse have provided for the staff a Life Assurance and Pension Fund which is much appreciated and a welcome reward for loyal service.

Greenkeeping will continue to flourish if golf clubs appreciate the work of their ground staff and justly reward them for their labours.

Here's luck to the greenkeepers of the future and may their endeavours not go unnoticed.

Yours faithfully,

CECIL E. JONES