

CORRESPONDENCE

7 Houghton Road,
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24th April 1971

Dear Sir,

Once again our tees have come through the winter looking even more pathetic than they did last year when we had a comparatively harsher winter. I hate to think what they might be like after next winter.

For some time now I've campaigned for larger tees on our course which is built on very heavy clay soil with poor natural drainage. At the moment the gents' tees measure one hundred square yards for the actual playing area. I maintain that the tees should be very much larger on our type of course; a playing area of *not less than two hundred square yards* for the gents' tees.

I certainly think that if our tees are to come through the winter in a far healthier condition it is essential to enlarge them.

What do other members of the Greenkeepers' Association, especially those who work on courses like this, consider a reasonable size for tees?

Yours faithfully,

R. J. Lane.

Current specifications for new golf courses call for 350 sq.yards teeing area at par-4 and par-5 and 450 sq. yards at par-3 holes. Where contours are suitable, one single tee 35 or 45 yards by 10 yards provides maximum use and minimum upkeep but a formation of this type may not be suitable at a 525 yards par-5 hole, for example, where ladies would still be playing the hole at around 500 yards: nor where the tee is on a severe slope so that one single tee would involve massive earth works.

One difficulty is that tees cost about £1 per sq. yard to construct if the soil is properly ameliorated. Thus 18 holes at 100 sq. yards cost £1,800 for tees; 18 holes at 350 sq. yards to 450 sq. yards cost £6,700. There is naturally a tendency to postpone the additional teeing area if money is short; but this takes up valuable maintenance time and cannot be done quickly.

To show how small single tees waste useful space calculate the loss of 1 foot round the edges of a tee 10 yards by 10 yards. It amounts to 13 per cent. Lose 2 feet all round and it amounts to 25 per cent.

EDITOR.

SITUATIONS VACANT

ROTHLEY PARK GOLF CLUB

HEAD GREENKEEPER REQUIRED

Applicants must be fully experienced in all branches of Greenkeeping and able to control and organise staff.

Excellent salary for first-class man with rent-free modern house (three bedrooms) in residential area within easy reach of the course.

Full details as to age, experience, with two references, to the Secretary, Rothley Park Golf Club, Nr. Leicester,

SITUATIONS VACANT

POTTERS BAR GOLF CLUB

REQUIRE

HEAD GREENKEEPER

Salary not less than £1,300 per annum plus
three-bedroom bungalow
Heating, lighting and constant hot water free
Cameron's pop-up sprinkler system installed

Only experienced men should apply to:

The Secretary
Potters Bar Golf Club
Darkes Lane, Potters Bar
Hertfordshire
Tel. No. Potters Bar 52020

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

**Picketts Lock Golf Course
Enfield, Middlesex**

Applications are invited for the undermentioned posts in connection with the maintenance of the new 18-hole, par three golf course:—

- (a) **HEAD GREENKEEPER** (£1,188 - £1,296 per annum).
Possibility of housing accommodation according to circumstances.
- (b) **TWO ASSISTANT GREENKEEPERS** (wage rate £20.50 per week inclusive of bonus for good work.
Possibility of some overtime.

Applicants for post (a) should have good practical knowledge of turf maintenance and green keeping.

Conditions of service similar to those of Local Government generally, including superannuation.

Applications giving details of age, experience, previous appointments and naming of referees should reach the undersigned not later than 20th May 1971.

Myddelton House,
Bulls Cross, Enfield,
Middlesex.

H. C. WILKINSON,
Solicitor and Secretary,

SITUATIONS VACANT

BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME

PARKS AND CEMETERIES DEPARTMENT

HEAD GREENKEEPER

Applications are invited from fully qualified and capable Greenkeepers for the above post. The successful applicant will be in charge of the direct labour forces engaged in the layout of a new 18 hole golf course.

This is a challenging new post and only applications from keen and interested persons are required.

The salary is in Miscellaneous Grade 6 (£1,188-£1,296). Housing accommodation available.

Applications by letter to the Director of Parks and Cemeteries, Civic Offices, Merrial Street, Newcastle, Staffs., (telephone Newcastle, Staffs. 60161, extension 280) stating age, details of previous experience, and the names and addresses of two referees, must be received not later than 31st May, 1971.

C. J. MORTON,
Town Clerk.

WESTPORT GOLF CLUB

Greenkeeper

A new championship golf course at Westport will be completed in June 1971. The climate is mild, the scenery spectacular. Greenkeepers with experience wishing to take full charge of maintenance are invited to write to the Hon. Secretary, Westport Golf Club, Westport, Co. Mayo. A greenkeeper's flat will be provided in the clubhouse. State salary required and brief personal history.

THREE RIVERS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

now under construction in mid Essex (Cold Norton) require

- (a) ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER
- (b) GROUND STAFF

Accommodation available if required. Please apply, stating age, experience, salary required, to the Secretary, Three Rivers Golf and Country Club, c/o Heycroft Holdings Limited, 687/691 London Road, Westcliff, Essex.

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mechanical sod cutters, but on some courses the old practice of lifting, boxing and cutting the turf by hand is still employed.

Conclusion

An excess of fibre may take quite a long time to develop and unless lifting

the turf, cutting off the fibre and relaying is then undertaken, reduction of the fibre by scarifying and spiking may be a lengthy process.

The fibre problem must not be ignored but perhaps the best answer comes from the old saying "prevention is better than cure".