

# Tee Shots

We are hoping that Clifford Wagoner and David Gourlay, Presidents respectively of the American and the Canadian Golf Course Superintendents' Associations will be attending the International Greenkeepers' Tournament sponsored by Ransomes on October 2nd and 3rd. If they can make it, they are more than welcome. The form of the Symposium on the day after the Tournament is also taking shape with six papers by specialists, each followed by a general discussion which an official panel will begin. Quite a number of inquiries from interested parties have already been received. An application form appears in this issue.

On the subject of Paul Voykin's article last month, those who attended the last Annual General Meeting at St. Annes will remember that a test vote on whether members preferred to be called Greenkeepers or Superintendents came out just about even. But what are the alternatives? The Scottish equivalent of 'steward' is 'club-master' and 'green-master' would sound very well if it were not reminiscent of - footwear, is it? 'Links supervisors', as at St. Andrews, is very impressive though purists would cavil at the indiscriminate use of 'links', inland. 'Course supervisor' or 'course master' sounds too much like the race-course. What about 'B.A.C.C.? British Association of Course Custodians'? No, I don't think so. (Nor 'B.I.L.C.' either.) Somebody

even suggested 'Course Curator', which sounds rather dusty.

No! As Mr. Voykin said, there is nothing wrong with 'greenkeeper'. But it should perhaps be carefully separated. 'Green (pause) keeper'. The keeper of the green - a very honourable and exact title. It only goes awry when people talk about Greenskeeper just as they talk of a Greens Committee sometimes. But are 'course' and 'green' easily interchangeable? The 1893 Golfing Annual talking of Bridge of Weir says: 'The *course* which was laid out (etc., etc.) is equal to any green in Scotland.' And again of Crawford: 'The *green* which consists of 18 holes is an excellent inland *course*. . . .' and finally, at Grantown, 'The Ladies have an excellent nine-hole *green* which is looked after by the keeper of the gentlemen's *course*.'

Are you a greenkeeper or a course keeper?

The Institute of Groundsmanship's International Exhibition '73 looks like being bigger than ever. Help to make it a bigger attendance too. You will find it interesting and helpful.

September 18th, 19th and 20th are the dates from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (5 p.m. on 20th).

R. Tempest (Southern Section) is organising a big Dinner and Dance on October 27th at The Grasshopper Inn, just west of Westerham in Kent on the A25. The party starts at 7 p.m. and tickets will cost £2.50. Dress is informal and early application is requested so that numbers can be finalised early.



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