

# Standing Conference formed

## THE STANDING CONFERENCE FOR GOLF GREENKEEPING

This new organisation has been inaugurated to deal with the intractable problem of golf greenkeeping. It will be representative of

- The Golf Development Council
- The English Golf Union
- The Scottish Golf Union
- The Welsh Golfing Union
- The Golfing Union of Ireland
- The British Golf Greenkeepers Association
- The Scottish Golf Greenkeepers Association
- The Association of Golf Club Secretaries.

The object of The Standing Conference are:

To initiate, improve and promote the education and training of golf greenkeepers

To act as a link between bodies having similar objects

To collaborate with educational and scientific establishments in defining a common syllabus and standards

To receive, hold and disburse monies in the pursuit of these objects.

The Golf Development Council, which took the initiative in calling together the golfing organisations concerned with these problems, has agreed to accept the administrative responsibility for The Standing Conference during the first two years of its existence.

Mr. C. F. Windrow of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club has been appointed Chairman, Mr. L. D. Warne of The National Golf Clubs' Advisory Association is the Hon. Treasurer and Mr. G. A. McPartlin of The Golf Development Council has been appointed Hon. Secretary.

The Home Unions are backing The Standing Conference financially. Initially The English Golf Union is contributing £5,000, The Scottish Golf Union £1,000, The Golfing Union of Ireland £500 and

The Welsh Golfing Union, while agreeing to make an initial contribution, has not yet decided on the amount.

One of the first tasks for the newly formed Conference will be to appoint a Training Co-ordinator to investigate the various types of training at present being given to greenkeepers; to liaise with golfing and educational bodies and to stimulate the organisation of training courses for greenkeeping at suitable centres throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland. These courses will be conducted to common syllabus, have a uniform standard of examination and provide a recognised professional qualification.

It is hoped that the foundation of The Standing Conference will mark a considerable step forward towards a solution to what is proving to be one of the most serious problems facing golf today.

## Thanks for 14 years of dedicated work

ON BEHALF of The Greenkeepers' Association and myself, I would like to thank Mr. Dix for the dedication and hard work that he has given to the Greenkeepers' Association as secretary over the past 14 years. As chairman of the association this past year, I can appreciate the amount of work involved in the position of secretary, and the competent and cheerful way in which Mr. Dix has given of his time and knowledge for our association. We do hope that Mr. and Mrs. Dix will still attend as many of our functions as possible, as we are loth to lose contact with them and we wish them a long and happy retirement.

Eric R. James  
Chairman British Golf  
Greenkeepers' Association.