

Standing Conference for Golf Greenkeeping

THE winter tour of the Training Co-ordinators, Mr. & Mrs. G. Richards, has been completed. Every golf club has had the opportunity of being represented at one of the 34 meetings to discuss the new training scheme for golf greenkeeping and in addition Mr. & Mrs. Richards have met head greenkeepers in every section of the B.G.G.A.

The main comments from these discussions were reported to the Standing Conference at a meeting in London on 16th March. The Conference made the following decisions:—

1. That golf should work towards having a qualified service. As an interim measure head greenkeepers will be given the opportunity, if recommended by their clubs, to register as qualified with the Standing Conference.
2. That training courses recognised by the Standing Conference will be started in the autumn 1976 at colleges, and a booklet giving full details will be sent to clubs shortly.
3. That the chairman, Mr. F. Fawcett, should be one of the panel of selectors for the Government sponsored one-year full-time residential course for adults in greenkeeping at Askham Bryan college, York.
4. That experienced assistant greenkeepers should have the opportunity qualifying by examination and that short crash courses be arranged at colleges, where necessary.
5. That the "on course" training should be tested as part of the qualification.
6. That it would be advisable for a training liaison officer to be appointed in each county and a small advisory committee formed to work with each college providing the courses.
7. That when the Training Services Agency has made the specific offer of grant-aid for the training scheme,

details would be conveyed to all clubs.

8. That the Standing Conference could not give guidance to clubs on wages for trainees.
9. That an effort should be made to encourage clubs to support the B.G.G.A., S.G.G.A., or I.G.G.A., especially for their educational value.

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