

# Statement from new Association Chairman



I feel proud and honoured to be elected Chairman of our newly formed British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association.

It has been two long years of Steering Committee meetings, involving discussion, sometimes sensitive, but necessary, to recognise the need for change to arrive at our present situation, sacrifices had to be made, but these were unselfishly overcome, with our thoughts set firmly on the future.

The new Management Committee brings together a group of enthusiastic members with one common ambition, to improve the status of the golf course greenkeeper.

Our first objective is to co-ordinate the framework of our Association to embrace education, finance, communications or any future developments. The Foundation is the most important facet of our operation to ensure that the brickwork is correct. No major decision will be made without formal proposals to the membership.

Our immediate aim is to enlist consultants to employ a qualified administrator and once employed it will be his duty to explore every avenue to discover the means to promote our Association.

Good communications are essential. The Association itself has a significant responsibility to communicate, in many directions through the golfing community and most importantly on a direct and regular basis with its members. The necessity for a well organised and informative magazine with interesting educational articles will play a major role throughout the entire golfing industry.

Over the next few years we will undoubtedly succeed but it will take effort and dedication similar to that provided to us by our predecessors. It took wisdom and foresight to show us why we were wrong to be divided. Together we can move forward to a more rewarding future.

To conclude I would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the Management Committee for electing me as Chairman and also to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club for their valuable assistance.

Walter Woods  
Links Superintendent - St. Andrews.

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