

Handling Men on the Golf Course

By MARTIN GREENE

I THINK the individual greenkeeper should handle his men the way he thinks best. One reason for this is that there are very few golf courses that carry the same number of men, therefore there can be no fixed rule.

I have twelve men this season. Six men cut the greens in the forenoon. The course is split into two nines, a large putting green going with what we call the smaller nine. Three men and two mowers take each side, greens are swept before they are cut. The tractor takes a man, and when he is not cutting grass, there is some other job waiting for him. We have a horse and triplex mower that are used where tractor cannot reach. The horse is also used for hauling sand to traps, top-dressing for greens, and some rough cutting. It takes a man on our traps most of the time; they need fixing often as we have a lot of play.

Tees are cut three or four times a week; two men cut all the tees in a forenoon.

We water quite a lot until ten o'clock when it is needed. All rough hand mowing, mowing around greens, divot filling, turf gardens, and the hundred and one other jobs are taken care of in the afternoon.

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