

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The debate goes on

When I read George Hurd's letter in *GOLFDOM's* August, 1969, issue and an article (April, 1969, issue) by Bill Smart, glorifying the title greenkeeper, and as my good friend, George, mentioned, we debated the question often, I just felt I had to answer his letter and state at least one good reason.

In 1950, as a director of our national organization, I was asked by the then president to be the chairman of our first policy committee. To start the ball rolling, I sent a list of questions to every local in the association. One question was as follows.

"What does the name 'greenkeeper' mean? I quote from the United States Golf Assn. Manual, page 7: 'Instruct your greenkeeper that for 10 days immediately before the competition...' and on page 8: 'Arrange for greenkeepers to take care of putting greens and sand traps while play is on.' Even the USGA does not differentiate between the man in charge and the laborers. Should we forget the title greenkeeper completely?"

My point was and still is that a title should differentiate between the man in charge of the golf course and the workmen (greenkeepers).

I might add that I only wish every man in charge of a golf course had a George Hurd for a chairman. Regardless of title, he was always my good friend and still is. (I hope.)

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