

# The NATIONAL GREENKEEPER

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## An Editorial

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*Welcome, fellow greenkeepers! Help hold our standard  
high,  
That N. A. G. A. colors may wave against the sky!  
That golfers of America may see them from afar,  
And know what makes it possible to play a course in  
Par!*

FOR the first time in the history of golf, the profession of Greenkeeping is coming into its own.

In establishing the new organization along the lines of education, fraternity and protection, the National Association of Greenkeepers of America is doing a great work, not only for every member greenkeeper, but for every individual golfer in America.

Many of the older greenkeepers of the United States and Canada have established enviable reputations, and they are reputations which have been made without the support of any great amount of publicity. Now the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER has been established as the voice of the National Association, and methods of notably successful greenkeepers are described for the benefit of other members. Many keepers of good greens, known in their local districts for their fine work, will find themselves in the national spot light. This is as it should be. What any one man has done, and done well, is worthy of the recognition and appreciation of others who are aiming at the same target.

Greenkeepers have been prone to say little for themselves. One of the best greenkeepers I know, when asked to write up a little story about himself and his golf course, replied, "Don't ask that of me. I'd rather plow it up than write it up." In one of the succeeding issues of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER his story will appear, and he will write it himself.

All over the country there are young greenkeepers, some of them well established in greenkeeping work, and others who are learning how to properly maintain golf courses. These men are in the process of perfecting their knowledge of greenkeeping. From their number future officials of the National Association will be drawn. Many of these young greenkeepers will be heard from, and what they are accomplishing is of the greatest interest to all the members of the Association. The national organization, established by experienced greenkeepers for the benefit of all men in the profession, forms a solid foundation upon which young members may build their future.

The Employment Bureau conducted for members will undoubtedly be much appreciated by golf club officials, and particularly will this be true of the officers of newly built clubs. It is one thing to need a good greenkeeper, but quite another matter to find him.

Provisions in the By-Laws for a Death Benefit Fund, and a Beneficiary Fund for disabled and needy members are a permanent security against misfortune.

A spirit of helpfulness pervades the entire organization. It is a brotherhood founded upon Unselfishness, a fraternity cemented by bonds of common interest which will strengthen with the years.