

## The Greens Keeper

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He's on the job at break of day and when the stars come out,  
 There's always trouble on the course for him to fret about,  
 He starts the gang to work at dawn and follows them around  
 Then listens to committeemen whose wisdom is profound,  
 They talk of "bents" and "fescues" in a way that makes him squirm  
 For they acquire much knowledge in one brief official term.  
 His task is one that calls for tact, for lacking that it means  
 Next year there'll be another man brought on to keep the greens.

The members seldom know his name, or have a smile for him,  
 They only wonder why it is the course is not in trim.  
 They only rave and rage and rant while hunting for a ball  
 And wonder why the greensman hasn't cut the rough this fall,  
 And when they find a cuppy lie or footprints in a trap  
 "The course is in a rotten shape!" declares each gloomy chap.  
 And yet my hat is off to him, now winter intervenes,  
 I want to pay my tribute to the man who keeps the greens.

He's on the job from dawn to dusk, a million pests to fight,  
 'Tis his to see that every green is watered well at night.  
 The weeds attack his finest work, the drought destroys his grass,  
 The rain beats down the tender shoots, but still the players pass  
 And still they play the game they love, a happy golfing clan  
 Who never stop to count the odds against a single man.  
 And so I wave my hand to him, who toils in sturdy jeans,  
 The best old friend all golfers have—the man who keeps the greens.

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## Annual Report of the Chairman of the Green Committee of the U. S. Golf Association for the Year 1922

### MEMBERS OF THE GREEN SECTION:

At the end of the second year's work of the Green Committee the chairman is able to make a report which it is believed justifies the conclusion that the Green Section has made notable progress in the task it has essayed. The task is in reality one of huge proportions. It requires ample facilities for experimental work, as it is mainly by this means that our knowledge is increased. Thus far we have had cordial cooperation from the United States Department of Agriculture; but the Green Section itself should have the means to enlarge the investigations.

THE BULLETIN and the Service Bureau are primarily educational in scope; and all educational processes need to be continuous in order to be effective. In short, the Green Section has no temporary task, but one which will be needed as long as golf is played.

### *Membership*

The Green Section now has the support of 557 clubs, in contrast to 387 one year ago—an increase of 170, or nearly 50 per cent. In addition, we have a list of special subscriptions to THE BULLETIN, largely of men who in some way are especially interested in the progress of golf.