

The Greenkeepers Training Committee Ltd.



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Dear Secretary

The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) is the independent organisation representing British Golf Club employers and greenkeepers through a Board of Directors, Technical Committee and two full-time employees. It was launched in 1993 to establish an education programme, including a highly acclaimed apprenticeship scheme, giving greenkeepers a technical qualification recognised throughout an expanding industry.

28 Colleges have taken part in a scheme that has become a badge of excellence.

In the 17 years since its foundation, approximately 10,000 thousand men and women have graduated at little or no cost to the Clubs whom they represent. I am sure at least one of your members of greenkeeping staff will have benefited through the GTC's work during this period and the independent advice offered to employers and all levels of greenkeepers is part of the GTC's service to your club.

You, your Green Committee members or any of your greenkeeping staff can access the most up to date information on greenkeeping education, training, qualifications, golf course Health and Safety from the GTC.

However, the benefits have been enjoyed by every club member and nomadic golfer through the increase in the standard of golf course condition and presentation.

It is the belief of the GTC that the responsibility for financing its running should be shared by everyone playing the game but one group, the nomadic golfer or pay-as-you-play golfer, has escaped the net. That is why the GTC is asking your Club for help with the problem. Golf Clubs are the only ones with direct access to this group of golfer, a group which does not contribute to the education of your greenkeepers who, in turn, safeguard and control your greatest asset, your golf course.

The GTC, therefore, seek the kind co-operation of your Club Committee or Board, to consider making a donation of one standard green fee to the GTC for the next three years. This will ensure that its most valuable work goes on behind the scenes. The GTC is a non-profit making organisation reliant for its funding from the golf industry.

Vigorous steps have been taken to make the golfer more aware of the GTC's significant contribution to their enjoyment of golf. This is being done by articles in the golfing Press, by workshops and seminars.

If your Club, through your Board or Committee, could endorse that support by committing to donate a standard green fee, this will help the GTC to continue to develop the wide range of learning material available. You can check out the great work carried out on your behalf at www.the-gtc.co.uk.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact David Golding GTC Education Director, at david@the-gtc.co.uk or 01347 838640.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald Steel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Donald Steel
Chairman
The Greenkeepers Training Committee



Donation kindly made by: _____ Golf Club

Name of club contact: _____

Email address: _____

Club address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel No: _____

Amount donated: £ _____

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