

WELLINGTON, MARLBOROUGH, NELSON, AND WESTLAND GOLF CLUBS AND
OTHER SPORTS BODIES' GREENKEEPERS—AWARD

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In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington, Marlborough, Nelson, and Westland Industrial Districts—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the Wellington, Nelson, Westland, and Marlborough Local Bodies, Other Labourers, and Related Trades Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called “the union”) and the under-mentioned clubs (hereinafter called “the employers”):

Alfredton Golf Club, Eketahuna.
Awatere Golf Club, Seddon.
Carterton Golf Club, Carterton.
Castlecliff Golf Club, Wanganui.
Dannevirke Golf Club, Dannevirke.
Feilding Golf Club, Feilding.
Greymouth Golf Club, Greymouth.
Greytown Golf Club, Greytown.
Hastings Golf Club, Hastings.
Hastings Tennis Club, Hastings.
Hokitika Golf Club, Hokitika.
Hutt Golf Club, Lower Hutt.
Ikamatua Golf Club, Ikamatua.
Maraenui Golf Club, Napier.
Marlborough Tennis Club, Blenheim.
Masterton Golf Club, Masterton.
Miramar Golf Club, Wellington.
Motueka Golf Club, Motueka.
Napier Golf Club, Napier.
Nelson Golf Club, Nelson.
Onga Onga Golf Club, Onga Onga.
Pahiatua Golf Club, Pahiatua.
Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club, Wellington.
Picton Golf Club, Picton.
Rangitikei Golf Club Inc., Bulls.
Shandon Golf Club, Wellington.
Takapau Golf Club, Takapau.
Waipukurau Golf Club, Waipukurau.
Wairoa Golf Club, Wairoa.
Wanganui Golf Club, Wanganui.
Wellington Golf Club, Heretaunga.
Wellington Rugby Football Union, Wellington.
Westport Tennis Club, Westport.

THE Court of Arbitration of New Zealand (hereinafter called “the Court”), having taken into consideration the terms of settlement arrived at in the above-mentioned dispute and forwarded directly to the Court pursuant to the provisions of section 130 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954, doth hereby order and award:

That, as between the union and the members thereof and the employers and each and every of them, the terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the Schedule hereto and of this award shall be binding upon the union and upon every member thereof and upon the employers and upon each and every of them, and that the said terms, conditions, and provisions shall be deemed to be and they are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this award; and, further, that the union and every member thereof and the employers and each and every of them shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter and thing by this award and by the said terms, conditions, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this award or of the said terms, conditions, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same. And the Court doth hereby further award, order, and declare that any breach

of the said terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the Schedule hereto shall constitute a breach of this award, and that a penalty as by law provided shall be payable by any party or person in respect thereof. And the Court doth further order that this award shall take effect as hereinafter provided and shall continue in force until the 28th day of February 1963 and thereafter as provided by section 152 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 21st day of September 1961.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

SCHEDULE

Industry to Which Award Applies

1. This award shall apply to greenkeepers employed by golf clubs, tennis clubs, and other sports bodies covered by this award.

For the purposes of this clause, the term "greenkeeper" shall include groundsmen and other outside workers employed in connection with the maintenance, development, and care of the employer's property.

Hours of Work

2. (a) An ordinary week's work shall be spread over five and a half days a week, Monday to Saturday at noon, and shall not exceed 40 hours per week. Greenkeepers shall be granted at least one half-holiday each week from 12 noon.

(b) The starting times and finishing times of employment over the weeks of each year shall be mutually arranged between the greenkeepers and their employers.

Wages

3. (a) The minimum weekly rates of wages shall be:				Per Week		
				£	s.	d.
(i) Head greenkeeper	..	..	..	13	16	8
(ii) Sole greenkeeper	..	..	..	13	4	2
(iii) Other greenkeepers	..	..	..	12	4	2

Greenkeepers shall be paid 6s. 8d. per week additional after two years' service with the same club.

Time served prior to the date of this award shall count for the purposes of this payment.

(b) Casual or part-time employees shall be paid not less than 6s. 2½d. per hour.

A "casual" or "part-time" employee is a worker who is employed by the hour in accordance with the rate specified herein, for a period not more than 30 hours in any week.

(c) Where a dwelling is supplied to a greenkeeper by the employer, a rental may be charged therefor, such rental to be mutually agreed upon between the greenkeeper and the employer. In the case of a dispute arising in connection therewith, it shall be dealt with under clause 15 of this award.

(d) Workers who, at the coming into force of this award, are in receipt of a higher rate of pay than that prescribed herein shall not have their wages reduced whilst their present employment continues.

(e) Greenkeepers who are holders of a greenkeeper's diploma issued by the controlling authority shall receive an additional payment of £1 1s. 8d. per week.

Overtime

4. (a) All time worked in excess of the hours mentioned in clause 2 hereof shall be deemed to be overtime and be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first three hours and double time thereafter. For the purpose of computation of overtime, the weekly wages shall be divided by 40.

(b) All work done after noon on Saturdays or on Sundays shall be paid for at double ordinary rates with a minimum of two hours.

Holidays

5. (a) Greenkeepers who are required to work on any of the following holidays – New Year's Day, 2 January, Anniversary Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, the birthday of the reigning Sovereign, Labour Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day – shall have two days added to their annual holidays for each of these days on which work is performed, or, in lieu thereof, shall be paid double time for work performed on any of these days, such payment to be in addition to the usual wage.

(b) When Anzac Day falls on a working day, payment shall be made as for a day worked, but if a worker works on that day he shall be paid double time for work performed in addition to his ordinary pay.

(c) In the event of a holiday, other than Anzac Day, falling on a Saturday or a Sunday such holiday shall be observed on the succeeding Monday, and in the event of another holiday falling on or being transferred to such Monday, such other holiday shall be observed on the succeeding Tuesday.

Annual Holidays

6. (a) An annual holiday of three weeks shall be granted for each year of service and be taken at a time to be mutually arranged between the employer and the worker; but should a worker be required to work on any of the days prescribed in clause 5 of this award, he shall, unless otherwise mutually arranged, have two extra days added to his annual leave to compensate him for working on such holiday.

(b) The annual holiday to be granted to casual or part-time workers shall be apportioned on a *pro rata* basis of three weeks' annual holiday for full-time workers, and in conformity with the consideration for working on award holidays. In all other respects the provisions of the Annual Holidays Act 1944 shall apply.

(c) The provisions of the Annual Holidays Act 1944 shall, subject to the provisions of this clause of this award, apply to workers covered by this award.

Tournaments

7. (a) *Golf Tournaments*—Greenkeepers who are required to do extra work in connection with the provincial or inter-provincial or North or South Island championship tournaments shall be paid 15s. per day extra for the day on which such extra work is performed, and 22s. 6d. per day extra when required to do extra work in connection with the national championship tournaments for the day on which such extra work is performed.

(b) *Tennis Tournaments*—Greenkeepers who are required to do extra work in connection with open championship tournaments shall receive a payment of 15s. per day extra for the day on which such extra work is performed, and greenkeepers who are required to do extra work in connection with New Zealand national championships shall receive 22s. 6d. per day extra for the day on which such extra work is performed.

(c) The greenkeeper at Athletic Park, Wellington, shall be paid £10 per annum; the payment shall be made in two instalments, namely, after each six months, such payment to cover extra work in connection with all games, other than club games.

Youths

8. Youths may be employed by agreement between the union and the employer concerned.

Duties

9. The duties of greenkeepers shall be the maintenance and care and development of the courses, greens, and/or courts and other property of the employer.

Payment of Wages

10. (a) All wages due shall be paid weekly or fortnightly in cash on the job during working hours on a regular pay-day not being later than Thursday.

(b) There shall be handed into the keeping of the worker each pay-day, written details of the wage make-up.

(c) In the event of any of the holidays enumerated in subclause (a) of clause 5 hereof being observed on a Friday, then the wages for that week shall be paid not later than the Wednesday.

General Conditions

11. (a) The employer shall supply, where necessary, one pair of gumboots and an oilskin for workers required to work in wet weather, such articles to remain the property of the employer. Where it is necessary for a worker to wear gumboots he shall be paid 2d. per hour additional with a minimum of 1s. per day.

(b) Workers using gang-mowers or engaged on duties where getting wet is otherwise unavoidable shall be provided with additional necessary protective clothing, including waterproof trousers.

(c) Reasonable facilities shall be provided for ablution and changing clothes, and some means for providing boiling water shall be made available.

(d) Ten minutes smoko shall be allowed by the employer, morning and afternoon, without deduction from pay.

Terms of Employment

12. (a) Not less than one week's notice on either side shall terminate the employment of weekly workers: Provided that this shall not prevent any worker from being dismissed for misconduct.

(b) Notice of termination of employment shall not be given during the annual holiday period.

Workers to be Members of Union

13. (a) Subject to the provisions of sections 174 (5) and 175 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954, it shall not be lawful for any employer bound by this award to employ or to continue to employ in any position or employment subject to this award any adult person who is not for the time being a member of an industrial union of workers bound by this award.

(b) For the purposes of subclause (a) of this clause a person of the age of 18 years or upwards, and every other person who for the time being is in receipt of not less than the minimum rate of wages prescribed by this award for workers of the age of 21 years and upwards, shall be deemed to be an adult.

(c) Every person who, being obliged to become a member of any union by the operation of the foregoing provisions, fails to become a member of that union when requested so to do by his employer or any officer or representative of the union, commits a breach of this award, and shall be liable accordingly.

(NOTE—Attention is drawn to section 174 (3) of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954 which gives to workers the right to join the union.)

Under-rate Workers

14. (a) Any worker who considers himself incapable of earning the minimum wage fixed by this award may be paid such lower wage as may from time to time be fixed, on the application of the worker after due notice to the union, by the local Inspector of Awards or such other person as the Court may from time to time appoint for that purpose; and such inspector or other person in so fixing such wage shall have regard to the worker's capability, his past earnings, and such other circumstances as such inspector or other person shall think fit to consider after hearing such evidence and argument as the union and such worker shall offer.

(b) Such permit shall be for such period, not exceeding six months, as such inspector or other person shall determine, and after the expiration of such period shall continue in force until 14 days' notice shall have been given to such worker by the secretary of the union requiring him to have his wage again fixed in manner prescribed by this clause: Provided that in the case of any person whose wage is so fixed by reason of old age or permanent disability it may be fixed for such longer period as such inspector or other person shall think fit.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be competent for a worker to agree in writing with the president or secretary of the union upon such wage without having the same so fixed.

(d) It shall be the duty of the union to give notice to the Inspector of Awards of every agreement made with a worker pursuant hereto.

(e) It shall be the duty of an employer, before employing a worker at such lower wage, to examine the permit or agreement by which such wage is fixed.

Disputes

15. The essence of this award being that the work of the employer shall not on any account whatsoever be impeded but shall always proceed as if no dispute had arisen, it is hereby provided that if any dispute or difference shall arise between the parties bound by this award as to any matter whatsoever arising out of or connected therewith, or in connection with any matter affecting the employment of any workers bound by this award but not specifically dealt with in the award, every such dispute or difference shall be referred to a committee composed of two representatives of the employers and two representatives of the union, together with an independent chairman to be mutually agreed upon or, in default of agreement, to be appointed by the Conciliation Commissioner for the district. Either side shall have the right to appeal to the Court of Arbitration against a decision of any such committee upon giving to the other side written notice of such appeal within 14 days after such decision has been made known to the party desirous of appealing.

Application of Award

16. This award shall apply to the original parties named herein, and shall extend to and bind as subsequent party hereto every industrial union, industrial association, or employer who, not being an original party hereto, is, when this award comes into force or at any time whilst this award is in force, connected with or engaged in the industry to which this award applies within the industrial districts to which this award relates.

Scope of Award

17. This award shall operate throughout the Wellington, Marlborough, Nelson, and Westland Industrial Districts.

Term of Award

18. This award, in so far as the provisions relating to the rates of wages to be paid are concerned, shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of September 1961, and so far as all other provisions of the award are concerned, it shall come into force on the day of the date hereof; and this award shall continue in force until the 28th day of February 1963.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 21st day of September 1961.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

MEMORANDUM

The award, including the operative date of provisions relating to wages, embodies the terms of settlement arrived at by the assessors in Conciliation Council.

A. TYNDALL, Judge.
