SECRETARY’S NOTES

Members will be interested to know that a most enjoyable day’s golf was experienced by a representative team of our Association drawn from the Southern Section against the Golf Club Secretaries Association on 24th October at the Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club. I have been told that we had a comfortable victory, but the main issue was the fact that everybody taking part considered it was a grand idea, and I am hoping to extend the facilities for this fixture to be continued on a wider basis in future years.

Apprenticeship Joint Council Meets

At the October meeting of the Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship it was reported that 98 apprentices had now been registered since the beginning of the scheme and 29 had successfully completed their apprenticeship.

The first apprentice ever registered was now a head greenkeeper, earning a good wage, with a cottage provided.

Representatives from England, Scotland and Wales attended the meeting and approved 18 registrations, of which 11 were from Scotland.

WHERE ARE TOMORROW’S GREENKEEPERS?

They are to be found amongst the youngsters of today who receive proper training under the official apprenticeship scheme. EVERY club should be employing at least one apprentice now, to ensure the future upkeep of our golf courses. IS YOURS?

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