

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

Apprenticeship Joint Council Meets

THE first meeting of the Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship took place at Bingley on the 8th April. Representatives of the Scottish Golf Union, the Welsh Golfing Union and the S.T.R.I. met greenkeepers' representatives from England, Wales and Scotland and got down to final details of the draft scheme prepared about this time last year. Next meeting will be in October and meanwhile it is hoped to get Ministry approval, booklets prepared for Youth Employment Officers, with an Employers' Guide, Syllabus, training facilities and all the other aspects dealt with. A lot to cover in a short time, starting from scratch, but if the enthusiasm of the meeting is any guide, we should see something material before the end of the year.

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Golf du Prieuré

The newest Paris golf club will have a 12th Century Priory as a club house. Two 18-hole courses are planned and work will start on the first one this month. Championship length and club house luxury will give the project a standing amongst Europe's best and so long as there are more golfers than clubs can accommodate, there seems to be no problem in starting a scheme on this scale. A No. 1 greenkeeper will be wanted soon. Anyone interested? The site is in the heart of the country but only about three-quarters of an hour from the Eiffel Tower by the autoroute. Considerably less if you happen to be driving there with Monsieur Cuvelier, the young Paris businessman who is launching the project.

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Glasgow to Palma

We were glad to find Ed Maule safely installed in Majorca with his family. Clive, the younger son, is assisting his father on the golf course. His elder son is studying Spanish and will take an office job. Mrs. Maule had the misfortune to slip and sprain her ankle soon after arrival, in spite of practice on slippery Glasgow pavements in the early part of the year.

Many Southern Section members will remember Ed Maule from his spell at Hadley Wood before he went to Prestatyn. He learnt his golf at Gullane, where he changed over from left to right handed play and got down to scratch in a quick eighteen months.