

TEE SHOTS

Last month a significant step forward in the history of the Association was made. The Golf Development Council had invited the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association to become a Member Organisation of the Council, your Executive Committee accepted the proposal and with the G.D.C. Executive Meeting held in London on Tuesday 9th April, the election was confirmed.

This is the first time that the working side of the industry has been represented in a national golfing organisation and the Association will be grateful for this opportunity to make its voice heard in the nationwide development of the game.

The other bodies represented on the Council are:—

The Royal & Ancient Golf Club.

The Golf Foundation.

The Ladies' Golf Union.

The Sports' Council.

The National Golf Clubs' Advisory Association.

The Artisan Golfers' Association.

The National Association of Public Golf Courses.

Professional Golfers' Association.

The Editor has represented the Artisan Golfers' Association on the Council ever since its inception, so the needs of the Greenkeepers and greenkeeping have not gone unremarked. But now the Association itself will be sending two delegates to

the Council meeting, and when there are matters of interest to Greenkeepers to be discussed at Executive Meetings, the Association will be invited to send a representative.

A unique golf tournament in Belgium was jointly sponsored by Ransomes and their Belgian distributors A. Verbeke and Sons.

The ProAm tournament, at Latem Golf Club, near Ghent, on March 30, was the first in Belgium organized for professionals and players under 21 years of age.

In fact the youngest taking part were a boy of 11, and a girl of 13 from the home club.

What was particularly appreciated was the way the professionals helped their young team members with each shot. All agreed that it was a very successful occasion and an outstanding event for Belgian golf and the promotion of junior golf in particular.

Among those taking part were the well known Belgian professional Flory Van Donck and the Belgian ladies champion Mlle. C. Reybrock.

The winners of the Verbeke-Ransomes cup were led by the Keebergen Club professional W. Van Begin.

The picture shows Guy Catchpole, general marketing manager, Ransomes grass machinery division (second left) with Flory Van Donck (centre) and his team at Latem G.C.

