

# TEE SHOTS

We had some useful discussions with representatives of the New Zealand and Australian Greenkeeping Associations during February.

In Auckland we met Gordon West, President of the Auckland Golf Greenkeepers' Association and Denis Boylan, Secretary of the New Zealand Golf Greenkeeper's Association. New Zealand has its own Research Station and runs a Correspondence Course for young Greenkeepers.

The idea of international co-operation appeared generally acceptable and any help and information which this might bring would be welcomed.

The Auckland discussions were largely exploratory but education was agreed to be the first objective, aided by exchanges of apprentices, technical information and publications. Hospitality and travel assistance to greenkeepers visiting other countries would reinforce the scheme.

While in Auckland we visited the Middlemore Course of the Auckland Golf Club, the Grange Golf Course, where the party was joined by Mervyn Andresen, Sonny Kayes, and Sel Hattaway, and the new layout of the Remuera Golf Club.

In Melbourne we talked to Leslie Barlow of Woodlands G. C. Mordiac, south of Melbourne. He is President of the Victoria Curators' Association. He has recently been elected President of the Australian Turf Management Association which is composed of various State Associations. He too, was keen on the idea of international relationships and indeed, had been doing some work on the question himself. It was a similar story in Sydney where we met the President of the New South Wales Golf Greenkeepers' Association and also heard about arrangements they make for training in that State.

Ransomes arranged a day for Greenkeepers at the Foxhills Golf Club near Sydney and something like 150 turned up to hear the Lecture and see the Ransome film. Some of them made a 700 mile round trip to attend this function and certainly the hospitality was outstanding.

The American Golf Course Superintendents' Association is now contacting the remaining Greenkeeping Associations and all are invited to submit ideas and practical suggestions, as to how international relationships might be fostered.

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