AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS AS Superintendent of Grounds at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Mr. Frank G. Smith retired on 7th December. I am sure that I am expressing the wish of all members of the Association in saying to Frank, “A long and happy retirement, and our thanks for everything you have done for greenkeepers and greenkeeping”.

Spring Tournament

The Annual Spring Tournament of the Section will be played over the course of the Woodside Hall, Huddersfield Golf Club, on Tuesday, 9th April, 1963, by kind permission of the Committee.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following two new members:—B. Eastwood, 27 Miles Hill Grove, Leeds, 7 (Sandmoor Golf Club), and A. Tallant, 24 Gregstone Mount, Leeds, 15 (Temple Newsam Golf Club).

Grand National Sweep

Members will shortly be receiving books of tickets and it is hoped that they will do their utmost to sell them. The Section has to rely on this to keep their finances on an even keel and each year rising costs make it more difficult to do so.

November Lecture

The first lecture of the winter session was held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on 15th November, when the speaker was Mr. B. G. Clayton, M.A., Senior Advisory Officer, at the S.T.R.I. Mr. Clayton spoke on “Continental Golf Courses”. Each year Mr. Clayton visits many golf courses and was able to give details of the many different conditions under which greenkeepers have to work. Following the talk, questions were asked on all aspects of greenkeeping which the Speaker was able to answer in detail.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. Mason (Chairman), seconded by Mr. W. Mountain (President). Forty members were present, a most encouraging number, and it is hoped that at future functions this will be increased.

THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS’ ASSOCIATION

NORTH AND MIDLAND SECTION

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in Nicoll & Smiberts Restaurant, Dundee, on the 14th November, 1962, when Mr. Stewart Gray was in the Chair. A tribute was paid to our late President, Mr. George M. McDonald, Alyth G.C., for his excellent service to the Section.

The following office Bearers were elected:

President:  J. K. Campbell, St. Andrews.  
Vice-President:  S. Gray, Craig Park.  
Secretary and Treasurer:  W. Ritchie.  
Auditors:  W. Falconer and J. Ross.  
Executive Committee:  J. K. Campbell, S. Gray and W. Ritchie.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members. J. K. Campbell, Craigilands, 18 Buchanan Gardens, St. Andrews; D. Burnett, 2 Boase Avenue, St. Andrews; D. Gray, 10 Ellibank Crescent, Arbroath; R. Scotland, 8 Airlie Crescent, Arbroath; and W. Hynd, Cupar Golf Club, Cupar, Fife.

Lecture

A lecture will be held in Nicoll & Smiberts, Dundee, on Wednesday, 16th January, 1963, at 7-0 p.m., when the Speaker will be Dr. Noel Jackson of the Sports Turf Research Institute.

W. Ritchie,  
Secretary.

SITUATION VACANT

HEAD GREENKEEPER required. New club being formed at Abridge, Essex, under supervision of Henry Cotton. Must be fully experienced. Accommodation will be provided. State salary required. Box No. 1/63 “British Golf Greenkeeper”.

WANTED for Holywell Golf Club, Brynford, Holywell, young couple for Professional/Greenkeeper and Stewardess, or young man for Professional/Greenkeeper. Bungalow available if required. For terms of employment and salary apply to Hon. Secretary.