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#### New Members

We welcome to the Section two members of the Hallamshire staff and hope they find the association of value and interest. They are: S. Day and C. Colton.

## MIDLAND

*Chairman:*  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

*By R. Goodwin*  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
167 Birmingham Road  
Lichfield, Staffs.

#### President's Match

THE ANNUAL MATCH BETWEEN Mr Bretherton's Team and the Greenkeepers will take place on Thursday, 20th June, at the Handsworth Golf Club.

#### Spring Tournament

Full details of this fixture will be given in next month's journal.

#### New Member

We welcome to the Section, Derek Cheetham, head greenkeeper, to the Dudley Golf Club.

#### Arthur Firman

Members will be sorry to hear of the recent death of Arthur Firman, a life member, and one of the Founder Members of the Section in 1933.

Arthur was, for many years, head greenkeeper to the Harborne Golf Club. He retired a few years ago and was succeeded by his son, Bill.

I would like to express the sincere condolences of all members to Mr Firman's family.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

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*Chairman:*  
F. HALSTEAD  
(Bury Golf Club)

*Hon. Secretary:*  
73 Hadfield Street,  
Oldham, Lancs.

#### Spring Tournament

AS STATED IN THE JANUARY Journal our Spring Tournament and Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday, 2nd May at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, the morning round to consist of 9 holes, starting times from 8.30 a.m., and 18 holes in the afternoon. The Annual General Meeting to start approximately 7.15 p.m. Once again, I must ask all members who intend to take part to let me know at the earliest possible time so that I can arrange catering etc. Members will be allowed one visitor only; no proxy visitors will be considered; this rule was passed by the committee in June 1962, who intend in future competitions to adhere to same.

#### Subscriptions

All subscriptions, I must remind members, are due on 1st May. Please send them to the Hon. Treasurer and not to me.

#### Lectures

Our thanks to Mr Ratcliffe, of Rigby Taylors Ltd., and Mr G. Smythe, of May & Baker Ltd., for a very interesting talk which they gave to a very appreciative audience of 30 members; our best turnout this winter—thank you, gentlemen. Our next venture and the last for this winter will, as last year, take the form of the Open Debate, which I recall, was very successful and will take place on Monday, 11th March, at 7.30 p.m. at the Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester. Can we please have another good turnout.

#### Life Members

It gives the committee great pleasure to inform members that Mr C. Brassington, ex-Royton Golf Club, and Mr E. Brooks, ex-Ashton-Under-Lyne Golf Club, have been elected Honorary Life Members of the Association as from 1st May, 1968. Congratulations to them both.

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