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JUNE MEETING

- Place: Seaview Country Club, Absecon, N.J.
- Host: Supt. Warren Bidwell
- Date: Monday, June 11, 1956
- Golf: From noon on. The golf teams of the N.J. and Phila. Associations will tee off no later than 1:00 P.M.
- Tours: For those of you who wish to play golf and also see the construction of the new holes, a conducted tour will begin at 10:30 A.M. For those of you who do not play golf, another tour will be conducted at 3:00 P.M. Transportation will be provided for the tours.
- Cocktails & Dinner : Cocktails will be served at 6:00 P.M. with dinner promptly at 6:30 P.M.
Total cost of the two will be \$5.00, including gratuities.
- Educational Program: The Educational Program will begin at 8:00 P.M. and Charles Wilson, Agronomist of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission will be our speaker for the evening.
Agar M. Brown, Secty.-Treas. of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America plans to be present.
- Notes: Your Greens Chairman, or any other club official, will be welcome to attend this meeting at Seaview. It is absolutely necessary that Seaview know the exact number expected for dinner, so it is pertinent that you send in the enclosed card without delay. Be sure to include the number of guests you are bringing with you.
- There will be no business meeting of the N.J. Association at this time as this is our annual Joint Meeting and Golf Tournament with the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents.
- Club regulations require the use of a coat and tie in the dining rooms.
- Directions: For those using the Garden State Parkway, Exit 48 is advised. Follow U.S. Rte. 9 until reaching the Club.

MAIL IN THE ENCLOSED CARD TODAY. DO NOT DELAY!

MORE ABOUT GOLF CARTS

The Metropolitan Golf Association has recently issued a small booklet entitled "Electric Golf Cart Survey in the Metropolitan New York Area". It contains a lot of questions and answers, general remarks, and pertinent information about the use or misuse of electric golf carts.

In their Conclusion they have this to say:

"First, the game of golf includes a certain amount of healthful exercise from walking the $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 miles of the average 18-hole round. The use of electric carts might be restricted to those who are not physically able to take this exercise. In this way a group of persons who might otherwise not be able to play golf can be benefitted by their day on the links.

"Secondly, since carts cannot replace caddies, it is still necessary for a club to have a corps of healthy young men to carry bags and otherwise perform a caddie's duties on days when carts cannot be used due to uncertain turf conditions, and for the benefit of others who will not use carts. The number and morale of the caddie group can best be maintained by requiring that the user of a cart be obliged to take a caddie if available. Some will claim that the expense is too great, but it seems to us that anyone who can afford the luxury of owning or renting an electric cart cannot complain too bitterly over being asked to employ a caddie. Perhaps this gives the caddie-master the opportunity of assigning to cart-users the smaller boys who may be intelligent young caddies but who are not physically able to carry two golf bags or one very heavy one.

"In the third place, it would seem that complete control and regulation of the use of carts should be vested in one of the club committees, preferable one with no other duties, an ELECTRIC CART COMMITTEE. This committee would be aware of the overall picture where a club employee might not be. Any revenue to be derived or loss to be sustained from the use of electric carts would thereby inure to the club and not to an individual. A decision rendered by the professional or greenkeeper involving the use of carts on a given day might be prejudiced if that individual stood to benefit financially by the decision. The greenkeeper or professional, not being in such a position, could and should be called upon for advice.

"A fourth and most important point concerns the preservation of the golf course. As the statements of USGA green section representatives indicate, great damage due to compaction, rutting, scraping and wilting can result from improper or unregulated use of carts, especially if it is widespread. As Dr. Ferguson points out on page 28, careful regulation and driver education plus remedial measures made possible by a budget readjustment can make it possible to 'live with' electric golf carts on almost any golf course.

"Perhaps the answers to all these problems can only be gained by experience. We hope that this booklet will make that experience less bitter for you."

If you would like a copy of this survey they are obtainable at 25¢ per copy from: Metropolitan Golf Association, "Golf House", 40 East 38th St., New York 16, N.Y.