

Greenkeepers Club of New England

NEWSLETTER

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The monthly greenkeepers meeting was held at The Hotel Bradford, Boston, Mass., April 14, 1947. The guest speaker was Dr. Fred V. Grau, of the U.S.G.A. Green Section. Also present was Professor L. E. Dickerson of the Mass State College and Dr. J. De France of the Rhode Island State College.

Dr. Grau pointed out that present physical characteristics of the soil on greens was a nationwide problem chiefly due to compaction and leaching. The matter of changing this soil without removing the sod is definitely in the experimental stage.

Greenkeepers should manage turf to suit the average golfer. It was suggested that tees be firm, close clipped, and drought tolerant grasses be used. On fairways the ball must set up for a good clean lie and not in soft, lush, or deep grass. Drought tolerant bents and creeping red fescue are ideal for hills and knolls. Greens should have firmness and resiliency. Weed control programs should begin in the rough. Consultations with pro on local playing conditions may prove beneficial.

Experiments for more accurate specifications for better growth of greens are being carried on by the U.S.G.A. and definitely need the support of all golf clubs. Is your club a member?

A business meeting was held. President Homer Darling presided. A letter from A. L. Brandon, Secretary of the Greenkeeper Superintendent Association was read.

The next meeting will be held at the Kernwood Country Club, Salem, Mass., on Monday, May 5th, 1947. Luncheon at 12 noon, with a business meeting preceding the golf tournament. It is being planned to demonstrate the new golf shoe spike.

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