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March, 1959

The February meeting was attended by 65 interested members and guests.

The list of door prize winners was lost, but we do recall Joe Dandurand of the Maynard Golf Club was number 1 on the "Hit" parade.

Notes were compared on the highlights of the National Turf Conference and the consensus was that it gets bigger and better every year. Registration figures at Chicago showed a total of 1720 -- an all time high.

We hope all our members are availing themselves of the clinics on irrigation and machinery being conducted by the Clapper Company and the Sawtelle Bros. respectively.

Dr. John Havis pinch hit for Dr. Elliott Roberts at our meeting and outlined the purpose of the Mass. Turf and Lawn Grass Association. As you know, the Mass. Turf and Lawn Grass Association is the revived "Mass. Section of the N. E. Turf Assn." Until next March 5th at the Turf Conference at Amherst a temporary board of officers and directors will carry on specific duties to get the ball rolling.

The purpose of the organization is to consolidate the efforts of all research and education in the field of turf and lawn grass within the state. The success of this organization is the responsibility of each one of us. We need it and it needs us.

Mr. Ed. Kudrna, field representative of the Jacobsen Mfg. Co. gave an extremely interesting talk on the Jacobsen Power Greens Mower and particularly the function of its excellent 2-cycle motor.

Specific points we remember are: Keep the oil bath clean, clean ports every 20-25 hours, make sure your gas-oil mixture is exact and clean, don't use a mixture that has been standing for a month or longer. Use #30 non-detergent oil, regular gasoline is good but don't use a cheap grade, Blue Sunoco does not work well in 2-cycle motors, Amoco high test is good but be sure your mix is right. Additives are of questionable benefit. It is dangerous to run your motors when the oil percentage of the mixture is lower than recommended. Use a UJ-12 spark plug (this is a jump-spark plug). Open the throttle at the end of a cut -- most 2 cycle motors don't run hard enough to keep the ports clean and carburetors from flooding when you are emptying your grass catchers. Drain all gas mix when storing. Lacquer Thinner will help clean gummed up carburetors. Caution: Don't breathe fumes from Carbon-Tet -- it is poison!

A speaker on Public Relations is scheduled for the near future.

We have received an acknowledgement from the U.S.G.A. of our letter objecting to their report favoring Ripple Sole type shoes on the golf course. Opinions expressed after the letter was read indicate that there was very little if any satisfaction from their letter as it was worded,



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Objection to this type sole on the golf course is snow-balling. At the National Conference several superintendents speaking on the program and not from New England, stated that the Ripple Type Sole is banned from their courses.

Make your plans now for the SPRING TURF CONFERENCE at the UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, MARCH 5 and 6.

The program begins with registration at 9 A.M. on the 5th. Coffee and doughnuts will be served before the program gets under way.

It is suggested that you make reservations at the Lord Jeff in Amherst for staying overnight as our former headquarters in Northampton is having labor troubles.

It is simply amazing what opportunities are available this winter season to increase our knowledge in our profession and make our efforts even more productive for our clubs and our Association.

We are pleased to welcome M. Wendell, superintendent at Locust Valley G.C. to our Association as an associate member.

President Albert Allen has appointed the following committees:

Committees:

Welfare: Melvin O'Kelly, Mario Finizia, Edward Buecher.

Publicity: Joseph Butler, John O'Connor, Richard Blake.

Research: Robert Grant, Tony Caranci, Samuel Mitchell, Jr.

Employment: Leon St. Pierre, Joseph Oldfield, Albert Sanders.

The March meeting will be modernized. The business meeting will start at 10:30 in the morning. The afternoon will be reserved for the dealers who are all invited.

The schedule:

PLACE: Waltham Field Station

DATE: Monday, March 2, 1959

TIME: Business Meeting at 10:30 a.m. LUNCHEON: 12:30 noon

ANNUAL DEALERS' MEETING: 1:30 p.m. (new equipment, material and prices)

Don't forget the By-Laws will be the main topic of business at 10:30 a.m.

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Business Manager