



# Newsletter

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October 1959

## NEXT MEETING

October 5, 1959.

At Vineyard Haven, Martha's Vineyard Island.

Ladies Invited.

Make It An Excursion-- A Vacation-- An Outing.

Time Is Short

Read Carefully. Act Quickly

Dick Mansfield, host Supt. At Mink Meadows Golf Club  
Is going all out to make this visit one to long  
remember. Don't let him Down.

Here's the Plan.

Pack up with your wife. And start Sunday Afternoon. Drive to Woods Hole.  
Leave car there. Ferries leave For Vineyard Haven 12:00 Noon, 2:30 P.M. and  
4:30 P.M. (Last One). Special Round Trip Rate For 25 People or More (\$2.25  
each). Preferably all leave on same Ferry 4:30 P.M. Sunday.

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A ten Unit Motel and Cottage can accommodate 26 people or more.

For those unable to leave Sunday take Ferry at Woods Hole Monday A.M. 8:30  
which will be in time for the days festivities.

A big breakfast is planned for Monday morning followed by a golf tournament  
at Mink Meadows G. C. Then dinner at 2:30. All in time for return Ferry  
trip 4:30 Monday.

Ladies may tour the Island during the tournament. Transportation will be  
Arranged.

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For those considering Flying, check with North East Air Lines For Schedule.

Fill Out and Promptly Send Enclosed Card to Dick Mansfield. If there are any

questions phone Dick as follows: Home Vineyard Haven - 1278  
Club " " - 90

Make This The Big One.

All Aboard.

Toot Toot.

## Two Meetings In October

October 19-- The Supt-Pro Tourney At Brae Burn.

This is the Annual Shanahan Memorial Scotch Tournament.

Selected Drives-- Alternate Shots.

Each Supt.-Pro Team must be either a member of the P.G.A.  
or a member of the Golf Course Supts. Assoc. of New England.

Tournament Starts at 9:30 A.M.

No meeting in November.-- But plan on a big Time for the Annual Meeting December 7.

Special preparations are underway to make this an outstanding Affair at the Waltham Field Station.

The new date for the Annual Meeting under our new By-laws leaves the month of November open to prepare reports. This will alert the President, Treasurer, Secretary, Trustees, Auditors and various Committees such as the nominating, Finance, Educational, Golf, and Newsletter committees to be prepared with brief reports. Proper ballots should be in readiness for this meeting also, to fulfill the requirements of the new by-laws. More details on this meeting will appear later.

The regular September meeting was held at the Natick Golf Club, September 14. This was an all day affair with a tournament, equipment display, a short business meeting all topped off with an appetizing chicken barbecue at 5:00 P.M. The whole affair was enjoyable, congenial and constructive. Ernest Wolfgang made an excellent host and had an interesting, well groomed course to present.

The members of the Natick Golf Club were very generous and donated many prizes for our tournament. The winners were:

GUEST DIVISION		SUPTS LOW GROSS		SUPTS LOW NET	
1st	Roger Hines	M. Wendell	72	T. Murphy	65
2nd	R. Crockford	G. Tedesco	76	N. Sperandio	66
3rd	T. Irwin	J. Sperandio	78	R. Mucciorone	67
Tie	R. Kirkman	B. Clark	79	P. Cassidy	70
4th	J. Rogers			R. Brigham	71
Tie	F. Murphy			P. Mitchell	73
5th	S. Paulini			S. Mitchell, Jr.	78



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At the Natick Meeting the writer was saddened to learn of the passing of one of our old time members, Ralph Thomas. Ralph will long be remembered for his enthusiasm and his interest in golf as a game.

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Last but not least to briefly report, was the Rhode Island Turf grass Field Day at Kingston, held September 17. This is always an outstanding meeting conducted in an orderly, informal manner and presenting a vast array of educational turf experiments. This writer is always amazed at the constantly expanding growth of the Rhode Island Experiment Station turf plots. Authorities at the Rhode Island University are to be congratulated for their tenacity in carrying on and expanding these wonderful turf plots so many years and our local Superintendents are fortunate that they live in the vicinity of this experimental work.

Space does not permit comments on the results of the many experiments but as a brief summary resulting from conversations with some of the Turf specialists and Superintendents present at this meeting this may be said,

This has been just about the worst year on record for grass diseases. Excessive rainfall in July and August combined with High temperatures and high humidity resulted in a record use of fungicides. There were times when no fungicide or combination seem to check the disease. One combination however, for the control of large brown patch applied weekly at Kingston seemed fairly effective. This was Tersan O.M. 3 Oz., Calo Chlor  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., and Kromad 2oz. per thousand Sq. Ft. Apparently at the height of adverse weather conditions certain diseases appeared that no one could identify or control. Turf specialists and Superintendents will have to be on the alert for new troubles every year. As a result of adverse weather conditions this year and the constant and increasing traffic, particularly in wet weather, tees and greens for this time of the year are below par.

What can be done about it?

Compaction from increased traffic is serious and the trend is for heavier play all the time. Ideas must be explored to counteract this compaction. Aerifying equipment should be available for frequent use.

Those with small greens and tees should plan on a schedule of enlargement. Next spring where ever space permits enlarge the circle of close mowing around the greens to increase cupping area. Where possible divert carts away from aprons. Change cups more often and before any wear appears. Greatly expand the turf nursery and prepare for a schedule of re-sodding with a hardy strain of grass. Educate the players by Bulletin Board Notices about the seriousness of compaction and the disastrous results from heavy play during and after heavy showers.

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Don't delay in mailing the enclosed card to Dick Mansfield.

H. Darling. Editor

12:30 Special Luncheon

1:30 P.M. Business Meeting Continued

Round Table Discussion, A Frank and Ernest One.

How can we improve the Association?

How Can it Help Me?

How Can I Help It?

Your prsence is needed, Please come.

Reminders....With the annual meeting approaching it is well to anticipate certain requirements called for in the new By-Laws. For instance; Dues will be \$15.00 and due December 1. Dues in arrears after April 1 suggests suspension without notice. (Art. IV, Sect. 10).

-----Officers should be prepared with short reports at the annual meeting.

-----Two tellers should be appointed and informed on handling the voting.

(Art. VI, Sect. 3.)-----The last two past presidents should complete their audit and report at the annual meeting (Art. VII, Sect. 7.)

The Nominating Committee, Tony Caranci, Jr. Chairman, N. Sperandio, J. O'Connor, P. Cassidy, and G. Webster report the following slate of officers for 1960:

President	Albert Allen	Trustee (3 yrs.)	Raymond Brigham
1st Vice President	(Narry Sperandio	Finance Committee	Philip Cassidy
Vote for one	(Arthur Anderson	Educational Com,	John Sperandio
2nd Vice President	(Joseph Butler	Golf Committee	Guy Tedesco
Vote for one	(Mario Fanizia	Newsletter Com,	Homer Darling
Secretary	William Ash		
Treasurer	Arthur Cody		

"Progress is the real cure for an over-estimate of ourselves". .....G. MacDonald

H. Darling, Editor