

Golf Course Superintendents Association

OF NEW ENGLAND



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NEWSLETTER

March 1961

First Vice-President —

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The March meeting was held March 6, 1961 at the Waltham Field Station.

Second Vice-President —

RAYMOND BRIGHAM
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Joe Butler, our Publicity Chairman, reported the loss of our publicity man. This is the second consecutive year this has happened.

Secretary —

WILLIAM A. ASH
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All committee chairmen present gave their reports.

Treasurer —

ARTHUR L. CODY
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Phil Cassidy, Finance committee chairman, gave an interesting report on the financial structure of our association, a copy of this will be sent to each member in the near future.

Trustee —

GEORGE WEBSTER
Needham Country Club
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25 Green Street
Needham, Mass.

A scholarship committee was established to investigate the feasibility of creating a scholarship fund, this fund to be a memorial fund in memory of our deceased members. The scholarship committee members are:

Chairman, Phil Cassidy
Mike O'Grady
Les Allan

Mario Finizia
Tony Caranci

Trustee —

MARION FINIZIA
Wanamissett Country Club
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Floyd N. Wiget Supt. Westover Air Force Base Golf Club, Westover A. F. B., Massachusetts was voted a regular member.

Trustee —

MICHAEL O'GRADY
Country Club of New Bedford
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North Dartmouth, Mass.

An application for associate membership was read from Julius J. Aksten Supt. St. Mark's Golf Club, Southboro, Massachusetts.

Finance Committee Chairman —

PHILIP I. CASSIDY
Weston Golf Club
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An application for associate membership was read from Dave McCarthy Asst. Supt. Mt. Pleasant C. C., Boylston, Massachusetts.

Educational Committee Chairman —

ROBERT GRANT
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The Massachusetts Golf Association will hold a meeting April 8, 1961 at 10:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M. at the University Club off Stuart Street, Boston, Massachusetts. All Greens Committee Chairman and Golf Course Supts. are urged to attend.

Golf Committee Chairman —

EDWARD J. MURPHY
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Newsletter Committee Chairman —

RICHARD C. BLAKE
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Speakers will be Mr. Connally President Mass. Golf Association Al Radko Director U.S.G.A., Geoffrey Cornish Golf Course Architect, and Nary Sperandio President G.C.S.A. of New England.

Past President —

ALBERT L. ALLEN
Kernwood Country Club
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Salem, Mass.

Every Supt. should make an effort to attend this meeting with or without his chairman. Give your President our support by attending this important meeting.

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It was nice to see Buster Brown at our meeting, he traveled a long way - from Baltimore, Maryland.

Someone mentioned pay scale for golf course Supts.? The below sums it up pretty well.

The salary you tell people you get
The salary you actually get
and the salary you would like to get

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For sale - 27" toro starlawn - Call John Mileski Supt. Duxbury Yacht Club, Duxbury, Massachusetts.

- Dealers Program -

1. O. O. Clapper & Dick Finity - the Clapper Company New toro tractor, 30" Starlawn, Toro greensmower from 13 knife reel to 9 blade reel, larger box for clippings, several new improvements. Roto werl spreader may be rented, Grass seed will be relatively cheaper this spring but prices will go up as season progresses
2. Chet and Ross Sawtelle and Frank Marone - Sawtelle Bros., New type rotary fertilizer spreader Lely, made in Holland, will spread lime. Jacobsen greens mower 321 (ratio of fuel mix 32 - 1 oil) smoother running engine, less fouling of spark plugs. - Rain bird sprinklers, low angle model and traveling model. Troy turf blankers & new Cushman trucksters.
3. Grounds Equipment Company - Tony Sperandio - Thanks for your business and best wishes for a good 1961 season.
4. International Fertilizer Company - Mr. Witham and Ralph Reynolds - Fertilizers - Mello Green.
5. Agrico & Agrinite - Pat Pasqualucci and Dr. Siberly - New fertilizers - granular - new 12-4-8 and 16-8-8
6. Larchmont Engineering - Joe Trapeano and Bob Anderson - Irrigation systems - Automatic no valves required - no digging - repairs made without digging. Dressor Couplers for repairing broken sleeves 1" - 10" in stock. These dressor couplings are simple and quick to use in repairing a broken pipe. Investigate - you should have some on hand for an emergency.
7. Hubbard-Hall - Fred Heyliger - New office and warehouse at West Concord, Chemicals - Fertilizers - Arborists supplies.
8. Chipman Chemical Co. - John Van Newenhizen - Chip - Cal - Powder and Granular - stops crabgrass - pre-emergent treatment early spring.
9. Hudson Sprayer Company - Mr. Reed - Hudson Sprayers and spraying equipment - greens gun throws 20 ft. spray.
10. Sam Mitchell, Sr., representing George Stewart, Suffield Connecticut, Sod For Sale - Phone North 8-2076, Penn Cross Sod 25¢ per sq. ft. F.O.B. Boston 4000 sq. ft. load. Merion Blue Grass Sod 11¢ per sq. ft. F.O.B. Boston 4000 sq. ft. load.

A very interesting program thanks to the dealers.

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-- Snow Mold -- March 1961

Where preventative spray programs were used no snow mold is reported.

Where no spray program was used some snow mold is now evident.

Dr. DeFrance suggests an application as soon as you can get on your greens. Even if snow is on greens a treatment of Milorganite or Agrinite with mercury is better than no treatment at all.

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Next Meeting

Waltham Field Station	April 3, 1961
Directors Meeting	10:00 A.M.
Business Meeting	11:00 A.M.
Lunch	12:30 P.M.
Educational Program	1:30 P.M.

Mr. Richard Sullivan from the Chapman Well Co., West Boylston, Massachusetts, the largest well digging company in New England will give a 20 min. talk on drilling wells.

Mr. Harold Scott from Scott Associates, Clinton, Massachusetts will discuss pumps and pumping equipment. They are familiar with pumps pumping from 2 G.P.M. to 5000 G.P.M.

Mr. Bill Andenton will speak on steel pipe and plastic pipe.

This should be a very interesting program. - Please plan to attend as this will be the last indoor meeting at Waltham until the end of the golfing season.

Bob Grant Supt. Runaway Brook C. C. Bolton, Massachusetts is your new educational program chairman. Give him your support, if you know a good speaker, or want a certain subject covered, ask and you shall receive.

NUTRITIONAL PRACTICE AND DISEASE CONTROL

Nutritional Practice and Disease Control have been covered many times by many authors; however, although intimately related, they are seldom treated together. Newer research points out the relationship that does exist.

Before discussing this evidence, it is important to recall the fundamental principles of turfgrass management that must be followed to produce healthy, disease-free turf. These principles are:

1. Adequate and balanced nutrition
2. Adequate drainage and aeration
3. Proper pH
4. Grass adapted for climate and Soil conditions
5. Proper height of cut
6. Well planned fungicidal program

If any one of these is overlooked, the health and condition of the turf will be reduced.

Drs. Engel, Musser, Duich, and Daniel report that dollar spot is greatly reduced by maintaining high levels of nitrogen in the grass. Dollar spot seems to thrive on nitrogen-starved grasses.

Drs. Musser and Couch find just the opposite results with large brown patch, which increases markedly as the nitrogen level increases during periods of high temperature and humidity. Results in several northern states, including Michigan, indicate that high levels of readily available nitrogen seem to encourage more snowmold damage. Leaf spot of Kentucky bluegrass, according to several workers, seems to be especially severe on grass that is starved for nitrogen or producing excessive growth. Therefore, you can see that a dilemma exists which can only be resolved by careful utilization of all the various nitrogen sources available to the golf course superintendent and by the use of a planned preventative fungicidal program.

Workers under Dr. Couch at Penn State have not observed any relationship between nitrogen or potash levels and the occurrence of pythium. However, it appears that high and low extremes of calcium levels do increase pythium damage to bentgrass.

In summary, it appears that nutrition plays an important part in disease control, and when combined with all other good turfgrass management practices including a program of preventative fungicide application, it can definitely aid in producing an excellent, disease-free playing surface.

(Dupont Turfgrass Topics)

"Turf Conference Highlights"

450 attendance despite snow and rain

Excellent and timely subjects, well covered.

Conference is bigger and better each year.

More New England Supts. on program, this adds to the prestige of our association.

Several Chairman at conference - was his Supt. there?

Sherwood Moore, Vice President G.C.S.A. of America, presented Certificate of Scholarship Awards.

Honorary Membership Awards in Turf Management Club were presented to Al Radko U.S.G.A., and Geoffrey Cornish, Golf Course Architect.

Geoffrey Cornish gave an excellent and interesting talk on "The History and Development of Golf Course Design". Slides shown from all over the world.

The Turf Conference was a success, thanks to the Conference Planning Committee, the Mass. Turf and Lawn Grass Association, and the University of Massachusetts.

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Wanted, current events relating to turf management or maintenance.

The Editor - Dick Blake

P.S.

Don't forget April 8, 1961 - Chairman - Supt. University Club, Boston - 10:30 - 12:30. You should be there.