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## NEWSLETTER

July 1962

The July meeting was held July 9, 1962 at the Dedham Country & Polo Club, Dedham, Mass.

Due to heavy thundershowers, the golf tournament was called off.

At the Business meeting, President Nary Sperandio appointed Joe Butler Chairman and Les Allan and John O'Connors to a Committee to Investigate and Report on Vandalism at Golf Courses. All members are requested to keep an accurate record of all acts of vandalism and report same to this committee. A bill will be introduced in the State legislature in January 1963 seeking fines and punishment for acts of vandalism on golf courses.

Nary Sperandio and Joe Butler recently attended a meeting at the Waltham Field Station with Dr. John Federley, President, University of Massachusetts and the Board of Trustees University of Massachusetts. Other Presidents of Massachusetts agricultural associations were also present.

The nominating committee for the 1963 Slate of Officers is as follows:

Chairman - Arthur Anderson  
John Kealty  
Ted Murphy

Mike O'Grady  
Norman Mucciorone

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Ernest H. Stephenson retired Supt. Ledgement Country Club, died recently at Jane Brown Memorial Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island. He is survived by a brother.

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The next meeting will be August 6, 1962 at Charles River C.C., Newton, Mass.

Host Supt., Leo Brown

Business Meeting 11:00 A.M. - Lunch 12:30 P.M.

The Association's Golf Championship Tournament as well as the Seniors Tournament will be played at this time.

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The Rhode Island Field Day is scheduled for August 15 - 16.

## WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM

by O. J. Noer

MAN is the important part of management, and Superintendents are becoming increasingly better qualified to diagnose their own problems and know why, what and how to correct them.

O. J. gave several concrete examples of the importance of proper diagnosis. Some of the things to bear in mind were as follows:

1. Faulty diagnosis.
2. Mistaking a secondary cause and emphasizing it.
3. Following costly and ineffective member suggestions made in good faith.
4. Choice should have the least adverse effect on play and the budget.
5. Don't ignore player criticism. The golfer may be wrong about the cause but right about playing conditions.
6. Know the 8 basic factors affecting turf growth.
7. Success at one place does not prove a program's universal value.
8. Fundamentals are important but meaningless without knowledge of practical turf management.
9. The solution to most turf problems can be found on the course.
10. Have a soil test made by a reputable agency experienced with turf.

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On Sunday August 5, 1962 at the Francis Farm, Rehoboth, Mass. starting at 10:00 A. M. a clambake will be served for the benefit of Mario Finizia, retired Supt. Wannamosett Country Club.

Tickets are \$5.00 and wives and friends are invited.

Contributions may be sent to Mr. Raymond J. Martin, 44 Priscilla Avenue, Rumford, Rhode Island.

The Editor

Dick Blake