



# NEWSLETTER

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# Golf Course Superintendents Association

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting was held at the Jug End Barn, South Egremont, Mass. This was a combined effort of the New England, Connecticut, and Northeast Association. The presentation of Manuel Francis Jr. as nominee of the three associations for a directorship on the Nat'l G.C.S.A.A. was made. A fine meal was enjoyed by many Superintendents and their wives. No golf was played because a steady downpour during the afternoon helped ease the dilemma from the absence of rain.

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following advisory committee was appointed for the Nat'l G.C.S.A.A.; Bob Grant, Phil Cassidy, and Dick Blake as the alternate.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The G.C.S.A.N.E. nominating committee is comprised of:

Lucien Duval  
Arthur Cody  
Ted Murphy  
Bill Barrett  
Mike O'Grady

Alternates: Max Mierzwa  
Roger Hines

## NEW MEMBER

Voted in as Associate Member was Wayne Zoppo, Assistant Supt. Mt. Pleasant C.C., Boylston, Mass.

## APPLICATIONS FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Leon Patterson  
Suffield Country Club  
Suffield, Connecticut

Dave Mank  
Clausons Golf Club  
North Falmouth, Massachusetts

Mark Azza  
Highland Country Club  
Attleboro, Massachusetts

## ★ CHRISTMAS PARTY ★

A Christmas party is being planned to be held at the Framingham Country Club on December 16th.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held October 18th at the Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton, Mass. This will be the annual Pro-Superintendent tournament.

## DIRECTIONS

From Route 128 take Route 16 toward Boston until you come to Commonwealth Ave. Turn right on Commonwealth Ave. Club will be on right.

## NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting will be held at Oyster Harbors Country Club, Oyster Harbors, Mass., November 1st. This will be the only notice before the meeting so remember it.

## DIRECTIONS

Take the Mid Cape highway to the Osterville exit. Follow signs to Oyster Harbors.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### LOOKING DOWN MEMORY LANE

When a bird fertilizer manufactured by the white-breasted black cormorant was producing Peruvian guano, one colony of these birds consumed nearly 1,000 tons of fish daily.

When the "New Overgreen Scout" was the last word for mowing tees and greens-- a 6,000 sq. ft. green could be cut in ten minutes.

There was no equal to the Ideal Bull Dog fairway mower with seven bladed reels.

Naturally, a Fordson tractor with big iron wheels and spuds in the wheels for traction, was used.

Leading Greenkeepers kept their turf healthy, the easy way, by using Semasan and Nu-Green grass disinfectant for the control of Brown Patch.

When charcoal was used to replace sand to improve drainage in greens.

When your greens were covered with ant hills, the standard control was a squirt of liquid from the Buckeye ant tube into each ant colony.

When the Silver King and Dunlop English were the latest balls on the golf course. The Acushnet Pinnacle sold three for a dollar. Schulte cigar stores had their own brand at four for a dollar.



The Spalding steel-shafter "Dynamiter" Niblic was a big seller--it retailed at \$7.50.

When Alex the Scottish Pro ordered some of the idle caddies to wipe off his maroon 1936 Ford touring car, they would accidentally drop their wiping cloths in the sand, and then continue wiping the car with this gritty material in the cloth, producing some imperfections in the finish.

When fifty golfers on a week day was a big day, and one hundred golfers on Saturdays was bombastic.

Yes, these were memorable years in the lives of people associated with golf courses, but the next five years will be the fastest moving years of the century.

If we are not capable of grasping the leadership on the many new innovations about to take place on golf courses, we will be as obsolete as these fond memories.

Leon V. St. Pierre  
President

## WATER — "TO BE OR NOT TO BE"

Water is one of the resources that most people in this part of the United States give little or no thought to in either its conservation or development.

Until recently only the people of rural or small urban towns had known the shortage or restriction of use of water, and then only in the hottest months, July and August.

Now suddenly, and in some cases, dramatically, the people of our large cities have felt the pinch of the so-called water shortage. Perhaps we may, in a remote sort of way, say that the current water shortage is a blessing in disguise.

Why may we say that this drought could be a blessing? Because it has opened our eyes to the fact that, during the past 50 years or so in general, nothing has been done to improve or preserve our most valuable resource, water.

Let us, for example, take some of our metropolitan areas, not necessarily the larger ones, but the average medium towns. When the water systems were first designed, the requirements were a lot different than they are today. Say the average home had a sink, a toilet, and perhaps a bath tub. Not so today! The first big water user came along, the shower, 15-20 G.P.M., the automatic washer, 50 gallons per wash load, the lawn sprinkler, the air conditioner, a big user in most commercial buildings, only a few have recirculating systems. If you doubt

this ask some of your members who work in air-conditioned buildings since the water restrictions were imposed. And, finally, what's a home in suburbia without a swimming pool? Don't get me wrong, I'm not criticizing the uses of water. We should all enjoy and use water, after all we live in one of the areas of the United States where water is the most plentiful.

Well then you ask, why is there a water shortage? Why can't I water my lawn, wash my car? Why can't some of our courses depending on municipal water irrigate their fairways, etc? The answer may well be poor planning of our local towns or cities.

The M.D.C., for example, is not short of water, they just can't pump enough to supply all the demands, but they are building new pipe lines now. Think, what if they had not built the Quabbin a few years ago.

The most unfortunate part of the matter is that we lose billions of gallons of water each year down the various rivers to the sea. With some co-operative planning by groups of towns, much of this water could be stored for use during the peak periods during the summer months. One may take time to study some of the methods used by the regions of the dry southwest of storing water. Many western regions have less than half of our annual rainfall, yet they survive and in many cases support industry.

Also, many of our streams and rivers are so dirty from waste that they are useless for domestic purposes. Been swimming in the Charles River lately?

What is all this story leading up to? We all know we are in bad shape water wise. I am sure that most of us in the turf field realize the value of water irrigation, and long range planning, also we are members of the community in which we live. Well let's get behind our community planning boards, attend some of our town meetings and public hearings. As far as water conservation and pollution control are concerned we are in a position to realize just what a severe problem this is.

It is our duty as members of the community in which we live to jump in there with the rest of the interested members and lick this problem before industry goes the way of our lawns and gardens. Then everybody will lose!

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