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Golf Course Superintendents Association

JULY MEETING

The July meeting of the G.C.S.A. of N. E. was held at the Marshfield Country Club. There was an excellent turnout for this meeting and I am sure that those who brought their chairmen were not disappointed. Congratulations to Mel O'Kelly for having the golf course in such fine condition.

It was voted to send \$50.00 to the Joseph Valentine Memorial fund at the Penn State Turf Research Center. The objective of this memorial fund is to honor the memory of the late Joe Valentine and also to recognize all Golf Course Superintendents.

Welcome to new members:

William Brennan, John K. Parker and Joseph Rybka

New applications to be voted on at the next meeting:

Associate Membership

James Mac Donald	Anthony J. Kruckas
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Results of the Golf Tournament at Marshfield:
Superintendent — Chairmen

1st low gross (tie)		
M. Haskell — J. Roy		75
E. Murphy — C. Carota		75
1st low net		
R. Kirkman — W. Winn		61
2nd low net		
N. Mucciarone — E. White		62
3rd low net		
M. Mierzua — Dr. E. Kraws		63

SPECIAL PRIZE — HOLE IN ONE

Loren Mann (Congratulations!)
Superintendent Tournament

1st low gross		
Guy Tedesco		82
1st low net		
Arthur Anderson		71
2nd low net		
Sam Mitchell		73

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on August 7, 1967, at Sam Mitchell's Easton Golf Club. Gentlemen, come and bring your wife or girl friend. There will be a nine hole mixed tournament for those who can stand the pressure and aggravation, followed by an old fashion Clam Bake at 5 p. m. for five dollars per person. If you have not mailed the return reservation cards to Sam Mitchell,

please do so or you won't be able to get in on the Clam Bake.

Directors' Meeting	10:00 a. m.
Regular Meeting	11:00 a. m.
Women's Gossip Hour	11:00 a. m.
Lunch	12:00 p. m.
Golf Tournament	1:00 p. m.
Clam Bake	5:00 p. m.

Directions to Easton Golf Club: Route 128 south to Rt. 24. Then Rt. 123 towards Easton and take 138 south to Purchase Street. Club is a half mile on right. See you rain or shine.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A GOLF COURSE IS A LIVING ENTITY

A new philosophy among the golfing public and golf course superintendents is desperately needed.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England is a member of the Massachusetts Roadside Council, because we share in their beliefs and goals, which are a more orderly placement of billboards along our highways, anti-litter campaigns and general roadside beauty.

Many of our New England golf courses are in plain view along a highway and some are cut down the middle of a street exposing their good and bad housekeeping. The unkempt and seedy look is no asset to ourselves or clubs.

On the other side of the coin we have the *golfering slobnik* that can raise havoc in a normal round of golf.

A golf course is a living entity and not a race track to be abused by thoughtless golfers, driving go-carts that have become travelling cocktail lounges and snack bars. Or, the golfer who neglects to put arch supporters in his golf shoes and does a verti-cutting job around the cup; or, the guy that does the cake-walk after sinking a fifteen foot putt; or, the madame that takes a short cut up the face of a sand trap; or, the women's nine-hole B-division golfers who pull their donkey carts on the aprons and over the greens; or, the health addict that has a hard boiled egg on the 7th and 13th tees and leaves the egg shells on the rear of the tee.

The superintendent is guilty of neglect in the areas of the maintenance yard and building. They have become in reality junkyards with a collection of old broken

down machinery, pipes, containers, etc., or, the shabby sign at the clubhouse front entrance; or, the spilled gas and fertilizer on the playing areas of the course which become black eyes overnight.

Littering and careless use of public and private property have grown at an alarming rate and at this time, there seems to be no solution in sight.

The only solution, if it is one, is for the Superintendent to improve his housekeeping, and to arouse the social conscience of his members to do likewise.

Leon V. St. Pierre
President

The following, written by Gerry Finn is reprinted from the Springfield Union of Monday, July 3, 1967.

LOUD AND CLEAR For Men Only

The pitter-patter of rose-petal feet, in many cases an arrangement of clobbering clods who keep golf traffic at an incessant standstill, is the cause of new concern among members of the male animal kingdom who are being strangled in the invasion of their sanctuary by the alleged better half of the marriage contract.

Woman of Clubhouse

The woman of the house is fast becoming the woman of the clubhouse. No longer are her days spent in habitual pursuit of the homemaker's holy grail — the spotless kitchen and meal — fit for his majesty. Instead, she clutters her mind with such major problems as the chronic slice, the bobbing head and the dropped shoulder. The only new recipe she explores is the formula for escaping a sand trap. The golf swing comes first.

Not only is she burying herself in the hardships of seeking perfect execution on the course, the woman now has moved ever onward to the higher echelon. She is not satisfied with becoming part of the outdoor scenery. The board of governors is the target for tonight. Before Bobby Jones can grasp the situation milady will be making strides in the direction of complete takeover at Augusta National. Even the Masters isn't safe.

The disease, if it be one, is international. Golfers are being drawn into a situation in which they virtually are compelled to make a choice. Either they suck in their complaints, open up the first tee on weekends, become engaged to the mixed Scotch foursome type of tournament, count to one hundred while playing behind the turtles who bathe in Dot Fours rather than Chanel No. 5 or take to the hills in search of the ultimate solution to his ills.

First Hideaway

One group of thinking man's male has come away

from conference with a noble idea, one that puts a shine in everyone's eyes. Four enterprising men of the fairway and rough are staking out plays for an exclusive country club in Hebron, Conn. Hebron is 25 miles out of Hartford's way. When the golf course and clubhouse are completed, the quartet will be in possession of New England's first hideaway — a golf club for men only.

There's no backoffish reason for the unique venture. The boys have had it. "We're sick and tired of women not only filling the golf courses but taking them over in such a manner that they control everything from the first tee to the last beer tap in the 19th hole," an unidentified member of the group offered. "As far as we are concerned, there is no place on the grounds for women, other than the swimming pool or dance floor. But, on the other hand, we don't want to fight 'em. We just want to be by ourselves."

The undertaking is not a product of instant retaliation to some particular source of irritation. And there are no plans to follow the Playboy Club path. The outline for the setup is strictly legitimate. There will be 250 memberships available at a kickoff price of \$2,000. It will be shut off at that figure and no new member will be accepted other than to replace an outgoing one.

If everything goes according to the drawing board, the club will be close to being as exclusive as the sauna bath at Buckingham Palace. The 250 limit on membership assures golfers of avoiding the bulky fields which often infest even the most expensive of country clubs. The order of the day will be such that a member can tee it up and be blessed with the peace of mind the round won't run into the five-hour zone. The feeler for multi-ownership also is being given firm consideration. Under the law of supply and demand a departing member could sell his title for as much as the going price. In this way everyone would have a special interest in the club. There wouldn't be any need for "replace divots" signs or reminder to repair ball marks on the greens. Somehow a man doesn't need special urging to take care of his personal property.

No Social Affairs

The male-order club will make no concessions to the opposite sex. No women will be allowed on the grounds or in the clubhouse. There will be no social affairs, other than the stag type. According to the leaders in the movement, the organization gives the game of golf back to the man.

And what about the gals? One frequent visitor to the scene of birdies and bogies claims her side of the world isn't necessarily the chief culprit in the matter of slow play. "There are men who think they own the course,"

she snarled when hearing of the reasons for the men-only hideaway in Hebron. "Some girls play a more steady pace. We may not hit the ball as far but we hit it straighter. And we don't take all day reading the greens! . . ."

The same fairway peach fuzzes at the suggestion the woman is shirking her obligations at home. "I did my ironing at 6 this morning, so I could get in nine holes," she fumed. "And I had a turkey in the oven at 9. My house is always as clean as a whistle before I leave. for

the golf course. I don't think it fair to assume all women rush out of the house every day without performing the normal routine of duties. Oh, there may be a few who cheat a little but not many."

Thus, the cold civil war rages. The golf course — where man once was unchallenged ruler — is fast becoming territory torn between the two sexes. There seems to be only one remedy for the icy relationship . . . secession.

Golf courses for men only. They're the coming thing.

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