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Golf Course Superintendents Association

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NEXT MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, Grove Street, Newton, Massachusetts on December 7, 1970. It is very important that all members attend this meeting. Why?? Voting!! The nominating committee has submitted its list of people to be voted on to serve for the coming year. They are as follows:

President Richard Blake
 1st Vice President Robert Grant, Joseph Butler
 2nd Vice President Tom Curran, Nary Sperandio
 Secretary Wayne Zoppo
 Treasurer Lucien Duval
 Trustee 3 Years Norman Mucciarone, Charles Gardner
 Finance Chairman Nary Sperandio
 Golf Chairman Julius Aksten
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 Newsletter Chairman Dean Robertson

Survey — The results of our survey will be discussed and turned over to the membership if you so vote. Have you turned in yours? Tom Curran and Tom Schofield have worked hard to come up with some very interesting results.

Scholarship Report — Chairman Phil Cassidy reported that Kenneth T. Andersen will receive the Lawrence S. Dickinson

Scholarship for 1971. Ken is a senior at Stockbridge and will be at the next meeting to receive his scholarship.

December 7, 1970 meeting schedule, Holiday Inn, Newton, Mass.

Board of Directors Annual Meeting	10:45 a. m.
Membership Meeting	11:15 a. m.
Break for Lunch	12:00 p. m.
Regular Membership Annual Meeting	1:00 p. m.

NEW MEMBERS

Larry Bunn	Larry Anshewitz
Milton Hoosic	Easton C. C.
45 Mechanic St. Apt. 3C	32 Alder
Foxboro, Massachusetts	Attleboro, Mass.

Membership List — We are very sorry to report that Robert Mucciarone was omitted from the membership list. He is a regular member and in good standing. His address is 465 Summer St., Dedham, Massachusetts, Dedham Polo and Country Club. Phone 329-9682, 326-7860

Dues — The Finance committee has recommended a \$5.00 dues increase this year. It is your duty to be at the annual meeting to support the increase.

TOURISTS RETURN FROM EUROPE



Mr. and Mrs. William Drake, Framingham Mass. and Mel Lucas, Jr., of the Garden City Club, Long Island.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England headed a tour to England, Scotland and Ireland with the help of the Penn Travel Agency and Leon V. St.Pierre of the Longmeadow Country Club, Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Fourteen from the United States and Canada made the venture and all reported an excellent time. After sightseeing in London, and attending the Drury Lane theater at night, witnessing "The Great Waltz", they left for Scotland and an overnight at the Old Course Hotel at St. Andrews. At St. Andrews they played golf and at night had a banquet sponsored by the Ransomes Company. Leaving Scotland they went to Dublin and on to Limerick and then to Killarney. They ended the trip with a magnificent Mediaeval Banquet.



Phil Cassidy, Weston C. C. Mrs. Edwin Godwin, Mrs. Leon St.Pierre, Ed Godwin, C. C. of Birmingham, Alabama and Bob Fuller, Penn Travel Agency. Back row: Leon St.Pierre, Longmeadow C. C. Missing from photo, Mr. John Cleary of the Cleary Co.



Representing Canada: Don Bassett, Dave Moote, National G.C.S.A.A. Director Keith Nisbet, Bob Moote, Leon St. Pierre, Longmeadow C. C.

Golf Course Superintendents Association

OUR IMAGE . . . IN REVIEW

In many circles they still call us greenskeepers. "But it's not that all-out discouraging", piped one member of the New England Association recently. "At least, there's an awareness of our presence. I can remember the day when most people thought the golf course was left to the sun and the rain."

This is a rather conservative look at the progress made by the golf course superintendent in the past five years. Before that typical turnabout time in our image, it generally was conceded that the super was considered in the class of the long, lost soul.

Look around you and there's evidence of a distinct gain in our goal to place the superintendent on the same level as the club pro and the club manager. That is a large order, to be sure. As a matter of fact, some people once considered it an impossibility. The odds were against the super. And why?

For one thing, the super lacked the advantage of having personal contact with the majority of the country club membership. "I used to be amazed at the number of people who didn't know just who I was", one superintendent revealed. "I used to bump into members on the golf course and they looked at me as though I were just another hired hand."

That feeling . . . from both the super and member . . . has changed and drastically in recent seasons. The sudden emergence of the members' interest in the condition of the golf course and how it comes about is one big reason why the super is being recognized. Actually, the publicity given to the problems of putting a course on its feet after a severe physical setback has been a blessing in disguise for the super. "If our course went along being in Grade-A shape year after year", said one groomer of the greens, "our members would

never come to realize it takes more than sun and rain to give them top playing conditions."

This call to the membership, so to speak, looms as the one glaring weapon the superintendent has utilized in making golfers come to the point where they speak of him in revered terms.

"I'll give you the tipoff", a brash super reported to this corner at the beginning of the 1970 season. "Our course was sold in the winter months and almost at once I thought I might have to be thinking of finding another job. But the new owners fooled me. As a matter of pointing out how much the superintendent's job is rated, it turned out that I was the first employe to be hired. I think that the whole image of our group was determined in this example of what the member of a club considers a vital part of the operation."

There are other encouraging signs to prove that the super has emerged from the bottom of the pile of fertilizer and come into his own as an integral part of the country club setup. In the past there was always a shake of the head from the super when TV commentaries praised the professional for the condition of a certain golf course. But not so now. In case you haven't tuned in these days, let it be known that the super's name is high on the list of credits.

This, then, is an enjoyable review of what has transpired in a few short years. Let no one make you think on the contrary. You are a member of a budding and well-respected profession. You need not sink to the old image of a bloke carrying a hose around his neck . . . on his way to water the next green. The golf course superintendent is on top. Now, it is up to him to see that he stays there.

— Gerry Finn

SOUND OFF . . .

(Here we go again. It's that time when everyone who's anyone interested in the world of golf tells the Newsletter just how it is with him or herwhatever the gender may be. Sound Off is a unique feature of our publication. It explores the views and outlooks of our readership. All letters are welcome, be they for or against. So, get with the action and put a little verve in your pencil. Send your comments to Newsletter Mail Box 24 Riverview Drive, Newbury, Mass. 01950. The Newsletter reserves the right to comment on all letters published)

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"I am just about at the end of my rope. Naturally, here in the rather touchy area of the East, there is always the feeling that the golf course superintendent puts out the red flag before he should. In other words, you better look twice before you lock up.

"At my course we have a very enthusiastic group of golfers. They play day to day in the summertime and think that we can keep the course at summertime condition-level right on through December.

The season has set, more or less, but the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England is still in the thick of things.

What thick means is that an important annual meeting is upon us . . . meaning it could be a time for extra added interest among members.

For this reason all members, planning to attend the December meeting, are requested to bring along scorecards from their respective golf courses. This is being arranged to set off an interchange of scorecards among association members.

In order to make this a success, anyone planning to attend the December meeting, is asked to bring at least 60 scorecards of his home course with him. In that way, an equitable exchange of cards will be made.

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Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association

Editor — Norman Pease, Supt., Purpoodock Club, Cape Elizabeth, Maine

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the Maine GCSA will be held at the Portland Country Club on the first. Host superintendent is Lloyd Ruby. This is our annual meeting so let's have a good turnout. An up-to-date copy of the by-laws will be available at the meeting.

The nominating committee returned the following slate to be voted on:

- President Ernest Hawkes
- Vice-President Roger Lowell
- Sec.-Treas. Harold Hathaway
- Date Dec. 1
- Meeting 11:00 - 12:00
- Lunch 12:00 - 1:00
- Education 1:00

NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting was held at the Dutch Elm Golf Course in Arundel. Roger Lowell was the host superintendent. Roger has the course in real good shape. We wish to thank Lucien Bourque for his hospitality.

A general discussion was held on the problems of the association and what to do for a newsletter. Golf was enjoyed by most in attendance.

The following were appointed to look into costs for a newsletter:

- Dave Huff
- Roger Lowell
- Harold Hathaway

This will be the last month we will be associated with the New England Newsletter. We hope that within a couple of months to have our own newsletter. Until one comes out you will be notified by card of the monthly meetings.

POLLUTION

It's easy enough to be pleasant
 When the water you're drinking is pure
 But the guy worthwhile
 Is the guy that can smile
 When he has to drink out of a sewer!

By Bill Redmond

The revised printing of the book *Turfgrass Science*, first released Nov., 1969, is off the press and is ready for distribution according to A. A. Hanson, Editor. The first printing of 2,800 copies went fast. Now, with some corrections and changes made, the book once again is ready for turfgrass students, turfgrass superintendents and managers, and anyone else who wants the latest authentic book on turfgrass.

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American Society of Agronomy
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Have You Sprayed Your Greens for Snow Mold!?!



New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents Association, Inc.

Editor — John J. Barry, Supt. Abenaki Country Club, Rye, N. H.

MEETING NOTES

Phillips Exeter Academy was the setting for our November Meeting. Host for the day was Bill Cross, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. After a delicious meal at the Exeter Inn, Bill took us on a tour of the athletic facilities and grounds at the academy.

Thanks again Bill for a fine day.

December's meeting will be held at the New England Center for Continuing Education, University of New Hampshire at Durham. This being our annual meeting, I don't have to stress the importance of your attendance. Voting for officers and directors will take place as well as determining future policies.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 a. m. - 11:00 a. m.	Directors' Meeting
10:00 a. m. - 11:00 a. m.	Coffee Hour
11:00 a. m. - 12:00	Business Meeting
12:00 - 1:15	Lunch
1:15 -	Business Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 9

Place: New England Center, University of New Hampshire

NEW MEMBERS

The Association would like to welcome Al Martel and William Tenney. Al is the Assistant Superintendent at the Whip-poor-will Country Club in Hudson and has been accepted as an associate member. Bill has joined us as an Associate member.

Two applications were read at the November meeting and will be voted on in December. They are as follows:

Henry D. Palmer
Maple Leaf Golf Club
North Sutton, N. H.
Superintendent
Regular Membership

Carl L. Sargent, III
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313 Portsmouth St.
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Inactive Membership

List of Candidates

The following list of candidates for officers and directors was presented to the membership from the Nominating Committee: Any candidate for office who is not elected can be voted on as a Director.

President
Ronald Palmer
Don Bye

Vice President
Len Chace
Charlie Pullen
Pat LaChance

Secretary
Bob Flanagan
David Clement

Treasurer
George Hauschel
Allen Hale

Directors

Lou Duval
Ford Leach
Lyle Chenney

Ero Wirta
Jerry Cameron
Norm Pease

Going to Denver!



"However, I am in the midst of telling members we are at the end of the regular season. This means that we can't allow anyone to play our regular greens which we have closed and that all players will be forced to use our temporary greens. Am I right in this or should I back up and let the members wreck our greens?"

FORD CROCKER
Hard Turn, S. C.

This is a familiar problem in the New England area, but a very unusual happening down your way. Our advice is to stick to your guns and tell members that foresight beats hindsight about one hundred ways to one.

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"Regarding the article 'Where Have All the Ethics Gone??' I thought the comments concerning the country clubs' ethical behavior towards the superintendent to be of value. On the other hand, the implication of unethical behavior on the part of superintendents who applied for an unadvertised position leaves me angered.

"Since Mr. Finn is not a superintendent, he must have received this information from a superintendent. If this is the case, then the information has contributed to the violation of the code of ethics. Why doesn't someone point out who the guilty party is and take corrective action? Why wasn't the former superintendent supported by his association? Instead of 'Where Have All The Ethics Gone??' it's 'Where Has All the Backbone Gone?'"

BOB FLANAGAN
Dover, N. H.

Your letter is typical of one-sided reaction. Where Mr. Finn got his information has nothing to do with the basic issue . . . that ethics are a twofold proposition. If they are not practiced by both parties, in the end both parties suffer.

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"Here I am again and I'm fuming. The cry here is the same old cry . . . that I'm playing on a golf course where the people in charge don't seem to care whether the players find their golf balls or not. In other words, I'm pleading the case of the golfer who must track his way through leaves in order to find his ball on the fairway!

"Certainly, there must be a way that golfers can play the game in the middle of autumn while not having to worry whether or not their next shot will be lost in a sea of leaves. I don't think I'm asking too much of my course to see to it that our fairways are in the shape where balls are not lost in the middle of play."

DAN JENKINS
Westfield, Mass.

Your course, once again, is under the influence of small-time economizing. All that's needed is a leaf-blower which rids the course of this pesky nuisance. See your green chairman.

"When, oh when, should I close my course!

"Pardon me, men, but I'm right at that point in the post-season where I really don't know how I should handle this kind of hairy situation.

"My green chairman has put everything into my hands . . . a fact that makes me feel I might be asking too much of management here at my club. After all, in the past the decision was never up to me. The membership took a look at the climate and everything else and they made the decision. Now these birds are coming to me as though I had some kind of magic power.

"What I would like to know is how can I set up a distinctive date to let my members know this is the time to hang them up. Somehow I feel I'm being put on the spot. Can you help me?"

SAM SWISTAN
Seabury, Maine

Let's be frank, Sam. You're in the catbird seat. Don't falter. You know what the course can and cannot do when winter's around the corner. The members have faith in you. Do you have faith in yourself?

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"We thought some of your golf course superintendents might be interested in a most unique hole now under construction at Juniper Hill. A new tee for the par three 17th is approaching the point where seeding may take place in about a week. The tee will be over 75 yards in length, allowing the distance to be varied from 150 yards to 225 yards.

"A new green is being shaped, up to the right over a newly created water hazard, affording the bold golfer a shot from 100 yards to 190 yards over nothing but water.

"The new tee and green should be playable by the mid-season of 1971, with a two-hole choice of play. We refer to it as a 'his and her' hole, where the bold play across the water and others from the longer tee to the old green where no water but huge sand traps come into play.

Our reproduction service couldn't give us the true picture of the hole. But, from a weakling's standpoint, here's one poor soul who'll play this hole from the women's tee.

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(That brings us right to the end of another session with our readers, the most refreshing part of the Newsletter. Keep your comments and questions coming. This column is for our readers, so let's hear from you.)

JOB OPEN

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