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"The making of friends, who are real friends, is the best token we have of a man's success in life."

—Edward Everett Hale.

The original copy for this page was a personal message from President Treat, calling attention to the two recent meetings of importance,—the meeting of the New England Agronomists on November 29th, and the regular meeting at Providence on December 1st,—and asking all members to be present if possible. Due to the fact that some of our advertisers were very late with their copy we were unable to get this NEWSLETTER out before these meetings. May we ask from our advertisers a little better cooperation—the same cooperation which we are trying to render them in putting their messages before the golf course maintenance materials' buying public?

We regret to note a certain ill-feeling between some of the golf equipment dealers in New England, due evidently to the fact that certain salesmen have been poorly advised in some of their statements. The average greenkeeper has not the time to listen to a salesman try to cut a competitor's throat, or run down a rival product, and generally the opinion which the greenkeeper has of the salesman suffers by such tactics. We would like to see a better Spirit of Fair Play in certain circles, and would prefer to have the product sold "talk" louder than its salesman!

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The growth of GOLF is well illustrated in the Providence section by the large number of public courses, privately owned. All of these provide golf for the masses, and stories concerning these courses are of interest to every student of the growth of the game. We are presenting for your approval short articles about some of these courses.

CRANSTON COUNTRY CLUB

The Cranston Country Club, also known as Comstock Park, is a public golf course situated at Applehouse Hill, Cranston, R. I. The course now consists of nine holes, built by Roland F. Robinson in 1929, and is owned by Mrs. H. L. Comstock and managed by Mrs. Comstock's son, J. F. Comstock. The course is 3,027 yards in length, and has enjoyed a large following this year.

We have now got straightened out since our fire this year, and are now going ahead nicely with the additional nine holes. We hope to have it ready for play early next Summer. The eighteenth green is already finished and a good growth of grass is showing. The rest of the greens are shaped up in the rough and the tees and fairways are being put into condition as fast as possible. I have three fairways that are quite easy to condition, but the others are full of bushes and rocks, especially the eleventh, where the land has been allowed to grow to wood for many years. This fairway is taking a lot of time, and may prevent the conditioning of others this Fall. I have at present on this one fairway, sixteen men, two tractors, and four horses at work hustling to get it finished before the ground freezes.

I am using R. I. and creeping bent seed, (bought from A. N. Peckham of Kingston, R. I.), on the greens. On the fairways, I am using Red Top, Red fescue, and Kentucky Blue grass, and I claim that this mixture is really natural for my soil. I also claim that R. I. grown bent is a satisfactory seed for Rhode Island soil, and I will use it on the rest of my greens as I did on the first. This seed is the most drought resisting I have ever seen or used. I use Milorganite as my grass food, with a little sulphate as a tonic.

The length of the new nine holes will be 2,580 yards, and can be lengthened 300 yards if needed. These new holes completely surround the first nine. The greens are larger with more and larger sand traps. If you think the first nine are easy, just wait and try the second nine when finished, as they will try the patience of some of the good players! In addition to building the new nine holes, I am taking all the rocks out of the fairways in the first nine; this will be helpful to players as well as a help to fairway mowers. I hired a power shovel during the dry period and put it to work near the first hole in a swamp, and in two days secured a pond of good capacity as well as a fine lot of peat which will be fine to mix with sand and loam for top-dressing. Some new tools have been added this Fall to the outfit to lighten and speed the work. I have a new Toro compost mixer and top-dressing cart, which I think will be a great help with the added nine holes. My old greens are going into the Winter in fine shape, and I will top-dress with sand very soon.

You may guess we are busy here this Fall after a busy season, and we expect to be very busy in 1931!

Roland F. Robinson, Supt.
Comstock Park.

LOUISQUISSET GOLF CLUB, INC.

The Louisquisset Golf Club is located on Woodward Road, North Providence, R. I. The eighteen hole golf course was built and is owned by the Warren Landscape Engineering Company.

The first nine holes were under construction in the Fall of 1927, and were open for play in July, 1928. The course had to be cleared of stones, stumps and trees. A pond was dug in front of the

sixteenth green. The material dug from this pond was used for covering the rocks, which we had put into mounds. Some was also used to cover some of the ledges. When the weather is dry, this pond is of great help. A large brook crosses six fairways.

The second nine holes were built in 1929, and were opened for play May 30, 1930. All the fairways were seeded with Red Top, German bent, and fescue. Velvet bent, German bent, and Red Top were used for the first nine greens. The second nine were seeded with South German bent.

We have mowed the greens four times weekly, and we topdressed the greens four times this season. They were fertilized three times besides.

We spread four hundred yards of topdressing over several of the fairways. This material consisted of peat, muck, humus, and sand; the results were very good.

Our course has thirty-two traps. Clay tees are used. Approximately a thousand players enjoy golf here each week.

Yardage of holes, first nine, 363, 430, 180, 367, 396, 315, 163, 353, 406, total 2,973; second nine, 233, 437, 343, 355, 352, 193, 417, 363, 482, total 3,175.

Patrick Tameo.

MESHANTICUT VALLEY GOLF CLUB

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Charles B. Mullaney.

CONN. GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Connecticut State Greenkeepers' Association held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 3. This meeting was held at the Farmington Country Club, Farmington, Conn. where Otto Nelson is the man who keeps everything looking just fine. Following a short business meeting a golf tournament was held. After the afternoon activities were over, we stepped over to the Elm Tree Inn, located next door to the country club, where we were the guests of Goulard & Olena, Inc., manufacturers of J. B. Greens No-Filler Fertilizer, and Rackcliffe Bros., Inc., distributors of the "Pennsylvania" high grade line of golf mowers. After a very fine dinner, prizes awarded by the hosts, were presented to the winners of the golf tournament, George Hunter of the Meriden Municipal Golf Course carrying away first prize and J. Whitehead of Middletown taking second. They might have taken away more, but that was all they had!

Mr. John Nyhan, "Pennsylvania" representative from Boston, as one of the speakers, gave a very practical talk on fairway and putting green mowers. The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Goulard of Goulard & Olena, Inc., who gave an interesting as well as instructive talk on fertilizers. Many practical points were brought up for discussion; such as, complete organic fertilizer encouraging worms, arsenate of lead poisoning, and the possible results of it being overdone, check and control of the Japanese beetle.

All in all it was a fine get-together and considered by everyone present the best meeting we have ever held.

John W. Whitehead, Pres.,
Conn. Greenkeepers' Assoc.

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NOVEMBER MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Greenkeeper's Club of New England was held at Waltham Country Club, November 3. 24 members and 5 guests played an 18 hole medal tournament in the morning.

Low gross won by Joseph Oldfield, scoring 89.

1st low net won by John L. Counsell, 90, 15, 75.

2nd low net won by Lloyd Stott, 106, 30, 76.

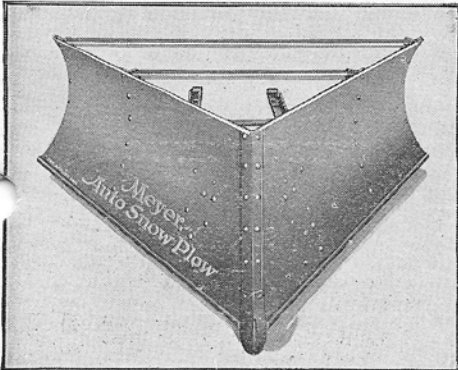
3rd low net won by Thomas Galvin, 98, 20, 78.

Special guest prize won by Joe Polumbo, 76 gross.

Following lunch, President Joseph P. Morrissey of the Waltham C. C. welcomed the Greenkeeper's Club in a short address. President Treat presided at the business meeting. R. Wallace Peckham was appointed Trustee to fill the vacancy of Daniel C. Snow. Lawrence F. Killilea of the Stoney Brae Country Club was elected an associate member.

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ber three is handicapped with a large trap in the center of the fairway and a gravel pit to the right of the green with four traps around it. At number four, you can slice your ball any way you wish as it will be caught by a large trap to the right of the fairway or the woods to the left. On approaching the green, you meet a larger water hazard while the green is surrounded by four traps and woods on either side. Next comes number five, a short hole, which is shaded by trees on both sides and has four traps and a bunker around the green. Number six has a terrible water hazard in front of the tee and two large traps, 200 yards from the tee, one on either side of the fairway and the green is enclosed by five traps. Number seven has a double water hazard in front of the tee and, like the third hole, has a large trap in the center of the fairway with woods on either side. There are five traps and two bunkers around the green. At number eight, a topped ball may be caught by the trap in front of the tee. On approaching the two ponds, one to the left and one to the right of the fairway, is a large trap. There are two traps and three bunkers around the green.

Number nine has a large trap, 180 yards from the tee, to the right of the fairway, and three bunkers around the green. Number ten, a short hole, has a long trap, 150 yards from the tee, and five traps around the green. Number eleven has a trap in the center of the fairway, 175 yards from the tee, and three traps to the left of the fairway with woods on either side. There is a water hazard in front of the green, three traps around it and a bunker at the back. Number twelve has two traps to the left of the fairway, woods to the right of it and a bunker, 150 yards from the tee, while the green has three traps and one bunker around it. Number thirteen has rough on both sides of the fairway to catch a "pull" or sliced ball and four traps on the fairway, 250 yards from the tee. The green has three traps and a bunker around it. Number fourteen has woods on either side of the fairway and three large traps around the green. Number fifteen has a large trap to the right of the fairway, about 180 yards from the tee and three bunkers and two traps to the left which divides the fifteenth from the sixteenth fairway. There are five traps around the green. Number sixteen has

rough to the right of the fairway and five traps around the green. Number seventeen, the shortest and most difficult hole on the course, has sand all around the green. The last hole has a large trap in the center of the fairway, about 300 yards from the tee and eight traps around the green.

All the tees average 24 by 100 feet.

By Thomas J. Galvin,

(Greenskeeper)

Rhode Island Country Club

CHANGES AT THE COHASSE C. C.

Recently we have been making some improvements around the course, and for the benefit of those who are at all familiar with the lay-out, I will briefly outline the changes.

The fifth green has been enlarged and raised at the back. The sixth green has become a beautiful terraced green which will provide much additional cupping space, and a better and fairer putting surface.

The seventh tee has been placed further to the South, which adds approximately ninety yards to that hole. The green on this hole has been entirely rebuilt to conform to modern golf architecture. This will be a par four, (but try and make it)!

The eighth green has also been rebuilt, and will undoubtedly prove to be a very interesting hole, especially if the player gets into the traps at the right of the approach.

This new lay-out has been designed by Mr. Walter Hatch, very well known to most of us, and I am sure the results speak well for his judgement and ability.

Ernest B. Lord

The Rhode Island Greenkeepers Club met at the Ledgemont Country Club, West Warwick. R. I. on October 27.

Arthur Bartley, former assistant to Willis Reynolds at the Sequin Golf Club, has during the past Summer taken over the duties as greenkeeper of the new New Britain (Conn.) Municipal course. He has made a fine showing under the trying conditions.

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