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—MIRABEAU

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#### DEDICATION

We are pleased to dedicate this issue of the NEWSLETTER to John Shanahan, who has recently completed thirtyone years as greenkeeper at the Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton, Mass. John was particularly honored by the members at Brae Burn on June 13th, when "John Shanahan Day" was observed at the club, and a dinner at night, at which John was the guest of honor, and was presented with a token of appreciation of his long years of service to his club.

John Shanahan was born in Templederry, County Tipperary, Ireland in 1864. Coming to this country at the age of 24, he worked for some fifteen years as a stone-mason for the J. Burke Contracting Company. This company was employed by Brae Burn in changing the nine hole course to eighteen. During the reconstruction, Mr. Burke died, and John was chosen to complete the work, and afterwards to become greenkeeper. Since that time, John has become known internationally as the Dean of New England greenkeepers, and his greens have often been cited as some of the best in the world.

In 1924, when the Greenkeepers Club of New England was organized, John was one of the most earnest workers, and was its first president, holding that office for five years. During all the years of the Club, John has done more than any other to promote the best for the Club and for Golf. To this friend of all, and especial friend of all greenkeepers, we are honored to pay tribute.

### M. S. C. GREENKEEPERS' ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

We have at hand various reports from the Secretary of the Green-keepers' Alumni Association of M. S. C., and are presenting them as of interest to our readers. These reports include a report of the meeting at which the association was formed, a letter from the secretary to the various alumni, and a discussion relative to an endeavor sponsored by the association to establish soil standards for the growth of fine turf grass.

# MEETING OF ALUMNI OF WINTER SCHOOL FOR GREENKEEPERS

held at the

## RECREATION CONFERENCE

AT M. S. C.

March 16, 17, 18, 1934

Presiding Officer: Mr. Alec Ellis, Tedesco Golf and Tennis Club.

Members Present: 31.

First Motion—That an association be formed of all alumni of the M. S. C. Winter School for Greenkeepers to be known hereafter as The Greenkeepers' Alumni Association of M. S. C. Vote—carried unanimously.

Second Motion—That a committee of three members be appointed to submit for the approval of the group a list of officers, including a representative from each class to form a general committee. Vote—Messrs. Lindsey, McCullough, Nye.

During the conference of Messrs. Lindsey, McCullough, and Nye, Chairman Ellis presented the organization plans proposed by Mr. Clinton Bradley, class member of 1932 and 1933, and Greenkeeper at the Passaic County Golf Course, Paterson, N. J. In brief, they are:

To organize at the M. S. C. Recreation Conference of 1934, a Greenkeepers' Alumni Association, electing offi-

cers thereto, and a general committee made up of a representative of each class from 1927 on; each man to be one of the outstanding in his class. To support and promote the organization by contributions of used golf balls; the sale of which should not compete with the legitimate business of the Professional. The funds therefrom, to be used to "further delve into the secrets of keeping things green." The direction of which, to be left to the good judgment and discretion of Professor L. S. Dickinson, Agronomy Department, M. S. C.

Mr. Alec Lindsey presented the list of officers selected:

President ...... Paul G. Wanberg Weston Golf Club

Vice-Pres. . . . . . Clinton Bradley Passaic County Golf Course

Vice-Pres. . . . . Joseph Whitehead Middletown Country Club

Sec.-Treas. William F. Nye M. S. C.

#### General Committee

Lake Sunapee Country Club

Alexander Ellis

Tedesco Golf and Tennis Club
Frank J. Tick
Cohasse Country Club

Third Motion—To cast one vote in favor of accepting the proposed list of officers. Vote—carried.

Discussion of Mr. Bradley's plan— Very acceptable with the following amendments. That, due to the possibility of misunderstanding with the Professional, the proposal of sending in bogie golf balls to the number of five dozen or more be made optional to the collecting of membership dues. Proposed yearly dues to be three dollars. (\$3.00).

Fourth Motion—That dues of \$3.00 yearly be collected by the Treasurer; or five dozen bogie golf balls be forwarded to Mr. Clinton Bradley, Green-keeper, 46 Monroe Street, Pelham Manor, New York. Vote—carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer was in-

The Secretary-Treasurer was instructed:—To notify by letter-invitation all alumni not present at this meeting. To inform the N.E.G.A. of the organization. To promote publicity in Golfing magazine.

Respectfully submitted, W. F. NYE, Wm. F. Nye, Sec. - Treas.

Dear Alumnus:

You will be interested to learn that during the recent Recreation Conference at the Mass. State College, on March 17, the alumni of the Winter School for Greenkeepers banded together under the direction of Mr. Alec Ellis of the Tedesco Golf and Tennis Club to form the Greenkeepers' Alumni Association of M. S. C.

You, as an alumnus, are eligible to become an active member of this Association, and are, therefore, most cordially invited to join our ranks and reap all benefits derived therefrom.

The main objective of the M.S.C.G. A.A. is to organize and establish a service station at the College, supplemented by demonstration field plots where problems vital to the greenkeeper may be experimented with to satisfactory and practical conclusions. Knowing the value of such plots, you, as a member, will have the privilege of proposing those projects that seem most important and vital toward promoting turf culture today.

Your proposals will receive the direct consideration of Professor L. S. Dickinson and must be approved by President Wanberg and the general committee before being definitely accepted for experimentation.

Inquiries from members will be most welcome and will be submitted to known authorities on turf culture and agronomy for reply.

The yearly membership dues of \$3.00 will be deposited at the State College treasurer's office to form the nucleus of a foundation fund for the projects to be carried out. Having read the en-closed report of our first meeting, you will notice that five dozen bogie golf balls may be forwarded to Vice-Presi-dent Bradley in place of submitting cash dues to the Treasurer. Please know that the submitting of any bogie balls in conjunction with the yearly dues will be a very acceptable addition to the fund. It was the concensus of opinion at the close of the meeting that prompt payment of dues would mean an early start on the work which will be planned. Upon receipt of your dues, a membership card will be issued to you.

We await your consideration and prompt reply.

Very cordially yours, W. F. NYE, Wm. F. Nye, Sec. - Treas.

### TO ESTABLISH SOIL STANDARDS

### FOR THE GROWTH OF FINE TURF GRASS

The agronomy department of the Massachusetts State College is undertaking a new and definite project to try to determine the limits of tolerance in the physical structure of soils, and their relationship to turf growing in order to establish a definite soil range.

Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson is

directing the procedure.

Hundreds of soil samples from good and poor turf areas must be had. Therefore, your cooperation is solicited by answering the enclosed questionnaire, and by mailing us one or two full size plugs from your poorest turf area and a good area.

The object of this project is to enable us to recommend with a definite degree of sureness what material and the quantity thereof to be added, to place any soil sample within the known accepted range. With such knowledge on file inquiries from greenskeepers will receive more prompt service and accurate analysis of their problems than ever before.

Your willing cooperation will give us a standard from which to conduct ex-

periments of related nature. If enough soil samples reach us there is a real possibility to establish accepted standards for various geographic zones. Such information would be invaluable.

Should your business connections be related to golf course, park, cemetery, or estate maintenance, please consider the questionnaire applicable to that alone, and select your soil samples from the poor and good areas, and mark clearly.

The immediate procedure of this project awaits your prompt action.

Very truly yours, W. F. NYE,

#### TWO RECENT BULLETINS

Two recent bulletins from the Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station are of interest.

In a technical paper "Manganese an Essential Element for Green Plants", by Edwin Fraser Hopkins, the author describes experiments with Manganese which show rather conclusively that manganese is an essential element for the growth of green plants.

To all interested in plant propagation, Bulletin 571, "Studies in Plant Propagation" by L. C. Chadwick will be of interest. This bulletin deals with the influence of chemicals, of the medium, and of the position of the basal cut, on the rooting of evergreen and deciduous cuttings.

#### OLD STUFF!

As a sample of what courses were not so long ago, read this, taken from the Yearbook of the U. S. G. A., back in 1898:

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#### JUNE MEETING

The June meeting was held at the Marshfield Country Club, Marshfield, Mass. on June 4th. Several of the ladies were special guests for the day.

The results of the tournament were as follows.

#### Class A:

1st net, Ed. Ohlson, 92-24-68.
2nd net, Ed. Phinney, 86-15-71.
3rd net, E. Maschiocchi, 75-4-71.
4th net, W. Howe, 81-8-73.
5th net, T. Mattus, 89-16-73.
6th net, J. Oldfield, 89-14-75.
7th net, M. O'Grady, 91-15-76. 7th net, M. O'Grady, 91-15-76. 8th net, C. Sowerby, 89-12-77.

#### Class B.

1st net, H. Durkin, 102-32-70. 2nd net, J. Latvis, 96-26-70. 3rd net, J. Johnston, 109-38-71. 4th net, Tom Galvin, 99-26-73.

The next meeting will be held on July 2nd, and will be a four ball, best ball tournament with your chairman, (or other club official, if the chairman is unable to attend), as your partner. Three-quarters handicap will be allowed, members to use their handicaps, and partners to use their State handicaps, or certified club handicap. Greenkeepers will be limited to a stroke a hole handicap, regardless of handicap.

Attention is again called to the ruling that the only guests allowed at Summer meetings are club officials and prospective members.

Tom Galvin has recently completed twenty years of service at the Rhode Island Country Club, and was the subject of a lengthy article in the Providence Journal a few weeks ago. Tom is certainly well known by the golfers of Rhode Island.

The Rhode Island Greenkeepers Association meets at the Comstock Park Links on June 25th.

The Board of Directors met with President West at Fall River on June 18th.

### LAWN DAY AT M. S. C.

We have received from Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson the program for the annual Lawn Day at the Massachusetts State College to be held on July 24th. This program is of special interest this year to greenkeepers, particularly the trip to the turf plots and Professor White's talk.

> Lawn Day Programme Tuesday, July 24, 1934

10.00 A.M. The design and use of a lawn

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10.45 A.M. Varied experiences with turf

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11.30 A.M. A visit to the turf plots L. S. Dickinson—M.S.C.

12.45 P.M. Luncheon.

2.00 P.M. Soils for turf
J. W. White, Professor of
Soil Technology, Penn.
State College.

3.00 P.M. Turf tips, by a turf grower Robert D. Pryde, Superintendent Race Brook C. C., New Haven, Conn.

4.00 P.M. Summarizing the day's discussions
L. S. Dickinson—M.S.C.

Often when we speak of the United States Golf Association, we are apt to think of this association as something which has been in existence over a long period. It is perhaps of interest to reprint here, as a matter of golf history, the original agreement which preceded the actual formation of the U.S. G. A.

### Amateur Golf Association of the United States

The undersigned clubs, by their presidents, and subject to ratification by their respective boards of management, do hereby agree to unite, and to invite other clubs to join them, as the

### Amateur Golf Association of the United States

The purpose of this association shall be to promote the interests of the game of golf, to promulgate a code of rules for the game, and to hold annual meetings at which competitions shall be conducted for the amateur and open championships of the United States.

The times, places, and conditions of such championship competitions shall be arranged at a meeting of the association to be held in New York on the 22nd day of December in the year 1894, at which meeting each club shall be represented by two members, and voting by proxy shall be allowed.

Each club pledges itself to contribute, not exceeding fifty dollars, to a fund which shall provide for the expenses of formation of this Association and for suitable trophies or prizes for the amateur and open championships.

The St. Andrews Golf Club of Yonkers-on-Hudson by John Reid, Pres.

The Shinnecock Hills Golf Club of Southampton, L. I. by T. H. Barber, Pres.

The Country Club of Brookline, Mass. by J. Murray Forbes, Chair.

The Newport Golf Club of Newport, R. I. by Theo A. Havermeyer, Pres.

The Chicago Golf Club of Chicago, Ill. by Chas. B. MacDonald, Captain.

Returns from several more Winter kill questionaires indicate that the subject is still of interest.

A club a few miles north of Boston reports no trouble with velvet bent, but some trouble with poa annua on the practice green and on one tee. Trouble blamed on snow and ice that drifted and piled up on spots affected. Dead places are being patched, and the importance of keeping grass in good condition, not overfed is emphasized in this report. There should be a good sized turf nursery.

A club in the Providence district reports no damage to greens which were seeded to South German mixed bent, but there was some kill of poa annua.

A club in the Boston district reports some kill between March 14 and 17th, due to ice on some greens which could not be removed. Some damage was also due to poor surface drainage.

Another club in the same district reports heavy damage on two greens and light on four. Velvet bent was not affected. Kill is attributed to frost coming out of the ground very slowly and roots standing in water too long a time. In one case the green was under water. Damaged areas are being sodded, or spiked rolled and seeded. Recommendation is to stop water from side hills from slowly flowing thru greens by carrying it away before it reaches the green.

Still another club in the Boston district reports some damage on most greens, more as a check than a Winter kill. This club is awaiting for the warm weather, also spiking and seeding and keeping areas moist.

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We are pleased to reprint an editorial from the Boston Post of June 15th:

Well Deserved An unusual honor was paid the other day to a loval, efficient employee who looked upon his job as one to be done well, when the members of the Brae Burn Country Club feted John Shana-As greenskeeper for the famous golf club, Mr. Shanahan has given 31 years of service, and earned the respect of everyone from the club president to the newest novice among the caddies. Fittingly enough, a special tourney was put on in his honor. The key to the character of the honored greenkeeper was found in his response to speeches of praise, in which he said that he was most pleased to be known as an honest man. A man like Mr. Shanahan is richer by far than many with millions.

#### Leaf Spot of Kentucky Blue Grass (Helminthosporium vagans)

This is a fungus disease found to be troublesome on Kentucky Blue Grass. Identification—A reddish cast

Kentucky Blue Grass often develops during May and June. Upon close inspection the tinge or red will be found associated with a browning of areas of the blades. Usually, unless the spot covers the entire width of the leaf,

there will be two similar spots one on each side of the mid-vein. The fungus often attacks and kills the parts of the leaf as they are emerging. Badly diseased turf rapidly becomes open and unthrifty.

The means for control thus far are limited to cultural practices such as the use of organic or slowly available nitrogen in the fertilizer and cutting the grass high. The use of well rotted manure or such fertilizer as cottonseed meal applied in spring or fall has been found desirable in the experimental lawn plats. The heighth of cut should be at least 1 to 11/2 inches.

Prof. H. F. A. North.

Webworms (Crambus species) probably most pestiferous over the bluegrass regions of Kentucky and Tennessee but much damage has been sustained in our velvet bent golf greens. damage resembles Small Brown Patch. The moths are small and light gray and are most numerous in May, July, and September. Larvae are stone gray or lighter and when full grown are not usually longer than three-fourths of an inch. The larvae cause damage by cutting off leaves of the grass plant at the surface of the ground. They feed at night and hide during the day at the surface in flimsy tubes composed of silk and earth particles. The moths are attracted to light in large numbers from dusk until midnight. They do not feed except upon water and lay large numbers of eggs in the 7 to 10 days of life. Control measure (1) seems to be the best so far devised. The use of a lantern or brighter lamp to be hung over a large pan or tub of kerosene covered water might be worth trying in order to kill the moths from a small area of valuable turf such as a golf green.

### Control Measures

(1) Arsenate of lead

For controlling the Webworm the turf may be sprayed heavily with arsenate of lead. This should not be wateredin. Frequent dosing is needed. Unless an agitating device is used to constantly mix the spray liquid the arsenate of lead will rapidly settle out of suspension thus resulting in an uneven spread. The arsenate of lead is applied as a spray as fine as possible at the rate of two pounds per 1000 square feet and not watered-in.

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