

Greenkeepers Club of New England

NEWSLETTER

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The Regular meeting of the Greenkeepers Club of New England was held at the Hotel Statler in Boston, March 6 at 7:30. Fourteen members attended.

It was suggested that because of present transportation problems, it would benefit some of the greenkeepers if the dealers in golf course supplies were invited to attend some of the regular meetings.

After some discussion on the suggestion that the name of our organization be changed, it was voted to lay the matter on the table until some time in the future when it will be possible for a larger percentage of our members to attend the meetings.

The Publicity Committee was requested to write an article about some of the present greenkeeping problems and present it to the newspapers for publication.

The round table discussion proved to be very interesting and every member present took an active part in it. Some of the members reported that their club had a good year in 1943 financially, while others finished in the red. Most of the clubs reported that fewer rounds of golf were played in 1943 than in 1942 and the decrease in play had some effect on maintenance costs. The lifting of the ban on pleasure driving should help golf clubs in 1944. Vandals are responsible for the destruction of turf on the greens at several clubs. One greenkeeper reported that words that could not be located in the dictionary could be found carved in his greens. The lifting of the restrictions covering the use of Mercury as a turf fungicide was gratefully received by greenkeepers. The shortage of golf balls may have some effect on the game but the greenkeepers' real headache will be to solve the problem of locating suitable help to maintain the golf course in playable condition.

The April meeting will be held at the Hotel Statler in Boston on Monday, April 3 at 7 o'clock.