

# Greenkeepers Club of New England

## NEWSLETTER

January, 1944

The December meeting of the Greenkeepers Club of New England was held Monday, December 13th, at the Hotel Statler in Boston.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of officers for 1944:

President—Paul Wanberg	Entertainment Committee
1st Vice President—Homer C. Darling	Chairman—Lloyd G. Stott
2nd Vice President—George Rommell	Golf Committee
3rd Vice President—Philip I. Cassidy	Chairman—Arthur Anderson
Secretary—Earl A. Polhamus	Auditing Committee
Treasurer—John L. Counsell	Arthur L. Cody
Trustee (3 years)—Paul F. Hayden	Nicholas Bruno

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted as submitted.

Several letters received from our members in Service were read. Sgt. Dave Barry is somewhere in Iran and states that he has not seen a blade of grass in about a year. "Tony" Sperandio, aboard the U.S.S. Terror, has seen many interesting places and sights. "Narry" Sperandio has been in Guadalcanal and he hopes that the greenkeepers will find ways and means to solve the new maintenance problems. Maurice Ryan is with a tank battalion in Georgia and declares that if he ever gets north of the Mason & Dixon line again, it will take an Act of Congress to move him.

It was voted to hold the Annual Meeting at the Woodland Golf Club Saturday, January 8, 1944. The ladies are invited to attend the dinner and entertainment. It was also voted to confine the attendance to members of the Greenkeepers Club and their partners. The meeting will be held promptly at 7:00 o'clock; with dinner at 8:00. The return card MUST be returned properly filled out at once in order to make your dinner reservations. There will also be the conventional punch bowl and contents therein. Due to government restrictions the punch bowl will contain no chemical nitrogen but a substitute fluid that has become practically extinct has been secured to provide the necessary stimulus. The assessment will be \$1.00 a couple, the Greenkeepers Club will assume the remainder of the expense.

The "Round Table" discussion of problems of 1943 was the main feature of the meeting. All of the members present took an active part in the discussion of maintenance operations during 1943 compared to previous years.

The following comments were noted during the ventilation of the numerous topics: adj 7/2/44

The average reduction in greens mowing was from 4 times to 3 cuttings a week.

In one case mowing greens was reduced from 7 mowings to 3 times a week.

More power mowers were used on greens in 1943 to save labor and they caused physical injury in some instances, especially if the greens were cut when they were wet. Inexperienced help was also blamed for some of this damage.

The most popular height of cut on greens was 5/16" compared to 1/4" or 9/32" in other years.

Fairway mowers were used to cut the tees and the area around the greens at one of the clubs, although there was some damage from scalping.

Tees were not cut as often as usual.

Height of cut of fairway mowers was raised at some clubs and the fairways were not cut so often.

It was difficult to keep the rough cut down properly in the Spring due to heavy rainfall and the labor shortage.

There was a general reduction in the frequency of changing cups, moving tee markers and servicing ball washers.

