

# Greenkeepers Club of New England

## NEWSLETTER

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The next meeting of the New England Greenkeepers Club will be held on Monday, October 1st, at Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton and for the first time since 1942 the John Shanahan Memorial tournament will be played.

As you may recall, this is the Pro-Greenkeeper tournament and is played selected drives, alternate shots. One-half of the greenkeeper's handicap will be deducted from the gross. Of each pair playing in the tournament, one of the players must be a member of either the P. G. A. of the New England Greenkeepers Club.

Greenkeepers may play with pros from clubs other than their own but if you do not have a partner, come anyway as there will be some pros without greenkeeper partners.

Starting time will be from 10:00 a. m. to noon.

The dining room and grill rooms at the Brae Burn are closed on Mondays so that it will not be possible to have luncheon at the Club.

The Riverside Golf Club was the scene of the September Meeting. Harold Mosher's warm welcome and cordiality was gratifying and inspiring. All the more so because it was reflected in all the employees of the club. An inviting luncheon was served with ample flowing refreshments. (Definitely ample, when Gene Mauro says, "No more.")

The course was in excellent condition considering the heavy play this club has accommodated during the season. (Over 400 rounds were played the day before our tournament.) A few greenkeepers complained of the heavy rough, but leave it to the greenkeepers to find this part of the course.

This was the first course this year where we have found plenty of caddies waiting for us. The Riverside caddies were orderly, well behaved, and quiet. (They were the two wheel, robot variety.) The starter told us each of these robots are rented twice a day at 35c a round.

Our advance notice of this meeting told us this was to be a Greenkeeper-Chairman Scotch tournament event. Where were the Greenkeepers? And where were the chairmen? Nine Greenkeepers and two chairmen appeared. (And we thought gasoline rationing was over.)

Because of the small number attending it was decided to run an 18 hole medal tournament. Right here I believe it is my solemn duty to report to the entire membership of the N. E.

G. C. a matter which most of you are unaware of concerning a certain member. The gentleman in question has become truly serious about his golf game. He is actually taking golf lessons. Imagine that, a Greenkeeper taking lessons. We have known of his golfing potentialities all along but the golf teacher has actually gotten them out of the dormant stage and into realities. The Teacher has sold this gentleman on, "The Swing is the Thing." "One, Two, Swing." "One, Two, Swing." That's what this rejuvenated golfer is doing every spare moment. He is hitting into a net during daylight hours, and at night he is still swinging in his home. Believe it or not, when he can't find a club there he swings anything he can find under the children's bed.

I can testify that this swinging business has borne fruit. I have seen his golf in the past and I witnessed the change in this tournament. I am telling you this golfer is hot and I surmise that the Greenkeeper-Pro tournament next month at Brae Burn is in the bag.

The winner of the Riverside tournament (needless to say) was Arthur Anderson with a net 63. Second, Homer Darling, net 71 (inspired by Anderson's metamorphosis) and third, Gene Mauro, net 72.

Undoubtedly you have all received the notice regarding the revived Greenkeeper-Pro tournament at Brae Burn, October 1. Now that this special tournament is back on the map again, let's make it a real success by a large attendance, and from here on let's try to get back to a pre-war basis with our organization. Incidentally, now is the time to be thinking about our coming winter meetings. What you as individuals desire should be expressed to our officers so that arrangements may be made to present what you want.

According to the Treasurer's report, the following members are in good standing:

Arthur Anderson	Harry Cottelle	William Larnar	Harold Mosher	Earl Polhamus
Theodore Anderson	Jack Counsell	John Latvis	Edward Murphy	George Rommell, Jr.
A. M. Barney	Homer Darling	William Margeson	Michael O'Grady	Maurice Ryan
David Barry	Joseph Dinardi	Louis Marratto	Edward Ohlson	Anthony Sperandio
Andrew Blake	Howard Farrant	Thomas Mattus	Charles O'Keefe	N. J. Sperandio
Manuel Braga	Manuel Francis	Eugene Mauro	Joseph Oldfield	Ralph Thomas
Simeon Braio	Valentine Flood	James McCormack	Thomas O'Leary	Francis Tuscher
Nicholas Bruno	Elmer Fuller	William McBride	William Partridge	Paul Wanberg
Tom Burke	Franklin Hammond	Henry Mitchell	Wallace Peckham	Leslie Wildgust
Philip Cassidy	Stephen Hannon	Robert Mitchell	Geno Pettazoni	Frank Wilson
Oscar Chapman	Edwin Hanson	Samuel Mitchell	Edward Phinney	Albert Zikorus
John Clinton	Paul Hayden			

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