

# Greenkeepers Club of New England

## NEWSLETTER

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The monthly meeting was held at the Wellesley Country Club, Wellesley, Mass., Oct., 27, 1947. Host Greenkeeper was Albert Zikorus. Fine hospitality was shown and the members extended their appreciation.

Following luncheon the golf tournament was played. Selected drives and alternate shots, with one half of the combine handicap, being deducted from the gross score. Partners were selected by drawing numbered slips of paper from a hat.

### Prize winners:

1st net, A. Cody and A. Zikorus

2nd net, J. Dombeck and H. Darling

### Scores:

A. Cody - A. Zikorus 81-16-65  
R. Thomas - A. Sperandio 83-14-69  
S. Hannon - S. Braio 94-22-72  
P. Hayden - A. Allen 91-17-74

J. Dombeck - H. Darling 79-11-68  
M. O'Grady - J. Dinardi 91-22-69  
P. Cassidy-N. Sperandio 86-13-73  
S. Schavione - H. Mosher 101-22-79

A business meeting was held with President Homer Darling presiding. Reports were read and accepted.

A nominating committee, consisting of Sam Mitchell, Harold Mosher and Arthur Anderson, was appointed by President Darling to select club officers for the coming year. They are to report at the next regular meeting.

All members present stood in silent prayer, to pay tribute to the late John Clinton, past greenkeeper at the Hoosic Whisick Club, who died recently.

Manuel Francis turned in his resignation at the Haverhill Country Club, and has accepted the greenkeeper's position at the Vesper Country Club, Lowell, Mass. Manuel will begin his new job in the spring, after returning from a trip to Portugal to visit his mother. "Bon Voyage," Manuel.

Frank Wilson has concluded his services with the government and is returning to his former position, as greenkeeper at the Charles River Country Club.

George Rommell is now located at the Hyannisport Club, on the Cape, assisting John Tait.

To a few club officials and even top-flight club members, who seem to feel the greenkeepers are being overpaid, may I say this: One club is paying its greenkeeper in the vicinity of \$7000.00 per year, and few other clubs will be close to this amount. These clubs are wise in holding on to their biggest asset, "The Greenkeeper."

Another obstacle confronting the greenkeeper, in a few well known clubs, is the interference of club officials in the maintenance problems of the golf course. It would be far better for them to sit back and let the man whom they have hired, with knowledge and experience, handle the particular problems and be responsible.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Hotel Bradford, Boston, Mass., Monday, December 1, 1947, at 1 p.m.

Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson of the University of Massachusetts will be the principle speaker. He will give an outline of his new enlarged program at the University, and there will be a general discussion on the problems of the past year.

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