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"Buying what you do not need is an easy road to needing what you cannot buy." (Author Unknown)

It was a battle of the sand traps, it was. Sand to the right, sand to the left and sand in front. That's the way it looked to some of us high scorers at the Agawam Hunt Club, Rumford, R. I., July 10. Not to mention the ditches, wet and dry, and the goodbye out of bounds. 110 sand traps there were. That is the official count. (The same footprints were found in 50 of them—poor guy.)

Greenkeepers from both Massachusetts and Rhode Island assembled bright and early to participate in this Lawrence Hay Memorial Tournament. (Incidentally, next year it is hoped that a Greenkeeper-Pro tourney can be arranged. BOY, what sand trap practice we'll give those Pros.)

An up-to-date Turferator was demonstrated on the 2nd green with the usual comments and questions. Then the gawking about the course took place and a few eyebrows lifted at the P.M.A.S. injury on the 18th green. But, it's just this sort of thing which makes these monthly meetings so valuable to all greenkeepers who attend. As we have said before — TO SEE, TO ASK, TO HEAR. That's what keeps us up to date. It keeps out the dust, too. The entire course was in excellent condition and the greens were a real pleasure to putt on.

A splendid luncheon was served in the historic club house to nearly 60 sodsmen. The dessert feature was the ice cream molds. Horseshoes lending a touch of the old Hunt Club and the Cinderellas the dreams of the old days. It was unfortunate that the horseshoes weren't the type for the back pocket. They would have come in handy later. Dr. DeFrance did the honors in the absence of the president of the Rhode Island Greenkeepers and extended a hearty welcome to all. He expressed the hope that this joint meeting on the occasion of the first Hay Memorial gathering might be the beginning of many pleasant sojourns together for the benefit of good golf and good greenkeeping. A short business meeting was held by the G.C. of N.E. and the following were proposed for associate memberships to be voted on at the next meeting: Leon V. St. Pierre, Oxford Country Club; Norman K. Mucciarone, Marlboro Country Club; and Rodman S. Barney, Wampanoag Golf Club.

And then the boys broke loose—all over the place. Ye editor discovered in looking around, that the loose play wasn't confined to one foursome either.

The winnahs were: G.C. of N.E. 18-Hole Medal—A. Gain Cody, 73-6-67; M. Goingood Francis, 86-18-68; M. Tolduso O'Grady, 84-16-68. Attendance Prize Winners:

1st, A. Lucky Sanders; 2nd, A. Nextbest Allen; 3rd, T. Windfall DeLuchio. R.I. Greenkeepers Blind Bogey—Lucky Number 73: 1st—Paul Closenuf O'Leary, 89-15-74; Tie for 2nd—C. Toomuch Irwin, 78-2-76; T. Jesmadit Caranci, 91-15-76. Guest Prize: Dick Waterhazard Lake.

Suggestions Given to the Editor

That Bob Kapstick bring an extra bag of golf balls to the next tournament.

That Joe Butler be issued a handicap—and quick. He claims to have turned in many cards and now suspects the handicap committee of having leaky pants.

That some greenkeepers take note that the Cleveland Indians have been ordered to wear cap liners when at bat to prevent serious injury. Not a bad idea, says Kapstick. He was knocked cold recently while mowing greens.

That the Tournament Committee oil up on the details of the start and finish of tournaments.

That the Entertainment Committee take more complete charge of equipment demonstrations or appoint someone to act as master of ceremonies in order to run them off more precisely and more informatively.

DUES. The editor has appointed himself a committee of one to speak frankly on this subject. It was noted at Agawam that our treasurer politely announced that he would welcome payment of dues. Checking later I found that there was no response to this gentle appeal. WHAT GOES ON HERE? Certainly none of us would knowingly let our store bills run six months. DUES are payable in January. The deadline is July 1. Our by-laws state that privileges of the club should be forfeited after this date. Can it be carelessness or forgetfulness? Whatever it is, make sure YOU are not on the black list after next meeting. Bring an extra ten bucks if you are not sure. If you can't come to the meeting send the money pronto to Jack Counsell, 9 Cliff St., Beverly, Mass. This should not go unheeded a minute.

What about next meeting—August 7th. YES—it's the Belmont Country Club, Belmont, Mass. And it's a chairman meeting. Your Greens Committee Chairman is cordially invited and urged to attend and if he can't possibly come then the next best substitute should come. Greens Chairmen, it's your duty and should be your pleasure to attend with your greenkeeper. It's not just an 18 hole tournament. It's the association with some of the best greenkeepers and turf experts in the East. It's the observation of the other fellow's course and it's a birdseye view of interesting and up-to-date equipment demonstrations starting at 11 a.m. This meeting is being arranged for you and YOU will profit by being there. WE'LL BE SEEING YOU.

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