



# NEWSLETTER

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. . . Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of intelligent effort. There must be will to produce a superior article.

—John Ruskin.

"He who sincerely tries to help another helps himself"

Little Rhody rides again. Spotlights were on the Greenkeepers Field Day at Kingston, R. I. September 6. Members of the G. C. of N. E. as well as some 200 other greenkeepers from near and far enjoyed a full and profitable day at this 19th Annual event. Dr. DeFrance again held Mother nature on his lap and again she beamed and radiated a gorgeous day. It's amazing how the weather breaks for this occasion year after year.

A ladder view of this ensemble of earnest grass growers listening intently to the explanations of the turf experiments was inspirational. It germinated a brief meditation on the lot of the greenkeeper. That guy who is reputed to be down trodden, over worked and under paid. Sure, it may be true, but what profession is more healthful? What profession is more endowed with sunshine, and the splendor and beauty of God's out-of-doors? And what profession offers a better opportunity to observe tests, experiments, and demonstrations on so many phases of one's problems? Where will you find more earnest, cooperative, helpful and friendly professional associations? Yes, the greenkeepers pay may rate rather low but there are many advantages about the job that other professions can not boast of.

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"Reasons whole pleasure, all the joys of sense,  
Lie in three words,—  
Health, peace, and competence."

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### PEEK HOLE SHORTS

The Kingston turf variety plots always attract attention . . . 10-6-4 still stands up as the best chemical combination for grass top dressing fertilizer at Kingston . . . The 1000 sq. ft. triangular plots seeded last October to Astoria, C-1, C-19, Piper etc., certainly became established in a hurry didn't they? . . . The liming and composting experiments will hold interest for a long time to come . . . It looks like 15 pounds of cyanamid to 1000 sq. ft. for soil surface weed control is tops. Seems like a must for new greens or nurseries. For soil and compost sterilization use 13 lbs. cyanamid to 1 cu. yd. . . . Lest we forget—P.M.A.S. for con-

trol of crab grass was discovered at Kingston . . . P.M.A.S. for control of Poa Annua is still a possibility . . . Turf diseases at Kingston in 1950 were at a minimum . . . We hope Dr. Grau will show up at next year's field day or he will have quite a bill for advertising . . . At a very brief stand up business meeting of the club Melvin O'Kelly was elected an associate member. Manuel Francis was instructed to prepare for the winter meetings of the club . . . YES SIR. It was some clam bake. Yum, Yum. Those clam cakes and those baked clams. The seconds and thirds filled up the empty spaces all too soon. So much so that many lobsters were seen walking out with two legs.

It wouldn't be a clam bake unless somebody got dunked would it? Melted butter is always a favorite spiller . . . The American League Baseball management should be informed that the Yankee-Red Sox games are conflicting with the Greenkeepers Field Day.

Some of the boys had special leaves from home to stay over for the tournament at Potowamut. They reported that Herb Johnson made an excellent host and gave them a swell time. The winners were:

Maurice Ryan, 77-9-68; Arthur Anderson, 94-18-76.

Guest Prize to J. Davis, 90-16-74.

"No matter how small your lot in life, there's enough room on it for a service station."

Monday, October 2, is the date set for the Shanahan Memorial Greenkeeper-Pro Scotch Tournament at the Brae Burn Country Club. Members of the New England Section of the P.A.G. have already received their notices. Each two-some participating in this tournament must be either a member of the Greenkeepers Club of New England or a member of the P.A.G. Starting time 9:00 A.M. to 11 A.M. This is the big tournament of the year and a big field is expected. (The World Series does not start until Oct. 4.)

The last outdoor meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4, at the Waltham Field Station. This you will not want to miss. Changes in the By-Laws and changing the name of the club will be discussed. A hot meeting it could be. The Newsletter will publish the proposed changes prior to that meeting.

## ARE YOU IN?

According to the treasurer's records the following members are in good standing as of September 13, 1950.

Albert Allen  
Arthur Anderson  
Theodore Anderson  
William Ash  
A. M. Barney  
David Barry  
Norman Barnes  
Andrew Blake  
Edward Buecher  
Manuel Braga  
Simeone Braio  
Nicholas Bruno  
Walter Bore  
Joseph Butler  
Tom Burke  
Carmen Capozzi  
Robert Capstick  
John Carey  
Philip Cassidy  
Howard Farrant  
Oscar Chapman  
Manuel Francis  
Elmer Fuller  
Ignace Gill  
Carroll Hall  
Franklin Hammond  
Albert Clark  
Arthur Cody  
John Counsell  
Homer Darling  
Joseph Dinardi  
John Dombek  
Lucien Duval  
Alfred Edmondson  
Stephan Hannon  
Howard Hills  
Guilford Johnson  
Herbert Johnson  
John Kealty  
William Larner  
John Latvis  
Paul Hayden  
Louis Marotta  
James McCormack  
Robert Mitchell  
Samuel Mitchell

William Mitchell  
Harold Mosher  
Edward Murphy  
Arthur MacLean  
Michael O'Grady  
Melvin O'Kelly  
Edward Ohlson  
Joseph Oldfield  
Thomas O'Leary  
Edward Phinney  
George Rommell  
Maurice Ryan  
Albert Sanders  
Anthony Sperandio  
N. J. Sperandio  
Lawrence Sperry  
Ted Swanson  
Samuel Swayzie  
George Symonds  
Ralph Thomas  
Patrick Tameo  
George Volmer  
George Webster  
Frank Wilson  
Leslie Wildgust  
Harry Cottelle  
Francis Malone  
Richard Mansfield  
Guy Tedesco  
Harold Rethman  
Henry Genthner  
Norman Mucciarone  
Leon St. Pierre  
Rodman Barney



It is pleasing to see new names on our membership list and particularly gratifying that young greenkeepers are among the newcomers. Vitality, vim and vigor in young veins means good health for the organization. New thoughts, new ambitions and new outlooks molded together with the older, conservative and experienced ideas should produce a stronger association. These young men guided by the traditions and ideals of the club which they will absorb as time goes on will all too soon be the leaders of the Greenkeepers Club of New England. So, be patient with them, help them and encourage them to be stronger and better members than we older ones have been.

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