



NEWSLETTER

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"Do all the good you can as you roll along. Life is a one way street, and you're not coming back." *Geo. Spencer*

It was a large gathering and a pleasant one — the chairman-greenkeeper meeting at the Belmont Country Club, August 7. Eighty-seven sat down to a tasty and satisfying luncheon preceded by a brief respite for on-the-house refreshments. (A good idea.) The steward at Belmont demonstrated that he is on the ball as well as a quick thinker and stepper. Forty to fifty was the number given him to work on. Twice that number popped in. Congratulations steward, for a swell luncheon and a job well done and quickly.

The attendance prizes were awarded during the luncheon. Is this time for the drawing good or bad? What's your reaction? Look who won. Norman Mucciarone, Arthur Anderson and Manuel Francis. "In the bag" murmurs were overheard. During the short business meeting the following were voted in as associate members of the club, Leon St. Pierre, Norman Mucciarone and Rodney Barney. One application for associate membership was read. Melvin G. O'Kelly, Marshfield C.C. It was voted to hold our September tournament at the Potowomut Golf Club, Greenwood, R. I., Thursday morning, Sept. 7, in connection with the Rhode Island Greenkeepers Field. More about this follows.

The usual equipment demonstration was held at 11 a.m. on and near the gorgeous practice putting green. In fact, it was so beautiful the demonstrators were a bit timid about marring its surface. Sawtelle Bros. demonstrated the Power Night Crawler Spiker, the Atco Power Tee Mower (an English make) and had on display the Worthington Blitzer and a large assortment of Carlon Plastic Pipe and fittings. O. Clapper demonstrated the Power Green Lawn Aerifier, the new Toro Green Mower, and the Toro Professional. Everyone was happy about the whole thing.

Twenty-five chairman-greenkeeper fourball teams registered for the tournament and quite a few greenkeepers without chairman. The course was in excellent condition. Both fairways and greens were superb. Eighteen without blemish greens is excellent advertising. Ted Murphy, and it is an excuse for your golf score which we did not see. The winners of the tournament were:

1st—Joe Dinardi and H. Wischusen, 79-25-63.

Tied for 2nd—Sam Mitchell and A. Pettingell, 82-18-64, and H. Darling and C. Littlefield, 82-18-64.

Tied for 3rd—John Dombek and A. Johnson, 72-7-65; Guy Tedesco and W. Hellstrom, 73-8-65; John Latvis and W. Sawyer, 88-23-65; Arthur Anderson and G. Reed, 79-14-65.

Greenkeepers Without—1st, Ed Buecher, 100-27-73; 2nd, C. Capozzi, 104-30-74; 3rd, Wm. Ash, 97-20-77.

The chirp of the cricket was first heard this season August 5. Six weeks to a killing frost from the first chirp is an old saying. Maybe there's something to it. Anyway, it's a warning. The approach of fall. The regular clock-like chirps tick off the passing of time. If you have a garden it warns you to be ready for that killing frost. To the greenkeeper it warns him now, NOT—Much—Time—Left—to prepare the course for the winter — fertilizing, topping, seeding, care of equipment and all the odds and ends you had planned to do this year before snow flies. Tonight listen to those chirps. NOT—MUCH—TIME—LEFT.

KNOW YOUR STUFF. The following newspaper item caught the editor's eye recently. "Singapore—Three Chinese greenkeepers caught a live 15-foot snake they took for a python. While one seized it by the neck, the other two held the tail and body. It turned out to be a deadly king cobra, one of the largest to be caught on the island according to museum authorities." Ye editor might add—Ignorance is bliss, but don't be around when lightning strikes.

As you all know our September meeting will be at Kingston, R. I. The nineteenth Annual Greenkeepers Field Day Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 6 and 7. Here is a brief program:

Wednesday, September 6th.

- 10:00-12:30 Inspection and demonstration of golf equipment
- 12:30 Lunch. Address: Dr. Grau.
- 1:30-5:30 Inspection and discussion of Turf Experiments.
- 6:30-8:30 Clam Bake—Aunt Carrie's, Point Judith.
Lodging Dormitory—Kingston, R. I.

Thursday A.M.

Tournament — Potowamut Golf Club, Greenwood, R. I. East of Route 1, on way back to Mass. Herb Johnson is arranging a grand reception. Don't miss it.

WILL YOU BE THERE? OF COURSE!

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