



NEWSLETTER

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Of all the gifts that come to cheer
The best one is a brand-new year.
Snow-wrapped and holly decked, it comes
To richest and to poorest homes.
Twelve jeweled months all set with days
Of priceless opportunities.

A silver moon and golden sun,
With diamond stars when day is done,
And over all a sapphire sky,
Where pearly clouds go floating by.
Be grateful for the year that brings
So many and such precious things.

B. E. Jaques.

Christmas has come and gone. But its spirit and all it stands for still lingers. The warm glow of friendliness, of giving, and thinking more kindly toward one's neighbor, prevalent during this holiday season, still remains. It is unfortunate that this special friendly feeling does not last throughout the year. If it did there truly would be more *peace on earth*.

Old Man Fifty One is on his last legs and fast fading out of the picture. Just on the other side of the door waiting to enter is baby Fifty Two. Something "brand-new" for us to start with. What the coming year has in store for us depends somewhat upon world affairs and developments. But it is within our power as individuals to build our own bed of roses. Our attitude, our philosophy of life, our ambitions, determines what Fifty Two brings us. This is the moment to pause and reflect and then go on with determination to make this coming year the best one ever for ourselves, our families, and our fellowmen.

All and all it has been a good year for the Greenkeepers Club of New England thanks to its officers and to the fine spirit shown by its members. Sometimes we forget to thank and praise those who do good things for us. So on behalf of all our members our hearty thanks goes to our retiring president Harold Mosher for an excellent job of leadership and guidance—To the careful and painstaking care of our treasury by our treasurer—to our diligent and conscientious secretary whose work is never done and to all others who have kept a shoulder to the wheel.

George Vollmer Trustee three years.
Joseph Butler Auditor
Joseph Dinardi Auditor

The annual meeting will take place at the Waltham Field Station. An excellent lunch has been promised and assured for 12:30. This meeting you should not miss. Installation of new officers, interesting reports, awarding of 25 year pins, and an informal round table discussion of events. The following greenkeepers are hereby commanded to be present for the honor of receiving their 25 year pins.

John Counsell Harold Mosher
Paul Hayden Michael O'Grady
John Latvis Edward Phinney

Twenty Five years of giving and receiving comradeship, associations, turf knowledge and professional service. It's an honor to recognize such a long period of service and effort. Likewise, it should be an honor to receive it. Congratulations gentlemen.

While on the subject of congratulations and thanks the editor wishes to thank Jack Counsell for the excellent job done on the November Newsletter. It was a better product than the present editor turns out Jack. Incidentally, the editor again wishes to be excused from the coming meeting January 7, as he is planning to be absent from this community for a few weeks. Our business manager, Tony Sperandio, has agreed to pinch-hit.

The last meeting held at the Waltham Field Station, December 3, was most educational and interesting. The program was contributed by the American Agricultural Chemical Company in the form of recording interviews with greenkeepers and slides on current turf problems. Harold Mosher from this section, Bill Glover from Fairfax, Virginia, and Greenkeepers from the Cincinnati area were all interviewed by recordings concerning Poa Annua and other present weed problems. Slides showing extensive fairway renovation on several middle western courses were most enlightening.

DON'T FORGET THE 23rd NATIONAL TURF CONFERENCE AND SHOW will be held February 4-8 at Columbus, Ohio. A very attractive educational program has been arranged. Plans should be made now by those who intend to go.

and now congratulations and best wishes to our new king to be, King Arthur of Wollaston fame. Let's all rally around him and the new officers to make it another successful year for the Club. Incidentally, the following slate of officers for 1952 has been submitted by the nominating committee to be voted in at the annual meeting January 7, 1952.

- Arthur CodyPresident
- Michael O'Grady1st Vice President
- Manuel Francis2nd Vice President
- Albert Allen3rd Vice President
- N. J. SperandioSecretary
- John CounsellTreasurer
- A. J. Sperandio
Chairman Educational Committee
- John Dombeck
Chairman Golf Committee

The Editor wishes one and all a most Happy and Prosperous New Year and for a closing message here is a contribution from Jack Counsell,

New Years Wishes.

I hope that your troubles are small and few,
and you enjoy good health the whole
year through.
I hope that the players who used to gripe
will boast that your course is just what
they like,
I hope that you won't hear that familiar song
of the other golf course where nothing's wrong.
And I hope that you'll earn your share of praise,
But I hope most of all you get a raise.

J. C.
H. Darling, Editor

