



NEWSLETTER

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This is the time of year when the out-of-doors is abounding with activity. There is action everywhere. Things are popping all around. Leaf buds are bursting, spring flowers are unfolding their colors, new songs are heard daily, indicating that our bird friends are arriving in greater numbers. Yes, Mother Nature has opened her annual show. And what a show it is.

Ah, to be a greenkeeper, privileged to have a box seat and a close up of this mammoth show. Many are too busy to look, and some look and do not see and some take a few precious moments to enjoy what is developing around us at this time. Take the birds for instance, as one part of the big show. Of course the early arrivals have been with us for a month such as the robins, the song sparrows, blue birds, red wings and others. But the peak of the migration will occur in the next two weeks. Some of these birds will spend the summer with us. Others will tarry a few days, a few weeks, and then travel north. Notably the warblers. There are over 150 species, all with varied colors and patterns. Some morning, if you are looking, you may observe a group of tiny birds with extreme activity seeking insects on every part of a tree or shrub. They will be the warblers.—One species. And what a job they are doing for us.

To us, birds are very important. So let's recognize their importance and let's enjoy their song and beauty while they are with us.

It must have been Ben Franklin who said, "Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today." In writing this Newsletter ye editor finds, "There's never time today and tomorrow comes too soon". Result—mid-night oil and a last minute rush. It seems only last week that April 7 was the Greenkeepers meeting at Waltham. A double feature was scheduled. Tony Mascaro on Soil Aerification, with slides and movies plus side remarks and a representative of the Wisconsin Motors gave a talk on motors in general, courtesy of the Sawtelle Bros. Ye editor was so busy listening and looking that his notes on these talks turned out to be doodles and hacks instead of doodles of facts. The moral

is, you fellows who didn't attend the meeting, come to the next one and get your educational features direct. There is a good possibility that the Newsletter will be quite brief for the remaining summer months.

Resume of the business meeting. A letter of appreciation was read from Prof. Dickinson expressing his gratitude for the gift presented to him at the Amherst conference. A thank you letter was also read from Ray Koon for the donation toward the public address system at the Station. John Brock was voted an associate member. Three applications for membership were announced. Anthony Caranci Sr., Louisquisset Golf Club, Raymond Sheehan, Red Hill Country Club, North Reading, and Robert Muciarone, Wayland Golf Club.

Attendance prize winners were, Mike O'Grady and Chet Baldwin. It is certainly interesting to note that there are few repeats on these monthly door prizes. The chairman of the Budget Committee, Phil Cassidy, presented a comprehensive budget report which was approved. \$50.00 was voted each to the Rhode Island and Amherst Turf work. The Tournament Committee presented a tentative summer schedule as follows: May—Concord Country Club. June—Wachusett Country Club. July—Derryfield Country Club, Manchester, N. H. August—Vespers Country Club or Cohasset. September—Ludlow Country Club. Championship. October—Brae Burn Country Club, Greenkeeper-Pro.

There was a sad expression and a trace of a tear on the countenance of our treasurer when asked how the dues were coming in. Let's cheer him up at once.

The first out-door meeting of the season will be held May 5, at the Concord Country Club. Equipment demonstration at 10:30. Special arrangements for lunch at 12:30. Will you be there?

Whittier said, "Who sows a field, or trains a flower, or plants a tree, is more than all". I'll be seeing you all.

H. Darling, Editor.