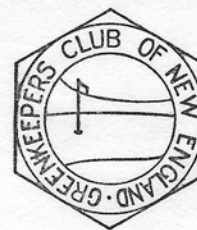


NEWSLETTER

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The September meeting of the Greenkeepers Club of New England was held Monday, September 8 at the Ludlow Country Club in Ludlow, Mass. It was a perfect day in every respect. Superintendent John Dombek and Chef Rube White, together with Pro. Art House, were true to their word and entertained us royally.

There was an informal equipment display and keen interest was given in the construction of several new greens.

It certainly shows that the Ludlow Country Club is up to date and is going all out to keep its reputation for a top-notch golf course by rebuilding several greens to overcome any possible source of trouble from adverse weather conditions. These greens are being planted to C-1 stolons. It was really a thrill to see those old greens pushed up in one huge pile. The new greens already in play vouch for this aggressive program.

A buffet snack was ready at 10:30 a.m. The golfers present teed off at approximately 12 noon. "Dark Horse" Clapper conceded the tournament after 9 holes. All 31 entrants received prizes of merchandise; many of these were through the generosity of the Ludlow Country Club members.

John Dombek, our host, retained the championship with a gross of 72.

Winners were: Bob White, official scorer—special prize; John Dombek, 1st gross; Bus Brown, 2nd gross; Guy Tedesco, 3rd gross; Narry Sperandio, 4th gross, Phil Cassidy, 1st net; Charlie Dukelow, 2nd net; Joe Butler, 3rd net; R. Blair, 4th net; Mike O'Grady, Semie Braio, Tony Sperandio, Nick Bruno, 5th net tie; Rube White, Cos Piantedosi, 6th net; W. Kenney, 7th net; F. Winterberger, M. Mucciarone, Ralph Thomas, W. Mitchell, 8th net; A. Blitz, 9th net; Nick Cameretta, Bob Mucciarone, John Latvis, 10th net; Art Campbell, 11th net; Bill Ash, Leon St. Pierre, 12th net; Art Anderson, High net, Howard Farrant, 1st even 100, Pat Pasqualucci, high gross; Art Cody, last birdie.

These awards were made after a fine dinner and each participant was greeted appropriately. (Ye pro-tem editor neglected to record the door prize winners, but does recall Rube White and Nick Brunno as two of the winners.)

It was nice to see Nick Brunno at the meeting.

President Cody introduced Richard Foley of the Niagara Chemical Co., who spoke on their endothermal product "Clover Kill".

Others present were: D. H. Clapper, John McGovern, Mr. Fisher of Ross Bros., Pat of Agrico and Henry Pickering of Sawtell Bros.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

with a rousing vote of appreciation for the hospitality extended by our hosts.

We are glad to report that Sam Mitchell has licked his virus attack and is as good as new—well, almost.

Monday, September 15th, was a cool overcast day ideal for a Stolon Party. That's right! It was held at Juniper Hill Country Club on that date, and although I think some of the boys over-estimated their capacities, especially at lunch, Homer thought they did pretty good! Many availed themselves of a liberal education in the planting of stolon greens, from the nursery right up until the sprinklers were turned on the finished greens. Four greens in all were planted. A real representative group turned up for the occasion, and once everyone got going, the operation progressed quite smoothly. The Commercial men were ably represented by Pat Pasqualucci, who took part in all the steps of preparing and planting the stolons: a stout fella!

Here is an important notice concerning the John Shanahan Memorial Tournament:

THE DATE OF THIS TOURNAMENT, OUR NEXT MEETING, HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY OCTOBER 20TH.

A conflict in dates has made this change necessary. Remember this is a Pro-Greenkeeper Tournament.

One member of each team must be a member of either the P.G.A. or the Greenkeepers Club of N. E.

The place is the Brae Burn Country Club and the starting time is 10 to 12 a.m.

Make sure your Golf Professional has been notified of the date change.

Plans are now underway for a meeting on the Cape in November. Remember last year at Wianno Country Club?

John Dombek hopes to duplicate this type of get-to-gether for our last outdoor meeting of the season.

Your regular editor will return next month after a well deserved rest.

It's been fun!

Phil Cassidy

Homer Darling wishes to express his thanks and appreciation to the men who participated in the Stolon planting at his place. This was a fine example of kindness and cooperation given generously in spirit and in action. The real value of this help was more fully realized later with two men continuing the job.

Thanks a million.

"Homer"