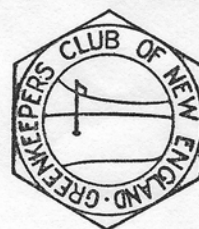


NEWSLETTER

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This edition of the Newsletter is dedicated to Jack Counsell, a grand guy who has passed on to greener pastures. The membership of the Greenkeepers Club of New England and others might well ponder over the enviable record that Jack made as a member of our club. He was an able president, a worthy and trusted treasurer, a hard working director and a loyal and enthusiastic member of long standing. Jack always worked for the best interest of our organization. His motives, policies and ideals were always dignified, serious, and objective. He set a fine example for all of us to follow as members of the Greenkeepers Club. His absence and loss will be felt for a long time to come.

Our thoughts and sympathy go out to Mrs. Counsell whose tender care, watchfulness, and cooperation kept Jack in good spirits and ever on the alert as a father and a greenkeeper. Her faith and courage is noteworthy. As you all know Jack was somewhat of a poet. He contributed many timely verses for the Newsletter. His last and probably the best recently appeared in the August Golfdom and it deserves repeating here.

THE OLD TOOL HOUSE

By John L. Counsell
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Still stands the old tool house by the side of the road,

Like a patriarch tattered and worn,
With a roof that is wrinkled and walls that are bowed,
Awaiting the Judgment morn.

The storms of New England have dealt it cruel blows

But will it surrender? Never!

Around it the junk pile mountainous grows
For the old shack will be there forever.

Jack was confined with his heart illness for several weeks but he seemed to be feeling better just prior to our August meeting at Kernwood, and he had every intention of being present

there. The tool house he referred to however, was quite different from what we all witnessed at Kernwood. The combination of excellent housing facilities and mechanical minded Albert Allen made the tool house set up just the best any of us have seen at any club in New England. Al, the perfect host, who enjoys his golf gave up his playing to show the boys around. What we saw was an eye opener and an education. Also of interest was the demonstration hour—the Verti-Cut, the Aerifier, the Atco, Arthur Anderson's Jeep, low pressure sprayer and later Buckner sprinklers of various types in action. Incidentally, the luncheon was scrumptious and enjoyed by all the hearty eaters which included everyone present.

The 18 hole tournament as you know was the annual championship. The winner of the cup was our extimable president, Arthur Cody. Arthur was sharp that day and landed out front with a gross 76. Other winners were:

1st Net 71, J. Sperandio; 2nd Net 74, M. Brown;
1st Net (9 holes) P. O'Leary.

Thanks again to the Kernwood C. C. and to Al Allen for an enjoyable day and the pleasure of a well groomed golf course.

The annual turf field day at Kingston, R. I. went off with the usual success and excellent weather. The attendance was extra good. The editor found it impossible to attend this one. Consequently educational notes are missing.

Now we have the September meeting to anticipate Monday, September 14 at the Ludlow Country Club. You can always expect an especially good time at Ludlow. This year it is expected to be the best ever. Coffee and doughnuts for the boys when they arrive. Equipment demonstrations in the forenoon, golf followed by a dinner meeting in the evening. To make this meeting a success the President of the Ludlow Club has cancelled an outing and hole in one contest so nothing would interfere with this Greenkeepers Club event. Will you be there? How about a putting contest John for those who do not enter the 18 hole tournament?

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