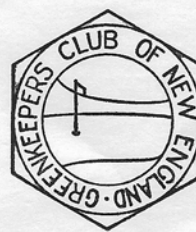


NEWSLETTER

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"... Enter this wild wood and view the haunts of nature. The calm shade shall bring a kindred calm, and the sweet breeze that makes the green leaves dance shall waft a balm to thy sick heart."—Bryant.

A verse could not be found to express the writer's thoughts on the subject of trees and their importance to every golf course, but Bryant's words approaches the idea. The Bear Hill Country Club, our host August 2, is a good example of the role trees play in emphasizing the character of a golf course. A visitor at Bear Hill is impressed with its tranquility, its relaxing surroundings, its exclusiveness. Trees have contributed greatly to these impressions, as they do on so many courses. They effectively screen out the outside world, segregate fairways, slow down drying winds, supply needed shade and add to the beauty of the landscape. One tree or group of trees properly placed may add greatly to the quality of any golf hole. Unlike people most trees become more beautiful with age. Every season of the year they are something to admire. They serve as a tonic, an inspiration and a calming of the mind. That's why some golf courses appear less tiring than others. Beauty in every direction is soothing to the eye and makes for better relaxation. If your golf course is lacking in trees plant some soon for the next generation to enjoy. *Editor's Note:* This letter was started during the gale winds and completed two nights later by candle light. Trees have beauty while standing but sad, forlorn and a lot of work when blown down but we must expect to pay a higher price for the nicer things.

Getting back to Bear Hill again, August 2, the members of the Greenkeepers Club of New England who attended this meeting thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The buffet lunch or smorgasbord was out of this world. Appetites which are always good were completely satisfied with the bountiful quantity and assortment of tasty food thanks to the Bear Hill management. Door prizes went to Arthur Cody, Frank Meehan, and William Carter. Prize winners of the afternoon tourney, a best nine hole affair, were Bert Clark 26 net, C. Capozzi 27, J. Butler 29, R. Brigham 30, A. Carranzi 31, and John Latvis 31. The boys all agreed that the course was in excellent condition everywhere. The greens putted well and the fairways were tip-top. Speaking of trees there was one blemish noted on a white pine. The imprint of a No. 2 iron with letters ACODY. No, he didn't lose his temper. Just under-estimated his tremendous follow through.

One point of interest on the course which seems worthy of elaboration for the benefit of all greenkeepers was the 4th tee re-location problem brought about by the construction of Route 128. In these days of new super highways a similar problem could very well confront other greenkeepers in years to come. The construction in question chopped off the fourth

tee leaving a public road to hit over. Ted Swanson solved the problem by the construction of a tight ten feet high cedar fence on the highway boundary 85 feet in front of the elevated tee. No automobiles are seen from the tee and those on the highway are unaware of the play from the tee. Incidentally, if your golf property is ever invaded by highway construction hire a good lawyer to look out for your interest says Ted Swanson.

Correction: M. Brown was the winner of the July 12 Tournament by one stroke.

Pleasing News: Harold Mosher is now on the mend.

Amazing: Guy Tedesco recently tied the Wachusett course record with a 65.

The 1954 Kingston Turf Conference enjoyed the usual success and good attendance from all nearby states. The threatening clouds did not cause any trouble but some eye brows were raised thinking that Doc DeFrance was losing his magic touch on the weather. It was learned however, that Doc was on Sabbatical leave. That was a new one to the writer so Webster (Not George) was called in and he states that certain universities grant professors freedom from teaching every seven years allowing time for study and travel. It's a rest period and called a Sabbatical year.

Space does not permit a detailed resume on the experimental turf work explained and reported to the audience in attendance but it was all very interesting, enlightening and encouraging. A buffet lunch was served on the grounds and a clam bake followed at 6:00 P.M. at the Kingston Fair Grounds.

Please note carefully the dates: September 13, September 27, October 4, as the Newsletter will not appear until after the middle of October.

Monday, September 13 is the meeting at Manchester (New Hampshire) Country Club. The Greenkeepers Club Championship will take place at this time. It is a beautiful course, is in excellent condition and a good reception is always given the Greenkeepers Club. BE THERE.

Monday, September 27 is the annual Greenkeeper-Pro tournament at the Brae Burn C.C. As you know one of the team must be either a member of the P.G.A. or the Greenkeepers Club of New England. Play off between 10 and 12 o'clock. Players report that Brae Burn is in superb condition including the back ten yards of the 18th Tee.

Monday, October 4—Ludlow Country Club is the host for our meeting and this is always a big affair with a warm welcome, good eats and lots of prizes. It