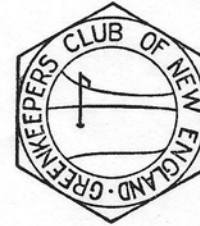


# NEWSLETTER

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The scene of the last greenkeepers meeting, July 12, was the Agawam Hunt Club, located between East Providence, the Rumford Baking Powder Water Tower and the Narragansett Race Track, or thereabouts. The writer has never been able to locate this course on the first shot. The early arrivals found the boys all standing in the shade gazing with interest at the tempting crystal clear swimming pool just installed at the club. Another feature for the members and another responsibility for Greenkeeper Charlie Parker. Just over the fence were the spacious turf and dirt tennis courts. Probably the largest in the state. The dinner bell sounded right on time and the boys enjoyed a delightful meal which they came near not getting due to a lack of enthusiasm in returning "I'll be there" cards. Everyone should be conscientious on this matter whenever cards are received. They are sent for a purpose. The attendance prizes were drawn for the following: Bill Carter, Phil Cassidy, Elmer Fuller, and Joe Butler.

When it came to the afternoon tournament it was apparent that the summer wear and tear was having its effect on the boys. Almost as many entries appeared for the putting contest as the 18 hole affair. There were 24 entries for the latter and 18 cripples for the putting contest, including a broken hand, a cracked rib, a bad shoulder, a crippled back, old age and indifference. Incidentally, as has been stated before, the putting contest or a nine hole tourney should be a regular feature for each outdoor meeting for those not able to play the full 18.

The winners of the putting contest were:

A. Cody	31 (How did he get there?)
A. Anderson	35
P. O'Leary	35

The 18 Hole Tournament winners were:

J. Dombek	71
W. Carter	71
C. Piantedosi	72
M. Brown	72
G. Tedesco	72
J. Sperandio	73

The players who toured the course reported it in excellent condition and all congratulated Charlie Parker for making such a good showing in a short time. Before leaving Rhode Island don't forget the date of the Annual Turf Conference Field Day at Kingston, R. I., August 19-20. There is always something to learn at this meeting. A new idea, a new thought, a new contact, an exchange of viewpoints, a progressive step forward.

*"Knowledge alone is not sufficient; one must also learn to apply it."—Goethe.*

A good example of "Mind over Matter" was observed at the recent Blind Golfers championship tournament at the Wachusett Country Club. The audience was amazed at the golf these boys played and many a spectator returned home with some new ideas on the power of determination. During this tournament our club secretary, Bill Ash, noted that Sim Braio and Guy Tedesco appeared for interviews. They gave Guy an opportunity to try some shorts blindfolded.

Have you paid your club dues? According to our By-laws the deadline has arrived. Only those in good standing this month will have their names listed in the next Newsletter. Don't be among the missing. Check in with our treasurer, Sam Mitchell, Canton, Mass.

It has been noted with sadness that Ray Koon died Saturday, July 3. An agricultural teacher, writer, advisor, and director has passed on. The Greenkeepers Club has lost a booster and a sincere friend.

Monday, August 2, is the date of our next meeting at the Bear Hill Golf Club, Wakefield, Mass. Ted Swanson, the host greenkeeper, is sure to make your visit at his club an enjoyable one. Be on hand.

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