

# NEWSLETTER

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A few days ago a good friend of mine went to the hospital for an x-ray to determine whether he had a cracked or broken rib. He was grumbling and groaning about his plight. His unfinished work was piling up, unsolved problems were increasing, and things in general seemed pretty dark. A few hours of waiting in a busy hospital, however, quickly changed his viewpoint. Over there was a middle aged woman who had driven her car to the hospital and walked into the ward unassisted. How she did it nobody knows because the x-rays showed she had a broken foot. She walked out with a cast and crutches. A bad case of arthritis, but no outward alone. Here was a young lad of 10 waiting patiently for the doctor with a broken arm in a cast, the result of a 30 foot fall. Not a wimper or sign of discomfort. Down the corridor came a lady slowly, tediously on crutches. A bad case of arthritis but no outward indication of pain or discouragement. What was a cracked rib and the loss of a little time compared to the misfortunes of all these other folks. We don't always realize how well off we are until we look about us.

*"Whether the world is blue or rosy depends upon the kind of spectacles we wear. It's our glasses, not the world, that needs attention."*

Just as these columns have stated many times, the work of the greenkeeper is never done. There are many long hours of labor and devotion to the job, and the pay is nothing to brag about. But where will you find a more interesting, a more healthful, a more enlightening occupation than God's out of doors where our management of the grass, the trees, and the flowers makes for greater enjoyment for so many.

*"When the outlook is not good, try the up-look."*

Looking back to our June 7th meeting at the Worcester Country Club, it was apparent that this was one of the outstanding meetings and the following quotation seems to describe the occasion.

*"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in amity"* Psalms.

There was an atmosphere of friendliness, cooperation and good fellowship. The commercial men, the chairmen and the greenkeepers were all one big family. Thanks to the dealers the equipment show and demonstration was one of the best we've had in a long time. No expense was spared to show us what we wanted to see in all types of golf course equipment. Truck loads of machinery came from many points, even a trailer truck load from Pennsylvania. One of the featured demonstrations was conducted by Fred Grau showing how modern equip-

ment can groom a putting surface to the height of perfection in jig time. Our members who are absent from such meetings are missing the boat for ideas, information and contacts. Don't pass them up, gentlemen.

The outdoor buffet luncheon was another pleasant feature at the Worcester Country Club. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it including the short talk by Fred Grau after the luncheon. Thanks, Tony, for a well arranged program and thanks, Sim Braio, too and the officials of the Club for such a grand meeting and such wonderful cordiality. Even the phoebe and the young robin in the archway approaching the locker room got in their friendly greetings.

The two ball best ball greenkeeper chairman tournament in the afternoon continued the enthusiasm and good fellowship atmosphere with 27 teams entering the contest. The winners were:

1st.	J. Dombek — D. Holbrook	net 64
2nd (Four ties)	Guy Tedesco — Bill Cooney	net 65
	N. Mucciarone — P. Kelleher	65
	R. Mucciarone — R. Adams	65
	H. Farrant — Max Hoffman	65
3rd	D. Barry — G. Nickerson	66
4th	A. Barney — Dick Gilley	68
5th (Four ties)	P. O'Leary — F. Moran	69
	G. Webster — R. Woodcock	69
	N. Sperandio — D. Jewell	69
	M. O'Grady — E. Lewis	69

The door prize winners were, White Holbrook, Cosmo Piantedosi, Paul O'Leary, and Orville Clapper. At the short business meeting three new members were voted in. Charles Hilchey, Ould Newberry, Stewart B. Cornell, Nehoiden C. C., Wellesley, Mass., and William Carter, Jr., Acoaxet C. C., Adamsville, R. I. Congratulations, boys. Give a little and take a little for mutual benefit in the Greenkeepers Club of New England.

*"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles by it."*

Thomas Fuller

Our best wishes and earnest prayers for speedy recoveries go out to Harold Mosher, Ralph Thomas, and Chet Baldwin. Anyone near these boys should drop in to see them.

A good turn out is expected at the next meeting, Monday, July 12, at the Agawam Hunt Club, Rhode Island. Charlie Parker will be the host Greenkeeper. We always receive a warm welcome at this club with an excellent lunch. The Hayes Memorial tournament will be held at this time. Shall we see you there?

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