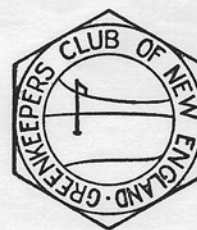


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AUTUMN TIME

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The garb of gold and crimson
The forest is arrayed,
The woodland wears a mantle
Of beauty on parade.

It is a season teeming
With charm and festive cheer,
And life unfolds new treasures
When autumn days are here.

Yes, Mother Nature presents us New England outdoor people with a splendor and glamor during autumn days that is unsurpassed anywhere in the country. For mid-October the brilliance of the foliage has never been more beautiful nor incidentally, the fairways greener and healthier. Golfers who fail to take advantage of every available moment to enjoy this wondrous display have lost the best pictures of the year. To be sure some look and do not see and some do not even look.

"Shakespeare says we are creatures that look before and after; the more surprising that we do not look round a little and see what is passing under our very eyes."—Carlyle.

Assuming that all greenkeepers are observing, pause for moment now and then during your daily routine and see some of the masterpieces on your own course. Share some of your observations with the interested golfers. Compare notes. Enjoy nature in her greatest brilliance for in only a few weeks the scenery will be taken down in preparation for the winter scene to follow. This is a reminder that just around the corner is cold freezing weather and most of us know from experience that Jack Frost takes great delight in testing his great icy strength on any part of your water system where drainage has been neglected. Let's not overlook a thing this year.

Well, a lot of water has gone over the dam since the last Newsletter was written and I do not refer to the old proverb either. Hurricane Carol came while the Newsletter was being prepared and Edna arrived eleven days later and she was plenty wet. Golf courses in the path of these rude ladies suffered to a greater or lesser degree. Some with a great loss of valuable trees and clean up costs, some with loss of turf from salt water and some with a loss of revenue from a long period of flooded conditions. Such momentous happenings adds another wrinkle to the greenkeepers brow, another obstacle overcome, another mark of stability. Hurricane stay away from our door but keep your eye on Hazel.

The September meeting took place at the Manchester C.C. September 13. This was only 48 hours after hurricane Edna. Attendance therefore was noticeably reduced. Damage was not too serious here.

were Sam Mitchell, Jr., Tony Carranci, Jr. and Ray Brigham. It was a beautiful day and the usual fine hospitality at this club was enjoyed and appreciated.

The annual Greenkeeper-Pro Tournament at Brae Burn, September 27, was another close one. Two teams tied for first position and three for second place, as follows:

Paul Yurick - Bill Ash	net 74
Tex McReynolds - Bert Clark	net 74
Vin Obey - Guy Tedesco	net 75
John Bonardi - Sim Braio	net 75
J. Mahoney - Paul O'Leary	net 75

The 18 hole payoff for the Shanahan Memorial Shield was won by Tex McReynolds - Bert Clark. It was a beautiful day and the fairways and greens were in excellent condition. It was a sad sight however to see so many large hardwood trees down as a result of the hurricanes. There are many man hours of labor ahead for cleaning up the mess.

October 4, was the Ludlow Country Club meeting. Although an overcast, humid and sprinkley day the warm hospitality always shown at this club kept the spirits brightened. Doughnuts and coffee were served upon arrival and then the tournament got under way. The leaders were: A. Cody, 1st Gross 76, John Sperandio, net 72, Sam Mitchell, Jr. 72, Mike O'Grady 72, Sim Braio 72, Joe Butler 73, Narry Sperandio 73, John Latvis 74, Phil Cassidy 74, Guy Tedesco 75, A. Sanders 77, and Tony Sperandio 79. In the play-off among the top four net winners John Sperandio suddenly ended it with a three foot put for a birdie deuce on the first hole. The perennial club champs will have to be on their toes at Hyannisport because John had a gross 78. Incidentally, J. S. was the first winner of the cup put up by the Ludlow Club for this event. Through the generosity of this club everyone won a prize including Pat Tameo and Dick Finnerty for a select five holes. This entire interesting and enjoyable day was topped off with a scrumptious banquet put on by Rube White the genial chef.

The last outdoor meeting of the season will be held on the Cape, Monday, October 25. It will be the club championship tournament too so you boys who wield the mighty sticks get limbered up for this event. To get to the Hyannis Golf Club George Rommell, the Greenkeeper host, offers these directions. Take routes 3, 6 or 28 to the Mid-Cape Highway. Follow this highway as far as completed. Take right at traffic circle on Route 132, for 2 miles, then take right to West Hyannis, turn right on Main Street to traffic circle, follow to second road, use this road as far as it goes and turn right to Sunset Hill and Club House. It seems complicated but George says it's the only way. Better start early and ask questions often. There will be a short business meeting at which time the club will vote on the application for membership from Richard Blake, greenkeeper at the Whitinsville Golf Club.

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