

Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England

NEWSLETTER

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The art of presenting one's thoughts to a group of people with ease, confidence and without fear is an accomplishment most of us would like to possess. Recognizing the value of this ability in our own profession the speaker at our April 4th meeting at Waltham was selected from the Dale Carnegie Institute. Mr. Hawkins, a director of this organization, gave a most interesting talk on "Overcoming Fear". Once the barrier of fear is broken down confidence becomes a reality and it is comparatively simple to develop an ease of expressing one's self. This talk aroused the interest of so many of our members it was concluded that there was wisdom in sponsoring a Dale Carnegie class next winter. In fact, 25 members already have agreed to join such a class. The details are as follows:

1. A class of approximately 40 people would be desired.
2. One meeting a week for 16 weeks would be held, probably at the Waltham Field Station.
3. TIME, probably an afternoon on the day of the week selected by the class, 1 P.M. to 5 P.M.
4. Approximate cost \$110.00 each. (Graduates of previous classes say it's the best investment they ever made).

Fellow members, here is an opportunity to better yourselves. An aggressive step toward self improvement, placing you in a new category. It will give you a new skillful tool that may open the door to bigger and better opportunities. (That's what they all say who have taken the course):

"Confidence imparts a wondrous inspiration to its possessor.—It bears him in security, either to meet no danger, or to find matter of glorious trial.—Milton."

reverence to the donors fame, with care transmit them down to other hands."—Shirley.

At the April 4th meeting an application for regular membership from James Calder, Andover C.C., was announced for voting May 2. The following committees were appointed by President O'Grady—*Welfare*—Sam Mitchell, Albert Allen, and Guy Tedesco. *Publicity*—Narry Sperandio. *Retirement and Pension*—Sam Mitchell, Mike O'Grady, Joe Butler, Manuel Francis, and Tony Sperandio.

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Our next meeting, Monday, May 2, will be something different—educational, practical. You can't afford to miss it. All bona fide golf course superintendents (including non-members) and their staff are cordially invited.

Place: Sandy Burr Golf Club, Wayland, located on Route 27, a short distance south of Route 20.
Educational Program starting at 9:00 A.M.
Lunch 12:30
Tournament 1:30 P.M.
Blind Bogey (or similar) for all guests.

The purpose of this educational program is to show by practical demonstration how to do the routine work on the golf course. Therefore the key men under every golf course superintendent should be present. The demonstration will be carried on by experts explaining the details over an amplifying system accompanied by an assistant doing the work. Following is the program:

9:00 A.M. Care of Traps and Aprons—Bill Ash

9:15 A.M. Mowing Greens—Phil Cassidy

9:30 A.M. The Operating Mechanics of Power

For further details contact the following committee, appointed by President O'Grady: Homer Darling, Ray Brigham, L. St. Pierre.

The name, Greenkeepers Club of New England, is all washed up. Gone—erased. In its place has emerged Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England—the result of action taken at the April 4th meeting. The final decision was unanimous. It is only natural that the older members of our organization look upon this change with certain regrets. To have taken part in the formation and development of the oldest club of its kind in the country, guiding, nursing, and fostering its aims, ideals, and sound policies carries with it considerable sentiment. They have every reason to be mighty proud of their accomplishment and the excellent reputation the club has attained. Our younger members can well take heed of these achievements and realize it is their duty to carry on the good name, with wisdom, and deep thought. By your effort you should make the new name, Golf Course Superintendents Association, one we can all continue to be deeply proud of.

"The honors of a name 'tis just to guard; they are a trust but lent us, which we take, and should, in

- 8:30 A.M. The Opening Exercises of the
- Greens Mowers—Albert Allen
- 9:45 A.M. Changing Cups—Guy Tedesco
- 10:00 A.M. Top Dressing Greens—Paul O'Leary
- 10:15 A.M. Fertilizing Greens—Howard Farrant
- 10:30 A.M. Watering Greens—Ted Murphy
- 10:45 A.M. Fine Turf Identification, etc. — Manuel Francis
- 11:00 A.M. Use of The Proportioner—Arthur Anderson
- 11:15 A.M. Tees—Changing Markers, etc. — Arthur Cody
- 11:30 A.M. Weed Control—George Webster
- 11:45 A.M. Fairway Mowing—Narry Sperandio

CAN YOU AFFORD TO MISS IT? NO.

Important. With the prospect of such a large number of guests, by all means send your guarantees to Cosmo Piantedosa now. If you have mislaid the card, notify Cosmo at Sandy Burr pronto.

"True wisdom is to know what is best worth knowing, and to do what is best worth doing."

H. DARLING, Editor.