

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

NEWSLETTER

August 1955

This business of golf course maintainance appears to be a battle of wits against the weather. It takes a rugged individual to bear up under the toil and turmoil, the stress and strain of what Mother Nature has thrown at us this summer. Last meeting you saw the results of excessive heat and drought and next meeting you will see the results of excessive water and flood. Probably there has never been a summer with so many successive and continuous days of 90 degree temperatures and now the climax with 12-15 inches of rain in a few hours.

Here at Juniper, we thought last years hurricane Edna caused the highest water level ever known. But last week this high mark was exceeded by 4-5 feet. Our eighth green was six feet under water for three days and the thirteenth under four feet. The course has been closed for five days up to this writing. But this is all very trivial compared to the loss of life and property throughout southern New England, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. It takes courage for all these folks to start over, to reconstruct, restore, resolve but,

"True courage is not the brutal force of heroes, but firm resolve of virtue and reason. (Whitehead)

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Low Net.	N. Mucciarone-Mrs. N. Sperandio	49-24-25
2nd Net	T. Sperandio-Mrs. Curran	59-17-42
3rd Net	N. Curran-Mrs. T. Sperandio	61-24-37

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Carroll Hall, the genial and hospitable host superintendent made everyone feel at home. He had some beautiful greens to show for his efforts. The drought prevented the fairways from being at their best. Due to a misunderstanding on reservation cards, it was unfortunate

that the attendance fell far short of the luncheon guarantee necessitating our treasury to suffer to the extent of \$28.00.

It was reported that the annual Kingston Turf Conference was the usual success, well presented and well received. Dr. DeFrance got in just under the wire this year on his clear weather record.

The next meeting will take place at Juniper Hill Golf Course, Northboro, Mass. September 12. Our new three year old greens of CI, 19, and 27 at this writing are in fair condition. The old greens are a study of disease, scald and what have you. Many of the fairways are growing a sturdy strain of crab grass and clover and if we do not have another three day cloud burst, most of the course may be above water. Activities will start at 10:40. Alexander Radko, regional director of the U. S. G. A. service section will be present at that time and will be urged to talk at the luncheon. There may be a brief demonstration of stolon cutting and planting, application of a new fertilizer for experimentation, and after lunch a short tour of the new nine for those who prefer not to play in the tournament. The luncheon will be served at 12:30 at the White Cliffs located on route 20, just a short distance from the course. Juniper Hill is located on the Westboro side of Northboro between route 20 and route 9-- just off route 135.

We'll see you here.

H. Darling, Editor

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