

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION
OF NEW ENGLAND

NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 1955

A Merry Christmas to All

*God bless you on this Christmas Day
With happiness supreme . . .
And may you gather all the gifts
Of which you ever dream . . .
May all your friends remember you
With sentiment sincere . . .
To add a world of pleasure and
To multiply your cheer . . .
God bless you with the courage to
Pursue each noble quest . . .
And grant this golden Yule will be
By far your happiest . . .
May all the ornaments and lights
Upon the Christmas tree
Reflect the peace and comfort of
Your loving family . . .
May every moment of your life
Seem wonderful and new . . .
And in the year a week away
May all your dreams come true.*

JAMES J. METCALFE

Little could be added to Metcalfe's Christmas message except to say, "Thems my sentiments to all of you."

It was good to be back at our Winter headquarters, the Waltham Field Station, for our December 6 meeting. The editor is confident that every member of our association is grateful to the officials at the station for making their building available to us. It is an excellent layout, quite accessible, convenient for parking, with ideal interior facilities. We hope no one at the Station is inconvenienced or burdened during our monthly visits.

A satisfying luncheon was served by our regular caterer. Then President O'Grady introduced the celebrities at the head table and announced the following door prize winners: Cassidy, Darling, Finnerty and Sheehan. The educational part of the program was supplied by our commercial friends, The Clapper Company, West Point Products Co., Sawtelle Bros., American Agricultural Chemical Co., International Fertilizer Co., Diehl & Son, and the Terra Lite Co. The talks summarized in general, indicates that 1956 prices on equipment and materials will not differ very much from this year's. Fertilizer about the same, grass seed the same with perhaps some slightly lower,

The Dale Carnegie course under discussion for the past few months did not fair as well. Talks on this subject were presented by Leon St. Pierre, Paul O'Leary and Tony Caranci. The former, a graduate of the course, and the latter two now taking the course. A final show of hands indicated only seven members had the courage to proceed. A minimum of 30 in a class is required but the editor has not yet thrown in the sponge as there may be a possibility of securing outside prospects to raise the number to a satisfactory figure. This will be reported at the February 13 meeting.

The following slate of officers for 1956 was submitted by the nominating committee to be voted upon at our January meeting:

President	Mike O'Grady
1st Vice-President	Manuel Francis
2nd Vice-President	Albert Allen
3rd Vice-President	Narry Sperandio
Secretary	William Ash
Treasurer	Arthur Cody
Educational Com. Chr.	Ray Brigham
Golf Com. Chr.	Joe Butler
Auditors	George Rommell John Keilty
Trustee—3 years	Daniel Silva

Peter Banacos, Stow Acres Country Club, was voted an associate member.

ATTENTION LADIES

*"The deepest tenderness a woman can show
a man, is to help him to do his duty."*

Mulock.

Dear Ladies, God Bless You, your menfolk in this organization are appreciative of your faithfulness, patience, and encouragement shown them during the past Summer's trials and tribulations. They needed your comfort and understanding more than ever when the pressure was the greatest—and you were not found wanting. Many times they were late for dinner, late for supper, and out in the middle of the night with emergencies in their work. Maybe you did scold a bit but down in your heart your sympathy was theirs. SO Now to show their gratitude in a small way they invite you to be their guests at the January meeting—a dinner dance affair. Details as follows:

33rd ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER DANCE

Entertainment and Corsages

Informal Dress

Date January 9, 1956

equipment same except most power equipment may be 5 to 8% higher. Golf Course Superintendents are always interested in new equipment. The feature at this meeting, shown for the first time was the West-points New Aeri-Dryer. A power machine to remove surplus water from the greens. Somewhat similar in general appearance to the Verti-cut it consists of a highly absorbent roller, a metal squeezing roller, and a non-clogging pump. In addition to operating over the greens to remove surface moisture it can work from a stationary position to quickly and easily drain puddles of water from greens and traps. It's a new idea but its timely appearance after last Summer's wet weather opens channels of thought.

The business meeting was full of activity with several decisions for the good of the organization being voted upon. The Code of Ethics outlined in last month's Newsletter was voted to be incorporated in our by-laws as well as on all membership application forms. \$200 was appropriated for use of the Publicity Committee for increased publicity of the association, the Golf Course Superintendent, and education of the golfer in maintenance cooperation. It was voted to entertain the ladies at our January meeting at a dinner dance affair.

Time 7:30
Place Robinhood's Ten Acres
Location Route 20—Between Wayland and Weston

Business meeting 7:00 P.M. Sharp

**Members' Wives Are Guests of the Association
Dealers and Wives Are Invited to Attend**

Your Reservations Will Be Expected

PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED CARD

Don't misplace the information.

*A Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year*

And here is a New Year's thought for 1956 —

*"I will be too large for worry, too noble for
anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to
permit the presence of trouble."*

H. DARLING, Editor

MEMBER

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