

NEWSLETTER

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS
ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

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NEXT MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER, 10.

Whitinsville C.C. Whitinsville, Mass.

Equipment Demonstration 10:30 A.M.

Lunch 12:30 Tournament in P.M.

This course is 15 miles south of Worcester and located in a section of Northbridge just off route 122.

ASK QUESTIONS. SEE YOU THERE.

DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS

Tom Jones was an ultra-conscientious member of the Pine Tree Golf Club. He kept the boys straight on the rules of golf and their golf etiquette. One day he approached the 10th tee and saw a stranger about to hit his ball six feet to one side of the tee markers and he proceeded to ball him out good and proper. The stranger listened calmly and when Tom was through said, "In the first place, what I do is none of your business, and in the second place, for your information, this is my second shot."

No, it doesn't pay to jump to conclusions, whether it be diagnosing some condition on your course or an experiment you may be conducting. This is particularly true in the experimental field. That is why experiment station folks are so reluctant to offer unqualified statements on your questions concerning new products or new practices. There are too many factors involved to tell in one year, two years or several years of expert observation. Yet every year when we leave the Kingston, R. I. annual turf field we feel that we have received good answers and good advice, and have observed a great variety of turf experiments. This was especially true this year on the 25th Anniversary of the Kingston field day—Wednesday August 15. It was an orderly, well conducted meeting overflowing with interesting information. The evening outdoor gathering at the Point Judith C.C. with its Chicken Bar-B-Que and after dinner speaking, including Prof. Dickinson as the guest speaker, was likewise a huge success, notwithstanding the twilight mosquitoes. Paul O'Leary, the new president of the R.I. Supts.

conditioning the course. His hospitality and that of the club officials was heart warming. The unannounced equipment demonstration at eleven A.M. aroused the usual interest. Sawtelle Bros. sponsored ditch digging equipment for laying water pipe and Tony Sperandio-Paulino Bros. demonstrated a new idea in rough mowing equipment. The winners of the attendance prizes at the buffet luncheon were, Milt Brown, Charles Helchey, Francis Malone, John Almonte, and Walter Greus. Thanks to the Sawtelle Bros. for the liquid refreshments.

At the business meeting the Association voted to appropriate \$100.00 to the U.S.G.A. Service Section and \$75.00 to the Rhode Island Experiment Station for turf work. E. J. Murphy was voted in as an associate member and two applications for new members were presented. J. F. Edwards, Leicester C.C. and Frank Carriglia, Marlboro C.C.

It was reported that George Volmer and John Kieilty recently on the sick list are now up and around again.

Arthur Cody, our worthy treasurer, reports that there are still 20 unpaid membership dues on the books. Delinquents please be good members. Send ten bucks at once to Arthur Cody, Wollaston Golf Club, Wollaston, Mass.

WARNING.—Be On Your Guard. This was the subject of a card recently sent out by the New England P.G.A. pertaining to the alarming number of Burglaries at Golf Clubs and Pro Shops this season. The editor wishes to add to this warning because our club was one of the victims in July. You as the Superintendent can be of service to your club by immediately emphasizing this warning to the proper club officials and your golf Pro. The number of breaks and consequent loss is appalling. Some club in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island has been entered nearly every week. Police have not yet caught up with this organized thievery. Here are a few suggestions.

1. Alert every loyal employee in the club house and pro-shop to be on the alert.

2. The surroundings are cased before the

Assoc. presided calmly and ably. Our President O'Grady, on behalf of our association, presented honorary memberships to Dr. Odun, Dr. De France, Prof. Dickinson, Fred Grau, and Robert Mitchell, Sr. All were deeply moved by this gesture. Congratulations again to all the folks involved in this eventful field day.

Ye editor asked some of the visitors their reactions to this meeting. Their replies were,

Agar Brown.—One of the most informative turf conferences I attend.

Fred Grau.—This is one of the top turf field days in the country. Well organized, informal and well presented.

Phil Cassidy.—Glad to see the young station men taking an active part in the program.

Elmer Fuller.—The opening of the new cafeteria for our mid-day meal made quite a hit with everyone.

The August 6, meeting at the United Shoe G.C., Beverly, attracted a sizable and enthusiastic attendance. Joe Butler, the host superintendent, has done a praiseworthy job here in con-

4. The surrounding break by someone, usually the day before the robbery. Be suspicious of inquisitive strangers. Be observing of faces, dress. Get car numbers.
3. Don't leave any cash around after closing. Leave cash registers open.
4. Consider installing amplifying systems or some alarm.
5. Warn police and get their protection where possible.
6. Pros. Keep an inventory of all equipment in the pro shop. Keep a record of all serial numbers on top grade clubs. Don't have too much stock on display. Put away clubs and balls at night if possible.
7. Look over your windows and doors. Make them difficult to jimmy. The pattern of entry is usually by jimmying a window in the back of the building. Ordinary window catches are simple to force open.

IF YOUR CLUB HAS NOT BEEN A VICTIM. WATCH OUT. SPREAD THE ALARM.

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