

Newsletter . . .

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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

"Summer pulls her shrouds closer and walks slowly over the edge of the world as Autumn stretches herself lavishly across the earth."

Jean H. Chaillie.

Autumn crossed our threshold September 22, and summer departed. It was a good summer for our Superintendents. Cool, a minimum of disease and no hurricanes. Certainly a relief from 1955. This dividing line marks the end of nature's active growing period and the beginning of preparations for the winter. Golf Course Supts. have already tuned their activities to this change and are busily engaged in the necessary fall work. As so often suggested in these columns, stop, look and enjoy Nature's Autumn Parade of Splendor. No where in our country is the autumn foliage quite as beautiful as New England's country sides.

*"Seems He saved His brightest colors
for the Autumn o' the year,
For us to hold in mem'ry
thru the long, cold winter drear,
All this pageantry of color
by a Mastermind was planned—
Autumn, spread your waiting canvas—
the brush is in God's hand."*

Mrs. R. Piefer.

Speaking of a job well done, it was apparent after playing the Whitinsville golf course that Donald Ross had demonstrated his architectural ability in this layout. A first glance left the impression that it was a wide open course with possible conflicting fairways. As it was played however, it proved to be a good example of how an expert takes advantage of contours, brooks, ponds, and trees to layout an interesting course on a minimum acreage. There were no conflicting fairways and the strategic use of trees and slopes made it a real test of golf. The course was in excellent condition, by the way, a credit to Dick Blake, the host Supt.

The afternoon tournament at this regular meeting, Sept. 10, was the annual championship. The outcome was a new champion crowned, although we didn't see who crowned him. Bill Carter was the winner with a gross 74 and John Senkarik was second with a 76. The low net winners were, E. O'Kelly 81-11-70 and Paul O'Leary 86-14-72. The O's have it. The morning session was devoted to equipment demonstrations and a soil fumigation exhibit. Our boys appreciated seeing the equipment in action and

recognize, we hope, the time required in their presentation. The splendid buffet luncheon made quite a hit with all the eager appetites, so noticeable at all meetings of Supts. Greenchairman, Mr. Lincoln, gave a brief interesting history of the Whitinsville course. Mr. Lincoln, is one of the old timers in the business, having been a president or chairman continuously for over twenty five years. Quite a record. At the evening business meeting two names were submitted for new memberships, Robert Grant, Supernaut National Golf and C.C., Bolton, Mass. and Vito Locanture, Hopdale C.C., Hopedale, Mass. A show of hands was requested regarding turf work at Amherst. It was unanimously decided that our organization prefers a program of all turf research rather than some extension work.

Divots.—Buster Anderson didn't play golf but he did find a playmate for extra-curricular activities in the locker room. — A few of our better golfers as well as the mediocre ones had difficulty with the ninth hole. — Incidentally, Donald Ross, classified this hole as one of his 18 best. It calls for precision placement to par. — Here are the belated results and winnings of the August blind bogey tournament held at the United Shoe G.C. W. Carter, \$8.00, E. Wolfgang \$5.00, S. Mitchell \$2.50, H. Darling \$2.50 all in merchandise of course. — The last outdoor meeting will be held October 29 at the Attleboro C.C. — Elmer Fuller the host Supt. Al Radko may be there.

Next Meeting — — October 8th

at BRAE BURN C.C.

PRO-SUPT. SCOTCH TOURNAMENT

Only Pros and Superintendents Permitted.

One member of the team must be either a member of the P.G.A. or the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England.

In case of ties an 18 hole playoff must be arranged.

Tee Off Time Not Before 10:00 A.M.

"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."

Dickens.

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