

NEWSLETTER

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS
ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

APRIL 1957

Many Sporting Goods Houses have found that consumer demands in Florida during the winter is a criterion for what will follow in the North. This is especially true at Golf Clubs. Based on the golf play throughout Florida during the past winter it's a safe bet to forecast that northern Golf Course Superintendents have ahead of them this year a record golf play. Assuming this is true, what preparations, if any, should be made to handle the situation? Here are a few reminders:

A. Do Things on the Course to Speed Up Play.

1. Put tee markers near front of tees on week ends. Change markers often.
2. Have sufficient ball washers, properly equipped and filled at all times.
3. Have all out of bounds clearly defined. Be generous with markers. See that they are newly painted. Use painted signs where necessary to clarify out of bounds in questionable areas. Use white (lime) lines in special spots for free lifts.
4. Keep rough cut reasonably short to prevent lost balls.
5. Clear and clean up areas where lost balls slow down play.
6. On congested tees aid the players comfort with sufficient benches, shade, and any innovations pleasing to the players.
7. Maintain as many bubblers as possible. Take steps to cool the water this year.
8. Have small signs made to keep golf carts away from the greens. *Note*—(Judging from the great increase in electric carts in Florida in one year it is becoming evident that they are going to break down our (damns) in New England.) Better be prepared. Plan on storage and charging room.
9. For those who fertilize fairways sparingly, this year, give the thin turf areas a break. Fertilize generously and now.
10. Don't start any major changes during the busy play months. Avoid all changes unless it is an emergency.
11. Arrange maintenance work so that as far as possible, your greensmen, and tractor men, do not interfere with play. Mowing, watering, spraying, as important as they are, must be completed before traffic becomes heavy each day. Keep up with that watering this year. The dry spring has already caught some of the Supts. flat footed on early watering.

Brief Weather Forecasts for 1957

By Ernest Wykes.

Using Astronomical Multi-Cycle System.

Normal temperatures for May and June. July, hot this year, tending toward drought the last week. August cool. September equinox the 23rd. Complications at this time. Watch out for Hurricanes. October and November below normal temperatures. Much cooler than past several years.

"Think ahead; today for tomorrow, and even for many days beyond; do not wait to think until you are overcome."

Dr. James Watson, agronomist for the Toro Company, was the guest speaker at our April 1, meeting at the Waltham Field Station. Interesting slides were shown covering the Toro experimental turf plots in Minnesota and some recent pictures taken at Brae Burn showing the widespread attacks of snow mold on fairways. Because of the severity of snow mold this year it received special attention in the discussion. Few Supts. had seen such a heavy infestation of this disease, undoubtedly caused by early snow storms in December before the ground had frozen.

DISA and Data on the Meeting. Attendance prizes were won by George Webster, Bob Musciorone, John Connors, and Ross Sawtelle. ——— Joseph Capozzi, Norfolk C.C. was voted a member. ——— Membership application was read from Antonio Asquino, Sun Valley C.C., Rehobeth, Mass. ——— Special attention was given to the awarding of 25 year membership pins to George Rommell, Simeo Braio, Pat Tamio, Oscar Chapman, Franklin Hammond, and Homer Darling. ——— It was rumored that John Brock is about to move to Florida. (It's great country John.)

THE FIRST OUTDOOR MEETING OF THE SEASON

MAY 6th — WOODLAND C.C.
Auburndale, Mass.

Equipment Demonstration 11:00 A.M.
Luncheon 12:30 P.M.
— Tournament Following —
By-law Committee Meeting 10:00 A.M.

"That done with deliberation is done quickly enough, and better; what is made in haste is unmade as quickly."

H. DARLING, Editor.