

# Newsletter

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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS  
ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

The Merrimac Golf Club, at Methuen, was an excellent choice for the August 5 meeting and the association's Championship. The hospitality at the club was par-excellence and the course was in fine condition in spite of the drought. Robert Mucciarone, the host supt. is to be congratulated for his fine showing here. The championship had its thrills too with three prospective champs tied at 78; Arthur Cody, Milton Brown and John Sperandio. The sudden death play off ended on the second green with a twenty foot putt sunk by Milt Brown to become the 1957 Champion. The low net winners were,

N. J. Sperandio	80-17-63
William Ash	90-24-66
N. Mucciarone	97-29-68

At the short business meeting John Grady, Brookline Municipal, was voted a member. A membership application was read from Henry J. Homans, Jr., New London, N. H.

*"There's nothing so sweet as a well earned rest when you've had a busy day*

*To take your ease with conscience clear, knowing you can say —*

*That you put your best into the thing you had to do —*

*And rendered honest service in a manner straight and true."*

Patience Strong.

The Kingston, R. I. turf experiment conference took place August 15. For 26 years the University of Rhode Island has annually entertained the Golf Course Supts. at their experimental plots. It is one of the high-lights of the year on the Supts. calendar because here one sees the most complete and extensive turf experiments in the east. This year it was even more extensive than ever. In all the 26 years they have never been rained out. But this year it looked bad for a while. The heavy mid-day down pour forced a temporary indoor conference but the rains disturbed no one. Everyone knew it was badly needed through out the North East. The question on everyone's mind was, "Is it raining at my place?" Later they found it was mostly No.

Following the shower there was still time for the tour over the experimental plots. And very much worth while it was. Space does not permit a summary of the talks given on all the experiments but here are a few quick notes. Leafhoppers may do more damage to lawn and fairway grass than suspected.

If found serious in your area, check with D.D.T. or Chlordane ——— Combination all purpose fungicide sprays are likely to become increasingly popular and will improve with time. Keep up with them. ——— Merion Blue Grass now lower in price is an outstanding grass especially for tees and lawns, but does not make its best showing alone. It's always best in a mixture such as, 25% Merion, 25% Kentucky Blue and 50% Chewing Fescue. ——— All authorities who have experimented with Urea-formaldehyde fertilizers very optimistic about its success. Every Supt. should get hep to this labor saver and try it right away. ——— The writer noticed on the turf dye experiments, Stays Green and M819 gave the best results.

The writer was not in attendance at the Chicken Barbecue but knows it was as tasty as ever. One of the Best tributes to this annual conference was the large turnout in spite of the threatening rain.

*"Progress is the activity of today and the assurance of tomorrow"*  
Emerson.

## HEAR YE HEAR YE HEAR YE

Those who have not paid their dues up to date are in danger. The names of all paid up members will be listed in the Sept. Newsletter ——— Don't fail to be on this list.

Send the 10 Bucks now to Treasurer Arthur Cody, Wollaston Golf Club, Wollaston, Mass.

## GOOD NEWS

Announcement has been made from the University of Massachusetts by Assoc. Prof. Elliot Roberts that the regular winter turf school will start again January 13, 1958.

## THE NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 9 The Ludlow Country Club

Going from eastern Mass. take the new toll highway to Exit 7, Ludlow. Turn right then take right next four corners, then right at the next four corners. Ask questions.

The Rhode Island and Connecticut Supts. Assoc. are invited. Blind Bogey for those without established handicaps. Play off at any time. Have a snack during the day.

— Dinner at 5:30 —

*There is always a good time at Ludlow.  
Don't Miss It.*

H. DARLING, Editor.