



NEWSLETTER



GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

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A long time ago, when this editor was a youngster, he was by chance invited into the home of a rich family. There was a momentary thrill at being ushered into such an elegant mansion, but when this bashful, barefoot, farmer boy was left alone in the spacious and luxurious living room, the huge paintings on the wall, the solid mahogany furniture, and the lush Persian rug all seemed to take on a frigid appearance, as much as to say, "what is that scalawag doing in here?" The boy looked down at his feet and saw the dirt unnoticed before, and the tear in his trousers previously of little importance. He didn't dare to sit in those chairs and the dirty feet seemed quite out of place on the clean soft rug. He felt very uncomfortable and wished he was back on familiar ground.

Of course this story doesn't parallel our visit to Vespers C.C. June 3 but there may be some similarities. Some of the boys may have cringed when taking a divot from the lush tees or a gouge out of the Persian rug fairways. There was no question about the superior quality of all greens, tees, and fairways at Vespers, and the credit due Manny Francis for this showing. Sometimes we get a superiority complex about our own course until we see what someone else has done. It does us good to have our pride jolted once in awhile. What Manny has accomplished in improving his fairways we all can do if we lay out a program and set out to do it.

"A right judgment draws as a profit from all things we see." Shakespeare.

This chairman meeting at Vespers was very well attended reaching a figure of over 130. The commercial men deserve much credit for the part of the program they presented with the equipment show. It seemed to this writer, however, that they were deserving of better attention than they received at this type of meeting.

The tournament winners forwarded for publication seemed somewhat vague to the editor

but here they are just as received, John Dombek, Walter Greus, D. Rawlinson, Mel O'Kelly, R. Sawyer, E. Perry, F. Moran, F. Bornham, W. Coolidge, W. Carter, D. Gilly, R. Martin, W. Ash, Sam Mitchell, Jr., J. Nies, and G. Coxe.

The door prize winners were numerous. Sam Clapper, Milt Brown, Douglas Carr (Whitinsville C.C.), W. F. Burnham (Pres. Meadow C.C.), John Connors, Joe Vektorino, Jim Brown, Al Allen (Fertilizer) and John Latvis, (Ball Washer). At the business meeting the following applications for membership were read, Sam Mitchell, Jr., Sharon C.C. and William Dest, Cohasse C.C.

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NEXT MEETING

The Country Club, Brookline, Mass.

July 1st

Short tour of course	11:00 A.M.
Luncheon	12:30
Tournament	1:30

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Perhaps some of you saw the write-up about The Country Club in the last U.S.G.A. Journal quoted in part as follows:

A BREAK WITH TRADITION

"The Country Club, Brookline, Mass. which this year celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary, has broken with tradition surrounding its famous old championship course in order to provide a longer test and better facilities for the Amateur Championship."

Our Club has not had the pleasure of meeting at this club for many years. You will want to attend this meeting and see this famous course being prepared for the Championship.

"General observations drawn from particulars are the jewels of knowledge, comprehending great store in a little room."

Locke.

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