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"It is not a merit to tolerate, but rather a crime to be intolerant."

Shelley

Webster says, "Tolerance is the disposition to be patient and fair toward those whose opinions or practices differ from one's own. Look fellows, this is not intended to be a lecture but just a few frank words for the good of the association. The editor refers to the chaotic moments that prevailed during the business meeting held at Woodland. The gremlins were certainly working overtime stirring up conflicting ideas at that meeting. The editor purposely stayed on the side lines to listen and observe and this was what ran through his mind at that time. It is a healthy situation seeing so many members expressing opinions. Normally, it is difficult to stir up ideas and nothing should be said or done to discourage it. BUT a bit of caution might be suggested—and that is to THINK before speaking.

"The sober second thought of the people is seldom wrong"

M. Van Buren.

It is the easiest thing in the world to criticize something or somebody, and another thing to actually do it yourself. Our association enjoys a membership of over one hundred but the men who are actually doing the work for the organization, using up time and energy for your benefit and mine are very small in number. They could be practically counted on one hand. So give them support, co-operation, and a willing hand. Let them do their work unmolested. They will prove their worth. And here's another idea while we are talking about it. Before making any motion in a business meeting—THINK.

cial golf ball prize donated by Pro Ancy Doyle. At the business meeting Antonio Asquino, Sun Valley C. C., Rehobeth was voted a member.

The 18 hole tournament prizes winners were: N. J. Sperandio, 1st; M. O'Kelly, 2nd; and a 3rd tie between William Carter and Guy Tedesco. The 9 hole winner was John Dinardi.

The course was reported in excellent condition and it was good to note that the Woodland Green's Chairman gave Norman Musciarone much credit for its condition. Congratulations Norman.

FUTURE SUMMER MEETINGS

Are Scheduled as Follows:

June 3	Vespers Country Club
July 1	The Country Club
Aug. 5	Merrimac C. C.
Sept. 9	Ludlow or Wannamoisett
Oct. 7	Brae Burn
Oct. 28	? ?

Next Meeting . . . VESPERS COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE 3rd

The Chairman Meeting

Equipment Demonstrations at 10:30

The cards regarding this meeting are in your hands now. Please return information requested promptly.

Manny Francis states that you may bring as many as three of your officials to this meeting.

A hasty poorly-worded motion many times unnecessarily delays procedure, and in the end often has to be withdrawn for a better one. A clear, concise, wise motion usually passes without alteration and saves time. Before making a motion therefore, think out the wording and ask yourself, is this best for the association.

"Unreasonable haste is the direct road to error."
Moliere

The turnout was excellent for our first outdoor meeting of the season at the Woodland C. C. May 6th. There was a good audience waiting for the equipment demonstration and exhibition preceding the luncheon. On parade were the Atco Greens mower, The Greens Air Special, Toro Tractor and Fairway Mower, Ryan Sod Cutter, The Bunton Whirl Mower, and a Junior caterpillar powered by a 9 h.p. Briggs & Stratton motor. Thanks to the commercial men for their time and expense in presenting the show.

The luncheon was a pleasant surprise of Filet Mignon ala Greens Delight and Superintendents Joy. And did the boys murder it.

The door prizes went to Ross Sawtelle (now a triple threat prize winner), Guy Tedesco, Mario Finizza, William Carter, and Phil Cassidy won the spe-

For the benefit of both old and new members it might not be out of place to explain one of the main purposes of the chairman meeting, and that is to SELL. To sell yourself, your association and your job to the men of influence at your golf club. Most of these men are so busy with their own businesses they have no idea of the scope of the superintendents job and the complications involved. They are not aware of the importance of our association to them, the golf club and to you. For these men to mingle with our group at a meeting is usually an eye opener. That is why it is important to influence your chairman to attend, and if he can't possibly be present try to get his representative, or his second, third and fourth choice among the directors.

This special chairman's meeting was never intended to encourage the attendance of the best golfers from your club just because they are good golfers but more because they are officials and are in a position to be aided by our association, and in turn perhaps aid us.

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

Shakespeare.

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