



# NEWSLETTER



December, 1958

## A happy and prosperous New Year to you all!

We assume, of course, that the usual Merry and Joyous Christmas was enjoyed at your house with all the stockings filled to over-flowing and a few extra's left for POP. Now just ahead is the New Year with its usual challenges. What 1959 has in store for us, above us and around us, may be in the crystal ball, but who can read it? We as Golf Course Superintendents have no control over what happens above us with the Sputniks, the Vanguard's, the Thors, and the Jupiters, but plenty can and will happen there in '59. What only a few years ago appeared to be pure imagination in space travel now has some reality. The rapid development in this direction *is out of this world.*

Before we turn over the last page of '58 and start the first chapter of Book 1959, we should consider what we did to improve ourselves, our family, our job and our Association during the past year. Did we learn to be bigger men, more tolerant, more understanding, and more friendly? Were we better husbands, fathers, and family advisors? What did we give to our job that was better than the year before? What did we do for our Golf Course Superintendents Association more than just attending? What can we do in 1959 to make it a better Association?

Your help and guidance will be certainly needed at the Annual meeting.

The By-law committee and especially its chairman has been busy re-writing our by-laws. The By-laws have been modernized and brought up to date to comply with wishes of the members and the intent of our organization. The committee hopes great progress will be made

These four points sum up the interesting talk and discussion on turf disease:

1. *Identify*
2. *Eradicate*
3. *Protect*
4. *Cultural aids*

The National Turf Conference and Show will be held the week of January 25-30, 1959. Don't forget our own Spring Turf Conference at the University of Massachusetts in co-operation with the University and its capable Dr. Eliot Roberts.

Both of these events should be on your schedule as professional improvement.

It seems that we might be host to the National Turf Conference and Show in 1961 or 62.

We are happy to report that Dave Barry is up and about and recovering rapidly from his recent illness.

We were pleased to hear from Frank Wilson, a charter member, honorary member, former President, Treasurer and one of the main cogs in the early development of our Association. This is the letter received:

*"I went to Charles River on September 1, 1923 and served continuously until July 20, 1942 when I went into the army engineers working with the first corps of engineers on construction and the first service command on maintenance winding up with the first division army engineers on Governors Island in New York. I returned to Charles River on November 1, 1947,*

in acting on the new by-laws.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for 1959 at the December meeting:

President ..... Albert Allen  
1st Vice President ..... N. Sperandio  
2nd Vice President ..... J. Butler  
3rd Vice President ..... Ray Brigham  
Secretary ..... William Ash  
Treasurer ..... Arthur Cody  
Trustee — 3 years ..... Michael O'Grady  
Educational Committee ..... David Silvar  
Golf Committee ..... Guy Tedesco  
Auditors ... Arthur Anderson, Philip Cassidy

Dr. Klomparens, pathologist with the Up-John Company was our speaker for the December meeting and his illustrated talk on turf disease was very timely.

One of the points Dr. Klomparens brought out was that often two or more diseases appear at the same time complicating diagnosis and treatment.

*"Lived at Charles River for 35 years, served as greenkeeper or superintendent for nearly 31 years, just a temporary job.*

*"I am now living at the above address (85 Lincoln Street, Framingham, Mass.), and have a small vegetable garden, a good sized flower garden and am still trying to grow a good lawn under trees.*

*Best Regards,  
Frank H. Wilson"*

**The ANNUAL MEETING will be held  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1959  
at the Waltham Field Station  
Luncheon will be at 12:30 noon.**

This will be a business meeting. Remember — even if you can not vote, your opinions are just as important to others and the association.

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