

NEWSLETTER

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS
ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

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The Newsletter has, from time to time, emphasized the importance of trees on every golf course not only for protective windbreaks and shade but to accentuate the quality of the entire course. We saw this in August at the Lake Sunapee Course and again at the September 8th meeting at the Cohasse Country Club, Southbridge, Mass. Upon arriving at the Cohasse Club one is immediately impressed not only with the variety of trees, but the manner in which the great mass of trees has enveloped the course so that only a glimpse of a fairway here and there may be seen. It is more intriguing this way. The variety of trees was noted immediately upon arriving in the parking space for directly in front of our car was a group of ash trees. The writer remarked "what kind of ash trees are those with such funny looking bark"? The answer came from one of our humorous passengers, "Silly ash."

The gathering at Cohasse was a pleasant one in spite of unexpected heavy showers during the enjoyable luncheon and during the tournament play following. The course was in excellent condition, both fairways and greens. Unqualified credit was given to Supt. Dest by the Club officials for producing these results in a comparatively short time. Congratulations Bill for a job well done.

FROM THE ROUGH. The non-playing arm chair group had their seats dusted off (and a few dumped off) riding the demonstrator Roly-Poly roller. What the boys will do for free. — The magic number (or non-magic) for the day was seven. Exit seven on the toll highway was suggested, but it proved to be in Ludlow only 45 miles out of the way. Quite a few took the extra trip including Ye Editor. Sorry Fellows. The writer was without his hearing aid when the number was received over the phone. (Moral . . . No bookie experience.) — Ray Brigham made the trick shot of the day. His approach shot to the ninth green stopped on the Club House piazza. It was just a simple putt off the floor to near the cup for a par. — President Francis has announced the following Nominating Committee who will report the 1959 slate of officers at the December meeting. A. Cody, Chairman; A. Caranci, Jr., R. Blake, M. O'Kelly, T. Swanson. Also the following Spring Turf Conference Committee for 1959: P. Cassidy, Chairman, A. Allen, P. O'Leary, R. Brigham, A. Cody, A. Anderson, and R. Blake.

Now that the summer has officially passed undoubtedly most Superintendents have made a list of odd jobs to complete before freezing weather and bitter cold sets in. If you need a few reminders here are a few:

1. Avoid breakage in the water system this year from an unexpected cold night. Make a note of the vulnerable areas.

2. Clean out brooks. Sticks and leaves dam.
3. Last call for outdoor painting. Look over all woodwork for a needed coat. Check signs, posts, etc. Haul in before snow flies all jobs for inside paint work.
4. Make sure all equipment is under cover before the snow comes.
5. Check the whole course now while the foliage is on the trees for later tree work. Note dead trees or limbs. Note where live limbs might be removed where interfering with golf shots. Likewise bushes along the edge which may slow play. Mark the place for a new tree here and there.
6. Especially check trees and limbs near greens to improve air circulation. Drastic pruning may be needed. Poor air drainage was the cause of increased disease trouble during unfavorable weather conditions this year. Avoid hemmed in pockets around greens when planting new trees.

NEXT MEETING

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There has been a mix up in the dates for our two October meetings. The Mass. P.G.A. with a new secretary arranged their schedule early in the season listing the Pro-Supt. Tourney at Brae Burn for October 13. This date will be celebrated as Columbus Day and is an impossible date for Brae Burn. The Pro-Supt. Tournament has therefore been scheduled at **Brae Burn for OCTOBER 27th** Please note.

This will be a Scotch tourney. Selected drives and alternate shots. The Supt. who has an established handicap with the Golf Course Supts. Assoc. of New England will use one-half his handicap. Supts. without established handicap will play from scratch. One member of the team must be either a member of the P.G.A. or the Golf Course Supts. Association. This does not exclude the Pro who is not a member of the P.G.A. In fairness to him however, it should be stated that in case of a win he would not receive a cash prize from the P.G.A. but would receive the plaque put up by the Golf Course Supts. Assoc.

Note the Date — OCTOBER 27.

What About Our Regular Meeting October 6?

We assume you will receive a card as soon as arrangements have been completed and in time for October 6th.

"To know how to wait is the great secret of success."
— De Maistre.

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