Newsletter

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND



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"Variety is the very spice of life, that gives it all its flavor."-Cowpee.

Variety, that was just one reason for the success of our August 4 meeting at the Lake Sunapee Country Club, New London, N. H. The layout of the course in the vicinity of a mountain, the natural growth of hemlock, spruce and white birch bordering the fairways was all different from the surroundings in Massachusetts. Even the weather had variety with a quick passing shower after lunch but otherwise perfect. Then there was the delicious buffet lunch served out of doors, certainly a pleasant variety. Distance seemingly was no obstacle because the attendance was excellent. Some of the boys even arrived the night before to enjoy the overnight facilities of the club and a longer relaxation.

Henry Homan Jr., the host Superintendent, who had the course in excellent condition, made sure there was a variety of moving scenery on the course with comparatively tame wild foxes trotting over the fairways. And did you all notice the row boat at the tenth tee overflowing with colorful varieties of tuberous rooted begonias? This was really spectacular.

The golf played at this course should all be inspiring in the presence of the grandeur and stateliness of Mt. Kearsarge (3,400 foot elevation) to be seen from practically every fairway. We know of one instance at least where the inspiration did not appear in the score. We assume however, that the leaders in this, the championship tournament, did turn in worthy scores. This information appears in a supplementary edition contributed by Milt Brown, the tournament chairman. At the brief business meeting, John Hudyke, Franconia C. C., Springfield, Mass., was elected an associate member. The winners of the door prizes were, First, Elmer Fuller, an 18" Toro Whirlwind Power Mower donated by the Clapper Co.; Second, Ted Swanson, high ball glasses (also donated by the Clapper Co.); and Third, Paul O'Leary, an oscilating sprinkler, donated by Greenland Service Corp., Concord, N. H.

All agreed that this was an interesting and restful meeting. Just what the boys needed with the preceding weeks of pressure. July and August are always the annoying ones weatherwise with the hot, damp, humid nights; this year being one of the worst for disease. Equipment men stated that more fungicides and chemicals in general were sold this July than any year they remember. Let's hope that September will produce clear, cool weather.

"In all things it is better to hope than to despair."-Goethe.

THE SEPTEMBER 8th MEETING

will be held at the Cohasse Country Club, Southbridge, Mass.

Bill Dest, the host Superintendent, promises an enjoyable day, and Milt Brown, a novel tournament.

Arthur Cody, our treasurer, is turning Indian this month and is after the scalp of everyone who has not paid up his current dues. Paid up members will soon be published in the Newsletter.

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