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There were fifty members present at the Annual Meeting.

At the fine luncheon, door prizes were won by Ray Brigham, Phil Cassidy, Pat Pasqualucci and Albert Allen.

"A man is a worker. If he is not that he is nothing" - Joseph Conrad

This was a work meeting as well as the Annual election of officers. The By-law revision committee was disappointed that membership in the National Association was not made compulsory for regular members. The committee does feel, however, that sentiment expressed during discussion indicates National membership will be mandatory in the very near future. The revision of the By-laws will be discussed and voted on again at the February meeting. Please bring your copy of the revised By-laws.

A committee of William Ash, Narry Sperandio, Philip Cassidy and Michael O'Grady was appointed to draw up an appropriate letter on the matter of the ripple sole type of shoe report by the U.S. Golf Association.

The feeling of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England is that the report was premature and inconclusive. It was pointed out that the findings were not in agreement with a report in the Autumn, 1948 Journal of the U.S.G.A. No one argues with the comfort of this type of footwear. The one specific objection to the ripple type sole is that it disturbs the grass of the putting surface to the extent that the surface is not smooth, remains uneven for an extended period, and leaves markings and indentations obvious to even the most casual golfer.

Several Country clubs have banned this type shoe from the course. One club has even incorporated this ban in their By-laws.

Our Association has received a letter from the N. E. Professional Golfers Association stating their definite objections to this type sole shoe on the putting areas.

The following slate of officers was elected for 1959:

- President Albert Allen - Kernwood C. C.
- 1st Vice President N.J. Sperandio - Concord C. C.
- 2nd Vice President Joseph Butler - United Shoe C. C.
- 3rd Vice President Raymond Brigham - Rhode Island C. C.



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Slate of Officers - Continued

Secretary William Ash	- Dartmouth C. C.
Treasurer Arthur Cody	- Wollaston C. C.
Trustee 3 yrs. - Michael O'Grady	- New Bedford C. C.
Educational Committee	
Chairman Richard Silver	- Oak Hill C. C.
Golf Committee	
Chairman Guy Tedesco	- Charles River C. C.
Auditors	
Arthur Anderson	- Brae Burn C. C.
Philip Cassidy	- Weston G. C.

The application of M. Wendell, Superintendent at Locust Valley G. C. Attleboro was read and will be voted on at the February meeting for Associate membership.

The February meeting will be held Monday, February 9th at the Waltham Field Station.

The Educational Committee will present the following speakers: Dr. Eliot Roberts will explain the purpose and function of the Massachusetts Turf and Lawn Grass Association and its connection with us and the University of Massachusetts, the committee is fortunate to have obtained Edward Kudrna, the field service man and trouble shooter for the Jacobsen Mfg. Company who will speak on servicing and maintaining your equipment. Mr. Kudrna is one of the best qualified men in his profession -- don't miss his talk.

Luncheon will be at 12:30 noon.

Don't forget it is Monday, FEBRUARY 9, so that we don't interfere with those returning late from the National Turf Conference and Show in Chicago.

Homer Darling sends regards to all from Tuscon, Arizona.

Philip I. Cassidy

Business Manager