



Newsletter

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Little did this writer realize April 15 in commenting about the possible winter damage to our local golf courses that the injury was so wide spread and so severe. An article in the May Golfdom by O. J. Noer, and President Ramsden's message in the Northeastern Golf Course Superintendents Association's Collaborator, indicates that winter injury was general all the way from Minnesota to New England. While it doesn't improve our own difficulties to learn that there are many others in the soup with us, at least it makes our mental load a little lighter.

What the Superintendents are faced with this spring is a real test of character. It takes a good man to stand up to a major set back on the course and the barbs and darts that come from the uninformed and undiplomatic golfers.

Cheer up. There is an old saying, "Things are never so bad but what they could be worse". This might be worth considering at this time. Dr. Noer and Al Radko both offer encouraging words to the effect that time and warm weather will rectify the situation to a far greater degree than it seems possible at this writing May 18.

"Man must be disappointed with the lesser things of life
before he can comprehend the full value of the greater"..... Bulwer.

The Ludlow Golf Course, the scene of our first outdoor meeting (May 4) survived the winter quite well. Early spring activity by host Superintendent John Dombak presented a course that was in remarkably good condition. A distinct credit to John.

The prevailing spring conditions took its toll in the usual attendance for the first outdoor meeting, and those who were absent missed an excellent equipment display by the McGovern Company, and the Toro Company consisting of the Aero Thatch, Royer #10, Verti Cut, Aerifier, Power Lawn Beauty, National Tri-Flex 84", Jacobsen Greens Mower, Goodall 20, Rotary, Toro Greens Master, Ryan Greensaire, and Power Spiker. The demonstration of the Aero Thatch was timely and appeared to be the machine of the hour for over seeding of damaged greens.

As usual the numerous tournament prizes offered by the Ludlow members just about took care of all entries. If many of the prizes had been tested and consumed before leaving for home it is possible that the journey might have been long and winding. The winners were,

A. Cody low gross 80, M. O'Grady 86. Low nets. Milt Brown 70, Ray Brigham 72, Guy Tedesco, Dick Blake, M. O'Kelly, and W. Ash 73, Wolfgang and Mileski 74, S. Mitchell Jr., 75, and P. Mitchell 76.

At the eleven o'clock business meeting the important order of unfinished business was the voting on amendments to the revised by-laws and the adoption of said by-laws. After due discussion the by-laws were adopted with certain conditions, the gist of which is as follows:



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The Superintendents all praised the condition of the course. Tees, fairways and greens were all in good shape. Congratulations, Sam Mitchell, Jr. for your good work and for a pleasant sojourn at Blue Hill.

Other CAW-Ments.

The boys who had their coffee break upon arrival enjoyed the pool and surroundings.

Prizes for the Blue Hill Tourney may be obtained from Guy Tedesco at Metacomet during the next meeting.

Arthur Cody, our treasurer, would far more appreciate the Association dues being paid now than having to remind you of it.

Shame, did you see some of our Supts. riding the power carts as tournament contestants? The Answer. The Victor Golf Cars were supplied for free.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of John Nyhan, originally a pioneer blacksmith and for many years the Pennsylvania Mower Representative John was a grand gentleman. Had he lived a few weeks longer he would have reached his 86th birthday.

NEXT MEETING

JULY 13

At The Metacomet Golf Club

East Providence

This will be a joint meeting with the Rhode Island G. C. Supts.

Be sure to return cards to

Host Supt. Pat Tameo
Whose smiling Countenance will greet
you at Metacomet.

There will be no equipment show.

This will be the Association's Championship Tourney and an added new feature the first annual Seniors Championship for all members over 55.

A full handicap event.

A special Business Meeting at 10:30

Lunch At 12:30

Tourney At 1:30

Don't Miss This Meeting.

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