



Newsletter

December 1960

The annual meeting was held December 3, 1960 at the Waltham Field Station. Attendance was very low probably due to the fine weather conditions plus the first day of hunting season. Listed are some of the more important results of the meeting.

A letter was read from James E. Thomas, President of the G. C. S. A. thanking everyone for their cooperation during his term of office.

A letter from Doctor Gene Nutter in regard to the November special meeting was read.

All committee Chairmen who were present gave reports.

Albert R. Auger was accepted as an associate member.

Nary Sperandio was presented his 25 year pin.

Les Allen the out going President asked for comments on the following subjects: Association stationary, Newsletter, Service group, Bound book of Association By-Laws and member roster. As a result of the discussions it was voted to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of a bound set of By-Laws and member roster to be made available to members.

Les Allen the out going President was given a gift by the Association as a token of appreciation for his service the past two years.

Election was held with the following results:

President	-- Nary Sperandio
First Vice-President	- Joe Butler
2nd Vice-President	- Ray Brigham
Secretary	- Bill Ash
Treasurer	- Arthur Cody
Trustee	- George Webster
Trustee	- Mario Finazia
Finance	- Phil Cassidy
Education	- Bob Grant
Newsletter	- Dick Blake

The special meeting held November 16, 1960 at the Waltham Field Station brought together most of the top Turf Men in the country. After a delicious roast beef dinner the education program commenced as follows:

1. Tate Taylor, USGA reported 1960 as one of the best years for turf in New England in quite some time. 1960 found States south of New York suffering from a serious crabgrass problem but other than that, a productive season was enjoyed by all Superintendents.

On Snow Mold prevention, Tate stated that if possible, three applications should be made with a well known fungicide. If one application must be made with snow on the ground, Milorganite or Agrinite should be used. Tate stressed that this application is much more beneficial than no application at all.

2. Sherwood Moore, Superintendent of Winged Foot Country Club and a director of the G.C.S.A., discussed "scorched earth program one year later". Sherwood a while back burned a number of his fairways with plans for reseeding. His conclusion was that results are good where burning is complete although some Poa Annua survived.

Sherwood reported his fairway program was as follows:

Fertilized light but often using approximately 1/4 to 1/2 lb. of N per 1,000 sq. ft. per application. A total of 2 lbs. of N was used for the year.

Sprayed fairways with PMAS at the rate of 1 quart per acre for Dollar Spot Control. Sprayed Chlorodane once and also sprayed on one application of iron.

Aerified fairways during the Fall and aero-thatched the bad spots and seeded same with Seaside and Astoria Bent.

Sherwood also said that his tees were aerified with gang units twice, aero-thatched and overseeded with Seaside Bent. All tees at Winged Foot are cut with greens mowers.

3. Dr. Richard Skogely, University of Rhode Island, revealed that plans are under way to start some new experimental plots and the possibility of a new Turf Program.

4. Donald Waddington, University of Massachusetts, discussed plans to continue the Education Program and to spend more time on research.

5. Geoffrey Cornish, Golf Course Architect, gave his opinion on the following:

The proper technique of mixing soil and sand for greens construction. Mr. Cornish brought forth the fact that thorough mixing is extremely important.

Penn Cross looks good for New England as it develops quite rapidly although a few more years of observation may be necessary as it is only about three years old. The older types of bent such as Velvet, South German, C-1-19, Astoria and Seaside should not be discredited even with the new types of bent being produced.

If greens stolonized with C-1-19 are slow spreading, Verticut to speed filling in. Verticutting stimulates lower root growth.

A great deal of leaching occurs in our New England soils, especially in new greens. This is due to heavy freezing and then thawing which may occur several times during a winter.

6. Dr. Harris, Director of the Waltham Field Station, showed slides on the control of Crabgrass. Experimentation showed that DACTHAL and ZYTRON showed excellent results. Dr. Harris stated though, that the results warrant further continuation of work with this project. His experiments were on Bluegrass and Fescue with the Fescue suffering some damage. No Bent grass was available for experimentation. One important factor was noted in that moisture plays an important part in the control of Crabgrass with chemicals.

7. Joseph Troll, University of Massachusetts, gave a preview of the Turf Conference to be held at the University of Massachusetts on March 9th and 10th, 1961.

He said that the par 3 golf course that was planned at the University has been stymied because of the great amount of building now going on on the campus.

8. Dr. Gene Nutter, Executive Director of the G.C.S.A., gave a very amusing talk entitled "Caddies, Cars, Catastrophes." His excellent speech, which probed into the Space Age Golf Course, may very well become a reality although we hope it will be well beyond our generation.

Next Meeting

January 9, 1961	Waltham Field Station
Board of Directors Meeting	9:30 A. M.
Business Meeting	10:30 A. M.
Lunch	12:30 P. M.
Educational Program	1:30 P. M.

Guest Speaker: Mr. William Harding, Greens Committee Chairman, Dedham Polo & Country Club and Member Greens Section Committee USGA.

At the January meeting there will be a question box, please write your questions and plan them well in advance of the next meeting.

Coming Events

January 27, 1961 - USGA Greens Section Educational Program - New York City, N. Y.

January 29 - February 3, 1961 - 32nd International Turfgrass Conference and Show - Golf Course Superintendents - Association of America
Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Canada

If you are a member of the National but don't plan on attending the conference, please take your proxy vote to the New England Meeting January 9 and give it to one of your delegates.

Nary Sperandio and Dick Blake are the New England delegates.

- WANTED FOR 1961 -

Attendance at our meetings

Interest in our programs

Cooperation in our Association

Seasons Greetings to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year 1961.

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