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NEWSLETTER

April 1961

The April meeting was held April 3, 1961 at Waltham Field Station.

All Committee Chairmen present gave their reports.

Julius J. Aksten Supt. St. Mark's Golf Club, Southboro, Massachusetts was voted an associate member.

Dave McCarthy Assistant Supt. Mt. Pleasant Country Club, Boylston, Massachusetts was voted as Assistant Member.

An application for associate membership was read from Bruce C. Silven Supt. Warwick Country Club, Warwick Neck, R. I.

Bill Barrett Supt. Nashawtuck C. C. Concord was appointed to make door prize chances available to members at all future meetings.

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Next Meeting

A joint meeting with Rhode Island Association Country Club of New Bedford - May 1, 1961  
Ladies Invited - Golf when you arrive (but give Mike's men time to cut the greens.)

Business meeting after lunch  
Bar-B-Que - 5:00 P.M. - Dancing will follow  
Cost \$15.00 per couple. Single members \$7.50.

Please send card indicating your attendance.

Mike reports the Whaling Museum will be closed due to the whale shortage but will re-open around June 15, anyone who hasn't visited this museum should do so when they are in the area.

- Tentative 1961 Schedule -

May 1, 1961

Country Club of New Bedford  
Supt. - Mike O'Grady

June 5

Longmeadow Country Club  
Supt. - Leon St. Pierre

July 10	Dedham Country and Polo Club Supt. - Bob Muccironi
August 7	(Open)
September 11	United Shoe Country Club Supt. - Joe Butler
October 2	(Open)
October	Supt. Pro - Bra Burn

Chet Sawtelle Elected Selectman of Marblehead, Massachusetts. Congratulations Chet - Congratulations also to Manny Francis, Jr. who recently became a proud papa.

James R. Kollett appointed to the Green Section Staff - Jim is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island with B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agronomy where he studied under Dr. DeFrance - Jim will work out of the Northeastern District of the Eastern Region, USGA.

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#### YOUR NEW SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Recent changes made in the Government Social Security Program will affect several million U. S. citizens. I suggest you read the newly adopted amendments listed below for they may apply to you and your family now or at later date.

Age limit changed on disability benefits. A person can now qualify for disability benefits without regard to his age. If he has worked long enough under social security and if his disability is severe enough to meet the definition of permanent and total disability in the social security law, he and eligible members of his family may draw the benefits even if he has not reached 50 - the age requirement in the prior law.

More earnings allowed after retirement. Unchanged is the rule that a person can get social security benefits for every month of the year if his earnings for the year do not exceed \$1200. But, for amounts over \$1200 - the following formula applies beginning in 1961: one dollar in benefits is withheld for each \$2 of earnings between \$1200 and \$1500. If a person earns more than \$1500, he forfeits a dollar in benefits for each dollar that his earnings go over the \$1500 amount. However, in spite of this rule, no one will forfeit benefits for any month that he earns \$100 or less in wages and does not render substantial services in self-employment.

Survivor's benefits increased. Families drawing social security survivor's benefits for two or more children and not now receiving the maximum payable to a family will find an additional amount added to their social security checks for December 1960. This is because of a change which calls for payment of an amount equal to three-fourths of the base amount to each child. This is changed from the formula which provided for one-half of the base amount to each child with a quarter of the base amount divided among all the children. Families affected by this change will automatically receive the additional amount on the social security check which will be mailed to them in January 1961.

The amount of work required to get benefits is reduced. Instead of needing two calendar quarters of work for every four quarters after 1950, the number of work quarters required is now one for three. Unchanged, however, is the provision that no one may get benefits without at least six quarters of work.

The following table shows how much work you will need under the new law for benefits to be paid when you reach retirement age (65 for men, 62 for women), die, or become disabled.\*

Retirement Age in	Work Needed	Retirement Age in	Work Needed
1956 or earlier	1½ years	1969	6 years
1957	2	1970	6½
1958	2¼	1971	6½
1959	2½	1972	7
1960	3	1973	7½
1961	3¼	1974	7½
1962	3½	1975	8
1963	4	1976	8½
1964	4¼	1977	8½
1965	4½	1978	9
1966	5	1979	9½
1967	5¼	1980	9½
1968	5½	1981 or later	10

\*To get disability insurance benefits, you must also have social security credit for 5 out of the 10 years just before you become disabled.

#### THE COST OF SOCIAL SECURITY

On January 1, 1960 the payroll tax rates increased from 2½ to 3 per cent. Further increases in tax rates are scheduled every three years until 1969, when the total tax on your wages will be 9 per cent - half paid by you and half by your employer.

Year	Employer		Employee	
	Rate	Maximum	Rate	Maximum
1960-1962	3%	\$144	3%	\$144
1963-1965	3½%	168	3½%	168
1966-1968	4%	192	4%	192
After 1969	4½%	216	4½%	216

For further information about how these amendments affect you, contact your area Social Security Office.

The Editor - Dick Blake

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF N. E.

Proposed Budget of Expenditures for 1961 by Finance Committee

	1960 Actual	1961 Budgeted
<u>Receipts</u>	\$1,721.88	\$1,725.00 (estimated)
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Welfare Fund	35.00	100.00
National Convention		300.00 (voted)
Publicity Committee	22.50	150.00 (voted \$100.)
Newsletter (inc. printing)	311.51	300.00
Printing (Stationery)		160.00
(Bylaws)		400.00 (voted)
Educational Committee	156.83	575.00
Gavel to Retiring President		
Donations (Ouimet-DeFrance)	90.90	100.00
Golf Committee	108.00	120.00
John Shanahan Shields	45.00	45.00
Other Expend. (Conference Program)	95.00	
Service Charges		
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	\$ 864.74	
<u>Estimated net loss for 1961</u>		525.00
Cash on Hand	185.00	
Checking Account	2,376.51	
Savings Account	1,139.07	
Trustee Account	725.00	