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NEWSLETTER

July 1961

The July meeting was held July 10 at the Framingham Country Club, Framingham, Massachusetts.

The Larchmont Engineering Co. displayed a new type bird nest automatic irrigation system which proved very interesting.

John Sperandio the host Supt. on short notice provided an excellent lunch of tenderloin of beef and all who played golf enjoyed the golf, especially the new nine.

The hospitality provided by the club, Larchmont Engineering and Tony Sperandio was very much appreciated.

Several guests were present at our meeting, Joe Trapeano and Bob Anderson from Larchmont Engineering.

Ron Kirby and Red Smiley from Toro in Miami, Florida.

Herb Johnson from Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

John and Dick Singleton - Singleton Irrigation, Manchester, Massachusetts.

Joe Oldfield's son Peter, a Senior at West Point.

Joe Troll, University of Massachusetts - Joe would appreciate any Supt. who has disease to send a plug to him at the University. Send a plug with disease and a plug without disease from the same green.

A.E. Grutzmacher - Vereeniging, South Africa, representing Buckner Irrigation. Mr. Grutzmacher described golf courses in South Africa, of interest to all was the dues structure.

Dues for a golfer at private club	\$21.00/year
" " Bowling	\$15.00 - \$16.00/year
Entrance or Initiation Fee	\$15.00

Caddy Fees	\$1.00 / 18 holes tip included
Labor	\$9.00 - \$15.00 per week
Supts. average	\$180 per month

However the cost of living is below half in comparison to the U. S. South Africa in Johannesburg area enjoys the highest standard of living in Africa.

July and August in the Winter season the average temperature is 68°. Day-time temperature often 125°, but very cool nights due to high elevation.

- Golf Winners at Framingham -

Low Gross - Mel Wandel 75
Art Cody
Leo Brown

Low Net - John Callahan
Sil Paulini
Paul O'Leary

Next Meeting

The N.E.G.C.S.A. Championship Tournament and Seniors Tournament (age 55 and over) will be held at Oak Hill Country Club, August 7, 1961.

The place - Oak Hill C. C., Fitchburg, Mass.

Host Supt. - Tom Curran

The date - August 7, 1961

Business meeting - 11 - 12:00 - All members are urged to attend the business meeting, this is the time and place to make suggestions for the good of the Association.

Lunch - 12:30

Charlie Wilson Agronomist, Milwaukee Sewerage commission will be present.

Golf after lunch.

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Sime Braio and John O'Connor are now fine after a round in the hospital.

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Arthur Anderson has C1-C19-C27 stolons for sale on a first come first served basis.

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The September meeting will be held September 11, 1961 at United Shoe Country Club, Beverly, Massachusetts.

The editor - Dick Blake

WIND GLOSSARY

Winds and air currents effect every one from day to day and the golf course is no exception.

AIR DRAINAGE

The flow of air down a slope or channel. Air tends to flow downhill, due to gravity, when its density is greater than that of the adjacent air at the same level.

"During clear nights when there is but little or no general wind, there usually is a flow of the surface air, commonly most pronounced in ravines, down the sides and along the basin of every valley. At most places this movement is gentle to very slow, but in those exceptional cases where the valley is long and rather steep, especially if covered with snow and free from forest, and still better if fed by a gently sloping plateau, the down-flowing air current may attain the velocity of a gale and become a veritable aerial torrent. This drainage flow is known indifferently as the mountain breeze, or mountain wind; also canyon wind and gravity wind."

PREVAILING WIND

The direction from which the wind blows during the greatest proportion of the time. It is sometimes defined as that direction from which the wind flows with greatest frequency; but since the frequency is usually taken from automatic records which indicate the direction once every minute, the "greatest frequency" corresponds to the "greatest length of time".

SHIFT

As applied to the wind, to change in direction. The wind is said to "veer" when it changes direction clockwise; to "back" when it changes direction anti-clockwise; and to "shift" regardless of direction of the change.

TIDAL WIND

A light breeze caused by the tide at places where the tidal rises and falls are very large; in rising, the tide displaces considerable air which flows away, and in falling leads to a return of the air. Similarly, landslide and avalanche winds are caused by the displacement of masses of earth or snow.

VALLEY BREEZE

A gentle wind blowing up a valley or mountain slope in the absence of cyclonic or anticyclonic winds; it is caused by the warming of the mountainside and valley floor by the sun.

WAILER

A fallen tree lying in the fork of another tree and causing a howl or wail, produced by friction, when the wind produces movement of the two trees.