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The August meeting was held Aug. 5, 1963 at the Portsmouth Country Club, Portsmouth, N. H.

Kenneth Cody, Wollaston Golf Club, was voted an associate member.

Arthur Anderson was appointed delegate; Bob Grant and Dick Blake appointed to the policy committee to represent the New England Association at the 35th National Turf Conference and Show Feb. 9-14, 1964 in Philadelphia.

Of interest to all G.C.S.A. of A. members is the recent long awaited Pension Trust Plan, this plan has the full approval of the S.E.C. It is to be administered by the Bankers National Life Insurance Co. of Montclair, N. J., who will also provide the insurance portion.

Prior to the Philadelphia meeting, a personal contact will be made with each member in his own locality. This will enable all members to become personally acquainted with all facets of the pension plan.

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John J. Kealty, Supt. The Country Club, Brookline, Mass. was recently presented a citation of Performance Award by G.C.S.A.A., (U.S.G.A. Open Tournament). This award is presented to worthy Supts. at the site of our six major tournaments across North America, including the U.S. Open, U.S. Amateur, P.G.A., when the Supts. at the host courses are members of G.C.S.A.A.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Harold Mosher who died recently in Newton Harold was a past president of our Association and Supt. Leo Martin Golf Club for many years.

The Research Institute of America recommends that you check the amount of money the government is crediting to your social security account. Postcard forms for your inquiries may be picked up at your local social security office.

Golf Tournament Results at Portsmouth

Low gross			
Bill Carter			81
Phil Mitchell & Art Cody			82
Low net			
Bob Mucciarone	86	(18)	68
John Mileski	91	(23)	68

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Next Meeting

Sept. 9, 1963 - Longmeadow C. C., Longmeadow, Mass.
Host Supt. - Leon St. Pierre

Business meeting - 11:00

Lunch - 12:30

Golf after lunch - Club and Seniors Championship Tournament

The editor

Dick Blake

Either the use of carts will have to be limited or golf courses must be redesigned. This is the opinion of Manuel Francis of Vesper Country Club and a veteran member of the New England Golf Course Superintendents' Association.

Francis whose own course is in wonderful condition, blames the indiscriminate use of carts as a contributing factor for the poor conditions found at most Clubs this Spring.

He agrees that weather is the main culprit and he says that only good weather conditions can bring courses back to their customary lushness.

"But the use of carts by players who don't need them have not helped one little bit", Francis claims. "I'll show you places on several courses where the damage was done by the wheels on these vehicles."

He pointed out that every course — all the private Clubs at least, have signs directing the course of the cart. He also showed damage on his own course made by drivers of carts who disregarded the signs.

"Right around the greens and tees you can see wheel tracks, deep tracks", he went on. "It's not only one cart. The marks of several are there. Ruts are deep and it will take a long time to correct the damage."

Francis admits carts have a place. The original idea of the machine was to aid older golfers and players who suffer physical handicaps.

"They have a right to use them", he said. "The cart gives them the chance to play the game we all love. But the younger men and women with nothing wrong with them tell you they play for exercise. Still, they ride carts. Great exercise!"

It's a rare course now that doesn't have some kind of a watering system for fairways and greens. A cart traveling through the soft turf digs deep ruts. Another cart follows the same path. The ruts get deeper. Before long the fairway is damaged beyond repair.

It's not good to travel in the rough, either" Manny claims. "The rough is there as a test of golf. Carts travel through it and wear it down. Soon the grass can't grow and all that's left is a dirt roadway. These things destroy the purpose of the game."

The solution, as Francis sees it, is for more golfers to play the game as it was meant to be played — on foot; or else to have course designers take over and put in roads for carts.

"Have them lay out areas for carts to travel and keep carts in those areas. Or else we'll have car racing on these courses and not golf", he said.