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The annual Pro - Supt. Golf Tournament was held Oct. 14, 1963 at the Bra Burn C. C. Newton, Mass.

Host Supt. Art Anderson had the course in fine shape considering the damage done during the Spring of 1963 which will long be remembered by all. In fact the entire year of 1963 will long be remembered for the dry and cold Spring and one of the driest Falls in recent New England history. Reservoirs, streams and wells are down and the soil is powdery. Dry air has been sucking the moisture from vegetation. Dead leaves line forest floors. These are ideal conditions for field, brush and forest fires and firefighters have been running all month. Gov. Peabody closed the woodlands of Massachusetts, also closed were woodlands in Conn., R. I., New Hampshire and Southern Maine.

The dry fall was a continuation of a dry summer. For months a succession of large high pressure areas has dominated the weather pattern of the Northeast. What a few "lows" (storm areas) have managed to break thru haven't amounted to much. Rainfall to date has been too much at one time and too fast to yield much lasting good.

Turf areas had a record amount of traffic this entire year and the unseasonable fall resulted in more play and a later golf season.

There has been no normal fall growing season and what the Spring of 1964 may bring is anybody's guess.

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The Nov. 4 meeting held at Waltham was a seminar on Turf Winter Kill, and this program was well attended (120). Various experiences and points of view were discussed. Winter Kill is definitely a problem and each year sees more of it. More research is being conducted each year and different and various kinds or types of Winter Kill are being studied.

### Business meeting:

President Joe Butler appointed Tom Curran, Supt. Oak Hill C. C., Fitchburg acting educational committee chairman to replace Bob Grant, who is leaving our Association and area to assume duties as Supt. Woodbridge C. C., Woodbridge, Conn.

Bob Grant will be missed by our Assoc. and his many friends and co-workers. He joined us in 1956 coming from N. J. and he was responsible for the well known and well maintained Runaway Brook C. C., Bolton, Mass. which certainly helped many Supts. upgrade their maintenance and professional standards. He has worked hard on many Assoc. committees, did an excellent job as educational chairman and as President of the Mass. Turf & Lawn Grass Association.

Bob certainly contributed to the professional status of Golf Course Supts.

The December and annual meeting will be held December 2, 1963 at the Waltham Field Station.

Directors meeting 10:00 A.M. Lunch 12:30  
Business meeting 11:00 Educational program 2:00

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Lawrence Murphy, Rep. Asphalt Institute of America.

Subject:

1. Road construction & path construction in relationship to golf courses.
2. Liquid asphalt used to prevent bank erosion.

The Slate of Officers for 1964 is as follows:

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#### THE EXECUTIVE

As nearly everyone knows, an executive has practically nothing to do except to decide what is to be done; to tell somebody to do it; to listen to reasons why it should not be done, why it should be done by someone else, or why it should be done in a different way; to follow up and see if the thing has been done; to discover that it has not; to inquire why; to listen to excuses from the person who should have done it; to follow up again and see if the thing has been done only to discover that it has been done incorrectly; to point out how it should have been done; to reflect sadly that one could have done it right in twenty minutes; and, as things turned out, one had to spend two days to find out why it had taken three weeks for somebody else to do it wrong.

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WANTED — Interesting and informative articles for the Newsletter.

The editor

*Dick Blake*

## GOLF ON FROZEN TURF

Every golf club has its die-hards who won't admit that the golf season has come to an end, and who will continue to play when the course should be closed.

Frost itself does not cause any particular damage to turf and is actually beneficial, in that the expansion caused by the freezing tends to break up the compacted areas.

Playing on frozen greens can cause damage, especially when the surface has thawed and the soil underneath is still frozen. Plant tissues are damaged during this period. Footprints often can be observed after play on frosty areas, and they can be seen for a long period afterwards.

There can be root damage as well, caused by the action of the golfers feet pushing the soft unfrozen surface across the frozen area beneath, thus shearing off the roots.

If play has to continue regardless of the damage to the turf, it would be wise to consider temporary greens. These should be mowed fairly close to give the golfer a satisfactory putting surface.

Along the same lines it would be desirable to mow an area in front of the tees to protect the turf on the tees.

Any club desiring to have the best turf in spite of these conditions would be wise in putting up a sign that reads, "GO SOUTH YOUNG MAN, GO SOUTH".

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