

NEWSLETTER

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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held December 7, 1964 at the Waltham Field Station. A directors meeting was held in the morning.

Next Meeting

January 18, 1965 Waltham
Directors Meeting 10:30 A. M.
Business Meeting 11:30 A. M.
Lunch 12:30 P. M.
Education Program 1:30 P. M.

Paul F. Toland — Service Supervisor
Group Division of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., "Accident & Hospital Insurance Plans."

Movie on Development of Ford tractors and implements.

Officers and Directors picture to be taken at this meeting.

License For Pesticide Use

This law becomes effective February 1, 1965. Supervisory and or Operational license to be required. Information regards the above may be obtained by writing:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Pesticide Board, Room 527
State House, Boston, Mass. 02133
Att: Mr. L. F. Wells, Jr.

I'd like to take this final opportunity as editor to wish the entire membership a Happy and Joyous Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Also to thank the many Supts. and commercial men who have contributed articles and pictures to the Newsletter.

Sincerely yours,
Dick Blake — editor

USGA GREEN SECTION CONFERENCE ON GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT

Subject: Fairways and the Rough
Friday, January 29, 1965
Biltmore Hotel, New York, N. Y.

Business Meeting

Highlights

1965 SLATE OF OFFICERS

President Leon V. St. Pierre
First Vice President. Anthony Caranci, Jr.
2nd Vice President. Richard C. Blake
Secretary Floyd Wiget
Treasurer. Arthur Cody
Trustee (3 years). Nary J. Sperandio
Finance Committee Chairman William Ash
Education Committee Chairman
Thomas Curran
Golf Committee Chairman Edward Murphy
Newsletter Committee Chairman
Manuel Francis, Jr.
Auditors (two past presidents)
N. J. Sperandio
Joseph Butler

Leon V. St. Pierre was appointed delegate to the National Association, Tony Caranci, Jr. and Dick Blake were appointed to serve on the policy committee.

Please send proxy votes to Leon at your earliest convenience.

President Butler appointed a survey committee to compile the results of our survey — Many Francis, Jr. Chairman, Leon St. Pierre and Dick Blake.

Voted a regular member:
Harry E. Sanborn
Supt. Hanover C. C.
(at Dartmouth College)
Hanover, N. H.

Voted an associate member:
Leon L. Blodget, Sr.
Supt. Kittansett Club
Allen St., Marion, Mass.

Golf trophies were presented to our two champions:

Club Champion 1964 Mell Wendell
Seniors Champion 1964 Joseph Dandurand

Frank Morean, Sales Rep., Sawtelle Bros. announced that Ken Turner will be associated with Sawtelle Bros. as of January 1, 1965. He also announced that a service school on Jacobsen Mowers, Cushman Haulsters and golfcarts will be held early in March 1965. Supts. and mechanics are invited, exact dates and location to follow.

Our association has 24 new members as of December 1964.

Soil Cultivation & Aerification

When time is all important and soil cultivation plus aerification is desired I don't believe there is a better method than the one I feel I had good success with this fall.

I've seen the versatile Cushman Turf-Truckster do so many things that I had to try aerifying greens with it.

Last Spring I had a special fairway aerifier made; with heavy traffic on my tees and aprons I wanted an aerifier that wasn't too wide, loaded with spoons and each disc able to turn independently to eliminate any possibility of tearing. A modified version of a West-Point "Utilifier" model U-2 is what Frank Marean of Sawtelle Bros. had West-Point Products come up with. It has ten 3/4 inch thatch spoons on each 18 inch disc, has ten discs for a total of 100 spoons and cultivates a four foot swath.

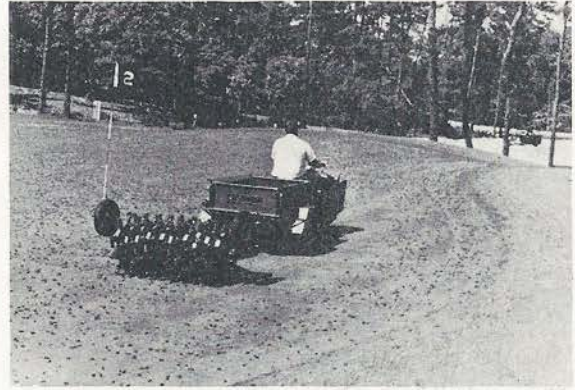
With no tearing whatsoever, no matter how sharply the tractor was turned, I felt the least I could do is try aerifying my nursery with it. It was so successful I kept right on going. At first I thought I would have to do all my turning off the greens but soon found I could turn on the greens with no problem whatever. I found that with the Truckster in first speed - low range I could aerify most any size green in less than 15 minutes. In fact I timed the aerifying of three greens totaling more than 18,000 sq. ft. and it took only 30 minutes.

The only thing that stopped me from aerifying all the greens in one day was that they couldn't be verticut and cleaned fast enough to keep the golfers from complaining about putting conditions. I'm sure this problem will soon be solved and the Turf-Truckster will probably figure into it.

One other thing it has been used for in regards to this particular operation is the pulling of a drag-mat to mat in topdressing on the greens.

I think I will use the same size spoons in the Spring but might go down to 1/2 inch in the Fall when the weather is warmer and there are more golfers. The larger spoons make for rough putting for a couple of weeks unless you topdress heavy enough to close the holes sooner.

by Charles I. Gardner, Supt.
Blue Rock G. C.
South Yarmouth, Mass.



President's Message

This past year has no doubt been the longest golfing season any of us have ever experienced. The adverse effects of the three successive years of drought are showing all around us, but we haven't seen anything yet. We New Englanders pride ourselves in being thrifty people, but, in reality, we are a wasteful lot and rather short-sighted, with not much future planning. This last Fall's water shortage was a good example of this.

Likewise, with our Association, we have developed a negative attitude, become apathetic with the problems we face in regards to our professional improvements. We should strive to get more turf grass research at our own University of Massachusetts. We should take a special interest in serving on a committee, when asked to do so. Life is too short not to make it a successful one.

I am happy to report that the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England is in a period of growth with the changes in our By-laws and the golf course building boom making this possible. May I extend to the entire membership my deepest appreciation for giving me the honor of serving as President, of this fine organization.

Leon V. St. Pierre
President

In Memoriam

Our sympathy is extended to John O'Connor and family on the recent death of his mother.



To all of our readers
 A healthy and happy
Holiday Season and New Year

Ode To A Golf Course Superintendent

He must have the patience to listen to those
 Whose only ability is snipping a rose.
 On Sunday AM, he just be neat and meticulous
 Though the players are hung-over and ridiculous.
 He must hold his temper and not get tough
 When needled about the mighty long rough.
 He must not blow up or open his yap
 Though constantly heckled about prints in the trap.
 He should grit his teeth and close his eyes
 As from the fairway the divot flies.
 He must turn away and try to yawn
 When thru the trap a cart is drawn.
 He should be considerate instead of mean
 To a player banging his putter on the green.
 If you can do all this and not lose your reason
 You'll still be with us, come next season.

Bill Barrett, Portsmouth Country Club

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