



# NEWSLETTER

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# Golf Course Superintendents Association

## AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting was held at the Woodland Golf Club. Host Superintendent, Norm Muciarone, had the course well manicured. Golf was enjoyed during the rain in the afternoon.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held September 13th at the Jug End Barn, South Egremont, Mass. Members of the Connecticut and Northeast association are planning to join us. Let's all make it a success and come. Many are planning to bring their wives.

## DIRECTIONS TO JUG END BARN

From Boston by car:

Take Massachusetts turnpike to interchange #2. Then South on Routes #102 and #7 to 41 through South Egremont, Mass.

## OCTOBER MEETING

The October Meeting will be held the 18th at the Brae Burn Country Club. This is the Pro-Superintendent's annual tournament.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

This was the annual Superintendent's tournament.

1st Gross	Al Mellon	74 - Trophy
1st Net	Ron Kirkman	68
2nd Net	Manny Francis	69
3rd Net	Mel Wendall	71

## Senior Tournament

Cosmo Piantadosi	Trophy
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After attending our monthly meetings at our member clubs, and at the Waltham Field Station, during the winter months, I find myself driving home with mixed emotions.

Invariably, the subject of salaries for the Superintendent and wages for the golf course workers arises.

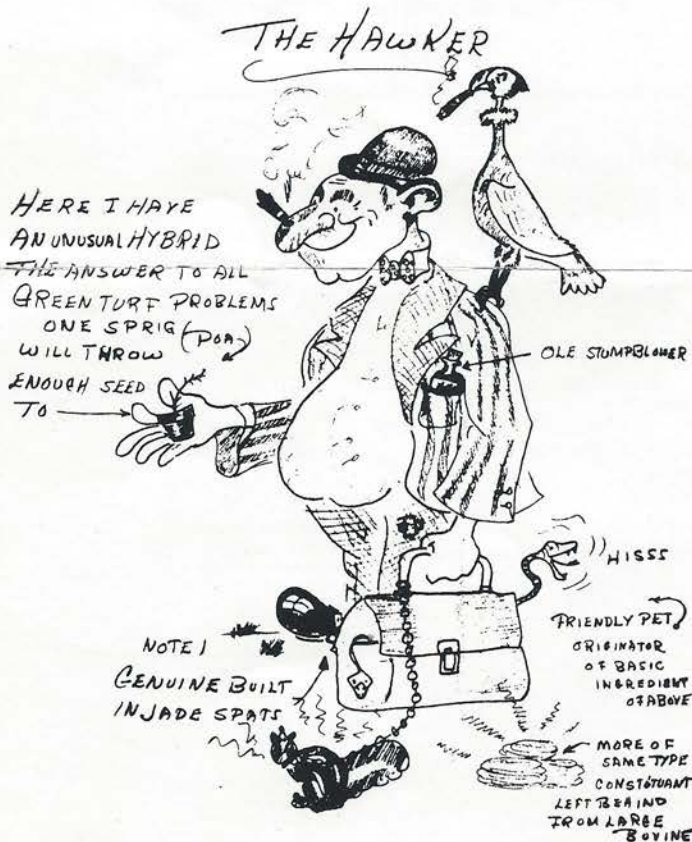
The big cry is, "we cannot get good help". It is a small wonder that any self-respecting worker will want to work under the conditions some of these so-called high class, respectable country clubs have to offer.

Let us start off in the bowels of the golf course, the Maintenance Building. Some of these buildings are no more than a lean-to, or a remodeled chicken coop, with a dirt floor; outdoor plumbing; a pot-bellied stove that gives off enough noxious fumes, to send anyone to the undertaker's, had the building been weather-proofed.

For a beginner, get your Maintenance Buildings in order, where a man may have physical relief, be able to wash his hands and face before lunch, provide him with a locker, central heating and ventilation.

These decrepit buildings are a throw back to the depression days, and are a menace to anyone around them. When this has been accomplished, then, you will see better labor and salary conditions.

Leon V. St. Pierre  
President





## NEW MEMBERS

### VOTED IN AS REGULAR MEMBERS

James Diorio  
Long Meadow Golf Club  
Lowell, Mass.

Donald Reynolds  
Millis Country Club  
Millis, Mass.

### APPLICATION RECEIVED FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Wayne Zoppo  
Assistant Superintendent  
Mt. Pleasant Country Club  
Boylston, Mass.

## EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Experience, unlike education, cannot be bought or sold for a set monetary value, for who is to say that ten years doing this particular job or twenty years in that particular job is worth just so much in cold cash. A teacher's pay for instance is determined first by his educational degrees and then by his length of service; the military by rank and THEN by longevity and so on in almost any field of endeavor. I doubt very much if I am far off the beam when I say that success, to a high position of respect and earnings, is in direct proportion to the amount of each that a person has acquired.

Experience comes through time, and through this facet we are all equal. We all have twelve months a year and four seasons to learn what and what not to do.

Education is where the separation begins for it is here that we learn what is best for any particular problem, when it arises, and the trial and error factor is reduced ninety per cent or more.

The plant and soil sciences are obviously our primary concern but higher math, english, psychology, and writing are subjects that will change and improve our method of thinking and communicating. Speech and management can always be improved. Everyone has a weakest point and knows what it is. This is the place to begin and continue your education.

Regular day schooling would be the fastest method, but it is not necessarily the best or the only way. For all of us know it would be highly impractical and probably out of the question if we have families to support. Night school would be the second choice. It is here that we can probably fulfill any desire for additional education because of its wide scope and freedom of choice. No one lives too far from a night school today and the hours of classes are ideally suited for the Golf Course Superintendent. Four years of college can be acquired by this method. It can be one night or three nights a week. Your own comfortable pace can be set without any difficulty.

Correspondence courses are also available and those of us who have taken them know that they are expensive, sometimes difficult and not to be taken as an easy way out. Their biggest advantage is their convenience and the completion of courses is recognized at most schools for full credit.

And there is an additional method I would like to recommend. That is the book clubs. In my humble opinion there is no better than The American Garden Guild Book Club, Garden City, L. I., New York - 11531. We all grow trees, flowers, and shrubs and probably would like to know more about them. Every month they offer books written specifically about each phase of gardening, designing, planting and plants themselves. If you are having any problems in this area, here is your solution.

All of this has not meant to imply that a man with a certain amount of education is necessarily equal to a man with thirty years of experience in our profession; although there is no question that he very well may be with ten years of experience leaving him twenty years to become a better man.

No one has ever become outstanding in his field from a "forty hour week". Self improvement through continued studies on your own time is one step toward that goal.

James J. Reidy  
G. C. Supt.  
Tatnuck Country Club



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Grounds Equipment Co., Inc.  
383 Boylston Street  
Newton Centre, Massachusetts

Abbott Spray and Farm Equipment Co.  
Waltham Street  
Lexington, Massachusetts

The Charles C. Hart Seed Co.  
Wethersfield, Connecticut

The Clapper Co.  
1121 Washington Street  
West Newton, Massachusetts

Sil Paulini Inc.  
Loam Specialists  
Hopkinton - 435-4370

Geoffrey S. Cornish  
Golf Course Architect  
Fiddler's Green  
Amherst, Massachusetts

Larchmont Irrigation Co.  
Larchmont Lane  
Lexington, Massachusetts

Wyandotte Chemical Corp.  
709 Salada Building  
Boston, Massachusetts

Lee Patten Seed Co.  
20 Beck Road  
Arlington, Massachusetts

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The Kenneth Barrie Co.  
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Minerals & Chemicals Philipp Corp.  
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Of Importance

The GCSANE will have an exhibit in the Massachusetts building at the Eastern States Exposition, September 18 through September 26. The plans are to have sports personalities and fashion shows during the exhibit. The main theme will feature a course on the Cape. Help make it a success by volunteering a day of your time.

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