



# NEWSLETTER

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# Golf Course Superintendents Association

## DECEMBER MEETING

The first indoor meeting of the year was held December 6th at the Waltham Field Station. This was the Annual meeting in which the following members were voted into office.

President	- Leon St. Pierre
1st V P	- Anthony Caranci
2nd V P	- Richard Blake
Secretary	- Tom Curran
Treasurer	- Arthur Cody
Educational	- Robert Grant
Finance	- William Ash
Trustee	- Joseph Butler
Golf	- Edward Murphy
Newsletter	- Manuel Francis

The various committee reports were read at this time and were accepted. The golf trophies were presented by Ted Murphy to Al Mellon for the Association championship and Cosmo Piantadosi was the recipient of the Senior trophy. Arthur Anderson was presented a Silver service with creamer and sugar for his outstanding service to the association.

Phil Cassidy read the proposal for a N.E.G. C.S.A. scholarship to be awarded to students who attend the university of Massachusetts and pursue a curriculum related to Agronomy.

Recognition tie clasps were authorized for 10 year, 15 year, and 25 year members.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Waltham Field Station January 3rd.

Schedule:

Directors Meeting	- 10:30 a.m.
Business Meeting	- 11:00 a.m.
Lunch	- 12:30 p.m.
Speakers	- 1:30 p.m.

There will be two guest speakers for the afternoon program. Kenneth P. O'Donnell, who was Appointment Secretary to President Kennedy,

will speak on his relationships with the President.

Peter H. Brownell from the Chevron Chemical Co. will speak on aquatic weed control.

1966 Officer's elect, Al Mellon, Cosmo Piantadosi, and Arthur Anderson come prepared to have your pictures taken. Bring your trophies.

## TURF CONFERENCE

The Second Annual N. H. Turf Conference will be held January 22, 1966 at the Highway Hotel, Concord, N. H. Registration time will be 9:00 a.m.

The United States Golf Association will have their show January 28th in New York City.

The 37th G.C.S.A.A. Turfgrass Conference and show will be held February 13-18, 1966 at Kansas City, Missouri.

## "CREEPING PARALYSIS" ON THE GOLF COURSE

(Continued from October)

7. The "Dawdler" ... He creeps and crawls. Every act, every motion, is painfully slow. He is entirely oblivious to his pace. Nothing disturbs him, certainly not the 75 or 100 others behind him who are fuming because the play is so slow.

8. The "Eternal Optimist" ... The Class C or D player who waits until the foursome in front is 300 yards away, and then calmly dribbles his ball 30 to 40 yards.

9. The "Unconscious One" ... His ball is in the trap but he makes no move for his wedge until the caddy, carrying double, is on the other side of the fairway, 50 yards away. Two to five minutes are lost until the caddy reaches him.

10. The "Writer" ... He stands around on the green long after his foursome has completed the hole, meticulously "marking down" everyones scores, while other foursome are waiting behind him to take their shots to the green.

LOVE, Your Golf Committee



## SEASONS GREETINGS

With the festive atmosphere already upon us and the turkey just barely digested, we'd like to take this opportunity to send you our warmest season's greetings for both the upcoming holidays and the new year following.

### WATERING SYSTEM

So you want to put in a watering system! Before you go too far, spend a little time and money to find yourself a good water supply — and I do mean a GOOD supply. Choose a system that you know you can take care of. Make sure that it will take care of the course in a drought such as we have been having for the last few years. Each course will find that the amount of water needed varies — whether you have a dry year or not. Perhaps the wind will blow day after day and you will dry out faster this way than by the hot sun.

In addition to watering your greens you are also watering sixty feet outside each green, this includes traps and mounds. This will require more fertilization and care. Traps will have to be raked and smoothed daily before the play. Additional sand will be needed to keep your traps in condition. As the grass is getting more moisture now the bankings will have to be cut more often. Grass seems to like to grow in sand — now you either pull weeds or use a weed control. Your mounds around the greens that you have been cutting with a pro mower, because it was fast and easy, is now a menace to you. The mounds are soft and the large pro mower is wearing out your grass and scalping the tops of the mounds. What to do? You either sod or seed every year or go back to the hand mower. Where will you find help that will push a hand mower and who wants to walk behind a power mower?

A watering system, whether it is automatic, semi-automatic or manual, is not going to save you all the time you expect it will. I have had my system in for two years and still would not trust it. You and only you are to blame — or will be blamed for anything that happens whether you are with or without water. When you see your water supply going down and you follow the weather report — long and short range, the Old Farmer's Almanac or your arthritic knee, you will cut down on the water, but that lush green grass will not cooperate. It will turn brown faster than you believe possible.

Believe me this was not written to discourage you on a water system. I like the one I have even with all the bugs in it. This is just to start you thinking.

I will try to write more this winter. If I could write as fast as I think — this would be quite a story. The off season is a good time to get a committee together — made up from your members and greens committee. You should have a contractor on your committee, a lawyer, and a good promoter and men that are not afraid to put in plenty of time. This is a costly undertaking and the mistakes you or the committee make — you will have to live with. Food for thought — will there be any change in the layout of the course — are you going to change tees — fairways or greens? A lot of this work you are going to have to do after the water system is in. The person installing the system will tell you he will gladly come in and change them for you, but that will be extra. They will say all you need is a shovel, a hacksaw and some wire. Perhaps I should make this a serial and keep writing what I find out from experience — it might help someone else when they are putting in their system.

There is still plenty of outside work to do on this course and I believe this is the time to do most of your heavy work. Spring will be here all too soon and who knows what is to happen during the winter.

Think of these things all winter — do a lot of leg work and drive test holes all over your course next spring looking for a good water supply — which I know you will need — and Good Luck.

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