

NEWSLETTER

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MAY MEETING

The May meeting was held at the Foxboro Country Club. Host Superintendent Bill Carter deserves many thanks for the fine hospitality shown to G. C. S. A. N. E. members.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Low Gross	Low Net
Al Mellon 79	N. J. Sperandio 81-68
Guy Tedesco 80	Manuel Francis 80-72
Bill Carter 82	Arthur Cody 80-72
	Phil Cassidy 91-72
	Ted Murphy 82-74

"AIMING AT CURRENT PROBLEMS"

Just prior to the business meeting a "bull session" was held where different views were put forth regarding course maintenance. Turf aerification, sand and soil amendments and their relative value to turf was discussed.

It was discussed at the business meeting that a similar session be held at the Chairmen-Superintendents' meeting. It is thought that more interest might be created if the Chairmen were allowed to participate if they felt the desire to do so.

VOTED IN AS REGULAR MEMBER

Superintendent Charles Pullen
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APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Superintendent Frank John Mikutajcis
Leo J. Martin Golf Club
Weston, Massachusetts

Superintendent Herbert E. Farrer
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Hopedale, Massachusetts

Superintendent David J. Barber
Wayland Country Club
Wayland, Massachusetts

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Dover, New Hampshire

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held June 7th at the Ledgemont Country Club, Seekonk, Massachusetts. This is the Chairmen-Superintendents' meeting. Let's all make this a big event and bring your Chairman. It is IMPERATIVE that you let Tony Caranci know about your meal reservation.

DIRECTIONS TO LEDGEMONT

Follow Rte. 1 to 1A, bear left at 1A and follow this until you come to Rte. 15, bear left on Rte. 15 and follow to Rte. 152, bear right on 152. Follow until you come to club on left.

CARLING'S WORLD OF GOLF

Superintendent Herb Berg of Pleasant Valley Country Club informed us that we will be privileged to see the tournament by use of our New England Association card. Information regarding this matter will be in the June issue.

MR. CHAIRMAN BE OUR GUEST

On June 7, 1965, at the Ledgemont Country Club, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England will hold their annual Chairmen-Superintendents' day.

For the past five years this event has been anything but successful.

Bring your Chairman for a day of golf and mutual understanding. In the event that he cannot come, take along your President or a member of the Board of Governors . . . but do come.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PROFESSOR DICKINSON

Prof, as he was best known around Stockbridge Hall from 1927 to 1957, was a living legend, in the Turf Grass World. He was a man with vision; he foresaw that the baggy pants greenkeeper would someday be known as the "manager" in charge of turf grass production; a professional man; a man with good appearance, and able to handle people. He could, also, visualize that greenkeeping, not yet a definite science, would some day be an honorable profession. He lived long enough to see some of his ideals become a reality.

On Saturday, April 24, 1965, many of us paid our final respects to the founder of the Turf School, at the University of Massachusetts.

Laurence S. Dickinson was buried on a stony hillside under a large red oak tree, facing the rugged beauty of Mount Holyoke range, an ideal setting for the salt of the earth type that he was.

Some of the Amherst folks called him Johnny Appleseed; his intimate friends called

him Dickie, but, to us he was just plain "Prof".

Leon V. St. Pierre
President

TRANSPLANTING TREES

Trees often contribute to the beauty and character of a golf course as much as the turf itself and in most cases are the plants that make a course great in fame and challenging in play. Whether old or new, there is always one more area that would be enhanced by the addition of a carefully selected tree.

Buildings, drives, roughs, ponds, streams and even greens and tees can be highlighted by the use of a particular type of tree. I know, also, of a fairway, from a nearby course that has a tall majestic Hemlock in the middle of it 200 yards out from the tee. It alone forms a character for that hole that is distinct from any other and is one that no golfer could ever forget, once he has played it.

But there are other purposes for planting a tree besides giving character and highlights. They can be used for windbreakers, backgrounds, shade, softening building lines, framing a particular view, beautifying entrances, displaying spring colors and so on.

All of us like to make improvements on our own from time to time that won't constitute a major expense and approval by the board of governors. Just one good tree selection can do this for all of us. The more fortunate clubs may have a tree nursery and a carefully planned program but this report is written toward those of us who don't in the hopes that someone will benefit from it.

The selection of a type of tree is most important when a purpose has been found. Its soil and disease tolerances must be considered along with its growth rate, length of life, and future size. Its foliage, fruit, and seed will cause maintenance headaches if not anticipated, and a mental picture of it 10, 20, 30 years from now should be kept in mind.

When a specimen has finally been selected try to find it somewhere on your grounds growing under as similar a condition as possible to your new location. Plan on moving this tree one or two weeks before the buds break because this is just prior to the most rapid root growth during the year. It is also a good time for evergreens although they may fare as well later on in the year. Your chances of a successful transplant decline sharply when the whole tree is in vigorous growth.

Balling of the roots in burlap or other similar material should be done whenever

possible, especially with evergreens but it may not be necessary if great care is taken to avoid needless breakage. The soil the tree is presently growing in will determine to a large extent the area the root system covers and this should be mentioned so that in the digging the majority of its roots will remain intact. Of course, a tap root system will not cover the area of a fibrous one.

When the new area is being conditioned for the tree, lime and phosphorous may be added along with a liberal amount of peat. Try to condition this soil so that water will not be drawn into or out of this area in excessively large amounts. It is important that the tree be planted in depth as close as possible to its original state. Bare roots may be spread out and the ball covering if used need not necessarily be removed. Be sure in both cases that the soil is tamped firmly, but gently, around the roots and that all air pockets have been eliminated. When the hole is half full soak it well and fill the remainder, soaking it again.

Supporting the tree may be done with any number of stakes or guy wires, depending upon size and necessity. Guys, if used should be made conspicuous to prevent injury to any people that may happen in the area.

It is best now to prune the specimen as much as possible without changing its form so that the topgrowth will not put too great a demand on the reduced root system. By pruning now it is possible to remove the damaged branches first. Up to 3/4 of the buds may be removed, but at least half, being very careful to distribute this pruning evenly over every branch from the trunk to the outermost part.

Thin barked trees will stand a better chance of survival if they are wrapped in burlap or crepe paper made for this purpose, shielding them from the sun and drying winds. Larger branches may be wrapped too, if necessary. This covering should be left on for two years or more.

Careful, meticulous watering should follow any transplant until it appears to be holding its own. Syringing the foliage will also help a great deal as will forming a saucer around its base to hold more water, but this should be removed prior to winter in order to prevent ice accumulation. Fertilizing in spring and fall with a good tree food will also be of benefit.

Proper procedure in transplanting will guarantee a healthy response and beautify your course in many ways.

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Abbott Spray and Farm Equipment Co.
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