



NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting was held at the Brae Burn Country Club. It was a fine autumn day with the classic Indian summer making it an enjoyable day.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

This was the 29th annual John Shannahan memorial tournament. Results are:

Bill Flynn - Thompson Club	
Floyd Wiget - Bellevue	73-68
John Oteri - Blue Hill	
Toni Oteri - Nehoiden	73-69
Wayne Otis - Whitinsville	
Jim Wheeler - "	87-71
Ole Clark - Longmeadow	
Leon St. Pierre - "	87-72
Tom Siblet - Hyannisport	
Dave McCarthy - "	76-72
Jim Browning - Weston	
Phil Cassidy - "	82-73
Paul Yuric - Franklin	
Bill Ash - Emerald Park	86-73
Don Johnson - Runaway Brook	
Nick Cammuso - "	88-73

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at Oyster Harbors Country Club, November 1st. Chances are this newsletter will not arrive in time. I hope you read the last newsletter as it had the date and directions for the November 1st meeting.

SPECIFICS FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Place - Framingham Country Club

Date - December 16th

Costs - \$15.00 per couple

Hour - Cocktail Party 6:30 - 7:30
Dinner - 7:45

Menu - Fruit cup; Baked potatoes; Green beans;
Tossed salad; Tenderloin of Beef;
Pecan rolls and coffee.

Desert - Creme de Mint Sundae

Entertainment - orchestra and professional talent.

Reservations - Must be made by December meeting.

Tickets - May be purchased from Dealers, Dick Blake, Lou Duval, Toni Caranci, and Leon St. Pierre.

Checks - Make payable to Association and mail with ticket request. There are reservations for 200 only so don't delay.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thursday, December 16th, will mark for our Association "a first" in the form of a Christmas party for the members, their wives and friends.

This special event will take place at the Framingham Country Club. A roast beef dinner will be preceded by a cocktail hour. Dancing to a well-known orchestra should bring every man's best foot forward.

Joe LaFlip, master comedian of nonsense and laughs, from Chicoutimi, will have you howling.

Be sure to line-up your baby-sitters early, as December is a busy time of the year for sitters.

The total cost per couple is \$15.00; this included tips, taxes, plus two cocktails.

Treat your wife or girl friend to a gala evening. Dealers are also welcome to join our happy group.

Richard Blake and Lou Duval are co-chairmen for the affair. Reserve your tickets now, before you spend it all on the kiddies.

Leon V. St. Pierre
President

FALL

Fall to me is one of the best times of the year. It represents the finishing of the long hot summer. The grass turns green again with the fall rain and showers. The nights get longer and cooler. The air takes on a crispness, like biting into a fresh apple or drinking fresh cider. When you wake in the morning, you find the ground covered with frost, it almost looks like new fallen snow covering every green and new blade of grass.

Then usually once or twice during the fall we get a few days of Indian Summer, when it really seems good to feel the heat of the sun beating down upon you, entering the very marrow of your bone.

This is the time of year that life begins to prepare itself for the restful sleep and dormancy of winter. The leaves turn red, gold, yellow, and brown and begin to fall, leaving a beautiful array of colors on the ground and trees. The crunch of new fallen leaves under your feet and the smell of burning leaves in the air make you feel like you're really alive.

You can look back with pride at all the work that was achieved over the past 6-7 months. How you almost lost that #4 green due to wilt, but you happened by in time to catch it. How your greens held up very well this season, under your care, no thanks to the hot humid disease weather that never seemed to end. But on the other hand, you can look back and feel that the greens, tees, and fairways were never in better shape than this past year, and no one achieved this except you the Superintendent. You sometimes wonder how you survive at all.

Looking ahead you can just see winter around the corner and perhaps a little rest and vacation from the toil of the year. But you remember that you still didn't get everything accomplished that you would have liked, so that can go into next year's plans. Perhaps next year you'll have a larger budget and more labor. You might even be lucky and have more rain, but that's wishful dreaming.

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"CREEPING PARALYSIS" ON THE GOLF COURSE

Golf's most aggravating problem today is to speed up play. It now takes 4 to 5 hours to play the easiest 18 hole course, whereas once the average time was 3 to 3-1/2 hours. The situation gets worse despite the fact that most golfers use electric carts and caddies. Everybody is annoyed - except the slow player himself. His answer is: "Who, me? You must be mistaken." Practically every golf authority, the U.S.G.A., eminent golf writers, and Club Officials are up in arms over the ever growing slow play. They blame it mostly on lack of consideration. Naturally we can't play any faster than the slowest players. Who are they and why? Well, here are a few:

1. The "Surveyor" ... He requires surveying instruments and topographical charts of each green before every putt. Finally his analysis becomes paralysis.
2. The "Hypnotized Player" ... He goes into a deep freeze with every shot. He stands absolutely motionless, "concentrating" on the type of swing he will employ.
3. The "Indecisive One" ... He can't make up his mind what club to use even after a five minute consultation with his caddy. He is still undecided after his foursome has already hit its shots and started forward.
4. The "Day-In-The-Country Player" ... Sunshine and fresh air are for him. He is full of relaxation, jokes and canasta post-mortems. It would be O.K. if he would tell his stories while WALKING.
5. The "T.V. Golfer" ... He watches the Pros on T.V. every Sunday, and feels that he must impress his own foursome with his golf knowledge and showmanship. He is now a full-fledged T.V. actor.
6. The "Practice Swinger" ... Before and after each shot, he must practice and even play one or two "MULLIGANS" to the green.

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