

NEWSLETTER

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Golf Course Superintendents Association OF NEW ENGLAND



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Golf Course Superintendents Association

DECEMBER MEETING

The annual meeting was held at the Holiday Inn, Newton, Mass., December 5th. The reports of all the committees were given for fiscal year 1966. Election of officers were held at this time. Phil Cassidy received the Senior golf trophy and the Association trophy went to Milton Brown. Guy Tedesco and Bill Eziniki won the playoff for the John Shanahan Memorial tournament.

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A proposed by-law amendment was submitted by Dick Blake as required by Article XIII, By-Law Amendments.

Article IV - Membership Section 1 - Members

ADD:

8. As of January 1, 1967, all persons in addition to meeting the requirements as set forth in Section 1, 1-7, shall be required to be members of the G.C.S.A.A. before being eligible for membership in the G.C.S.A.N.E. This amendment does not effect present G.C.S.A.N.E. members.

NEW OFFICERS

President	Leon St. Pierre
1st V.P.	Anthony Caranci Jr.
2nd V.P.	Richard C. Blake
Secretary	Thomas Curran
Treasurer	Lucien Duval
Trustee for 3 years	Philip Cassidy
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Educational Committee Chmn	Robert Grant
Golf Committee Chmn	Edward Murphy
Newsletter Committee Chmn	Dean Robertson

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Malcolm Haskell Jr.
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APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Evangelos D. Angelos
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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held January 4th (Wednesday) 1967 at the Holiday Inn, Grove St., Newton, Mass. (Exit 53 of Route 128)

Director's Meeting	-	10:00
Business Meeting	-	11:00
Dinner	-	12:00

The educational meeting after lunch will have as speaker Al Remington who is the Sales Manager and director of Research for the Bowers Battery Co., Reading, Pa.

EDITOR'S NOTE

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed articles to the association Newsletter. Some of the articles were considered good enough to make other turf publications. I hope that in the future continued support will be given to the new editor and elected officers. Their purpose is to make the G.C.S.A.N.E. a respected professional turf association. Your support is their reward.

Manny Francis

REGARDING NEW APPLICANTS

It has been decided by the Board of Directors that a letter of recommendation and a picture will be accompanied with the application form of a person desiring to become a member of the New England association.

In the past many complaints have come forth from members at a latter date regarding the improper screening of applicants. In most cases it is impossible for the Directors to obtain all the information pertinent to the applicant. Now a member who recommends an individual for membership will have to place information regarding places and longevity of employment and the character of the individual concerned in letter form and submit it to the Board. This requirement should help to alleviate some of the signatures that have been hastily affixed to an application form and make it somewhat easier for a proper decision to be reached by the Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE CHANGING SCENE

Our new meeting place for the coming winter indoor meetings, will be held, tentatively, at the convenient Holiday Inn, in Newton.

The consensus of the membership was very favorable, towards the new site. It was an appropriate scene for the awarding of the first Laurence S. Dickenson scholarship. These two moves were, undoubtedly, a step in the right direction. Our sincerest thanks to Manny Francis, Jr., for magnificently serving as Editor of the Newsletter. We are especially fortunate in having Dean Robertson assume the editorship.

Your Board of Directors have directed our treasurer Lou Duval, to have an accountant set up the Association's books to conform with today's great society. This must be done for tax purposes.

Our grateful appreciation to members who were hosts at their clubs, for our monthly golf meetings.

A special salute to all members of the Board of Directors and members of the various committees.

Attend the coming winter meetings. The Educational Committee have made arrangements to have current and informative films and speakers.

Do come, shake hands and say Hi!, to your fellow "Keepers of the Green".

May the year of 1967 be kinder to you, than the past golfing season.

Leon V. St. Pierre

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.

RECENT RESULTS ON THE CONTROL OF BLUE GRASS (*POA ANNUA*) IN PUTTING GREEN TURF

J. F. Ahrens & R. J. Lukens

Experimental trials on C1-C19 bentgrass putting greens turf over the past few years have shown great promise for the control of *Poa annua* or annual bluegrass with a chemical called bensulide (S-(O,O-diisopropyl phosphorodithioate) of N-(2 mercaptoethyl) benzenesulfonamide, available as "Betasan" and "Presan".

Proper timing of application of bensulide and repeated annual applications seem required for good results. Bensulide kills *Poa annua* as it germinates but does not kill the established plants, some of which live in putting greens for more than one year; hence the need for repeated applications. According to our results, August or early September applications can be expected to be the most effective on putting greens in Connecticut. Single applications of bensulide in early September have provided only about 50% control of *Poa* the following May, but two annual applications of bensulide have provided an estimated 88% control.

Twenty pounds of active bensulide per acre per year was more effective than fifteen pounds per acre in our tests. C1-C19 was not injured by as much as 32 pounds per acre of bensulide one September followed by 20 pounds per acre the next September, but such high initial rates do not seem necessary or desirable.

Uniformity of application of bensulide has been shown to be highly important for good control of *Poa*. Watering in following application also is desirable to activate the herbicide and prevent its removal in the clippings.

It is not wise to use bensulide on putting green turf that has a high percentage of *Poa*, but little bentgrass. The resultant effect often is thin turf as the *Poa* goes out and cannot reestablish. Even *Poa annua* is better than nothing on a putting green. Reseeding into greens treated with bensulide is possible only if 300 to 500 pounds per acre of activated carbon is applied to inactivate the long residual bensulide. Re-sodding is less of a problem where old, thin sod is removed, for bensulide residues are less injurious to established plants than to seedlings.

Studies continue on the tolerance of putting green turf to bensulide applied for a number of years. In the meantime, golf course superintendents using bensulide for *Poa annua* control would be wise to apply it accurately and uniformly and only on a trial basis the first time it is used.

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