

# NEWSLETTER



JANUARY & FEBRUARY 1966

## *Golf Course Superintendents Association* OF NEW ENGLAND



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# Golf Course Superintendents Association

## JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting was held at the Waltham Field Station. The proposed budget for fiscal year 1966 was read by the Financial chairman, Bill Ash. President Leon St. Pierre read off the following committee appointments:

### Membership Committee

Anthony Carranci, Chairman  
Richard Blake  
Thomas Curran

### Finance Committee

William Ash, Chairman  
Nary Sperandio  
Philip Cassidy

### Golf Committee

Edward Murphy, Chairman  
William Ripley  
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### Education Committee

Robert Grant, Chairman  
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### Publicity Committee

Dean Robertson, Chairman  
Norman Mucciarone  
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### Employment Committee

John Callahan, Chairman  
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### Turf Research Committee

Lucien Duval, Chairman  
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### Scholarship Committee

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### Newsletter Committee

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### Welfare Committee

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### Parliamentarian

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## APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIPS

### Associate

Frank Merchel  
Hillview Country Club  
3 Elm St., North Reading, Mass.

### Associate

Allen Roy Mackintosh  
Twin Hills Country Club  
195 Chilson Drive, West Springfield,  
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### Regular

John Espey, Sr.  
Wolferts Roost Country Club  
20 James Drive, Loudonville, N.Y.

### Associate

John O'Connell  
Blue Rock Country Club  
7 Archie Road, West Yarmouth, Mass

### Associate

Bernard Keohane  
Framingham Country Club  
46 Pratt St., Framingham, Mass.

## NEW TREASURER APPOINTED

Lucien Duval was appointed Treasurer by a vote of the Board of Directors.

## UNIVERSITY OF MASS. TURF CONFERENCE

Don't forget the annual turf conference being held at the University of Massachusetts, March 3rd and 4th. They have a most interesting program planned.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Waltham Field Station February 23rd, a WEDNESDAY, with fish being served for the meal.

### Schedule:

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

The speaker will be the Public Relations Officer from the Massachusetts State Police. Included in his talk will be various aspects relating to golf course vandalism.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Superintendent is an individualist. He thinks and acts on his own. His kind of life is the good life. He is a member of the GCSA of New England and GCSA of America. We're his kind of Association. An individualist!

February and March are conference months. We will soon be saddling up and leaving for the plains of Missouri, to our yearly Conference, which is the high spot of the year, and then back home again to the University of Massachusetts Fine Turf Conference.

This is a place where individualists meet and exchange some of the lessons learned through the school of hard knocks and from the applied research performed by our universities and private research organizations.

How about you? Are you an individualist? Join 2500 others in Kansas City. You'll be in good company. We're your kind of Association.

Leon V. St. Pierre  
Longmeadow C.C.

## FIRE!

This past season one of four equipment dealers sent out a letter to all golf courses in the area serviced by him, on what a fire can mean to you at your golf course. I wonder if you have ever really thought about that point.

Some Superintendents would probably welcome a fire, just to get rid of the cold, breezy, out-of-date shack referred to as a maintenance building. Actually a lot of these shops are nothing but a fire trap. Then the Superintendent would probably get a new maintenance building. But what if this fire happened during the busy season, taking all the vital equipment needed to keep the course in shape.

Some equipment can be obtained the next day from the dealers, but some has to be ordered and it might be a week or more before it can be purchased. Insurance will buy a new building and equipment, but is the insurance up to date? If the equipment isn't new, you usually get a depreciation price

meaning the club has to make up the difference in cost. It might be well to call the clubs Insurance Agent and check on the coverage and see if the coverage is up to date.

What precautions can be taken to avoid the costly damage of a fire? I believe that a shop should be kept in reasonably neat order at all times. It's hard to keep a shop picked up during the busy season, but if everything has a certain place to be kept, it helps the men to know where to put it and then find it again.

Gas and oil are the biggest sources of fire. These should be kept away from old rags and sources of sparks such as welding equipment, etc. The men working on the course should be instructed that no smoking is allowed on or near gas and fuel supplies.

Every course maintenance building should have a fire extinguisher in some easily accessible spot. So that when needed, a person need not kill himself obtaining it.

I found a 10 lb. dry foam type extinguisher works very well on most all types of fire. We had some tractor wiring start to burn this year and the foam did a very quick job of putting out the fire. This type of extinguisher leaves a white dust on everything it touches, but this can be easily brushed off with no damage to the equipment. The extinguisher does have to be recharged after each use.

If the Superintendent takes 5 minutes, a couple of times a year, instructing the personnel in how to use the fire extinguisher, it could well save a shop, equipment, and possibly a life. However, a fire extinguisher is really only a temporary help, in most cases the fire department should be called.

Are your records up to date on every and all items of equipment, supplies, tools, etc.? All these things represent thousands of dollars. Its hard to try to think back and remember all the little things you had before the fire.

You owe it to yourself and your club to take a few precautions before a fire starts.

Richard C. Mitchell  
Golf Course Superintendent  
Thorny Lea Golf Club

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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  
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Fiddler's Green  
Amherst, Massachusetts

Larchmont Irrigation Co.  
Larchmont Lane  
Lexington, Massachusetts

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