

# NEWSLETTER



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## *Golf Course Superintendents Association* OF NEW ENGLAND



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# Golf Course Superintendents Association

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting was held at the Lake Sunapee Golf Club, New London, New Hampshire. No business meeting was held as a quorum wasn't present.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held October 14th, a Friday, at the Brae Burn Country Club, Newton, Mass. Bring your Pro and play golf in the 30th Annual John Shanahan Memorial Tournament. Remember one of you must be a member of the PGA or GCSA of New England.

## NOVEMBER MEETING

Kittansett Country Club will be the location of the November 7th meeting. Due to the closing of the clubhouse kitchen facilities for the season, the business meeting and luncheon will be at the Colonial Coach on Route 6 in Marion.

Golf after lunch at Kittansett Country Club, located at the end of Point Road in Marion.

Remember — go to Colonial Coach first for business meeting and lunch.

## DIRECTIONS

Route 128 south to Route 24, to Route 25, to Route 28, to 6 toward Marion. Go past the second set of lights and the Colonial Coach will be on left.

Business meeting - 11:00  
Luncheon - 12:00 SHARP

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### People and Climate

People and Climate are two explosive forces that constantly confront golf course superintendents. The year of 1966 was a rude awakening for turf managers everywhere.

April brought no sun or spring showers. The lovely month of May produced the best crop of Poa ever seen anywhere. I sometimes feel the locust bug would have been better.

June kept every piece of mowing equipment going ten hours a day, and the golfers coming for fourteen hours a day.

It seemed like golfers were floating down fairways on conveyor belts.

The golf cart fleet gave the golf course a carnival atmosphere. The wild ensembles and colors the golfers sported around made you think the circus was in town.

July's searing sun put the crimp on the Poa, and we were praying that it would stay.

August brought more distress than any of the previous months. Dollar Spot and Chinese Rot were the order of the day, with no one chemical giving a complete control.

Labor Day arrived with most of us losing at least half of the maintenance crew. This weekend, formerly, signified that better days are coming. However, are they?

Leon V. St. Pierre, President

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Our deep sympathies are extended to the family of Mrs. Orville Clapper.

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## NIGHT MAINTENANCE

Occasionally, but more frequently in the past few years, there have been articles published and talks given stating the advantages of night time maintenance on golf courses. These viewpoints are presented as the answer to our ever increasing management problems and encouragement is given towards adapting to this trend. I think that everyone will readily agree that management routines slowly, but continually change to comply with the evermore demanding golfer. With all of the talk in favor of night maintenance as a solution there should be an official association viewpoint publicized now in order to stop this type of thinking before it is too late, and beyond our control.

Already many courses cut fairways in the dark as a result of this type of thinking and these particular clubs are very close to being pushed further and further, jobby job, into total darkness. True it may be far into the future, but it very likely could become reality in our working lifetime. The governing members know fairways are cut at night, and why wouldn't they, if other members complain about spraying greens between foursomes, for instance, demand that this be done at night also. It could easily happen to spraying or any annoying job. When one stops to think of each operation fine turf requires, they all can and usually do irritate golfers. Aerifying, topdressing, vertical mowing, watering, fertilizing, cutting, spraying, and similar tasks could be done at night relatively easy and the idea of no maintenance crew on the golf course during the day would surely appeal to any golfer. Extreme caution is required by all of us to avoid this line of thought, for consider the additional problems that would arise.

Even now, the solitary night waterman presents a constant headache for those that employ one. Put all or part of your crew out in the dark with no supervision and there would be no limit to the chaos that would develop. A second foreman or more hours on your part would be required. Hourly wages would have to be increased and still, labor would be difficult to acquire. College students would be out of the question, and men that desire to work a night shift out of doors would be hard to find as it is uncomfortably cool and damp early in the morning even during mid-summer. Frequent nights of supervision on your part would be required and the position of the Golf Course Superintendent would be completely different from that of which it is today.

The people who suggest night maintenance see serious problems arising and are looking into the future for a solution to these problems, but I most strongly feel that any and all night work should be avoided.

We, as an association, could discourage any further talk such as this, now, while it is on a small scale and initiate a trend in our favor. Nearly all maintenance crews avoid golfers whenever possible and this cannot go on as play continually increases every year. Golfers must be oriented to the fact that work has to be done and maintenance personnel should be given the right of way at all times. Clubs should be told that more men and machines are going to be needed in order to complete work that is done while the course is being played. Golfers will always play golf during daylight hours and to avoid them would require night maintenance as so many suggest. Avoiding golfers is not the answer we seek. Cooperation and compatibility is.

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Golf Course Superintendent  
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### *Gold Traps Golfers*

There's gold in the sand traps at the Great Southwest Golf Course at Arlington, Texas!

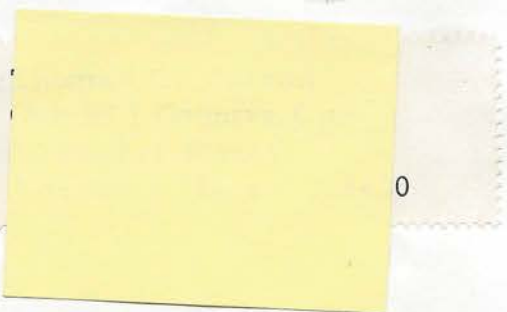
The sand includes gold-bearing ore worth 54 cents a ton. Each trap contains about eight tons, or an average of \$4.32 worth of gold per trap.

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