

NEWSLETTER



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Golf Course Superintendents Association

JANUARY MEETING

The January Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn, Newton, Mass. on January 4, 1967. The Directors' Meeting was held in the morning prior to the Business Meeting. At the Business Meeting the proposed by-law amendment was read and it was voted to table the amendment until a committee had studied it more thoroughly. The committee will discuss its findings at the next meeting. Norman Mucciarone was voted a Trustee for one year and Bill Ash was voted a Trustee for two years. Dick Blake talked about having all N.E.G.C.S.A. members becoming members of the national.

New application for Assistant Membership was read to be voted on at the next meeting:

NORMAN BEAUREGARD
54 Great Road
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NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER

EVANGELOS D. ANGELOS
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NEW COMMITTEES APPOINTED

President St. Pierre appointed the new committees for the coming year.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Membership Committee:

Anthony Caranci, Chairman
Richard C. Blake
Thomas Curran

Finance Committee:

Nary J. Sperandio, Chairman
Lucien Duval
J. Julius Aksten

Golf Committee:

Edward J. Murphy, Chairman
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Educational Committee:

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Turf Research Committee:

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Manuel Francis, Jr., Business Manager
Robert Flannagan, Assistant Business Manager

Welfare Committee:

Nary J. Sperandio, Chairman
Norman Mucciarone
Malcolm Wendell
Charles Gardiner
Roger Hines

Parliamentarian:

Philip Cassidy

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on February 20, 1967, at the Holiday Inn, Grove Street, Newton, Mass. Take exit 53 (Grove Street exit) off Route 128.

Directors' Meeting	10.00 a. m.
Business Meeting	11:00 a. m.
Lunch	12:30 p. m.
Educational Program	1:30 p. m.

The Educational Program will be turned over to Mr. J. Gordon MacKinnon of the Dale Carnegie Courses.

A DATE TO REMEMBER

March 9 and 10 — The Massachusetts Turf Conference at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LOW SEASON

The present time in the calendar is commonly regarded as the low period of interest and activity in the golfing world in the frigid belt; a time to stop and look back and evaluate the past golfing season, the triumphs and failures.

One notable failure has been the lack of interest among the leaders of golf in Massachusetts to instigate more basic and applied Fine Turf Research, at the University of Massachusetts.

A natural Association to spearhead this project was the staid old Massachusetts Golf Association, the diplomatic corps of golf in the Bay State. However, their main functions are concerned with the mechanics of the game.

Agronomically, the Golf Course Superintendents' Association is the body to spearhead and promote fine turf grass research, at the University of Massachusetts.

Funds would be made available by assessing all golf clubs in Massachusetts. Fifty dollars for an eighteen-hole course and thirty dollars for a nine-hole course. This expense would be part of the yearly budget.

The Turf Research Committee of the Superintendents' Association would manage these funds.

With the increasing popularity of powered golf carts and the bulging population pressures, turf research is the difference between fine turf and bare ground.

Leon V. St. Pierre
President

REBUILDING AND RENOVATING PUTTING GREENS

The Board of Directors decided in late August to rebuild all greens over the next few years. We would do as many as possible this year, even as late as it was. It was agreed to use Vesper Bent Stolens. All of our greens are South German Bent and at least thirty years old.

As I was limited in time, I hired a contractor to supply his equipment, while my crew and I did the work. In my opinion, this is the easiest as well as the least expensive way to complete this work in view of the fact that I still had to maintain the course for every day play.

We started with three greens — two of which I changed the location. When we stripped the sod and leveled the loam on the third green we found two feet of loam and no drainage whatsoever.

The club is fortunate as it has its own gravel pit and supply of loam on their property. Starting in the gravel pit, I prepared my loam and gravel. The only material I had to buy was my sand. The sod was stripped from my cleared area leaving me clean loam, which was bulldozed into a pile to be used later for the top-soil of my green. Another area was also stripped of sod — on this area I spread the loam six inches thick, enough loam for the top-soil of the three greens. My reason for doing this — now I had the sand delivered by truck and spread by dozer over this top-soil — six inches of sand. The whole area was then rototilled four times to the depth of one foot. This incorporated my sand and soil as one mixture. This mixture was then pushed into a high pile ready for my new greens which are ten thousand feet each in area. You can see that they require a large quantity of loam.

Mother Nature, so far, was good to me — no rain — and we were able to do plenty of out-door work.

The dozer had stripped and leveled the area for our new greens. They had been outlined, staked and designed with the help of Manuel Francis.

The gravel was moved from our pit by ten-wheelers for the drainage. All greens have at least two feet of gravel base. The loam was then brought out in the same manner for the greens — then leveled with a small dozer to a rough grade of fourteen inches. The contours were staked out and built into the green. The mounds around the greens were then top-dressed, loamed and rough graded. Neither the traps nor the watering system for these greens were constructed at this time — as time was at a premium. This construction is on the agenda for early this spring.

Greens were smoothed and leveled by drag — limed, fertilized and raked by hand. We were now ready for the stolens. As this was the week of October 12th, my growing season was short. The stolens were distributed and well watered. Lady Luck was with me and I had a good catch. A few places had to be restolened as they were washed out by a rainstorm. I have top-dressed them twice — once with sand and once with a good top-dressing mixture. Then the greens were rolled by hand.

My mounds are all seeded for a dormant seeding with Merion Blue Grass. The greens just opened up this week of ice and snow showing great promise. So — till spring.

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