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Golf Course Superintendents Association



Getting ready for the Greatest Show on Turf!



Dean Robertson, Newsletter Editor and Leon V. St. Pierre, Business Manager discuss plans for next Newsletter.

THE CAMPBELLS ARE COMING

It may sound worn-out and commercially flat, but when Dr. Joseph Troll says this year's version of the University of Massachusetts Fine Turf Conference will be the biggest and best ever, his words wear much credence.

The big show, which just happens to have the Golf Course Superintendents of New England Association as one of its co-sponsors, will make its splash March 5, 6, 7 at a new site — the Highpoint Motor Inn, just off the Mass. Turnpike in Chicopee.

Dr. Troll stands as a lesson in exuberance when he talks about this year's center-ring attraction, the appearance of Mr. John Campbell — links supervisor at St. Andrews. And that isn't St. Andrews, Illinois.

Mr. Campbell plans to make the trip part of an extensive tour of golf course facilities in the Northeast section of the United States, as well as spots in Canada. He will be at the UMass Conference for all three days and be in the spotlight throughout, although more specifically when he conducts an oral tour of his great and respected assignment of grooming one of the most illustrious golf courses in the world.

The conference doesn't stop there with features. From the USGA will come Jim Holmes and he promises to carry an appropriate message from that prestigious corner of the sport.

Another invited guest is the golf course superintendents' national leader, John Spodnick — recently elected at the Miami sojourn. He will have some words of wisdom for his colleagues, as well as others from relating fields.

Dr. Troll, who peels off names so quickly he catches cham-

NEXT MEETING

February 10, 1969, at the Holiday Inn
 Newton, Mass. (exit 53 off Route 128)
 Directors' Meeting 10:30 A. M.
 Regular Meeting 11:15 A. M.
 Dinner 12:30 P. M.
 Educational Program 1:15 P. M.

Ted Murphy has promised a great program for this date. Dr. Paul Sortoretto, President of the Cleary Co. will be the guest speaker. He will talk on (what else?) "Disease Control."

PLACES TO GO!

Mass. Turf Conference, Chicopee, Mass.
 March 5, 6, 7, 1969 at the High Point Inn
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CANADIAN TURF CONFERENCE

Sponsored by the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association

This conference is a swell opportunity to visit with our friends from the north and also to meet some new turf managers. The Supers from Canada hope to see many of the fellows from the New England area!

Dates: March 10th, 11th and 12th, 1969.
 Place: Queen Elizabeth Hotel in downtown Montreal
 Registration: \$20.00 for superintendents, U.S.G.A. member clubs (includes cocktail hour and banquet)

Accommodation: Available at Queen Elizabeth Hotel
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Hospitality Suite on evening prior to Conference
 Refreshments free of charge.

Ladies Program — Free of charge on Monday and Tuesday, March 10th and 11th.

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 Hockey Tickets for Montreal Forum available upon request.

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pions of the stenographic union off guard, has lined up an array of speakers. "I guess you could call them the wheels of the business", he declares. "There really are so many that I hate to have to mention them with fear I might leave out the names of one or two. All I can say is that Charlie Murk and I have really gone out to the four corners of the turf world to give the fellows an interesting and worthwhile three days."

Dr. Troll isn't much for limb-climbing-in-scratching-out a prospectus for extraordinary attractions. He is completely wrapped up with the visit by Campbell but adds that he has a sleeper on the program which could be a show stopper. "It concerns a very important aspect of the turf business", he explains. "That's the problems of communication and public relations. We think the people will enjoy the discussion along these lines."

In the works also is an attempt to have new Massachusetts governor, Francis Sargent, on hand for one of the sessions. "We are in contact with the governor at the moment", Dr. Troll advises. "I understand he is very interested in the outdoors, conservation matters and the like. It would really put some frosting on the thing if he should accept our invitation."

In past years the conference, which terminates the eight-week turf course at UMass, has attracted crowds in the 500-600 range. Dr. Troll is hopeful of breaking all existing attendance records. He thinks he has the program to draw just about as many people as the Highpoint facility can accommodate. Certainly, he's off on a whiz-bang start in proving to one and all that this year's conference definitely will be the biggest and best ever.

— Gerry Finn



New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents Association, Inc.

Editor — John J. Barry, Supt. Abenaki Country Club, Rye, N. H.

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting was held at the Highway Motel in Concord. President George Hauschel appointed the following as committee heads to serve for the coming year:

Newsletter	John Barry, Bill Barrett
Research, Education and Golf	Charles Pullen, Leonard Chace
Publicity	George Hauschel Robert Hale
Scholarship	Robert Flanagan
Welfare	Harry Larson
Welcoming	Robert Flanagan
Meals	David Marcotte
Door Prize	Ronald Palmer Norman Pease

The Educational Program was concerned with drainage. Mr. Brad Batchelor of the soil conservation service, Strafford County, gave an excellent speech.

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FEBRUARY MEETING

The next meeting of the New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents Association will be held on February 11, 1969, at the New Hampshire Highway Hotel, Concord, New Hampshire.

For the educational program next month the association will have a panel discussion.

Coffee Hour	10-11 a. m.
Directors' Meeting	10 a. m.
Regular Meeting	11 a. m.
Lunch	12:15 p. m.
Education Program	1:15 p. m.

Panel discussion

An informal gathering will be held in the lounge after the panel discussion, for those who wish.

The panel discussion will deal primarily with contracts. Your participation would add a great deal to this meeting.

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"Designing is an intricate task. It is the integration of technological, social and economic requirements, biological necessities, and the psychophysical effects of materials, shape, color, volume, and space: thinking in relationships.

Moholy-Nagy

Winter Recreation on The Golf Course

By JOHN J. BARRY

Today with increased interest in winter sports many clubs in the northern part of the country are beginning to see the advantages of winter recreation.

With increased interest in snowmobiles many members feel the golf course is an ideal place to run their machines. I personally am inclined to agree with them, if certain guide lines are laid down and they are respected by the participants.

The installation of a skating rink would add greatly to the winter facilities.

In order for the above facilities to be properly installed and maintained, I would recommend the addition of at least one man to the winter crew. I also feel that sufficient funds should be appropriated for the increased activities. The additional personnel hired would also be able to help in the garage in conditioning the equipment for the coming year, thus giving the crew more time to work on the equipment, thereby doing a better job, not to mention the work they could be doing outside, such as pruning and clearing.

Preparations for the snowmobiles should be made late in the fall when most of the golf has ceased. Greens and tees should be clearly defined. In addition, I recommend directional signs and trails to keep the snowmobiles in the area set aside for them.

Snowmobiles can be leased by the clubs and rented to its clientele if it desires, or the clubs can just allow those members with their own equipment to use the facilities.

The preparation and maintenance of a skating rink is more involved and time consuming. At the Abenaki club we found that two of our tennis courts were ideal in size and location. Also the tennis pro shop would adequately serve as a dressing room and a source of warmth.

The ice storm we had in the latter part of December made an ideal base. Subsequent applications of water followed in small doses, until about two inches of ice were obtained. Two outdoor floodlights are used to light the rink.

If a dark surface is to be used, such as a parking lot, a layer of polyethylene should be laid down to give the rink a light color effect on which to apply your base.

When snow removal is required a snow blower can be used. When the snow is removed two applications of water should be placed on the court to smooth it.

Summarizing the above article, I don't believe that the projects should be undertaken until the following have been considered:

- 1 Membership Participation
- 2 Sufficient Funds
- 3 Skating Rink Location
- 4 Adequate Help for Maintenance



Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association

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University of Maine Mid-Winter Turf Conference

TENTATIVE TURF PROGRAM MARCH 19-20, 1969

March 19 10 A. M. to 4:30 P. M.
March 20 9-12 A. M.

Steer House, So. Portland - Exit 7, Me. Turnpike, So. Portland

James Lathan, Agronomist, Milwaukee Sewerage Comm.
Influence of Nitrogen Rates on Turf Quality and Disease Resistance
Influence of Micro nutrients and salt index on turf

Dr. Richard Skogley, Univ. of Rhode Island
Controlling Annual Bluegrass Thru Management and Chemicals
New grass varieties for lawn and golf courses

Dr. Jesse DeFrance, O. M. Scott
As Spring Approaches — What Next?

James Timmerman, U. S. Golf Association, Greens Section
Bringing New Greens Into Play
A Look at Problems Around the Region

Charles Curry, Agronomist, Ryan Equipment Co.
Aerification, Vertical Mowing, and Topdressing Greens

Charles Baskin, Jr., Supt., Waterbury C. C.
What's Ahead In Labor Problems
Plotting and Mapping Your Golf Course

Robert Moore, Aquatrols Corp.
Using Wetting Agents In Turf

Paul Bohne, U. S. Rubber
Using Growth Regulators Around the Golf Course

Jason Cortill, Consulting Biologist
Aquatic Weed Control

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January and February are the long quiet months for a superintendent, who wonders, among other things, as he watches the extraordinary events of the Apollo flight around the moon, if just a little bit of such super technology will eventually filter down into his humble life to enable him to exert a bit more control over his environment to make his days and work more productive and rewarding.

Snowstorms tend to prevent his attending winter association meetings, as we just experienced; and a February meeting of this Association will not be scheduled. Instead it is hoped that members will attend the national and larger regional turf conferences that occur during this time of year.

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In early February the editor will begin employment with the state of Maine in work not related to turf. He wishes the new editor of the Maine page every success in continuing to build up the quality and worth of the Newsletter.



Attending the Florida Convention are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hathaway and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Anderson

Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws

to be presented at Annual Meeting for vote

Article 3 — Paragraph 1 — should be amended to read as follows:

Any person or organization interested in or connected with the Management of Turf and Lawn areas may, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, become a member of this Association by agreeing to comply with the requirements of these By-Laws and by payment of the Membership Dues. Annual DUES, as set by the Directors, shall be due and payable as of January 1st each year.

Article 4 — Fiscal Year should be amended to read as follows:
The Fiscal year shall commence on January 1st of each year and shall end on December 31st.

Article 5 — Should be amended to read as follows:
The Annual Business Meeting shall be held in the month of DECEMBER each year at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the President, or by the Secretary at the request of three (3) members of the Board of Directors. A call for a Special Meeting shall state the TIME — PLACE — and REASON — for the meeting. No business other than that referred to in the Agenda for the SPECIAL MEETING shall be transacted.

In order that the above changes in the By-Laws may be properly considered and voted upon, it is necessary that at least one-third (1/3) of the accredited membership (those whose dues have been paid) be present to constitute a Quorum when this matter is presented to the Membership for action.

Harold C. Hathaway
Chairman, By-Laws Committee



Mr. and Mrs. John Davis at the registration booth in Miami.

Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson Memorial Trust

THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND, ADMINISTRATOR

We are aiming at a fund of \$50,000 which will enable us to make several scholarships available to worthy applicants from the fine turf field.

It has been difficult to set up a schedule of expected donations from Superintendents, Alumni and Commercial interests. We have, however, from monies already received arrived at the following anticipated donations:

From Commercial interests	\$250.00 and up
From Superintendents, Alumni and others	100.00
(this can be made over a 4 year period by so designating with the original contribution of \$25.00)	

In line with a tax free status should the trust terminate for any reason all monies will be turned over by the trust to the University of Massachusetts Fine Turf program.

Your support of this scholarship program will be greatly appreciated.

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The Clapper Company Party
in Miami



MECHANIZED MAYHEM

"Gentlemen, start your engines."

The warm-up pit at Indianapolis? Well it could be . . . but not in the dead of winter. Instead, such is the call of the ringmaster as a new circus comes to town . . . that of the snowmobile rally. And, as far as the New England golf course superintendents are concerned, there should be built tents for them.

By itself the snowmobile isn't that violent. However, the application of its whirling track of possible destruction has made it another mechanical monster in the eyes of most supers. They want no part of them on their golf courses. They wish them well but on some other proving grounds.

Like anything else, snowmobiles aren't that much of a nuisance under the proper methods of handling and operating the vehicle. True, not all snowmobiles leave their mark on a golf course. However, natural abuse by owners and riders have led the New England Association to believe snowmobiles should be outlawed on golf courses . . . especially the so-called rallies when the masses arrive.

"Absolutely", says one concerned super. "Snowmobiles cause depressions in the turf. And in the spring the effects of the vehicle show up under the guise of winter kill. This is more evident in areas where the snow cover is light and the snowmobile actually cuts into the terrain."

It has become somewhat of a financial crutch with certain course owners who turn over their grounds to snowmobile groups in return for guaranteed business at the bar and in the restaurant. Most of the time the drivers are given a free-way over the course. And they treat it as such, taking little notice of bare spots and lean snow-hit areas in their reckless treks to nowhere.

The New England Association points out that such practice creates a two-fold disservice — both to the golfer and the super of the assaulted course. The job of improving playing conditions and maintaining a practical level of those conditions is complicated enough by the forces of Mother Nature to invite further interference by man-made obstacles. Snowmobiles are here to stay. There's no stopping them. But their mechanized mayhem should be restricted to the wide open spaces. There's no place for them on the golf course.

— Gerry Finn

WINTER WONDERLAND ???

One of the unpleasanties of winter, intentional or not, is the deceitful manner in which it can scar a golf course while all along assuming the poetic appearance of a song writer's wonderland.

The winter, now set upon us, has established a strange pattern — rather, the timing of its behavior is out of tune with past years. In most sections of New England, except for the waist-high deposits of snow burying the great north country, the grind has been rain-snow-rain accompanied by a common curse of superintendentia — ice.

According to most reports, the hardest hit areas have stretched a northwest line from the South Shore border of Massachusetts all the way across the Commonwealth to the New York state line.

Many courses have a complete cover of ice. They are in extreme danger of suffering the ravages of suffocation. And making the situation more perplexing are the layers of snowfall building up on the ice to make access to greens that more difficult.

There is strong indication that those courses located in this year's ice belt must adopt immediate measures to get oxygen to the choking greens. It is a matter of promoting a defrosting action, since it is almost impossible to chop through the frozen cover. A totally organic fertilizer is suggested to bring about at least some break in the thick roof keeping out the air.

The possibility suffocation already has set in on those courses where freezing rain and snow have played tag with each other brings about the assumption that this winter will be a most damaging one. It should be taken into consideration the usually dangerous portion of the season is still yet to come. Ordinarily, the freeze-thaw pattern of February and March is the most feared accomplice of the otherwise esthetic picture of winter.

So, with the weather having struck an untimely blow of strangling many courses and promising to cause havoc in the immediate times to come, it seems rather appropriate to question the feasibility of there ever being any such thing as a winter wonderland.

— Gerry Finn

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