

# NEWSLETTER

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## Golf Course Superintendents Association OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As your newly elected President I want to thank you for the great privilege you have bestowed upon me. I hope with your support to be able to continue with the high standard of work that was started 45 years ago by all the Presidents before me.

The first duty of the newly elected President is to appoint committees. Hopefully these committees are comprised of members interested, dedicated and willing to work for the professional advancement of themselves and their Association.



Dick Blake, (left) the new G.C.S.A. of N.E. President accepts the gavel of command from outgoing president Anthony Caranci at the annual meeting.

On Dec. 1, 1969 the NEGCSA membership voted unanimously in favor of supporting the Certification Program proposed by the GCSAA. Hopefully this program will be started during 1970. The Certification Program will require attendance at Educational programs, regional workshops, University-turf courses, etc. The emphasis is on education and self-improvement. This program is a service offered to members that enables them to increase their effectiveness and to elevate themselves within their profession. The success of this program will require your INVOLVEMENT.

The below article entitled, "Test Yourself: Are You Hippie or Concerned?", by Arch N. Booth, Executive Vice President, Chamber of Commerce of the United States, should bring a message home to everyone, that we have a job to do, that it will take time and require WORK.

#### TEST YOURSELF: ARE YOU HIPPIE OR CONCERNED?

*Dissatisfied people come in two main types — those who act and those who just complain. Progress depends on the active ones.*

*In the past we've described the two in various ways — Positive and Negative Thinkers, Boosters and Doubting Toms, Workers and Alarmists, and the like.*

*The agitators were not always wrong but they had nothing much to take credit for. Their main use was in seeing that we carried along all that was best of the past as we move ahead. They were unpopular because they slowed the pace of change.*

*Now we have gone into an age of dissent, with youth leading the way, and the contrast has become much clearer. The*

*hippies are here, defying, ridiculing, cursing just about everything that we do or care for, and offering nothing to replace it.*

*Here is idle protest in full bloom — uninhibited, purposeless and all-consuming.*

*Here, for the solid citizen to see as he grouches about City Hall with no intention of becoming politically active himself, is the ultimate condition of those who abandon all sense of personal responsibility for what goes on, and who say to-hell-with-it.*

*Of course, very few members of chambers of commerce or trade or professional associations will wind up in Hippieland. We care about society. That's why we are organized. But isn't there a little bit of hippie in many of us?*

*What about the businessman who withdraws from the problems of his community — who tends to pull farther back, in anger and confusion, the worse a problem grows? Crime in the streets is an example.*

*Sure, these same men belong to the chamber, but that doesn't make them part of the community effort. Hippies join up with kindred souls in communes, too. They gang up to share the shirking.*

*Better worlds are built by men who come together in working teams, with each willing to do his share. That is how your chamber or association tries to operate.*

Let's start the new year 1970 with a resolution to work together and to cooperate with each other. Let's share the load, get INVOLVED, share your suggestions for improvement of our Association. I am sure that there are a good many ideas that are lost because they are never presented. Procrastination — the old method of "putting off" has led to the downfall of many a man and association. So please stand up and speak up and take an active part.

Dick Blake, President N.E.G.C.S.A.

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be January 5, 1970 at the Holiday Inn, Newton, Massachusetts.

Directors' Meeting	10:30 a. m.
Regular Meeting	11:00 a. m.
Dinner	12:15 p. m.
Educational program	1:15 p. m.

Noel F. Fongeallaz, superintendent at the Pleasant Valley C. C. in Sutton, Mass. was accepted as an Associate Member at the annual meeting. An application was read to vote on Mike Mahoney, superintendent at the Framingham C. C. We will vote at the January meeting.

Conferences and meetings that are coming:  
January 21-22 Plantsman's Seminar for Turf Growers and Nurserymen — University of Rhode Island.

January 23 U.S.G.A. Green Section one day conference at the Biltmore Hotel, New York City, topic: "Golf Course Management."

February 8-13 41st International Turfgrass Conference and Show sponsored by the G.C.S.A.A., Houston, Texas.

March 4-6 Annual Fine Turf Conference, High Point Motor Inn, Chicopee, Mass.



# Golf Course Superintendents Association

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you with reference to the editorial by Mr. Finn that appeared in the December issue of the Superintendents Newsletter, page one, entitled "It Doesn't Make Sense." He starts off with the remark that his editorial may qualify as grounds for precipitating the end of a beautiful friendship that exists between the superintendents and the club managers.

I would reply to him that I have no intention of letting an editorial by him ruin what both our professional groups have been trying to do over the years, namely build a better working relationship for the betterment of our clubs, our superintendents, and our managers.

I believe (from his remarks) that what seems to have upset Mr. Finn was an article recently published by our National Club Managers Association, called "Profile of a Club Manager — 1969." This publication was the result of a study that our association undertakes about every three years, in which they compile a list of items that the average club manager receives from his club in the way of salary and fringe benefits. They assign dollar values to the "fringe benefits" and come up with a pretty good estimate of the total compensation the average club manager received throughout the country in 1969. This particular survey makes no reference to *any other club employee*, but rather gives an in depth analysis of the country club manager and his brothers who manage the city clubs.

The whole point of Mr. Finn's article is that in comparison to the average manager, the superintendent is vastly underpaid. Based on the amount he mentions as the average wage of a superintendent, (and if his figures are correct) I would certainly agree with him that you definitely are underpaid. However, why try, (as he says in his article), to ruin a beautiful friendship by shooting at us. Direct your fire in the direction where it will do the most good. Yes, tell it like it is, Mr. Finn, but to the ears of those who are in a position to do something about it, namely the officers and directors of the

country clubs. They are the men who write the contracts, not the club managers. Take it one step further. Make a survey, as we have done, and come up with your own "Profile of a Golf Superintendent — 1970", and publish this profile for your superintendents. Then when your superintendent walks in the door at contract time, he has some ammunition with which to negotiate his contract with the club. Also have him take along the "Profile of a Club Manager — 1969", to use as a comparison if he wishes, and we sincerely hope it gets him a fat raise.

In my opinion, Mr. Robertson, the three most important people in the organizational chart of a Country Club are the Superintendent, the Golf Professional, and the Club Manager. I would not even attempt to assign values to any of the three, as to which is the most important. I would state, however, that all three form the vital chain that makes the club tick, and if any of the three are weak, the others suffer for it.

In closing, please let me emphasize that we are behind the Golf Course Superintendents Association 100 percent, and we will support you in any way we can to help you achieve your just goals. I also realize that Mr. Finn is trying to help you to achieve this goal, but if any of you have any influence with him, would you ask him to aim his typewriter in a different direction, he's aiming it at the wrong people.

Most sincerely,  
JAMES A. GOSLIN, JR.

President, New England Club Managers

P. S. I would be most happy to appear before the N. E. Superintendents at their monthly meeting to try to correct any misunderstanding that might result from Mr. Finn's editorial. Also, if you wish, I would try to get permission from our National Board to allow you to reproduce our "Profile", if you feel that it would serve as a tool for your people in negotiations. Lastly, I would sincerely appreciate my remarks in the above letter being presented to your entire membership in one of your future newsletters. Friends are hard to come by, and we feel we have some real friendships among the two associations.



Tom Curran, (left) is closing up his brief case prior to handing it over to the new Secretary, Wayne Zoppo. Tom's new role will be that of second vice president of the G.C.S.A. of N.E.

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Dear Dean:

Enclosed please find announcements for the USGA Green Section one day conference on Golf Course Management, to be held Friday, January 23, 1970 at the Biltmore Hotel, New York City (44th & Madison Ave.). Come one, come all! Everybody's invited!

Secondly, please be advised that our telephone number for the Eastern Region Green Section office has been changed to code (201) 572-0440.

Sincerely,

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## THE SQUIRREL OUT OF PLACE

There is an irresistible charm to hearing a red squirrel chittering at you as you walk through the woods. And one feels a sense of wilderness in seeing a gray squirrel scrambling through the tops of trees. However, when that same red or gray squirrel perches astride the bird feeder in your backyard and proceeds to make a pig of himself on both the bird feed and the feeder — admiration turns to animosity. When a squirrel mistakes your attic for a den and moves in, you have a problem.

If squirrels become destructive nuisances on one's property, it is legally permissible to destroy them. Since damage is most likely to occur in areas where it is illegal to discharge firearms, the commonest procedure is to box-trap them. After box-trapping the squirrel, one has several choices. Some persons chloroform them. Others haul them away and release them in the country. While destruction of the squirrel is not a job for the squeamish, neither is hauling away a task to be undertaken by the easily discouraged. Since one does not care to see that particular squirrel again, it should be taken at least 15 miles before being released. We know of some persons who have hauled more than 100 squirrels from the yard in one year.

The Massachusetts law regulating squirrel control is Chapter 131, Section 69. The first paragraph reads:

"An owner or tenant of land, or, if authorized by such owner or tenant, any member of his family or person, other than an alien, permanently employed upon such land, may, upon such land, hunt at any time any mammal, except deer, hares or rabbits, which has damaged or injured property or which the owner reasonably believes is likely to damage or injure property; and any such owner or tenant, at any time, and in such manner as may be necessary to protect said property from such mammals, except deer, hares or rabbits, may place, or may authorize any member of his family, or person, other than an alien, permanently employed by him to place traps for the purpose of taking such mammals on said land."

Other paragraphs state that if one does not do the trapping personally, he or she must obtain a permit from the Director of the State Division of Fisheries and Game before employing or permitting someone else to do the job. There is a prohibition against the sale of skins so taken — a provision that would have little application to squirrels but considerable application to many other fur-bearers. Violations of the law are punishable by a fine of not less than \$20.

The use of poison baits is dangerous and not recommended. Regardless of the care employed, poisons often reach the wrong target. If there are children in the neighborhood, the results can be tragic.

Bird feeders are difficult to protect from squirrels. There are many good "squirrel-proof feeders on the market. Unfortunately, a few squirrels always seem to figure out a means of circumventing the obstacles. A huge metal disc, shaped like an upside-down funnel and placed beneath a feeder that is supported on a pole, will discourage some squirrels. The reinforced poultry netting known as fox wire may be stretched over the openings of a bird feeder. The 1½ by 2 inch mesh will exclude squirrels and many larger birds, such as pigeons, blue jays and starlings. If the wire is stretched with the 2-inch wide mesh horizontal, small birds will perch on the wire and then hop into the feeder.

If one wishes to keep a population of squirrels in the yard but prefers not to feed them the more expensive bird grains, it may be accomplished by placing a bowl or can on a tree trunk and keeping the receptacle filled with corn.

Peanut butter attracts squirrels. If you feed peanut butter, place it in a holder well away from expensive bird feed.

Some persons place mothballs in the bird feeder to discourage squirrels. Like most mammals, they do not like the odor. Mothballs, however, are dangerous. Children sometimes mistake them for candy.

— Massachusetts Audubon Society

## DO IT YOURSELF

The lure of golf's holy land . . . the call from the vatican, so to speak . . . may be bigger than we thought.

The tie-in is simple. With the announcement that the National has skipped over St. Andrews as an immediate host area for the proposed international turf conference, the New England Association is taking a "do-it-yourself" stand.

Incoming president Dick Blake, who was guest of the Scots a few fortnights ago, has appointed Leon St. Pierre of the Longmeadow Country Club to explore the possibility of an association pilgrimage to the hallowed grounds next November.

As far as the international session is concerned, the enormity of the undertaking evidently rules out St. Andrews in the near future. According to Blake, it looks as though the year 1976 is the earliest the National would consider as a site.

The irony of the situation with the establishment of 1976 as a target date was tossed in full bloom when one veteran member was heard to remark . . . "Good. Now we can celebrate the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with our golfing friends across the ocean."

What St. Pierre is spearheading is the next best thing. "It's not that difficult to stage our own trip", Leon disclosed. "I know of many people in our association and some in others who would welcome the chance to visit St. Andrews. This is not going to be something cut in the rumor stage. We're serious."

St. Pierre would like to arrange a two-week visit with wives included. "There are side trips which the St. Andrews people can set up", Leon said. "And I know that John Campbell would welcome us with open arms."

Campbell is the superintendent of greens at St. Andrews and a recent visitor to the United States where he served as one of the featured speakers at the UMass Fine Turf Conference. In fact, Campbell so impressed New England with his presence, he has been invited by the National for its session in Houston.

"Of course, the details are sketchy", St. Pierre explained. "In rough figures, the two weeks would run somewhere around \$600 per person. That would include everything."

Right now St. Pierre is interested in a show of hands . . . more so from other sections of the country. There seems to be a solid representation of interested people within New England. But, as Leon states it, "if we could gather a couple of plane-loads, it would really show the St. Andrews people we're enthused over this opportunity to visit them."

With this thought in mind, St. Pierre would like to hear from anyone wanting to join in the trek to the holy land. He can be contacted at the Longmeadow Country Club, Longmeadow, Mass.

— Gerry Finn



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## SOUND OFF

*(It's time to stir the proverbial hornet's nest again with another serving of "Sound Off", the NEGCSA Newsletter's invitation to its readers to become authors in their own right. We offer this space to any and all — members, dealers, green chairmen, golfers . . . even people who frown on golf — to express your views on the game. They should be brief and presented in neat form. Send them to Newsletter Mail Box, 24 Riverview Drive, Newbury, Mass. 01950. Naturally, the Newsletter reserves the right to comment on all letters published).*

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"Even though winter's running her course, I would like to take this opportunity to extend the New England Golf Course Superintendents an invitation to plan part of their 1970 summer activities on the beautiful Atlantic. I am an old salt and run an excursion boat business for groups. Think about it between snowdrops."

CAPTAIN ANDY WASHBURN  
Galilee, R. I.

By the sounds of some of the scores in our recent association championship, I'm sure you'll have a lot of takers next year. How are the facilities for holding a surfing championship?

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"Let me take this opportunity to commend my fellow members of the New England Association for their increased interest in the educational series presented over the winter months. Passing the resolution to take attendance at educational meetings was a step in the right direction. We're getting there."

LEON ST. PIERRE  
Longmeadow, Mass.

Once again our members indicate that New England refuses to stand still when it comes to upgrading the profession. Our educational series should be a sellout.

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"Perhaps you are not the right people to contact, but I'm trying anything these days to get my board of directors to see the light. For months now I've been talking up the national conference coming up in Houston with hopes my club would make some financial consideration in the matter. A few days ago I got the word. They don't feel the trip is necessary, so there won't be any funds included in the budget for the conference."

JOSH PERKINS  
South Egremont, Mass.

Are you sure that's a country club and not a concentration camp you're working for, Josh? I think your directors should do some Texas-tall reappraising of the situation before they rub out the worthwhile session in Houston.

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"For as long as I can remember certification among golf course superintendents has been treated as a dirty word. At last, though, some sections are trying to work it into their systems, New England among them. There is no doubt about the merits of certification. It should be supported by every segment of the golfing fraternity. In the long run it will benefit all.

SAL CERENA  
Mountindale, Montana

Certification is the only way supers can prove to the country club set they are responsible, improvement-minded businessmen in their own right. Eventually, it shall be required of every super to become certified. So why not get at it now?

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"Sorry to hear you chaps won't be coming over here for your conference in the near future. Our people are still most enthusiastic about the possibility and wish you would do all in your power to make it a reality. Someone wrote and told me that Boston had won out over St. Andrews for the 1973 meeting. This sounds almost as bad as that Tea Party thing in the long ago.

CHRIS CARUTHERS  
Glasgow, Scotland

It's just as much of a blow to us, Chris. In fact if there weren't so much water between us, we might think of secession.

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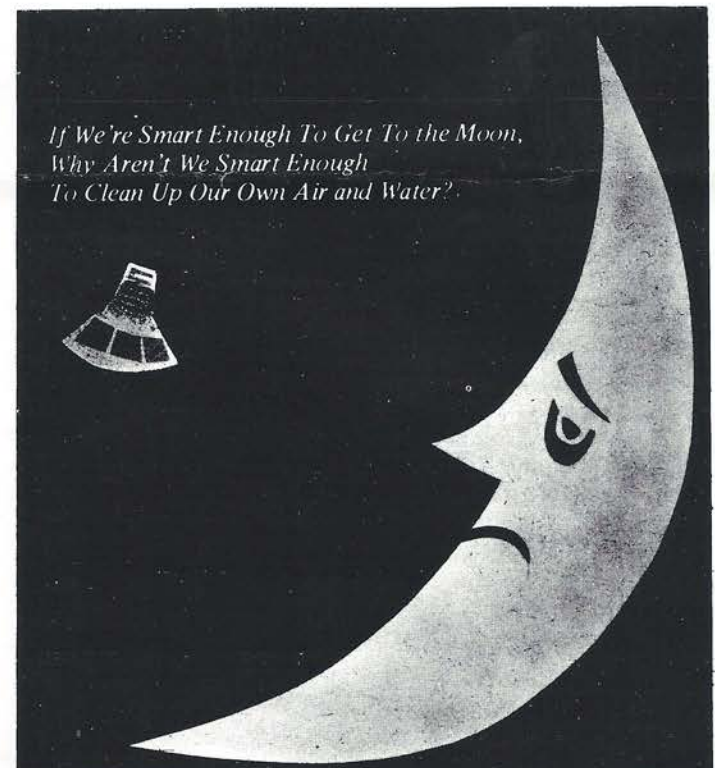
"Up here where snowmobiles are becoming part of the family basic equipment, we superintendents are bracing ourselves for another attack by the mechanized monsters. We're hopeful that snowmobilers can find places other than the golf course to do their chewing and clawing. I'm writing this only to make you people more appreciative of your warmer climate."

BUZZ ADAMS  
North Conway, N. H.

Funny thing about your letter. You have just the right name for a snowmobile racer. All kidding aside, our hopes and prayers will be with you through the trying times ahead.

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*(So ends another airing of "Sound Off". But there's always room for more and you, the readers, can provide same. Keep your letters and cards coming. Tell us like it is in your neck of the golf woods).*







## New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents Association, Inc.

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

### DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the N.H.G.C.S.A. will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 1969 at the Sheraton Wayfarer, Covered Wagon Room, in Manchester, N. H.

This is perhaps the most important meeting of the year. The election of officers for the forthcoming year and changes in policies are the most important items on the agenda.

This will also be an excellent time to offer your club for the use of our association during the 1970 season.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Meeting Wednesday, December 3, 1969

Directors' Meeting 10:00-11:00

Coffee Hour 10:00-11:00

Business Meeting 11:00-12:00

Lunch 12:15- 1:15

The Business Meeting will continue after lunch.

### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has come up with the following from which you can choose to hold office next year. The election will be held during our annual meeting in December.

President ..... Bob Hale

Vice President ..... Dave Marcotte,  
Roland Lachance

Treasurer ..... Leonard Chance

Secretary ..... Don Bye  
Ford Leach

Directors (Choose five) .... Charles Pullen

Ronnie Palmer

Bob Flannagan

John Barry

Bill Cross

Ero Wirta

Dick Denico

Dave Clement

Toby Barrett

President George Hauschel will automatically become a member of the board when his present term expires.

### Notes from U. N. H.

The University of New Hampshire has given us the following information concerning turf that may be of interest to those of us involved with fine grass areas.

Professor L. A. McFadden of Plant Pathology is available to run cultures for disease identification. The University is also trying to obtain an extension turf specialist who would be responsible for turf research.

### NOVEMBER MEETING

The November Meeting of the N.H.G.C.S.A. was held at the Nashua Country Club in Nashua, N. H. Host Superintendent, Charlie Pullen, provided our association with the excellent facilities available at his club and an exceptional meal.

Professor Joseph Troll of the Turf Management Dept. at the Univ. of Mass. gave an excellent speech and showed many interesting slides concerning his recent stay in Great Britain.

#### POSITION OPEN

Bill Barrett, Superintendent of the Portsmouth Country Club in Greenland, New Hampshire has accepted the position of Sales Representative to the State of New Hampshire and Essex County in Massachusetts for the Clapper Company.

Bill has asked me to print the name of the individual to contact if you are interested in applying for the position. This change will be effective Jan. 1, 1970. Please contact: Dr. Henry Robbins, 97 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, N. H. 03801.

### DDT — THE WRONG INSECTICIDE

#### *What's Wrong with DDT?*

it remains toxic in the environment for at least 10 years and spreads by wind and water around the globe it is harmful to wildlife, killing some animals outright and inhibiting reproduction in others

it affects our food supply; our fisheries are particularly vulnerable

while the amount of DDT now in our bodies is small and has not proved harmful, scientists fear possible long range effects

#### *What are the Alternatives?*

numerous other insecticides that do the job and become harmless to the environment within a few weeks

non-chemical measures such as water level control to eliminate breeding areas, local destruction of diseased trees, introduction of natural insect eaters

#### *They Why Is DDT Still Used?*

it's inexpensive — large volume production, a result of its World War II fame, keeps its cost low  
conclusive proof of its danger is recent — only now, after 10 years of research have scientists amassed irrefutable evidence

#### *What Can You Do?*

Use only such sprays as pyrethrum, rotenone, nicotine sulfate, methoxychlor, Sevin, malathion, diazinon, dibrom, guthion, Dursban, naled or Abate, and these with extreme caution — check the ingredients on the label never use DDT, aldrin, dieldrin, endrin, or heptachlor; only qualified professionals should use chlordane, BHC, endosulfan or toxaphene for special limited uses  
urge your neighbors, local tree sprayers and government officials to be guided by the above lists

—National Audubon Society





# New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents Association, Inc.

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

## DECEMBER MEETING

December being the last month of the year gave us an excellent opportunity to hold the annual election of officers and directors for the coming year. (It would be one heck of a long wait if we held them in July). Anyway here are the results:

	Officers	
President		Bob Hale
Vice President		Dave Marcotte
Treasurer		Len Chace
Secretary		Don Bye
	Directors	
		Ron Palmer
		Charlie Pullen
		Bob Flanagan
		Roland LaChance
		John Barry

## New Applicants

New applicants to be voted on next month are:

Alfred J. Martel, Associate  
Box 265, Claremont, New Hampshire  
Crown Point C. C., Springfield, Vermont

Dave Huff, Inactive  
7 Albin Road, Bow, New Hampshire  
O. M. Scott Co.

Richard K. Zeytoonjian, Inactive  
317 Mystic Street, Arlington, Massachusetts

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

President Bob Hale has appointed the following to act as committee heads for the coming year.

Scholarship .....	Bob Flanagan
Educational .....	Charlie Pullen
Publicity .....	Len Chace
Newsletter .....	John Barry



Outgoing President George Hauschel presents the gavel to the recently elected President Bob Hale.



Slate of officers for the 1970 year. Left to right: Len Chace, Treasurer; Bob Hale, President; George Hauschel, outgoing President; Dave Marcotte, Vice President; Don Bye, Secretary.

## JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the N.H.G.C.S.A. will be held at the Sheraton Wayfarer in Manchester on Wednesday, January 7, 1970.

Article 4, section 9, paragraph 1 of the by-laws governing the New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents Association states that any motion brought before the association regarding a change in the dues structure must be published in the newsletter. Men, consider it published. The motion was to raise the dues from \$15.00 to \$20.00 and abolish the initiation fee.

Our guest speaker at this meeting will be Bruce Vicery of the W. J. Connell Co. His topic will be "Trouble-Shooting Problems of Small Engines." This would serve as an excellent opportunity for you to bring your assistant or mechanic. A little extra knowledge in this department never hurt anyone.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	January 7, 1970
Directors' meeting	10:00-11:00
Coffee Hour	10:00-11:00
Business meeting	11:00-12:00
Lunch	12:15- 1:00
Educational meeting	1:15-





## Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association

Editor — Norman Pease, Purpoodock Club, Cape Elizabeth, Maine

### DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting will be held on the second at the Portland Country Club. The host superintendent will be Lloyd Ruby. This is our annual meeting so let's have a good turnout.

Any superintendent wishing to have the association meet at his course next year please say so at the December meeting so a schedule can be drawn up and posted.

George Cull of Terra-Green will be our guest speaker. His subject will be soil conditioners.

#### Meeting Schedule

Date .....	December 2
Meeting .....	11:00 A. M.
Lunch .....	12:10 P. M.
Education .....	1:00 P. M.

To reach the Portland Country Club from the Maine Turnpike, take the Falmouth exit. Take Rt. 1 South to Rt. 88. Country Club is at the beginning of Rt. 88.

John Davis, head of the nominating committee reports a proposed slate as follows:

President	Lloyd Ruby
Vice President	Ernie Hawkes
Secretary-Treasurer	Norman Pease
Board of Directors	
One year	Al Cameron
Two years	Frank Cutting
Three years	John Davis

### SNOW

On many cars in the State of Maine there are bumper stickers with the saying THINK SNOW. Superintendents should also be thinking snow. It will not be long before everything will be covered with the white fluffy stuff. Those that use no chemicals for protection against snow mold should consider using them. For a relatively small investment greens can have good protection.

With the coming of snow will come the roar of snowmobiles and the roar, not heard since spring, of superintendents and club officials whether they should be on the course or not. It is up to the individual club and superintendent to decide to have or not to have, but a decision should be made one way or the other before the snow is on the ground. If they are allowed on the course guidelines for their use and who and how they will be policed should be decided.

### LITTER BASKET SHORTAGE

A study by Gallup International, Inc. for Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the national litter-prevention organization, found that a majority of people believe there are not enough litter containers in their communities. They believe this is a major reason for the prevalence of littering and only one person in five felt there were sufficient litter containers in the community in which he lives.

Keep America Beautiful's primary objective is to encourage the installation and use of an adequate number of litter receptacles in all areas where needed. Clubs and civic groups of all kinds, as well as business firms and labor unions, are urged to work with public officials in making sure that enough litter containers are placed throughout their communities.

—The Conservationist, July 1969

### NOVEMBER MEETING

Our thanks to Joe Natolitano for the hospitality shown at the November meeting. A few superintendents were going to play the Val Halla course but were cancelled out by rain. Instead of playing they sat around and discussed many golf course problems.

### Eight Steps for Storing Your Tractor

If you're planning to put your tractor in storage for the winter months, it's best to take some precautions.

1. Start the engine and let it warm up thoroughly. Then drain the oil from the crankcase. Drop the crankcase pan to remove accumulated sludge. After reassembling the crankcase, fill it with new oil. Let the engine run again for a few minutes to allow the new oil to coat the engine parts.

2. Drain all but a little fuel from the tank. Then, start the engine and let it run until all fuel is consumed. This procedure is recommended because fuel left in the tank of an idle tractor can form harmful gum deposits in the carburetor and fuel line.

3. Open all drain cocks, including the cylinder block drain plugs, to drain the cooling system. Flush the radiator with a quality radiator cleaner. Leave the drain cocks and drain plugs open.

4. Check the spark plugs. If they have been used about 250 hours or appear worn, replace them. If they need only service, file the electrodes until they are flat and have sharp edges. Regap the plugs to specifications and clean off any moisture or dirt. Before reinstalling or putting in new plugs, pour two or three teaspoons of No. 30 or heavier motor oil into each spark plug port. Then turn the engine over several times to distribute the oil over the cylinder walls. This prevents rust.

5. Remove debris from exhaust pipe, crankcase fill pipe and crankcase vent pipe. Seal these openings with tape or household plastic film. Also, remove the air cleaner, and seal the carburetor intake opening. Wrap plastic film around such engine components as the generator, distributor, starter and coil. Secure the film with tape for moisture protection.

6. Service the oil cleaner according to specifications for its type. Remove the air cleaner; service it, and store.

7. Remove and ballast from the tires. If you are equipped with sturdy jacks, elevate the tractor on blocks to help preserve the tires. Otherwise, maintain about 10 percent extra air pressure in the tires throughout storage.

8. Store the battery in a cool, dry place, maintaining charge while in storage. Clean the cables, terminal posts, casings and mountings.

Store the tractor in a dry, well protected area. If none is available, drape the tractor with a tarpaulin or plastic covering.

Grounds Maintenance





## Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association

Editor — Norman Pease, Purpoodock Club, Cape Elizabeth, Maine

### JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the M.G.C.S.A. will be held on the 6th at the Steer house in South Portland. An educational program is being planned. The Steer House is at exit 7 of the Maine Turnpike. For those not using the turnpike it is on Route 1 in South Portland.

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

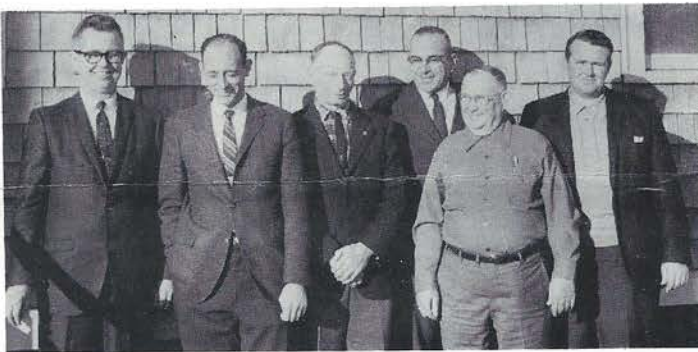
11:00-12:00	Meeting
12:00- 1:00	Lunch
1:00	Education

### DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting was held at the Portland Country Club. We wish to thank host Superintendent Lloyd Ruby and the Portland Country Club for their wonderful hospitality.

John Davis of the Riverside Golf Club discussed what he has had to do to handle snowmobiles at his course. The city has opened all 27 holes to these vehicles. John and his crew have had to put snow fence all around all greens. They will also have to patrol, with snowmobiles provided by the city, for violations.

A couple of courses in this area are being posted for the first time. Others are closed but not posted.



Left to right: Norman Pease, Sec.-Treas.; Lloyd Ruby, Pres.; Frank Cutting, Board of Directors; Ernie Hawkes, Vice-Pres.; Al Cameron, Board of Directors; John Davis, Board of Directors.

The annual election of officers was held at the December meeting.

President	Lloyd Ruby
Vice President	Ernie Hawkes
Sec.-Treasurer	Norman Pease
Board of Directors	
One year	Al Cameron
Two years	Frank Cutting
Three years	John Davis

### NEWSLETTER

At the present time there are very few greens chairmen and club presidents receiving the newsletter. Many articles, if read by these people, could very possibly improve your position at your club. Send their names and addresses to the secretary and we will see that they receive a copy.

Wally White of the Maine Sunday Telegram and Press Herald sports staff has been appointed to the sectional affairs committee of the Golf Writers Association of America, Inc.

Wally is an honorary member of the M.G.C.S.A. and the Maine Professional Golfers Organization. He has been elected secretary-treasurer of the M.P.G.O. for the coming year.

The M.G.C.S.A. wishes to thank Wally for the excellent coverage we receive in the Sunday Telegram and Press Herald. It is nice to have a writer who takes so much interest in our organization.

### New Members

Dave Huff, area salesman for the O. M. Scott & Sons Co.

Some hog farmers require you to change shoes before entering their farrowing house. Will the time come when a sod producer will make you change pants before walking onto his fields?

Consider the experience of Sir George Taylor, director of the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, Great Britain. He walked around a farm recently then turned out his trouser cuffs and from the material in them germinated 300 plants, of which 20 were different weed species.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

By the Committee on Persistent Pesticides

The Committee recommends —

1. That further and more effective steps be taken to reduce the needless and inadvertent release of persistent pesticides into the environment.
2. That in the public interest, action be increased at international, national, and local levels to minimize environmental contamination where the use of persistent pesticides remains advisable.
3. That studies of the possible long-term effects of low levels of persistent pesticides on man and other mammals be intensified.
4. That efforts to assess the behavior of persistent pesticides and their ecological implications in the environment be expanded and intensified.
5. That public funds for research on chemical methods of pest control be increased without sacrifice of effort on non-chemical methods.
6. That the present system of regulation, inspection, and monitoring to protect man and his food supply from pesticide contamination be continued.
7. That the objectives and procedures of the National Pesticide Monitoring Program be reviewed and that the feasibility of obtaining data on quantities of persistent pesticides in the biosphere be studied.

N. A. C. News  
Mass. Audubon Newsletter



## LET IT ALL HANG OUT

In accordance with our creed of fair play, the NEGCSA is allowing everyone and anyone to have the floor in the controversy over last month's Newsletter lead item . . . "It Doesn't Make Sense."

In a sense, we are letting it all hang out . . . printing, as space will allow, one of the most worthwhile letters received in response to the article.

Before delving into commentary, a few preliminaries should be aired. First, that the response has been overwhelming. There have been letters, telephone calls, telegrams and what have you.

One of the most astonishing reactions came from a country club in the New England section whose superintendent informed us that he had received a substantial raise as a direct result of the editorial.

Just one additional aside. In Mr. Goslin's letter of rebuttal there is mention made of the superintendents conducting their own profile survey. Such action was initiated some time ago and is not being pursued at Mr. Goslin's urging.

On to the comment which is elementary.

As for the other letter received in support of our stand, little more can be added other than the recognition that New England is not the only section aware of the apparent gap between the two professions.

The New England Club Managers Association position is likewise academic. Naturally, it feels it has been imposed upon in the release of certain salary figures and their implication.

If a true assessment of the situation is made from neutral grounds, one can see that the managers, in essence, agree with the superintendent's basic gripe . . . that he is underpaid in comparison to the manager.

Furthermore, it is apparent from the tone of Mr. Goslin's letter that disagreement exists between the two groups as to whom the editorial was directed.

If he will turn to the final paragraph of the article, he will learn the target of the piece was the country club or the man who writes the pay check. Quoting it, sir . . . "It just doesn't make sense. Don't you agree, Mr. Country Club President?"

According to Mr. Goslin we are firing our guns over the heads of the people who should read the editorial, i.e. . . . "Yes, tell it like it is, Mr. Finn, but to the ears of those who are in a position to do something about it, namely the officers and directors of the country clubs."

As was proposed midway through this rejoinder, the reaction of the managers is academic.

According to the information we received from one financially-lifted superintendent, the right ears (or eyes, if you will) found their way to "It Doesn't Make Sense" . . . and that makes more sense than any reaction we've encountered so far.

— Gerry Finn

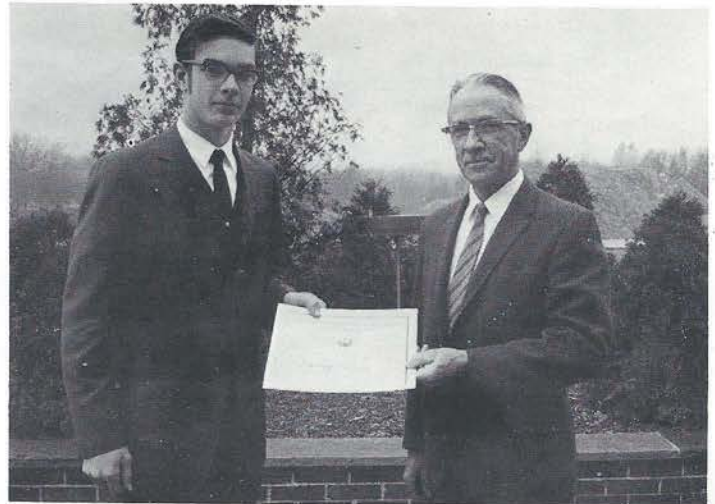
## ADVICE TO THE FARMER

"Cut timber for building and fencing. Secure your grain from rats. Cover your horses after severe exercise in cold weather. Look well to your poultry and feed them."

"Keep your barn and stable clean — see that you waste no fodder — card your oxen and horses every day — look to your bees."

"Repair all your farming utensils, now you have leisure."

From *The New England Farmer*  
January and February, 1833



Mike Wallace, left, accepting the Lawrence S. Dickinson Scholarship from Philip Cassidy, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

The 1969 Lawrence S. Dickinson Scholarship was awarded to Michael Wallace, a senior at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. Mike is a Turf Major and will graduate in June of 1970. He hopes to follow his father's footsteps and become a golf course superintendent in the near future. Mike is married and they have one child.

## 1970 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- Membership — Robert Grant (Chairman), Thomas Curran, Wayne Zoppo.
- Finance — Nary Sperandio (Chairman), Lucian Duval, Norman Beauregard.
- Educational — Albert Auger (Chairman), Donald Hearne, John O'Connell, David Barber, John Dolan.
- Golf Committee — Julius Aksten (Chairman), William Carter, Mel Wendell, Tom Schofield.
- Newsletter — Dean Robertson (Chairman), Leon St. Pierre, Business Manager, Gerry Finn, Contributing Editor.
- Welfare — Charles Gardner (Chairman), Arthur Anderson, John Hudyka, Joseph Rybko, Tony Kruckus, Gene Dooley, Meindert "Red" Shultz.
- Employment — John Callahan (Chairman), Norman Mucciaroni, Steve Kristof, Donald Reynolds.
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- Scholarship — Phil Cassidy (Chairman), Arthur Anderson, Robert Grant, Dr. Joseph Troll.
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- Foreign Travel Consultant — Leon St. Pierre.
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- Host Committee GCSAA (Pre-Planning), Thomas Curran (Chairman), John O'Connell, Robert Grant, Leon St. Pierre, Richard Blake.

All committee chairmen should be prepared to make a factual progress report of their committee functions on 30 days advance notice from the President. A written report should be presented at the annual meeting.

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