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—NEXT MEETING—

Tuesday, January 5, 1988
Wellesley C.C.

- 9:00 Directors Meeting
- 10:45 Annual Meeting
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Educational

Directions to Club: 128 to route 9 west—take 2nd right on rte. 9—Cedar St. (Needham, Dover exit) go over rte.9 and follow double yellow line to club—about 2 miles from rte. 9.

Host Superintendent -
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Divot Drift

The November meeting was held at Needham Golf Club. It was back to reality after playing The Country Club and Brae Burn C.C. a few weeks before. We had 57 players test their golfing skills on this gorgeous November day.

The tournament was an individual quota and the winners were—Mel O'Kelly, Marshfield C.C. plus 6. In at plus 4 for second place was Jim O'Kelly, Brae Burn C.C. Third spot was captured by Tony Caranci at plus 2, Ledgemont C.C. Fourth spot at plus 1 went to Mike Iacono, Metacomet C.C. In fifth position, at 0 (even quota) was Bob Mucciarone, Dedham Polo Club. Closest to the pin on #2 went to Mike Iacono, Metacomet C.C. Closest to the pin on #7 was awarded to Kevin

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Smooth Sailing on Super Love Boat

What's this? Despite the possibility of facing up to the stress, strain, tribulations, even tragedies which might come with the job, the Newsletter has discovered that being married to a golf course superintendent "ain't" that bad, after all.

In fact, according to reactions within the New England ranks, there is only one word for it—"Super".

So says Cheryl Johnson whose husband, Doug, is there for the greening of the Pine Brook Country Club every golf season.

"Agree", chimes Carolyn Murphy who's been right there waiting at the front door with a cheery greeting for Larry Gannon Municipal's stellar superintendent, Steve, for the past 15 years.

"I wouldn't want it any other way," tells Blanche Mucciarone after raising nine children and never seeing her love boat rock while sailing through life with Woodland's staunch course groomer, Norm.

"Make it four on the positive side," adds Sally Miller who's been side-by-side with Tedesco Country Club superintendent, Paul, since they began dating at Sandwich High School.

Therefore, it's unanimous. Wedded bliss runneth over where super and spouse are concerned.

The Millers are living testimonial to the typical rosy relationship that blooms on and off the golf course.

Sally, who has her own career as an art director for an advertising agency, gives the superintendent's profession high marks.

"It's wonderful," she explains. "I'm sure there are guys in business suits riding by the club who envy Paul and his work. I also know that he's well respected by the members at Tedesco. But it should be that way. It's not all that easy a job, although it's rewarding."

So rewarding, by the way, that Sally reports another Miller appears to be following in his father's footsteps. "Oh, our son, Jon," she discloses. "He's working on the course and thinks he wants to become a superintendent. Me? I'm all for it."

Blanche Mucciarone embraces a big plus from her life with Norm.

"Norm's job introduced me to playing golf," Blanche says. "It gave me the opportunity to be with my husband in an atmosphere where we share talking about what we do in our daily lifestyles. Sure, we have private conversations about his job and that's part of the whole picture.

"Of course, we're very happy with our style of life. We've been able to bring up our children in a favorable environment and seen its benefits. I'm just delighted Norm's doing something he likes. He's dedicated, you know. And I share his enthusiasm for his job."

Like the other superintendent wives, Carolyn Murphy admits that her only complaint centers on the seasonal aspects of her husband's profession—that summer vacations and social life that time of year is married life's forbidden fruit.

"But Steve and I work around little snags like that," explains Carolyn who is a teacher in the Swampscott school

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