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## NEWSLETTER

The February meeting was held February 6, 1961 at the Waltham Field Station. In spite of a new snow storm, 20 members arrived and after an enjoyable turkey luncheon we listened to our lady guests viewpoints on golf. Below listed are their recommendations:

1. Outline Hazards - Especially lateral hazards. Use yellow stakes for regular water hazards and red stakes for lateral water hazards.
2. Winter or Preferred Lies - Avoid if possible.
3. Unplayable Course - Only in the event of a major storm, flood, etc. The Superintendent should determine when course is unplayable.
4. Greens - Fast but not slippery.
5. Sand Traps - A loose sand that doesn't pack - Women have weak wrists.
6. Flags or Pins - Not near the front edge of greens. Preferably near center of greens.
7. Tee Markers - Not always at the front of tees and not always at the extreme rear of the tee. (Arthur Anderson please note).
8. Rough - Not too high - Women have trouble getting out of a heavy rough.

Miss Curtis would like to see a large, well designed ladies tee on each hole. Located so that the proper club could be used to play the golf shot. Miss Curtis, who is a young 77 years of age, still plays golf and although she has used a golf cart she doesn't recommend them.

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Ed Buecher, Superintendent Manchester C. C. told us that all flags and flag poles stolen one evening were returned a few days later with a note. "Sorry we couldn't use them."

New club house and second nine under construction at Natick, Mass., Ernie Wolfgang, Supt.

Second nine to be constructed at Franklin, Mass., Roger Hines Supt.

Mr. Robert A. Mitchell - Retired Supt. Kernwood C. C., Salem, Massachusetts, died at his home in Danvers, Mass., January 29, 1961. Mr. Mitchell was an Honorary member of our Association and held every office including President. He taught school at Essex Agricultural School and was a gardener at several estates on the North Shore before going to Kernwood as Superintendent where he developed the Kernwood strain of Velvet Bent.

#### SUCCESS

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory is a benediction.

Longfellow

Our heart felt sympathy to Mr. Mitchell's family.

#### USGA RULES OF GOLF FOR 1961

##### BALL LOST

Stroke-and-distance penalty.

Ball may be declared lost without 5-minute search.

##### BALL UNPLAYABLE

Stroke-and-distance penalty.

-or-

\*Drop ball behind point where ball lay, keeping point between player and hole.  
Penalty - 1 stroke.

-or-

\*Drop ball within 2 club-lengths of point where ball lay, not nearer hole.  
Penalty - 1 stroke.

\*If original ball lay in bunker, a ball must be dropped in the bunker under options marked.\*

##### BALL OUT OF BOUNDS

Stroke-and-distance penalty.

BEWARE --- DANGER LURKS JUST AHEAD  
MINIMUM FAIR WAGES --- OVERTIME

No doubt you are aware of the serious impact that the new Minimum Wage and Overtime change in Chapter 151 of the General Laws ammended by Ch. 813 approved November 30, 1960, will have on your rate of pay and total payroll starting March 1st.

So far as we can see and we have checked with quite a few authorities your club comes under this new regulation and you will have to pay a rate of one and one half pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours per week.

We have some idea of your problem as we were placed under this Federal Wage and Hour regulation back in the thirties and have ever since then been paying this over-time rate for a work week in excess of forty hours. It will take some doing to shift your base rates and adjustment of the total hours worked.

It is now a law and you must learn to work within it even though there is an amendment known as House Bill 2416 and Senate Bill 230 which may offer some adjustment if and when these are enacted. The fact remains that the law starts on March 1, 1961, so prepare to come within it now.

If you do not now have copies of these laws and bills we urge you to secure these at once and submit your problem to your finance committee as it will be mandatory for you to comply and this can mean a greater labor budget this spring.

We pass this bit of information on to you as part of our service to our customers.

#### NEXT MEETING

Waltham Field Station	March 6, 1961
Directors Meeting	9:30 A.M.
Business Meeting	10:30
Lunch	12:30 P.M.
Educational Program:	All Dealers

Don't miss this opportunity to see the latest changes in equipment, ask questions, and get prices so you may plan your purchases for 1961. Do business with those who do business with us.

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1961 TURF CONFERENCE	March 9 and 10, 1961
Hotel Northampton, Northampton, Massachusetts	
Registration - 9:00 A.M. March 9, 1961 Hotel Northampton	
Banquet - 6:30 P.M. March 9, 1961	
Speaker - Geoffrey Cornish - Golf Course Architect	
"History and Development of Golf Course Design"	

- Better turf through Research and Education -

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LET'S LOOK TO THE FUTURE - by O. J. Noer

Golf, once a rich man's game is now popularly played by men, women and children in every walk of life. There has been a tremendous surge in golf course construction since World War II and a corresponding increase in the cost of golf course maintenance. One 36-hole club with year-round play listed a 1960 budget of \$239,000.00. In addition to increase costs of operation, the increase in golf play per facility is placing an increased tax on turf-grass condition and an increased burden to the superintendent in planning maintenance time. Despite these problems, golfers will continue to demand and seek the best in golf facilities and turf maintenance standards. To meet these challenges, the superintendent of tomorrow must be well



versed in turf-grass technology, business management, employer relations and in the personalty equation so necessary to keep golfers happy.

Youth is the hope of the future and its opportunities are many and great. College education and research development offer him the basic tools to do the job. Apprentice training programs are becoming more available to provide practical aspects of golf course management. Turf-grass conferences have sprung up in most sections of the country to emphasize research developments and to review basic principles. Several superintendents' organizations have developed important educational conferences, and local chapter meetings emphasize problems in this growing era. G.C.S.A.A. has a great challenge to meet the educational requirements of its growing industry. The Association's Annual Conference and Show is a prime example of what can be done through coordinated efforts. The correspondence course program projected by the Association will be another very important educational tool.

In preparing for the challenge of the future, it is important to review the developments of the past. Many great developments in management techniques have resulted from the combined effort of turf research centers, industry and progressive superintendents. Familiarity with these important developments provides us a base upon which to build continued improvements. Along with the problems of growth, one of the real challenges of the future will be the rebuilding of many older and antiquated golf course facilities. These changes will call for careful design and efficient use of labor, materials and money. Improperly constructed greens and inadequate watering systems are two of the principle problems of older, out-dated golf course facilities. The key to good turf tomorrow will be the professional superintendent. The future will be bright for those who accept its challenges. You will carry my cordial best wishes as you march forward.

Will the following named please return the card with their name and address, name of club and home phone number at once so that the by-laws book may be completed. This is something to benefit the whole membership so please cooperate.

Norman Barnes, John J. Brock, Edward Beucher, D. W. Barry, Homer Darling, John Dombek, Howard Farrant, Ignance Gill, Walter Greus, J. J. Grady, Stephan Hannon, John Latvis, William Mahoney, Louis Marotta, Donald Mitchell, William Mitchell, Philip Mitchell, John Mello, Albert Sanders, George Stavros, Sam Swaze, Ernest Wolfgang, John Callahan, John Dolan, Thomas Curran, Guy Tedesco and Donald Blakeley.

#### SOME THING TO REMEMBER

A limited number of turfgrass students of Penn State and the University of Massachusetts will be seeking placement training for the summer months of '61... however, arrangements should be made well in advance...for information on student placement contact...

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