

# Tee Shots

A LOT OF OLD FRIENDS met again at the 42nd Annual Fine Turf Conference organised by the University of Massachusetts in Springfield, Mass. during the first week in March. Professor Joseph Troll was the organising genius with the active co-operation of his staff and the New England chapter of the G.C.S.A.A.

We met Leon St. Pierre, editor of the Chapter's Newsletter, who showed us round his course at the Longmeadow Country Club. The signs of spring were already beginning to make members hope that golf would not be too far away.

Dr. Dick Skogley was also at the conference. He was in England some years back with Fisons on a sabbatical and hopes to come again soon if he can fit into a useful programme of research.

We also met Eb Steiniger who has been at Pine Valley for the last 30 years or so and still likes it as much as the first day he went there.

About 700 attended the conference and it was also a useful meeting point for superintendents and would-be recruits to maintenance teams who had just completed one of the courses arranged by the University.

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I.C.I. have brought out a new slow release nitrogen fertilizer the Gold-N. It assists growth and colour by releasing nitrogen slowly and continuously over a period of between 3 and 6 months. It thus has special importance on difficult sites prone to leaching. It comes in 56lb bags and the nitrogen is essentially present as urea – an organic amide. The Chipman Chemical Company of Dorking has already started contract spreading.

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Work will start shortly on the new Hilltop and Manwoods Scheme planned by the City of Birmingham in a big sporting complex. Golfers will have both an 18 and a 9 hole course.

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The City of Leicester is also adding a further 18 hole Municipal Course to its present facilities. This one will probably be done by the Parks Department itself with the assistance of consultants.

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## Note for the Diary

Park Administration Conference and Exhibition, Victoria Park, Hackney, 24–25 May 1973.



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