

If you are coming from Washington, D. C., travel Route 50 to Route 3, then north on Route 3 until you pass the Bon Fire Restaurant. In about 1/2 mile turn left on Benfield Road. The entrance to the club is on the left about 3/4 of a mile from this turn.

Membership Roster Cards: There are still a lot of cards not returned. Let's get them sent in so we can have an up-to-date roster. George Gumm mentioned something about sending a quart of Eastern Shore mosquitoes to anyone who fails to send in his card, so let's get them in!

Five Years Ago: Eighty-three members and guests met at Fort Meade Golf Club. Lt. Bonita was our host. The Meade club officials treated us to a very well planned steak dinner.

The Cornell Chemical Co. of Baltimore showed several plots in the practice area where they had demonstrated Dowfume as a soil sterilent. It showed good results both in killing Bermuda grass and weed infested cool season grasses.

Following dinner a constructive suggestion report was held. Most of the recommendations were for improving the turf on the new 18 holes.

Following is a list of trees published in the News Letter of August, 1956. It was originally taken from the May, 1956. Northeastern Turfletter by Al Radko. The News Letter would be interested in finding out the opinions of its members who followed Mr. Radko's suggestions of five years ago.

Troublesome Trees

1. White Poplar - The #1 enemy of golf courses.
2. Willow - Troublesome, except when planted in an out of the way place, away from drainage lines, out of the line of play.
3. Silver Maple - (Sometimes called soft or swamp maple) Don't use unless you cannot get anything else to grow.
4. Sycamore - Lace flies and aphids hurt them badly, and leaves drop early. Require excellent spraying program to keep in good condition.
5. Chinese Elm - After a good ice storm all branches break off, leaving only the trunk.
6. Honey Locust - Seed pod set an undesirable feature.
7. Elm - Dutch elm disease kills them. This beautiful tree now lost for all practical purposes.

Desirable Trees

1. Pin, Red and Scarlet Oak - The Pin Oak is a good selection for wet or damp ground.
2. Sweet Gum - Don't plant at the fairway edge.
3. Moraine Locust - This one is patented and doesn't set seed pods.
4. Beech - Has silvery grey bark the entire year.
5. Sophora - (Chinese Scholar tree) Blooms in August.