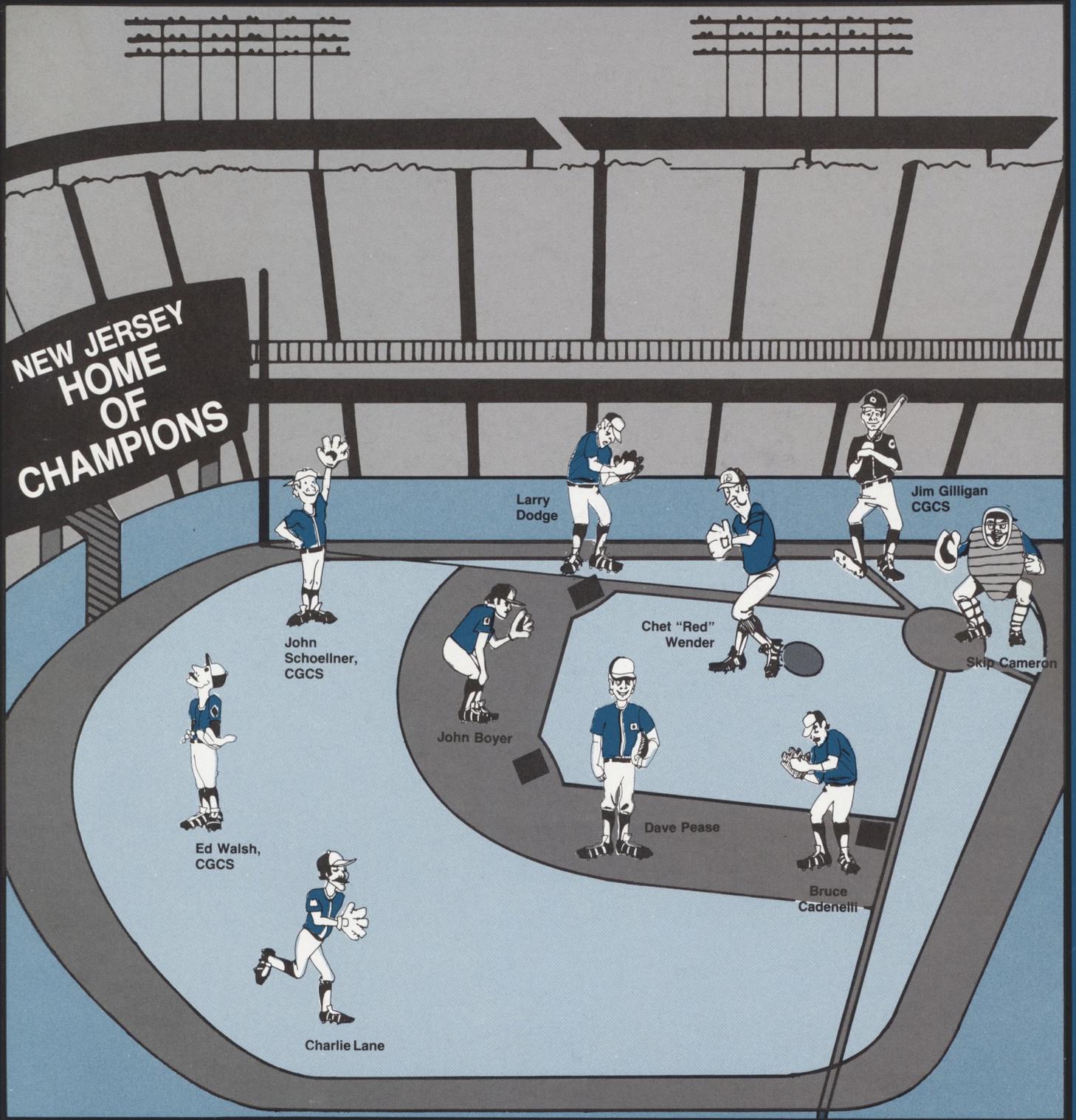


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# EDITORIALS

## IT ISN'T HUMEROUS

THIS HAS BEEN A funny golf season. It never seems to begin and all of a sudden the temperature is in the nineties and the golfers are complaining about hard greens. I didn't irrigate and I tried sticking to my theory of telling them the grass needs to develop a drought resistance for the coming summer, but summer arrived in May and June. Luckily we had some rain and there have been some cool nights. Right now it is the end of June and it seems it should be the end of July; I even want to start overseeding, not that I've lost grass—(Heaven Forbid!) it just seems it has been a full season when it is only half over. How many days until Labor Day?

JIM GILLIGAN

## THE ALLIANCE

ON PAGE SIX OF this issue is an article by Ilona Gray, Executive Director of the Alliance for Environmental Concerns. The article discusses the purpose and goals of the Alliance. GCSANJ is well represented in this organization by Armand LeSage, superintendent at White Beeches, who serves as 2nd Vice-President for the Alliance. As most know the Alliance is a pro pesticide user group which looks to protect our rights as pesticide users. Many heard Ilona speak at our February seminar. GCSANJ supports the Alliance with a yearly contribution. Many superintendents have also joined the Alliance as individual members. But they need more of our support! Read the article, call Armand, and join the Alliance today!

BRUCE CADENELLI

## CAN I TAKE A VACATION?

THE QUESTION ASKED OF most superintendents at one time in their careers is, "What do you do in the winter?" But now a new question has threatened to take precedent—"Where are you vacationing this summer?" This new generation has finally realized the benefits of a vacation during the summer with the rest of the world. It is important that superintendents realize a week or two in the summer is very productive when balanced against all the hours this profession demands. It is remarkable what a few days on the beach, or in the mountains can do for the stress of being a superintendent. Knowing you are away from the course presents a sudden urge to check the greens; but what are assistants for, anyway.

JIM GILLIGAN

## COVER DESIGN

NEW JERSEY IS HOSTING one national, two professional and numerous regional golf championships this season. The Greenside recognizes the hard work and long hours that are involved in these tournament preparations. We have created a cover that puts all these host superintendents on a team, a champion team:

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- ★ Atlantic City LPGA Classic - John Boyer
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## **Louis "Duke" Polidor, Jr.**

### **1961–1987**

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Duke Polidor, golf course superintendent at Fairmount Country Club, is being mourned by his friends and associates in the golf turf industry throughout the metropolitan area. Duke was a young, vibrant person who was liked instantly by those who met him. The friendship he shared with those close to him will be irreplaceable. The love he shared with his family will be missed.

Each one of us in the turf business, especially on golf courses, has a story to tell about their beginnings. Duke's story began at the foot of his father, Todd, now superintendent at the Heritage Hills of Westchester in Sommers, New York. Duke helped him build that course. It was when his father was superintendent at Fairmount Country Club that Duke took a serious interest in this demanding profession. He pursued that interest after high school when he went to work for Tony Bifano at the Mountain Ridge Country Club, the place where a friendship with Gary Cameron was nurtured and preserved. These two friends continued their education at Stockbridge, being roommates and graduating together in 1982.

After graduation Duke returned to Fairmount as an assistant to Bob Ribbans. In

the fall of 1984 he left Fairmount to assume the position of superintendent at Madison Golf Club, a position previously held by Larry Dodge who had gone to Navesink Country Club. Duke stayed at Madison for two years until the opportunity to succeed Bob Ribbans at Fairmount materialized (Bob had left for Forsgate Country Club). Duke was home at Fairmount in the shoes of his father who had planted the thoughts of a turf career in the mind of his youngster when he had been the superintendent at Fairmount.

This brief biographical sketch is done here with a slight hesitation since we didn't know Duke personally. But the people we spoke to repeated the same phrases: "great guy" — "impact person" — "positive outlook" — "really nice person" — "well liked" — "hands on superintendent" — "will be missed."

One fact we could not uncover: how did he earn the name Duke?

In closing, we all share this loss of a friend and associate with his wife Madeline, his parents, Barbara and Todd, and his brother, Dave. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

# President's Message

Every A and B member should have already received a GCSANJ Budget and Salary Survey. I am hopeful the majority of our superintendent members have already completed and returned the survey. The information acquired will be made available to all participating members as soon as possible. Please realize only participating superintendents will receive the tabulated information. Based on the experience gained by our own District III and Superintendent Associations throughout the country, we expect this information will become invaluable.

Again I must make a plea for more cooperation from our membership regarding monthly meetings. As per our by-laws, a member who registers for a monthly meeting is expected to attend. If you do not, you are required to call ahead of time and cancel that reservation. If you do not cancel within the required time limit, you will be billed for that meeting. This situation has occurred much too often at our April and May meetings. Please cooperate and let us nip this problem in the bud before it becomes a major one.

All members must realize clubs that invite us to use their facilities for monthly meetings, are doing so because they appreciate their Golf Course Superintendent and his profession. Host clubs realize minimum revenues when we visit because we are not charged green fees. If we do not realize this fact, we will find fewer clubs making their facilities available for future meetings. We also must realize that a commitment is made to each club as per our sign-up members. If we have 100 members and guests sign up for a particular meeting, we make the commitment to the sponsoring club for those 100 participants. If only 85 people attend the meeting and the ones not attending did not cancel, we are committed to pay for 100 people. Simple mathematics will show that those costs can be substantial over a period of time. I am hopeful our membership will realize its responsibility in this matter. We do understand that in some rare circumstances cancellations cannot be made. We will listen to any reasonable explanation. For those members who have always been cooperative in this matter, I thank you. For our members who have been neglectful in the past, I ask for your cooperation.

I wish everyone the very best of summers. May all your grass stay green, your greens stay true and your membership stay happy. ■

Ed Walsh, CGCS, President

# Willet Wilt says:



## "The Early Summer of '87"

A strange thing happened on the way to the summer of '87. The golf course superintendent awoke one spring morning to find out summer had already arrived.

Supposedly, the critical 100 days run from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. By the time we got to day two of the critical 100, we already had had five straight days of over 90° temperatures. The fifth day was June first, and the golf course superintendent was shuddering to realize it was still three weeks until summer.

It's not that the golf course superintendent doesn't like the summertime—it just seems as though summer is getting longer each year. The song "Summertime and the Livin' is Easy" always makes the golf course superintendent think that no one ever told the grass that the livin' was easy.

Here's a common quote from someone other than a superintendent, "Boy, I bet those guys that run the golf course are doing great with all this rain lately." Actually, the summer rains are only good for salesmen.

A good barometer of how the summer is going is the mood of the salesmen and the Greens Chairman. What a superintendent doesn't want to see in July is a happy salesman or a depressed Greens Chairman. Another indicator of the type of summer it has been is whether in August the salesmen are trying to sell more fungicide to keep the grass alive for another month or seed because it has passed the stage of trying to save it any longer.

Nobody can tell me there hasn't been a lot of summer, because even the salesmen have started to wear bermudas.

There will be a survey taken at the end of summer. The golf course superintendent is invited to vote on whether the summer of '87 was a good or a bad summer. The votes are to be sent to Willet Wilt c/o Ken Kubik, P.O. Box 336, Mt. Freedom, NJ 07970. The voting will all be relative to whether your golf course lived or died! But, don't feel bad, because in the immortal words of Kermit the Frog, "It's Not Easy Being Green." ■

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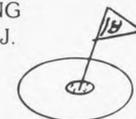
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## May Meeting— Rumson Country Club

We enjoyed a splendid day on the New Jersey shore for our May meeting at Rumson Country Club. Host superintendent **Jeff Allen** and staff did a marvelous job in preparing the course for our enjoyment. Approximately 90 golfers played the course with varied success.

The day's activities were concluded with dinner at the Pool House, overlooking the Shrewsbury River. **Chris Casey**, IPM agent for Rutgers University, gave a presentation on the integrated pest management programs which are being conducted in New Jersey during the year. She spoke on the early results seen from the IPM programs, and how this type of approach can save pesticide applications on turf and ornamentals. ■

## New Board Members

At the Rumson meeting **Shaun Barry** was elected to fill the newly created position of Commercial Member liaison to the Board of GCSANJ. **Steve Chirip** was selected as the alternate. With this setup one of these gentlemen should always be available to attend the Board meetings.

This position was created so that the commercial members of our association could have a greater voice, and a greater understanding of how the group operates. All agree that this is a very positive step for GCSANJ and its membership. ■

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# Superintendent Profile

**John Boyer**

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New Jersey is geographically divided into two distinct areas: the mountainous north and the lowland south. In 1676 the state was divided longitudinally into two provinces: east and west. The dividing line began in the south near Egg Harbor and traversed north to a point on the Delaware River at 41°40'N. In 1702, under control of England, the two provinces were united as one royal province. This settlement lasted until the Revolutionary War, when in 1787 New Jersey became the third state to ratify the constitution, thus freeing itself from England. Almost two hundred years later, talk of division resurfaced. It didn't create a revolution but a war of sorts, all words. The GCSANJ decided to embrace all twenty-one counties under their domain and divide them into districts. This edict created mixed feelings among the superintendents in south Jersey who had been affiliated with the Philadelphia chapter. Under the new district concept the southern region would form an entire district. Thus District 8 was formed. The district thrived: meetings were regularly held; new members joined; education programs flourished; and new leadership developed. One of those superintendents who demonstrated leadership was John Boyer from Seaview CC, Absecon, New Jersey. John was a positive influence from the beginning.

John became superintendent at Seaview in 1978 when Craig Reinhardt left to become superintendent at Pine Valley in Camden County. John had known Craig since the days they had worked together at the Sharon GC in Sharon Center, Ohio. John caddied at Sharon when he was eleven and began working on the course, for Frank Dobie, when he was sixteen. Upon graduation from high school John entered the Air Force Academy, but transferred to Miami (Ohio) University in his second year. He continued working at Sharon through college and as he neared graduation he decided to forego his business degree to make a career in turf management. He enrolled in the two year turf

program at Penn State and came under the influence of Dr. Joe Duitch. In 1976 he began work at Seaview for Craig as a foreman and a year later became assistant superintendent.

His role in the GCSANJ began as a district reporter for the Greener-side and in 1981 was elected assistant district director under Chip Pfisterer. John hosted the spring meeting of the GCSANJ in 1983 and in September of that year became director of District 8. President Bob Dickison utilized John's interest and talents; he appointed him convention voting delegate in Las Vegas. Dickison selected John to chair the newly formed Re-districting Committee which was empowered to re-evaluate the district concept.

The Re-districting committee, under John's leadership had to decide whether to eliminate the districts or develop a new plan. A new district plan was ready for implementation in May, 1984. It was accepted by the membership and reduced the districts from eight to four.

During that time Seaview Country Club was in the process of being sold to the Marriott Corporation. The sale was completed and a new style of management was introduced. John was responsible to a Director of Golf, who controlled expenditures and made decisions affecting the maintenance of the course. Professionally this a difficult situation, but with quiet authority he maintained his position and continued producing a quality course.

John and Nora were married November 2, 1985; Nora's two children, Gabriel 11, and Rudy 7, and expected baby this fall will make for a full Boyer household.

The Atlantic City Classic, an LPGA event was established at Seaview Country Club in 1986; returning to Seaview this August, to be played on the Bay course. John and assistants Jim Lawlor and Bill Amerman will be well prepared. ■

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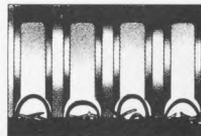
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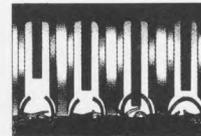
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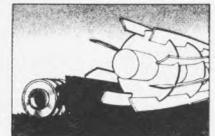
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these local ordinances were retracted and many others modified to make them workable.

In 1983 Senator Lesniak proposed Senate Bill #1342 which included unworkable pre-notification and posting requirements; raised liability risks through private right of action on pesticide spraying; and would have created a large and mostly duplicative regulatory bureaucracy. This challenge was met head on in 1984 and 1985 during hearings in Trenton. The Alliance had assembled diverse pesticide user groups: farmers, lawn care professionals, golf course superintendents, mosquito control experts, as well as individuals whose businesses depend upon the reasonable use of pesticides: hospitals, restaurants, casinos etc. These meetings clearly demonstrated to the Senate committee that pesticides were needed and could be best regulated under the NJ DEP Senate Bill #1342 never became a law, because of the testimony presented and the strength demonstrated during those hearings.

The issues today are more diverse, but the strategy of the

Alliance for Environmental Concerns remains the same. The Alliance functions as a clearinghouse for information and a focal point to address state and local regulatory inequities with scientific facts. Factual information is the only balance to some of the emotional rhetoric used in environmental politics. Communications with the press, state agriculture and environmental protection departments, trade associations and public meetings are all important functions of the Alliance.

A monthly newsletter highlights for the members the current key issues in New Jersey and the Alliance actions. These include insurance, ground water, water availability, product specific issues such as diazinon and 2,4-D. Since the Alliance Newsletter concerns itself principally with New Jersey issues, its members are kept informed on items that will effect the way they work and conduct their business. Informed membership provides the vanguard for defending the Alliance's position on the key issues. Members routinely participate at Alliance functions such as public hearings, Legislative Breakfast, as well as the regular and annual business meetings.

The Alliance has been successful because it is a broad based grass roots organization. In the political arena numbers equate to strength. The Alliance represents a majority of pesticide applicators in New Jersey through Association memberships. Individual memberships, however, are the most politically significant support the Alliance can use.

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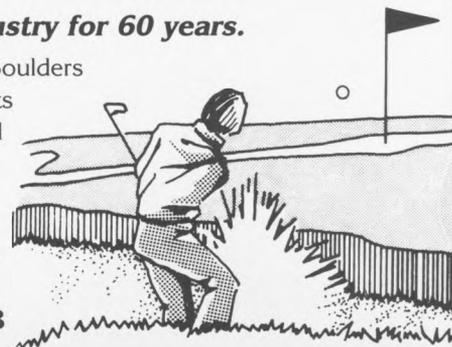
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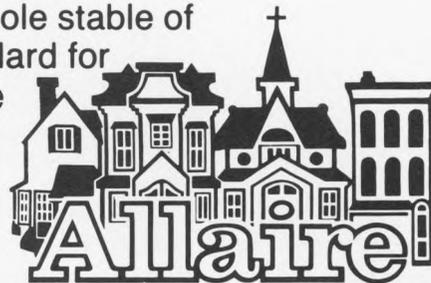
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# THE TALE OF TWO

"Hello Chet?" The greeting startles him, there are few people who call Chet "Red" Wender by his given name. He responds, "Yes," but as yet there is little recognition to the caller's voice. The haze of details preparing for a nationally televised tournament have clouded his thoughts. Once the caller introduces himself a friendship is re-established that began thirty years ago on the grounds of the Plainfield Country Club.

The summer of 1952 was the beginning of a career at Plainfield CC for "Red" Wender, a career that has carried through numerous tournaments - local and national, and in it's path created a mystique that is legendary. When Red arrived in 1952, John Kinder was pro superintendent. Kinder was an outstanding professional, winning four New Jersey PGA Championship's and three State Openings including the 1940 Open at Plainfield (it's first).

Red made an immediate impact at Plainfield. He was determined to improve conditions quickly. He began by changing mowing schedules and expanding irrigation coverage.

With an aging irrigation system he was only able to irrigate greens and tees and was forced to stretch hoses and sprinklers to cover approaches and small fairways. It is not known when he began using traveling sprinklers to irrigate fairways but by the early 1960's the travelers ruled the fairways. They were mechanical marvels with a complex of reels, cables, and gears. They were also a nightmare when cables jammed in the reels and gears or when cables broke and twisted or when they sat all night in one spot creating overnight water hazards.

The present Plainfield layout evolved from a course designed in 1904 by Tom Bendelour; portions of the original course exist as the Plainfield West Nine, a semi-private course across Inman Avenue. In 1921 Donald Ross created the championship course that has hosted twenty major metropolitan and national tournaments. In 1930 Marty O'Loughlin, Plainfield's first professional

and Story Rowland, long time greens chairman, built three new holes, the current 13-14-15, known as the "Tunnel."

As the title of this piece states it is the tale of two superintendents, one being Red Wender, the other being the writer. I began work at Plainfield in 1956, not a career choice but one of necessity prior entering the Navy that fall.

Our families were neighbors in Westfield, NJ and later became close friends. When I graduated from St. Cecilia's High School in Englewood (home of Vince Lombardi) in 1956, I hired on at Plainfield for that summer raking traps and pushing rotaries. I rode to work each day with Red in a classic 1952 Ford coupe that contained the tools of the trade: unused golf shoes, a neglected putter, unread copies of "Golfdom" and "Park Maintenance," irrigation tools, mower spares and length of Country Club hose (red and white) coiled in the truck for emergency hand watering. This car meant a lot to Red; to me as it was the beginning of an education that couldn't be duplicated in any classroom. The conversation each day centered about turfgrass and "the little grass plant." Red graduated from Stockbridge in 1948 when University of Massachusetts was known as "Mass Aggie."

My first day on the job was memorable. Golf courses were a strange land to a lad who grew up on the streets of New York and who never played golf. I was awed by this pristine setting with acres of green carpet. The first assignment I drew was to cut an area in the "Tunnel" holes (#13-14-15). It was a section of rough, about three acres in size, just planted with young black pine seedlings. I was taken to this area on the back of a converted Model A tractor, manufactured by the Roseman Co., with my lunch and rotary. The rotary was an 18" Jacobsen with offset front wheels and the discharge forward of the front wheel (remember those?)—I mowed around trees—in gullies—on top of

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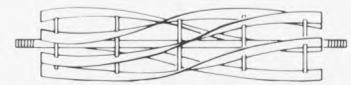


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mounds—along paths—all the grass that could be seen, I didn't stop except to fill the gas tank. I mowed so much grass that day the fellow who mowed rough was afraid he was going to lose his job to me and my rotary. Everything was going fine until just before lunch when disaster struck in two places simultaneously. I mowed down a baby black pine and in my panic I cut the top off my shoe. Luckily I had been wearing an old pair of "square-toed" shoes that were the rage that year so I can still count to twenty on my fingers and toes. But I was more concerned about the tree that lay broken and shredded on the ground. When Red made his second visit to tell me to stop for lunch I debated telling him about the tree, I figured George Washington became president, there is no telling what I could become if I told Red Wender I mowed down a newly planted black pine seedling. I told him. He accepted the bad news graciously, maybe that's why I could never believe the stories of his vaunted temper. I guess he was so pleased I had mowed so much grass before lunch I was forgiven. Those trees today are mature Black Pines—minus one.

The summer continued uneventfully until two days before I was to leave I was given the chance to cut greens. A great honor! I was assigned to a number of greens on the West—Nine (all rookies start there) and I broke in using a Jacobsen greens mower Model 9C22, (can't remember the serial number). I remembered to remove the transport wheels, but I couldn't keep the lines straight; I scalped the collar, emptied the bucket (metal in those days) and used the bamboo pole. My back hurt for a week from bending over on the turns.

After spending three years in the Navy and one year in college majoring in business administration, I made the choice to seek a career in turf management. Red offered me a job and I began learning the trade first hand from a master. He made sure I was well trained; there wasn't a job on the schedule that I wasn't

assigned. I was in my glory, I loved every minute, except for the traveling sprinklers; working at a course with such high standards the results of our work was always evident.

Work continued through the winter of 1960. During the summer of 1961, at Red's urging, I enrolled in the fall semester at Stockbridge. After completing the two year program I returned to Plainfield in the summer of 1963 as the assistant golf course superintendent. Being an assistant my responsibilities changed but the education continued. Red continued turning out well-conditioned courses each year and I wondered if I could do as well as a superintendent.

During 1964 and 1965 I interviewed for numerous jobs, but citing lack of experience or whatever I could never get the offer I wanted. Working at Plainfield, the opportunity to make decisions was always present. There were some wrong ones, maybe even an occasional mistake, but Red was patient with me, it finally paid off—I was hired as the superintendent at the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in 1965.

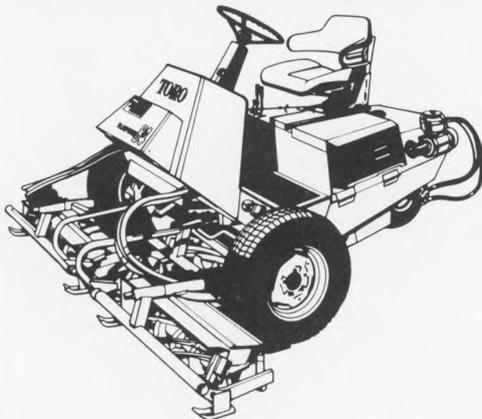
Working at Shackamaxon for two years (1965–1967 B.M.\*) was a good experience, I left there for Bedens Brook and have stayed in Skillman all these years.

This year Plainfield is hosting the U.S. Women's Open. During our telephone conversation, Red outlined the changes he had made to the course; he spoke of extra preparations for television and press. His turf preparations leading up to the tournament was a familiar litany that I had participated in many times as a young assistant. When the golfers tee up for the tournament they will be playing a fine golf course produced by a finer superintendent. ■

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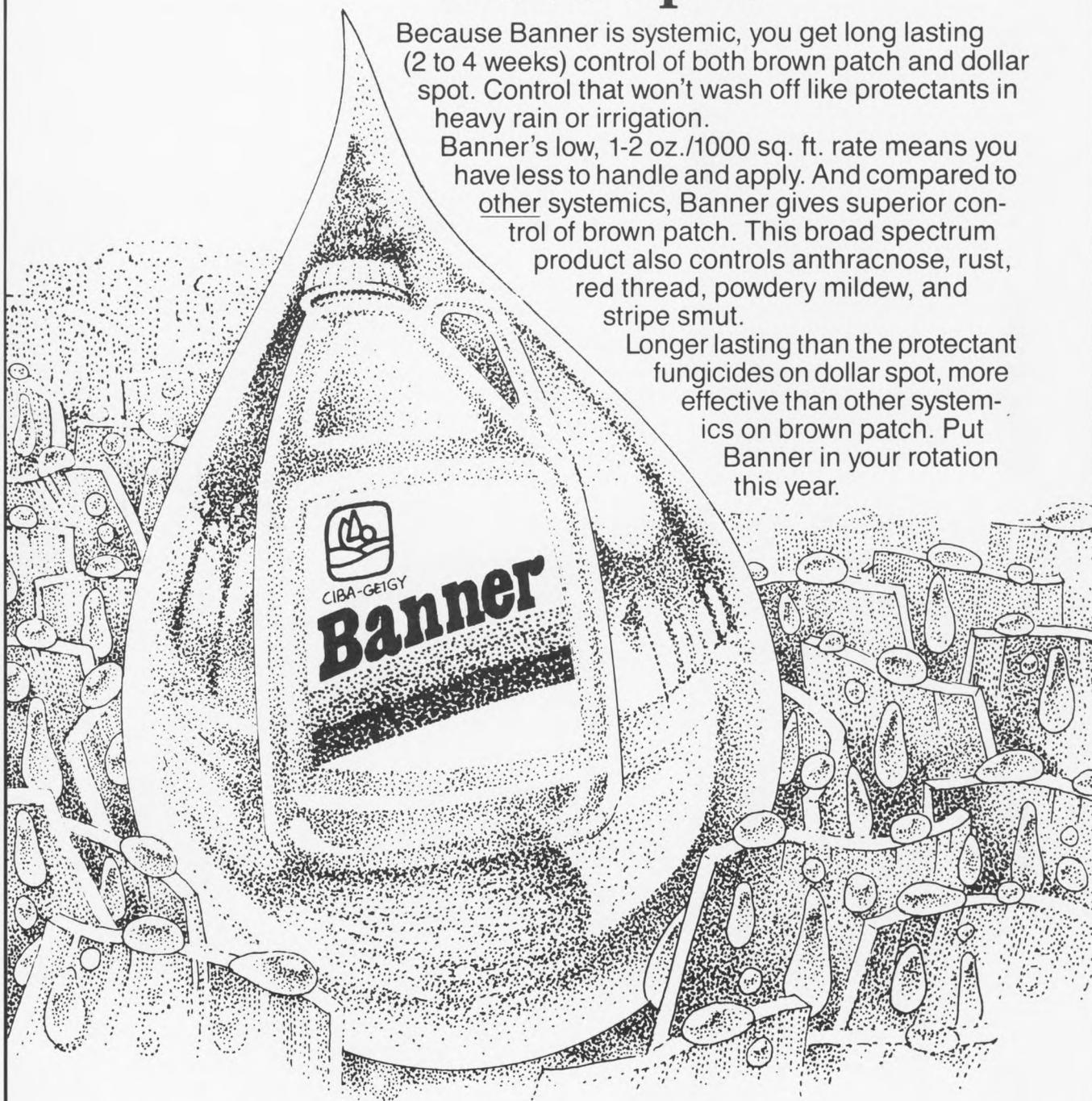
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## June Meeting— Knob Hill Country Club

Our June meeting took place at Knob Hill CC, hosted by GCSANJ member **Terry Stanley**. Approximately 90 members and guests enjoyed lunch, golf, and hors d'oeuvres on a nice hot summer's day. Terry and his staff had the golf course in terrific condition. It was also a nice touch as the staff visited each group on the course with soda and beer. Golf, which was a smoothly run shotgun format, was preceded by a presentation on the outlook for increased turfgrass research at Rutgers by **Dr. Richard White**.

It was a melancholy feeling playing the course knowing that soon the present layout will be replaced by a completely new layout designed by **Ed** and **Brian Ault**. We look to have the opportunity to return to Knob Hill in a few years and test our skills on the new course.

Again, our thanks to Terry and his staff, Manager **Neil Hanson** and the kitchen staff, and Pro **John Piotrowski** for a truly fine day. ■

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## July Meeting— Trenton Country Club

The Trenton Country Club, with superintendent **Gerald Fountain**, will be our hosts on July 23 for our monthly meeting. Gerald has been at Trenton since March of '83. Before coming to Trenton, Gerald was supt. at Spring Meadow GC for three years. He also served as assistant at Woodlake CC. Gerald holds a BS degree from Georgia State University, as well as a degree from Rutgers for attending the turfgrass management short course.

Some of the improvements and projects undertaken at Trenton during Gerald's tenure include the installation of a completely new Buckner irrigation system, ongoing extensive cart path work, major tree pruning and planting, along with new tee and bunker construction.

It has been approximately six years since GCSANJ has visited Trenton CC for a meeting. We all look forward to this return visit. ■

## August Meeting— Lake Mohawk Golf Club

August will see GCSANJ visit Lake Mohawk GC for our meeting. **Richard LaFlamme**, superintendent, will be our host for the day. This is Richard's 2nd year as superintendent at Lake Mohawk. Before coming to the club he served as the assistant to **Ed Walsh** at Ridgewood. Richard is a 1978 graduate of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at UMass.

In his short time at the club, projects undertaken by Richard and his staff include bunker and pond construction, as well as a tree transplanting program.

Our visit to Lake Mohawk will be the first in recent history. Golfers attending the meeting will find a well treed, hilly course that is sure to challenge all. Noted golf writer **Red Hoffman** will be our featured speaker during the evening. ■



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## Roughly Speaking

### Random Thoughts

During the LPGA Classic at Navesink I had the opportunity to talk at length with Bob Duncan, superintendent at Covered Bridge G.C., which is one of the courses in the Monmouth County Park System. It was a most enjoyable conversation! One point that I want to pass along is how Bob has improved the condition of his practice green. He has simply stopped cutting cups on the green! He now finds that golfers do not spend hours and hours on the practice green. They stick a tee in the ground, putt for a few minutes to get used to the green speed, then get ready for their tee time. Bob finds that he is now able to keep the green open every day, as opposed to the old practice of closing the green every other day. I had not heard of this practice before so I thought it was important to pass this idea along to all.

I see Sherwood Moore has started on another career. He is now assisting the USGA Green Section by calling on clubs in the greater New York area. Sherwood always told me that he thought many could benefit from some of the years these "old Timers" had given to the profession. After forth odd years of growing grass I suspect one has seen it all. I'm sure the clubs and superintendents which Sherwood calls on will greatly appreciate his visits and the ideas and insights he has.

It is nice to have Shaun Barry and Steve Chirip share the duties of Commercial Member liaison to the Board of Directors. In time people will come to really appreciate the importance of this position. I think with this newly created position the commercial member will feel more a part of the association. He knows that his interests are now represented at the Board level. ■ B.E.C.

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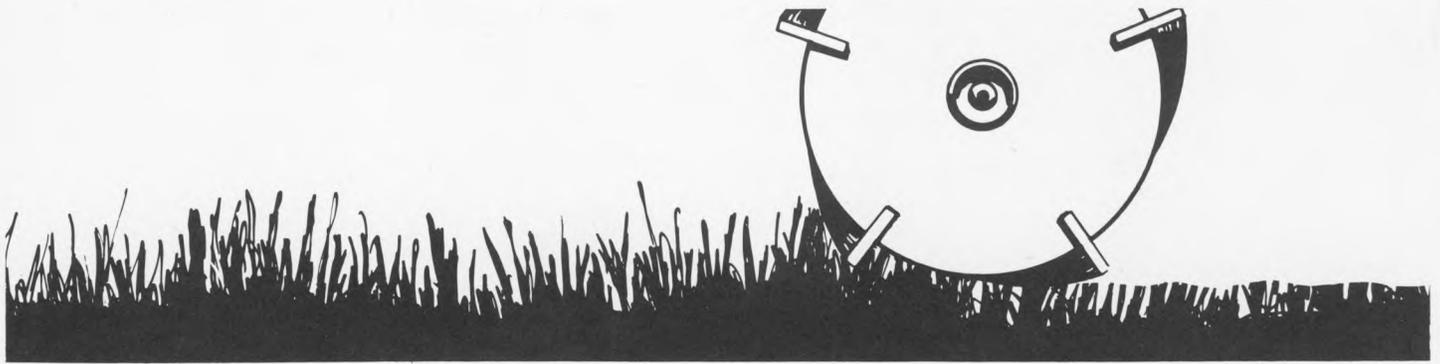
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May 27, 1987  
Mr. Ed Walsh, CGCS President

Dear Ed:

It hardly seems possible that one month has passed since the conclusion of the '87 Chrysler-Plymouth Classic, at Navesink, but time does literally fly. We have had the time to reflect on the tournament and the massive involvement it represented.

First, let me say that by all standards of measurement, the tournament was a huge success. Attendance was excellent, press coverage was well presented and the general public received an entertainment package of excellent value.

The tournament was finely tuned and difficult to believe that it was a first year effort at Navesink Country Club. Compliments from all were bountiful.

It is impossible to personally thank each of the Superintendents who gave so much of their time and effort to assure the success of the tournament, but without a complete, well organized team, the overall goals and objectives could not have been achieved.

I am very grateful to you and your brother members for their dedication in making this tournament one of the finest showcases of golf in the nation. Your participation was certainly a most integral and important link, in what turned out to be a smooth tournament operation.

The real purpose of this letter is to express my deep appreciation to you and the entire GCSANJ Organization.

Hope to see you in '88.

Sincerely,  
Peter Busatti, Producer/Director

## New GCSAA Members \_\_\_\_\_

Two GCSANJ members have recently been accepted as GCSAA members: **Vincent Bracken** and **Thomas Zurcher**.

## 100 Years \_\_\_\_\_

Essex County Country Club is celebrating their centennial this year. They also are hosting the NJSGA Open Championship and MGA IKE Championship. **John Schoellner**, CGCS is course superintendent and general manager.

## New ASGCA President \_\_\_\_\_

**Roger Rulewich**, Montclair, NJ, was elected President of the American Society of Golf Course Architects at their annual meeting in Hawaii. Mr. Rulewich is a member of the Robert Trent Jones firm in Montclair.

May 27, 1987  
Mr. Ed Walsh, CGCS President

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for your May 22, 1987, kind letter and good wishes.

I do not want to become a member of a newly formed mutual admiration society; but the superintendents who donated their time during the 1987 LPGA Chrysler/Plymouth Classic made my job so much easier.

They were reliable, responsible, and attentive to the needs of the players as well as adaptable to the ever changing pressures we were placed under.

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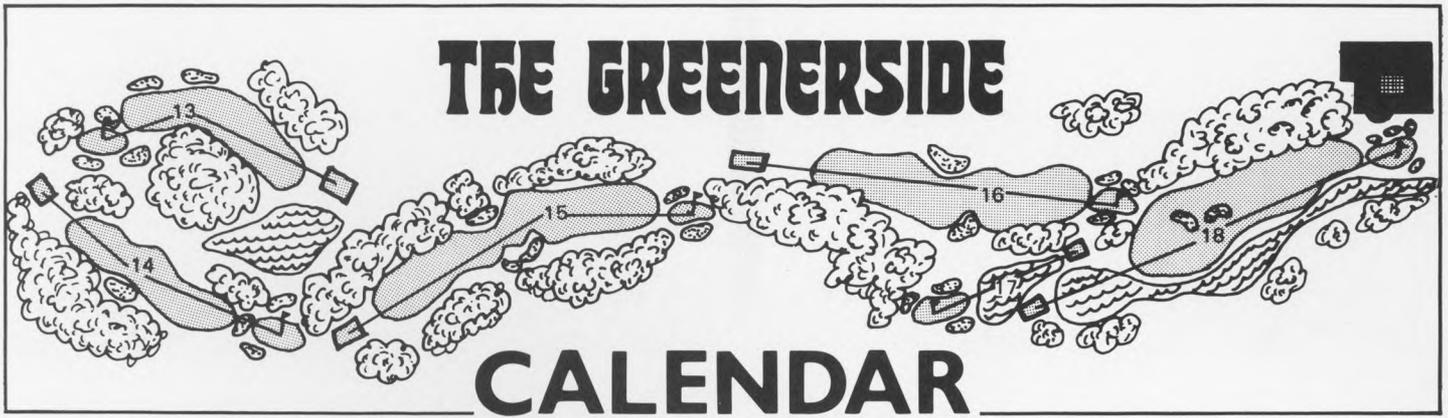
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GCSANJ Meeting	July 23	Trenton CC	Gerald Fountain
Rutgers Turf Research Field Day	August 11	Adelphia, NJ	Henry Indyk
Irrigation Association Field Day	August 12	Monmouth Jct, NJ	Linda Erickson (201) 521-2333
GCSANJ Meeting	August 20	Lake Mohawk GC	Dick LaFlamme
Greenerside Meeting	August 20	P.O. Box 143 Skillman, NJ	Jim Gilligan CGCS (609) 466-1820
GCSANJ Invitational	September 17	Hominy Hill GC	Dave Pease
GCSANJ Field Day	October 6	Rutgers University	Henry Indyk
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