

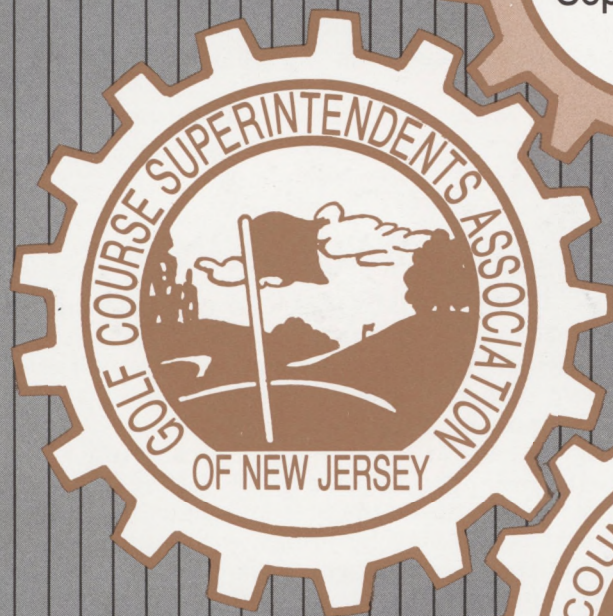
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EDITORIALS

NEW AGE

AMIDST ALL OUR DIFFICULTIES this summer we can turn and admire those who didn't lose any grass and sympathize with those who suffered. But what did we learn?

Let us pause to recall how things were this season and contemplate how we might have played it; second-guessing ourselves maybe beneficial for next season or any season that presents the problems we encountered this year.

Are we going to have to do more hand syringing? Can we cope with the influx of those destructive patch diseases that ravaged golf courses in southern New Jersey and Philadelphia? Should we be upgrading our irrigation coverage to give us better control or help us apply pesticides, fertilizers and soil amendments through a fertigation system?

In times of stress, resources are stretched to the limit and one of our major resources is equipment. Did it perform well? Is it the right equipment for the job? Are hand mowers more effective than triplexes? We have seen the positive results of lighter weight mowers on fairways, using the same thinking aren't triplex mowers too heavy for greens?

Another resource is labor. Can we afford to pay lower wages and demand high risk decisions from the same people? Are we investing in training programs for our staffs to cope with sophisticated equipment we use?

We need the resources to respond to the demands of the golfer and member who has very high expectations.

JIM GILLIGAN

BALANCING

BALANCING—A PRETTY IMPORTANT concept. To me, it means juggling responsibilities to attain the greatest success and happiness that this life has to offer. Three dictionary definitions fit the word balancing: A means of judgement or deciding, a mental and emotional steadiness, and to bring into harmony or proportion.

U.S. News and World Report magazine carried a feature article in its March 23rd issue entitled, "You're Fired! Starting Over: A Survival Guide." This special report covered the present belt-tightening trend of American industry to eliminate staff by firings, job reductions, early retirement, layoffs, voluntary terminations, etc. Two quotes about people who are starting over after coping with job loss stood out.

"After starting over, they seem to enjoy greater flexibility in balancing work with family life."

"Many jobless executives—and managers who fear they may become jobless—are learning in the meantime that the best protection may be to live a more balanced life. A psychologist says executives will depend less on the corporation and seek reinforcement of their self-image through other institutions, such as the family, church and fraternal organizations."

Sometimes it takes calamity to cause us to focus on the really important things in life. To begin balancing one's life may not be easy. Nothing worthwhile ever is. It is becoming a bigger part of my life."

PATRICK LUCAS

ABIEN TOT (French means "so long")

WITH THIS ISSUE MY tenure as editor of *The Greenside* concludes. Without cluttering this page with maudlin farewells, I'll just say, it was my pleasure.

JIM GILLIGAN

President's Message

A fellow superintendent suggested to me early this year that my President's Message should always be positive and on the up-swing. Well, when we finish a summer like the one just completed, I find it difficult to be real positive. I am sure most of us have been hard pressed to keep our pesticide and labor budgets in line due to the excessive stress weather conditions placed on our golf courses. While some courses have remained in excellent condition, most have experienced difficulties. The one very positive thing that has come out of this season, is the respect we show for each other's problems. I have always been proud to be a Golf Course Superintendent but I am even prouder of my profession when times get really tough.

I remember 12 years ago in September 1975 when I thought the bottom had fallen out of my barrel. I look back on that situation now as a most positive step forward in my career. Not only was I fortunate to become associated with an outstanding Club, but equally important found true friendship and camaraderie within my profession. In essence, isn't this what our association is all about.

In my own distant manner, I am trying to make a point. That point is that we, and we alone, are the strength of our profession. That strength will fail if we expect to achieve professionalism on an individual level.

Let us all congratulate our successes but be ready to rally around our disappointment. Remember ours is a business where one size fits all. Success does not guarantee success. Disappointments hopefully heightens experience. ■

Ed Walsh, CGCS, President

Willet Wilt says:



"The Endless Summer"

The summer of '87 brings to mind certain movies from the past—"The Endless Summer," "High Anxiety," and "Gone With the Wind." It was like trying to grow grass in Atlanta, but the grass that we were trying to maintain can't survive in Atlanta.

You knew things were tough this year when you had to issue a hunk of Astro Turf on the first tee in order to play Summer Rules. A preferred lie this year for the Golf Course Superintendent would have been under some tree by a stream in Maine.

The summer was a boxing match for the Golf Course Superintendent this year—except there were a couple of rule changes. You were to go fifteen rounds, but there weren't going to be any breaks between the rounds to rest, and you weren't going to be told whether or not there would be a couple of rounds added on in the end.

Every morning the Golf Course Superintendent would look to the skies to see what kind of battle he was going to have that day. And every night the Golf Course Superintendent would look at the "Whether" (weather) Map in the newspaper and try to figure out whether or not the turfgrass could be coaxed to survive another day. He realized that he was going to lose a couple of battles, but still hoped to win the war.

Finally, there is one accurate and concise job description for the Golf Course Superintendent: pressure in a pastoral setting. It is a profession in which you are driven crazy in a parklike setting.

Available for the summer of '88 will be the Willet Wilt Red Card System. It seems that there are times during July and August when the Golf Course Superintendent is being pulled in too many directions at once. It is just then that someone decides it is time to make one more remark to drive another nail into the coffin. That is when the Golf Course Superintendent whips out the "Yellow Card" which serves as a warning that this is not a good time to express one's opinion about the quality of work or course conditions. If the same individual approaches the said Golf Course Superintendent a second time within the week and again goes for the jugular, the Superintendent whips out the "Red Card" and the individual is out of the game for a week. These cards can be obtained by writing Willet Wilt % Ken Kubik, P.O. Box 336, Mt. Freedom, NJ 07970. ■



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The Louis "Duke" Polidor Memorial Scholarship

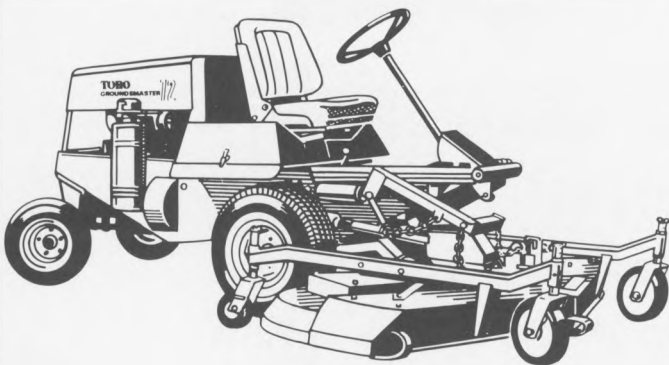
The family of Louis "Duke" Polidor will be establishing a memorial scholarship in memory of "Duke". They have asked the GCSANJ to assist them in establishing criteria and objectives of the scholarship. ■

August Meeting— Lake Mohawk

The GCSANJ experienced one of its largest August meeting turn-outs in recent history at Lake Mohawk on August 20th. Course Superintendent, **Dick La Flamme** presented conditions, for more than 80 players, that were truly outstanding.

Our guest speaker, well known golf writer, **Red Hoffman**, was extremely complimentary toward Dick and his staff. General manager, **Gordon Johnson** and Golf Pro, **Davis DeRosa** also did a fine job accommodating our group. Red enlightened us all with his vast knowledge of golf course, players, and history of our great game in New Jersey. His humor was just what we needed coming out of a very difficult summer. Approximately 115 members and guests attended dinner. ■

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Trenton Meeting

Holding a July meeting is a courageous act for the golf course superintendent, almost as courageous as hosting an August meeting. This year's July meeting fell in the midst of stretch of 90°+ days. The official temperature at Trenton CC was 100°F. **Gerald Fountain** had the course ready, but 100° temperatures due cause some concern, especially when it was a "high sky" day (low humidity.)

Sixty-four golfers braved the weather, with only two foursomes heading to the pool early. It was a tough day!

In the cool of the evening, dinner was served to ninety members and their guests.

Bob Mancini and Bob Krupts from the Division of Water Resources presented an update on the critical water areas in the state, with a special focus on the problems in Monmouth County. ■

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GCSANJ FIELD DAY

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey is holding their 23rd Annual Turfgrass Equipment, Irrigation, and Supplies Field Day on Tuesday, October 6, 1987. This event will be held at the Rutgers Stadium and Golf Course, Route 18 (River Road), Piscataway, New Jersey.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the entrance to the exhibit area. In 1986 there were sixty exhibitors, representing all facets of the turfgrass industry. Every effort is made by the exhibitors to have with them the latest in equipment from the manufacturers and the most information on products and services. All the equipment is scheduled for demonstration either in the utility area or on the adjoining Rutgers Golf Course.

Joe Spang, Rutgers Golf Course Superintendent, is graciously allowing demonstrations on his golf course with some concern. There is always the threat of an inexperienced operator roaring down the fairway with a large mower or renovating implement headed for the green and not quite understanding how to get the monster off the fairway. No fear, Joe, everyone has survived previous demonstrations. Joe's shop area is also the designated marshalling area for overnight equipment storage. Maybe he should bring in the equipment a week earlier in order to really demonstrate it.

At 10:00 a.m. there will be an hour demonstration of athletic field construction, renovation, and maintenance.

Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be free refreshments (non-alcoholic) available.

There will be no formal tour of booths; each registrant is free to roam the exhibit area visiting their favorite distributor or manu-

facturer or meeting a new representative. This is an excellent time to discuss the merits of products and services; whether it be a question, a possible concern, or just an inquiry for next year.

Field demonstrations will be scheduled in four categories: Utility and Athletic Fields, Fairway, Greens, and Traps. Each exhibitor will have time to discuss the equipment being demonstrated and answer any questions later.

There will be prize drawings throughout the day, with the Grand Prize drawn at 4:00 p.m.

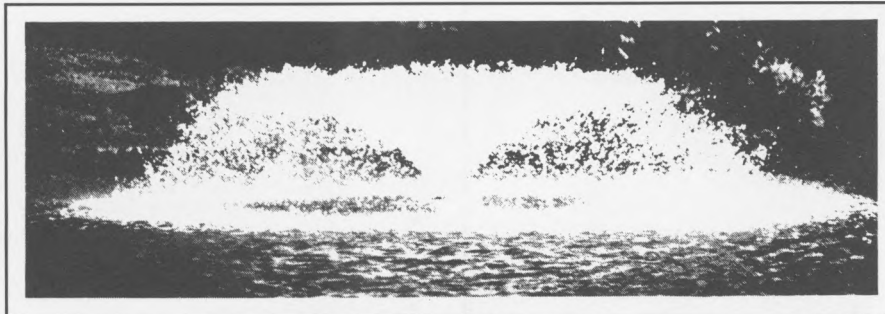
In case of rain the Field Day will be rescheduled Wednesday, October 7, 1987.

Wayne Ballinger, CGCS and Dr. Henry Indyk are coordinating the event. For further information contact:

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Superintend

Each issue of *The Greenside* profiles a New Jersey golf course superintendent. This issue is expanding that concept to a degree by profiling four superintendents and their golf course manager. Hominy Hill Golf Course in Colts Neck, New Jersey is the scene of the GCSANJ Annual Invitational. In recognition of that event we are profiling Ron Luepke, superintendent at Hominy Hill and his colleagues at the other Monmouth County Golf Courses: Gene Mack at Shark River; Matt Clement at Howell Park; Bob Duncan at Pinebrook. Dave Pease is the general manager of the Monmouth County golf courses.

DAVE PEASE

Dave Pease at the age of 32 is the General Manager of Golf Courses for the Monmouth County Park System. In reaching this position he served his apprenticeship well in the Park System; beginning as assistant to Steve Finamore at Hominy Hill in 1977 and 1978. It was in 1977 that the Park System purchased Hominy Hill from the estate of Mr. Henry Mercer. In 1979 Dave continued his training by serving as assistant superintendent at Howell Park and became superintendent at Howell Park in 1980 and remained there until 1982 when he succeeded Steve Finamore as superintendent at Hominy Hill. At that same time he was designated General Manager of all the courses in the Park System. The position he presently holds.

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Graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School in Middletown, CT in 1973 he left the "Nutmeg" state to attend the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. He graduated with an A.S. in Turf Management in 1975. Dave continued his studies at the university graduating in 1977 with a B.S. in Environmental Design/Landscape Architecture. While in school he took his placement training at the Portsmouth Country Club in Portsmouth, NH and during enrollment in the four-year program he worked at the Ellinwood Country Club in Athol, MA. It was after graduation that he came down to Jersey to begin his career in earnest.

Usually we like to include a glimpse into the personal life of our superintendents to observe what they be like away from the rigors of managing a Jersey course, but in Dave's case we couldn't uncover too much and he only offered a "no comment". Dave is single; living somewhere in Monmouth County enjoying his time off camping and the pursuits of life.

RON LUEPKE

The term flagship usually is associated with naval forces. The flagship carries the commander of the battle force and the flagship is the largest, the finest, and the most important of all the ships in the fleet.

From this distant observation point, Hominy Hill appears to be the flagship of the Monmouth County Park System.

Even with the drapings of command, Hominy Hill must be maintained; the maintenance must match the position.

This responsibility is carried well by Hominy's golf course superintendent, Ron Luepke. Ron succeeded Dave Pease as superintendent in 1985. He had been the assistant under Dave, until Dave's role as general manager of golf courses broadened. This Pittsburgh, PA native was assistant superintendent at Navesink CC with Angelo Petraglia and then Larry Dodge. He graduated from Delaware Valley Agricultural College in 1984 with a B.S. in agronomy and minor in business. While in school he worked at the Philmont CC in Huntington Valley, PA.

Ron enjoys electronics as a hobby, holding a ham radio license and I'm sure the equipment to use it. A companion hobby working with computers complements his interest in electronics.

This knowledge has proved useful to Ron since Hominy has the Royal Coach/Buckner control system, with the computer dedicated to irrigation.

Hominy Hill's bentgrass fairways are maintained at 5/8" with an aggressive cultural program to support that cut. The Penncross greens are managed with the same intensity and are taken a step further; a *Poa annua* control program is used to weaken the *Poa* allowing the bentgrass to thrive.

As with all Monmouth courses the cultural programs are strong and are comparable to many private golf courses.

Ushering in over 40,000 rounds of golf annually, Ron and his staff are tested every day from March until December.

Ron is a single person enjoying his time away from the course at his home a few miles from the course.

MATT CLEMENT

It is becoming a familiar sight on the links of many notable golf courses throughout the state: a graduate of the Turf Manage-

ent Profiles

ment program of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture is the golf course superintendent of that course. If Massachusetts played Rutgers in football, the members of the GCSANJ could easily be divided in their loyalty.

Matt Clement, superintendent at Howell Park Golf Course, is a 1982 graduate of Stockbridge. Westchester County, New York is his native land where he nurtured his vocation at a nine-hole golf course called Heritage Hills. While at Stockbridge he took his placement training at The Creek Club on Long Island under Nick Brodziak.

He came to New Jersey soon after graduation as assistant to Bruce Peeples at Howell Park and when Bruce left in 1985 he assumed the position of golf course superintendent.

Matt's course at Howell was built by the county from a design of Francis Duane, golf course architect. The course is thirteen years old and was selected in 1984 as one of the Top 50 Public Golf Courses in the nation by Golf Digest. There are bentgrass fairways complementing Pennncross greens and tees. Howell is blessed with a four acre practice area (good planning). The course plays to a par 72 from a measurement of 6,869 yds. at the blue tees.

Matt and his wife Jill enjoy the company of their newest family member, Ashley Marie six months young. Matt and his family reside in Farmingdale, New Jersey.

BOB DUNCAN

Bob Duncan, superintendent at Pinebrook Golf Course, traces his professional turf career back to the early days of Hominy Hill, working on the course in high school and later while at Beckly Jr. College in West Virginia. Bob completed the two year Turfgrass Management Program at Rutgers University in 1977 and stayed with the County when they purchased Hominy in 1977. He spent three years at Howell Golf Course before becoming superintendent at Pinebrook, when the County assumed ownership in 1982.

Pinebrook is a 61 acre executive golf course with amenities of a regulation golf course; automatic irrigation system, bentgrass fairways (11 acres), regulation size greens, full quota of equipment, and probably full size turfgrass problems that we all experience.

Each of the four county golf courses are maintained individually by the superintendent who has full responsibility of his staff, equipment, and development of his programs. There is a sense of partnership among the four superintendents, but each superintendent takes pride in their own course and their might be a hint of competition in the air. But there are meetings to discuss and evaluate turf programs and arrange schedules and to receive the guidance of their manager who has ultimate responsibility.

Bob is single and resides near the course to keep an eye on things.

GENE MACK

Gene Mack, Shark River Golf Course Superintendent, has worked in the County System since 1977 when the County purchased Hominy Hill. Gene originally came to work at Hominy Hill when they were raising the prize winning Charolais breed of cattle. The golf course was conceived in the early sixties and

opened for play in 1965. Gene continued to perform his maintenance tasks at the farm and at the same time worked on the golf course.

Gene worked for Harvey Dreibelbis who had been Farm Manager and who later assumed the role of general manager when part of Hominy Hill became a golf club.

When the county took over Hominy Hill in 1977 Gene accepted their offer to stay on the staff of Hominy and he continued to work in maintenance gradually shifting over to turf maintenance. Gene studied at the two-year turf management program at Rutgers University. Combining his practical skills with his education Gene became a valuable member of the Hominy staff.

Gene credits Steve Finamore with instituting the programs that have allowed Hominy to mature and successfully withstand the impact of 40,000 annual rounds of golf.

Gene's Shark River Golf Course was formerly known as the Asbury Park Golf Course, built by that city after World War I. This course has a colorful history and not being a qualified historian I'm going to quote from a Park System brochure: "When Asbury Park decided to build the Golf Course they hired Joseph "Scotty" I'Anson, a scottish golf course professional to design it. Typical of that period, the greens are small, built at fairway level and protected by numerous pot bunkers."

Gene's enthusiasm in his job is evident in his friendly personality and willingness to help. Gene had lived at Hominy for many years enjoying the beauty, but now he lives in his own home not far from Hominy.■



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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey is hosting their Annual Invitational at the Hominy Hill Golf Course, Colts Neck, New Jersey. Hominy Hill is one of four golf courses owned and operated by the Monmouth County Park System.

The Players

This event combines the golfing skills of golf course superintendents, golf professionals, green chairman, and a club official from golf courses and clubs throughout the state. It is an opportunity for these players to share some time together on a golf course, other than their home course where the problems of guiding a golf program through a challenging season are put aside for a moment.

This format produces a unique foursome in terms of socialbility. Golf course superintendents, saddled with the daily responsibility of maintaining a golf course under extreme conditions this summer found little time to play or practice.

This season required constant vigilance; it seemed when one problem was resolved there was another one brewing. But true to the spirit of the game they devote countless hours to their responsibilities. May the gods of golf assist them on the course today with a par or even a birdie.

Playing golf is the business of golf professionals. They have the added responsibilities of operating a pro shop; teaching golfers the rudiments of the game; supervising the operation of golf car fleet; and responding to the many demands requested by the source of all this attention: the golfer. It is assumed the professional will lead this foursome to victory, but only if he has fine tuned his game with hours of practice.

The next member of our foursome is the central figure in this drama, the greens chairman, whom the superintendent is responsible to. Is it fun playing golf with your boss? Their relationship is unique; at times they share the fruits of a successful solution to a problem, other times there may be conflict over policy or philosophy, or again they might assume an adversarial position in a stressful situation. The greens chairman is the liaison between the golfing membership and the golf course superintendent and in that capacity he or she must have the Wisdom of Abraham, the Patience of Job, and the Judgement of Solomon. A chairman's responsibility is twofold: once to the membership and once to the superintendent. At times a thankless job, maybe frustrating, but always a learning experience. Exhilarating at times when the golf course sparkles with Open conditions and satisfying when the greens budget is in the black.

The fourth member of this foursome usually is another club member or even the manager depending on the need for the proper handicap.

Through the years of the Invitational there have been numerous pairings; some exist today and some ceased to exist due to irreconcilable differences.

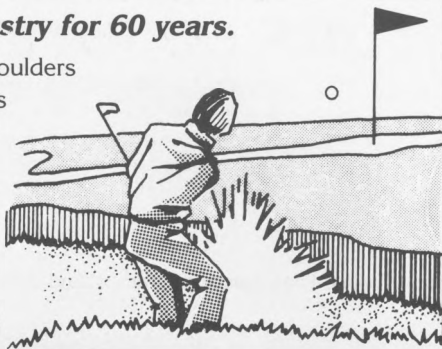
The Course

Hominy Hill Golf Course was designed in the early sixties by Robert Trent Jones at the bequest of Mr. Henry Mercer. Mr. Jones converted 182 acres of Mr. Mercer's 275 acre prize winning farm into one of the finest golf courses in the state of New Jersey. The private golf course was enjoyed by business as-

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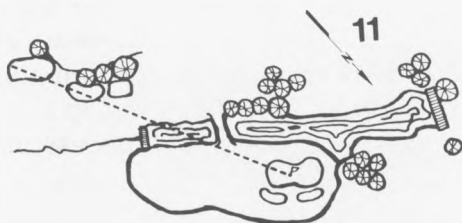
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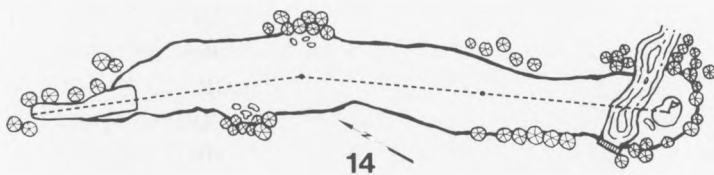
sociates of Mr. Mercer, a shipping executive. The Mercer family owned the golf course until 1977 when it was sold to the Monmouth County Park System. Green Acre funding from the state of New Jersey provided half the purchase price of \$2.6 million.

The site provides a stiff test of golf whether it might be played from the longest yardage (7,059 yds.) or the shortest length (6,000 yds.). Trent Jones used all skills in designing a course with long tees that overlook a sharp dogleg on most holes or a long straight par 4 or 5 that requires a booming tee shot.

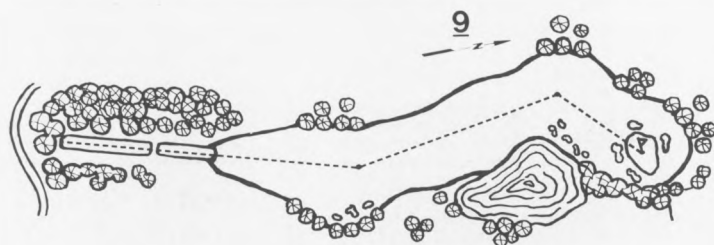
The par three 11th hole is a copy of Jones' 12th hole at Spyglass Hill.



The 14th hole a 535 yards par five has a pond in the front of the green, protecting it from long hitters who may be tempted to get home in two. This hole has some resemblance to the 15th at Augusta National.



The 9th, another par five, has a pond on the right side forcing the golfer to stay left keeping everyone honest about par.



The golf course will play at 6,575 yards, par 72 from the white markers. It is a fine golf course,

hosting the 1983 United States Golf Association Amateur Public Championship.

David Pease, General Manager of Golf Courses for the Park System works with the golf course superintendent, Ron Luepke to keep this beautiful golf course in top flight condition for the 40,000 rounds that are played at Hominy each year.

Hominy Hill is one of four courses of the Monmouth County Park System. The others being Howell Golf Course in Farmingdale, Matt Clement, superintendent; Pine Brook Golf Course in Manalapan, Bob Duncan, superintendent; Shark River Golf Course in Neptune, Gene Mack, superintendent. ■

JIM GILLIGAN

THANK YOU

John Wantz, Invitational Chairman, and his committee are to be thanked for their effort in making this an Invitational to remember. In the next issue of *The Greenside*, John will thank everyone individually; for now, all of us thank John for the great job he has done.

The Greenside staff would like to thank Dave Pease and his staff for their contributions to this issue.

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Weather stories usually revolve around the facts: temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, degree days, and something known as the comfort index. At this time we don't have all the facts, what we have is an impression of the weather and how we lived and worked with it this summer. These impressions are based on our memory which now is a bit hazy since all the days of summer seem to have been hot and humid.

In New Jersey veteran superintendents are saying it has been the worse summer weather in many years. Significantly it has been the hardest season on turfgrass in many years. Along the mid-Atlantic coast other superintendents are saying similar things but for different reasons. There was drought, disease, and floods in other areas while we suffered from a combination of disasters.

Southern New Jersey golf courses suffered from hot, dry conditions that were magnifying the diseases of summer patch. From central Jersey north it was high temperatures, high relative humidity, and heavy rainfall in thundershowers that created an environment for continued disease activity, crabgrass germination, and the twin killers, wet and dry wilt.

For those who could see it, the handwriting was on the wall in early spring when March was warm and dry, crabgrass was

germinating in mid-April, irrigation systems were in action in early May, in late May the thermometer was pushing 90, followed by July weather in June, and heavy rainfall in late June and most of July and into August. All this did was create tough grass growing conditions all summer.

During this conflict there were many decisions to be made: when to spray (every day); when to irrigate (what time or day); when to syringe (how often); to cut or not to cut (another question); should we be prudent and raise the height of cut on the mowers (alas! the green speed will suffer). This confusion was in the midst of a hot streak, northern New Jersey had over thirty-six days above 90, surprisingly southern New Jersey only had twenty-two days over 90, but they had no rain. What seem to make it worse was the fact the hot weather stayed whether it was wet or dry.

Disease was rampant at times, but what disease. Was it dollar spot, pythium, brown patch, black layer, anthracnose, or fusarium? From this observation post it seemed the usual fungicides weren't able to stop the diseases once they got a toehold.

The one thought that kept occurring in my mind was how I'm going to grow cool season grasses in a warm season climate. ■

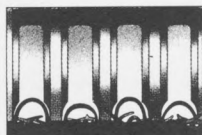
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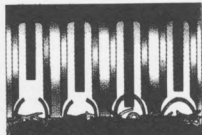
	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SUMMER
AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (F)	71.1	76.0	71.5	72.9
DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL (F)	+1.4	+1.3	-1.7	+0.3
PRECIPITATION TOTALS (INCHES)	4.99	9.60	3.65	18.24
% OF NORMAL PRECIPITATION	153%	218%	75%	145%
NO. OF DAYS WITH MAX. TEMP. 90°F OR GREATER	5	12	3	20
NO. OF DAYS WITH 0.01" PRECIPITATION OR MORE	14	13	9	36

The 92°F on June 1st equalled the record set in 1918. A new record of 94° or greater occurred from July 20-26. —*Temps and Tides*

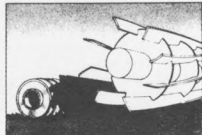
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EXCUSES!

The *Greenside* has received some criticism in the past for not offering a "Popular Mechanics" approach to turfgrass journalism; if you can't get the wit involved here it has been the lack of "How to Do" articles. Satisfying everyone's taste in literature has not been one of our objectives, besides we don't know that much anyway.

But today we decided to print for the benefit of those superintendents who have a less than successful season and are searching for the appropriate excuse to lay on their chairman we present our nominations for this '87 season:

- above normal temperatures in May.
- record amount of rainfall in short periods.
- increase in ultraviolet radiation from the sun.
- new highs in relative humidity.
- thirty-six days over 90.
- the weather/poor drainage.
- restricted air movement.
- incurable diseases.
- ineffective fungicides.
- poor equipment.
- faulty irrigation system.
- not enough budget.
- too many outings.
- ladies tournaments.
- weekends/golf cars.
- poor soil/trees/lightning.
- no time off.
- too much *Poa annua*.
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There are enough excuses there to last through a couple of meetings with your chairman or stave off an angry golfer who is demanding a refund. When you are down and threatening to quit, think of future generations who will speak in awe of those who survived the Summer of '87. ■

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WINTER WARMTH

For those superintendents blessed with foresight, here are some suggestions for a winter respite.

"Many of the drier, warmer—and less expensive—winter havens are inland and at a fairly high elevation. It might be better to think of those rather than coastal areas, which in many cases have their rainy season from January to March. The visitor planning a lengthy stay may also want to look to some less obvious destinations in order to cut costs, avoiding perhaps the more popular warm spots, like Scottsdale, Ariz., and parts of Florida.

A relatively sunny and dry climate will be found in North Carolina, in towns like Asheville (which is at about 2,000 feet), Hendersonville, Brevard and Tryon. These are year-round resorts. Some Northerners head for the Ozarks, to resort towns like Mountain Home and Mountain View in northern Arkansas, or to the Highland lakes region of Texas, between San Antonio and Austin. In Arizona, Prescott, 80 miles northwest of Phoenix, and at an elevation of more than 5,000 feet, is favored by many winter visitors.

In New Mexico, Roswell and Carlsbad in the southeastern part of the state and Clovis near the Texas line also offer the right climate. Californians say that Palm Desert is less expensive and less busy than Palm Springs, its better known neighbor. Among coastal places with a relatively warm winter but subject to a certain amount of rain are the stretch of South Carolina between Myrtle Beach and Charleston and St. Simmons, St. Helena and Jekyll in Georgia's Sea Islands."—*N.Y. Times*, August 30, 1987 ■

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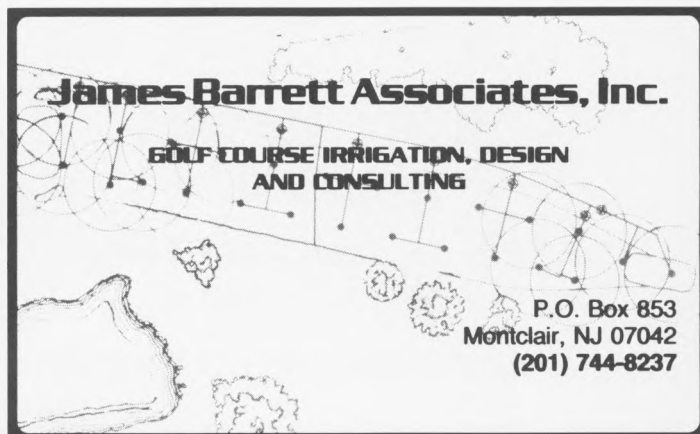
Long Range Forecast for September '87–November '87

The National Weather Service forecast for September through November is for temperatures to average near normal and precipitation to average near normal. It should be kept in mind that seasonal forecasts such as these apply to average conditions over the period and should not be used to imply expected conditions in any particular week or month in the period. Also, these forecasts do not specify the precise amount of deviation from average conditions.—*Dr. Robert Harnack, Dept. of Meteorology and Physical Oceanography, Cook College/Rutgers University* ■

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"An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity."

Author unidentified



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In this space each month we highlight one of our patron firms with an article. Since we are approaching the end of the year and we won't have the time or space to honor every patron, we are going to take the time now to say thank you to all fifty-nine patrons and those who advertise for their support in making this newsletter one of the finest in the nation. We welcome your continued support in the future.

All the patrons are listed in our Patron Directory on the fold-out section, page 17. The directory is on back of the calendar and conveniently perforated for easy removal and mounting in a handy space. Use this convenience, it can save time hunting through the phone book and maybe it will save some money.

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It was a cold windy day in February, 1985 that a bewildered, neophyte *Greenside* editor walked into the offices of Backes Graphic Productions, Inc. on Broad Street in Hopewell, New Jersey hoping to find a friendly typesetter. What he found was a group of graphic artists who could do more than typesetting. Graphic layout, artwork, editorial assistance, and printing were offered by this graphic house. The editor was pleased he could concentrate on producing copy for publication. The partnership of *The Greenside* and Backes Graphic Productions, Inc. has been very successful. *The Greenside* has been a quality newsletter throughout their tenure.

Everyone at Backes has a hand in the production of *The Greenside*. Rosemarie Cruz and Maria Asper type the rough copy into final smooth copy; Kelly Dodds illustrates and designs the covers that originate in the brain of the editor; Dilip Kane and Janet Cash create artwork and design that fill the pages of the newsletter; Arlene Bougher coordinates the movement of *The Greenside* through production; Jack Backes and Sandra Baird lend assistance if there are technical drawings needed; Karen Mamo works with the editor unfolding the raw copy and producing a finished product that everyone takes pride in. Diane Backes keeps a practical eye on the process throughout production and delivery.

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"And the seasons they go round and round, and the painted ponies go up and down." A few words from one of my favorite Joni Mitchell songs. I guess all of us in the turfgrass business, save the chemical salesmen, are happy to see the seasons' change. It was a long summer where you could not miss too many beats. September is only half way completed, but with the cooler weather we've been enjoying it makes one forget the difficulty of those July and August days. It's nice to know we have the better part of a year to recover and reflect on the season past.

I remember a year similar to this past summer in the late 70's. I was still a rookie superintendent and I remember telling a friend of mine that I wanted a summer filled with heat and humidity to test the type of person and turfgrass manager I was. Well, we did O.K. that year, as I'm fortunate to say we did this year too! But now that I'm nine years older I know I no longer need nor want to be this severely tested. I know what I'm made of so lets leave it at that. But as we all know it's June, July, and August that we are paid for.

Our work load certainly doesn't decrease during the Fall period. With aerification, overseeding, construction projects in full swing, coupled with smaller staffs, we have plenty to do. But I find that once the pressure of losing grass is off the business once again returns to a normal, semi-sane routine. I enjoy beating the hell out of the grass, making it ugly, because I know that come next Summer we again stand a very good chance of holding our turf. I believe that if there is one thing I've learned about turfgrass is that if I'm going to do anything to excess it will be soil cultivation; and if I'm going to do anything on the light side

it will be fertilization. This approach seems to keep me out of trouble. You learn a lot about yourself from the season just past!

"We can only look behind from where we came, and go round and round and round in the circle game." Let's hope we all make the best of this new Fall Season.■

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AEC ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Alliance for Environmental Concerns will be holding its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 1987 at Forsgate Country Club in Jamesburg, New Jersey. The meeting is slated to begin at 9:30 a.m. Meeting cost is \$20.00 per person.

Two talks will highlight the meeting. Dr. Thomas Watschke of Penn State will give an in-depth presentation on Pesticide Runoff/Leaching Research. Mr. Chuck Hardwick, Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly, will talk on Communicating with Your Legislature.

To make your reservation for this meeting, call Ilona Gray, Executive Director for the Alliance, at 595-7172.

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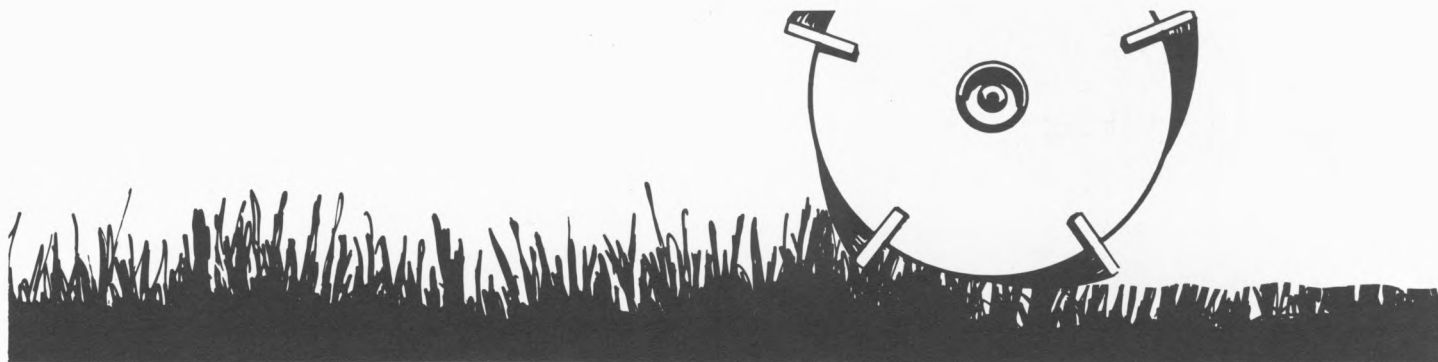
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For every pound of Tribute sold, a royalty will be donated to the Peter Selmer Loft Memorial Scholarship Fund, established

to benefit deserving students in the field of turfgrass science. Last year four graduate students at Rutgers University benefited from the scholarship fund.

The late Peter Loft was one of the nation's leaders in the turfgrass industry. He served as President of the NJ Turfgrass Association, was a member of the Turfgrass Hall of Fame, and was named Turfgrass Man of the Year.

For more information on Tribute, please contact Lofts Seed Inc., Chimney Rock Road, Bound Brook, NJ 08805 (201) 356-8700.

S&R Committee Forms New Club

The GCSAA Scholarship and Research Committee has announced the formation of a new group within GCSAA. The "Golden Tree Club" will consist of GCSAA members who pledge \$100.00 or more in a given year to the Scholarship and Research Fund.

"It is an elite group of leaders within GCSAA," Chairman **Jerry Faubel**, said. "And they will be clearly recognized as such."

Membership in the Golden Tree Club will entitle contributors to special recognition at the Annual Convention & Show, as well as admission to unique events. One of these will be a private reception with the winners of the Old Tom Morris Award each year at the Annual Convention & Show.

"For everything S&R means to those it supports, and ultimately to all of us, the investment of \$100.00 is well worth the price," Faubel said. He indicated that pledges could be broken into quarterly payments if necessary. A monthly pledge of \$8.27 would entitle a superintendent to membership in the Golden Tree Club. Contributions to the Scholarship and Research Fund are tax deductible.

Individuals who wish to become members should contact Scholarship and Research Manager, **Zachary Grant**, at 1-800-472-7878.

Newsletters

The Long Island Golf Course Superintendents Association is now publishing an excellent newsletter entitled: "**The Whole Nine Yards**". It is published six times per year. The editor is **Bob Ranum**.

Charlie Cross, formerly of Rumson CC and for a brief time editor of *The Greenside* is one of the production coordinators of the newsletter.

Association newsletters are interesting to read, numerous articles are very informative. If you might be interested in obtaining copies contact: **Bob Ranum**, 173 Hempstead Gardens Drive, West Hempstead, NY 11552, (516) 248-2868.

In the same vane, the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association publishes a newsletter called "**Tee to Green**". It is edited by **Ken Flisek** and copies may be obtained by calling him at: (914) 967-2100.

Core Training Course

The next **CORE** training session will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 1-4 pm in Room 201, Thompson Hall on the Cook Campus. Course sign-up is run on a first come, first serve basis (limit 50 people) with overflow extending to the next date. This course will also offer 6 Core recertification credits for those already certified. To enroll call the office at (201) 932-9801.

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The department has established a toll-free telephone number to assist individuals who have questions pertaining to the registration of regulated underground storage tanks. The number is **1-800-722-TANK** and is in operation five days a week from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

'87 Environmental Expo

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N.Y. State Turfgrass Conference	<i>November 3-6</i>	Rochester, NY	Elizabeth Seme (518) 783-1229
GCSANJ Annual Meeting	<i>November 17</i>	Forsgate CC	Bob Ribbans, CGCS
GCSAA Seminar: Assistant Supt.	<i>November 23-24</i>	Hartford, CT	1-800-GSA-SUPT
NJ Turfgrass Expo	<i>December</i>	Atlantic City, NJ	Henry Indyk (201) 932-9453
Rutgers Advanced Seminar	<i>Late February</i>	New Brunswick, NJ	Ned Lipman (201) 932-9271
GCSAA Conference	<i>February 1-8</i>	Houston, TX	1-800-GSA-SUPT
GCSAA Seminar: Managerial Productivity	<i>February 23-24</i>	Albany, NY	1-800-GSA-SUPT
GCSAA Seminar: Golf Course Design Principles	<i>March 14-15</i>	King of Prussia, PA	1-800-GSA-SUPT
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