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Historical preservation

by Doug Vogel

The Historical Preservation Committee was in full swing at the Cadillac NFL Golf Classic. With the help of Equipment Conservator Bob Dickison, CGCS, a photo shoot was set up featuring vintage turfgrass equipment and Arnold Palmer, a man who in his youth cut a fair amount of greens. Old Tom Palmer gave Red a few tips on cutting greens and bamboo pole whipping. The seminar was captured on film by Photo Documentation Specialist Shaun Barry.

Arnold Palmer wasn't the only one giving cutting clinics at Upper Montclair C.C. Just hours earlier, a large figure was gracefully making his turns and producing the straightest cut lines on the course. Double cutting greens with a WALKING

mower was none other than volunteer Wayne Remo, CGCS, of the Rock Spring Club. Wayne out-produced and out-classed the other volunteers, many of whom were half his age. I argued on Wayne's behalf when the younger guys wanted to

Old Tom Palmer gave Red a few tips on cutting greens and bamboo pole whipping.

"get a picture of Gramps" for the Preservation Committee. Ken Krausz, CGCS, agreed. "Wayne is not quite vintage—yet!"



Arnold Palmer and Bob Dickison, CGCS, demonstrating some of Bob's newer pieces of equipment.

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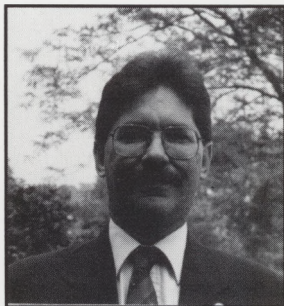
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Editorial

by Ken Krausz, CGCS



Helping Hands

Ask and you shall receive; How do you say thanks? Those are two titles of articles in past issues of *The Greenside*," and they could also be the credo of GCSANJ. It is a great thing to know that there are so many people in this organization that I, and everyone else, can count on.

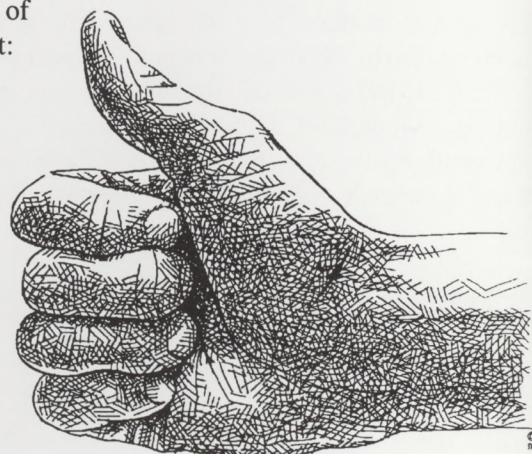
How many businesses can call on the company down the road, across the state or across the country for advice or a loan of something and be able to receive it, usually with an offer to deliver. This issue is full of articles that show exactly that: stories written by people who have helped or have been helped by others in this Association. Those members who contributed these articles did so because they wanted to help *The Greenside* be the best that it could be.

Superintendents let their courses be available for monthly meetings. Besides having 100 of their peers check out their work, they also have to go to their clubs and ask for the date. I certainly appreciate what those superintendents do for the Association.

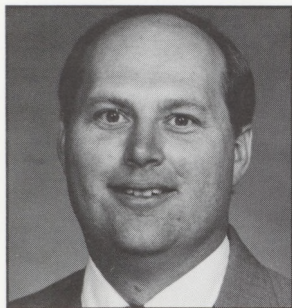
This summer, two golf courses held professional golf tournaments, and the members of this Association got together to help cut greens, rake bunkers or do whatever else was asked of them. Many equipment companies loaned those courses equipment, as did other golf courses. This is not a one-time thing, equipment companies are always lending golf courses equipment. Sure it is good for their business, however, most of us know that even if we are not a big spender with a certain company, they will still be there to help.

Look at all the people who got together to help Fran Owsik's son Brett last month!

This is a great organization only because of all the people in it. I ask again—if you have an article or an idea for an article, send it to me as I am happy to receive all the help that I can get.



President's Message



The Summer of 1998 - A Quick Review

There are some highlights of this summer that I would like to mention. For starters it was nice to see so many superintendents at the Rutgers Field Day on August 6th; the weather was just about perfect.

Throughout the day I heard nothing but positive feedback and comments about the research currently being conducted. Although still in its early stages of development, Dr. Jim Murphy's research on the Assessment of Root Zone Mixtures for Putting Greens is already producing interesting information.

In an effort to open the lines of communication between our fellow chapters here in the Northeast Region, an invitation to attend the July meeting at Montammy was sent to the officers of the Metropolitan GCSA, Long Island GCSA, Connecticut GCSA and the Hudson Valley GCSA. The intent was to have an open discussion on issues such as chapter operations, government relations and issues pertaining to GCSAA, along with a little fun via a small tournament between the chapter representatives. Unfortunately, only the Met and New Jersey were represented. Even so, it proved to be a productive meeting, especially on the golf course where

the New Jersey team was victorious. We expect our next meeting, at the October Met Team Championships, to include more chapter representatives. It will also give the Met team an opportunity to revenge its loss

I would also like to mention some of the events hosted this year: The NFL Football Classic at Upper Montclair, the LPGA Chrysler Classic at Seaview, and the New Jersey State Open at Spring Lake. All events really showcased the talents of three terrific superintendents; Bob Dickison, John Boyer, and Bruce Peeples.

Calendar

- Sept. 28** **Invitational**, Manasquan River G.C. Host: Glenn Miller. Contact Judy Policastro, 973-379-1100
- Oct. 13** **GCSANJ Championship**, Olde York C.C. Host: Mark Stallone. Contact Judy Policastro, 973-379-1100
- Oct. 20** **GCSANJ-GCSAA Seminar**, Strategies for Managing the Turfgrass System. Jumping Brook C.C., Ed Mellor, superintendent. Contact Judy Policastro, 973-379-1100.
- Oct. 27** **GCSANJ Assistant Superintendents Outing**, Deal G. & C.C., Hosts: Charlie Cadet, Kevin Giles, Angelo Petraglia and Joseph de Kovacs. Contact Judy Policastro, 973-379-1100.
- Nov. 3-5** **Penn State Turf Conference**, State College, PA. Contact Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, 814-863-3475.
- Nov. 10** **Annual Meeting**, Hollywood G.C. Host: Jan Kasyjanski. Gross skins. Contact Judy Policastro, 973-379-1100



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ROYCE BROOK GC IS ACES

by Shaun Barry

As we go through life there are many expressions that we all recognize. Usually they mean the same thing to each one of us. In the movie "The Field of Dreams," Kevin Costner's character hears the words, "Build it and they will come." He builds his baseball field and people come from all over. **Joel Jacquemot**, CGCS, heard these same words, and he built Stanton Ridge, Pebble Creek and Royce Brook. We discussed a monthly meeting for Stanton Ridge, but that didn't happen. This time we started early, and by last October Joel was able to get us onto the schedule. He built it, but would we come? Absolutely!!!

One hundred thirty-six people came to see Joel and his new course. Unfortunately for us, Joel must have heard one or both of the following expressions, "Don't rest on your laurels" or "Here today, gone tomorrow." The reason that I



Mr. Hole-in-One and his playing partners. (Left to right) Tom Grimas, John "Ace" Carpinelli, Bob Prickett and John Farrell.

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suggest these words is because Joel chose to move on four days before our meeting. He was not there to hear all of the wonderful compliments lavished upon this marvelous creation.

We were the first outing on a course that was open less than a month. Joel's assistant, **Matt O'Neal**, was acting superintendent, and the entire staff was new but anxious to prove itself. Even with all of this pressure each department and every individual did a great job. This truly is an upscale public course that makes you feel like a member at the best private course. The future of the course is in good hands. Our thanks go out to all. Once again, **David Oatis** found the time to give us a USGA update. We are lucky to have such a wonderful ally to assist us through the good times and the tough times. His presentation was followed by a great lunch and then it was off to the carts.

Out on the course there were many heroics, but one event stands out above the rest. On the 8th hole, **John Carpinelli** hit a beautiful 7 iron 159 yards in the air. If you played that day, you know that the flagstick was exactly 159 yards from the

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tee. As a result, John's ball flew into the cup and stayed in for a hole-in-one. It was the first hole-in-one ever made at Royce Brook. They felt it was a very important event and we agreed. Soon there will be a plaque hanging in the clubhouse commemorating this shot. Congratulations, John. It could not have happened to a nicer person.

This shot gave John the closest to the pin award, and he was joined by **Harry Harsin** (#5 – 5 ft. 1 in.), **Charlie Blue** (#12 – 2 ft. 7 in.) and **Jeff Riggs** #17 – 9 ft. 2 in.). His ace also gave him a double skin. Collecting one skin each were **Chris Boyle**, **Kevin Breuer**, **H. Harsin** and **Tony Raczynski**. **Tom Grimac** and **Rob Mlynarski** recorded wins with their long drives. **Angelo Petraglia** (72) showed his championship form as his even par round edged out **John Farrell** (74). **Jim Cross** (64) and **C. Boyle** (65) won our net competition.

This day turned out better than we could have imagined (especially for John), even if most of us did not win a prize again. None of us will forget the bunkers, and none of us will volunteer to rake all of these hazards, but each one of us would volunteer to come back and play this course a few more times. And, of course, there are another 18 that we should check out. Stay tuned. You never know what will happen.

SUCCESS FOR OUR 3Ms— MONTAMMY'S MIKE MINER

by Shaun Barry

July is one of those months that can cause a superintendent to lose a little or a lot of sleep. It is during this time that you can do everything correctly, and you still can have some



Host Mike Miner (left) receiving plaque and congratulations from Glenn Miller.

turf loss. Only the confident (and talented) will invite 80 of his friends over for a visit during this month. **Mike Miner** is confident and he should be. Montammy hosted our July meeting, and it was superb. Mike and **Jim Swiatlowski** make a great team, and it showed as all 80 of us inspected their turf.

This club has a reputation for great golf and great food. It is a reputation well earned. General Manager Glenn Wollmann had hosted us when he was at Green Brook with **Joe Kennedy**. Nothing has changed. He has continued his tradition of excellence. Brunch and evening hors d'oeuvres were two meals to remember. Glenn invited us back, and I know that I will return.

Our educational session this month was really special. In place of a speaker, we had a superintendent round-table discussion. The officers from the MetGCSA Board had crossed the river for a morning meeting with our Board. They were delighted to be asked to join our officers on this panel. With a full meeting room, they fielded a number of questions. It was a thoughtful exchange of ideas and experiences. Everyone in attendance came away better informed.

On the course we wanted to add a little more excitement for our visitors from the Met. We came up with a little net match play event. Each officer was to play his counterpart on the other Board. If we won, then I would have started this article with the results. If we had lost, then I would have left it out of this report. There was a tie so I guess it is good news for all concerned. Earl Millett had to play two people because John Carlone was unable to attend. He lost to **Glenn Miller** but edged **Ken Krausz**. Dave Mahoney beat **Mike Mongon**,

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while **Ed Mellor** defeated Tim Moore (what is it with all of these names that start with an M?). I think everybody had a great time, so maybe this could be the start of something long term.

Ian Kunesch (74) brought Oscar Coetzee (73) as a guest, and they obviously both know how to play this game. I wonder if Ian let his guest win? While they were taking low gross honors, **John O'Keefe** (64) showed M. Miner (67) that local course knowledge was only good enough for second place on the net side. **Jim Cross** didn't win the net tournament this month, but he did capture closest to the pin honors on the 8th (6ft. 2in.) and the 14th (4 ft. 7 in.) holes. K. Krausz (11 ft. 5 in.) and **Peter McFarland** (19 ft. 5 in.) were the other winners. **Dean Torsileri** and E. Millet took the longest drive prizes. Our skin winners were **Ed Casteen**, J. Cross, M. (miracles do happen) **Mongon**, J. O'Keefe and **Jim Waniak**.

This day ended with two of our old-timers standing in the parking lot carrying on an animated conversation for 45 minutes. They seemed like they didn't want this day to end. I can really understand what they were feeling, but I guess it was a universal feeling. We all wanted to say an extra thanks to everyone at Montammy. Mike, if you would be so kind and deliver our message, we would appreciate it.

THE ARTICLE WITH NO TITLE CONTINUES

by Shaun Barry

In the last *Greenside*, I used this space to congratulate the golfing exploits of some of our members. There are some new stories to be told. It seems that at the recent four-ball qualifiers, some of our members did real well. **Angelo Petraglia** teamed up with **Jim Whitlock** as they qualified at Woodlake with a score of 71. At Lake Mohawk, **Ian Kunesch** and **Jay Antonelli** had a better day, they actually were the low qualifiers with a 63. This is a gross score. Ian said he only had one birdie. That leaves Jay to explain how he made seven birdies in 1 round of golf. That is more than I have made all year. Congratulations are in order and good wishes go out to both teams when the competition begins.

A THANK YOU FROM JOHN BOYER AND JON O'CONNER

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped us out for the LPGA Shoprite Classic at Marriott Seaview Resort. Thanks go to **Kevin Driscoll** of Loft's Seed; **Eric Cadenelli**, **Joe Lucas**, **Scott McBane** and **Brian Olson** of Galloway National Golf Club; **Bill Murray** of Shark River; **Ed Casteen** and daughters, Lindsey and Kate; Cedar Creek's **Pat Wall**; **Phil O'Brien** of Aquatrols; **Ken Mathis**; **Brad Simpkins** of Lesco; and **Chris Lynch** and **John Sutton** of Great Bay Golf Club.

Thanks also to **Clarke Weld** of Blue Heron Pines who loaned pumps and squeegees, just in case. Also thanks to Lawn & Golf, Finch and Mid-Atlantic for lending equipment.

The tournament went very well with the help of all the volunteers.

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REFLECTIONS OF 1998 CADILLAC NFL TOURNAMENT

by Robert Dickison, CGCS

With the later date this year, the golf course was in prime condition. June is a much better month to have a major tournament than May. The weather for the ten days preceding the tournament was extremely rainy. It rained every day from the 12th through the 18th. The wet conditions were starting to hamper the mowing patterns for the tournament. Things that should have been set ten to 14 days before were just being started three days before. At the end of the event all of the mowing schemes were on track, and the course played as it was intended.

The tees, approaches, fairways and rough were in top condition. The greens were excellent. They were mowed at .100 for the tournament. They rolled true, were smooth and had a good pace to them. Our greens are some of the finest that the tour plays on all year. The sanding program for the fairways over the past two years is starting to pay off. With all the rain before the tournament, they remained quite firm throughout the tournament. Even One and Nine East fairways, the practice area, was in good condition. Our bunkers were in top condition as well.

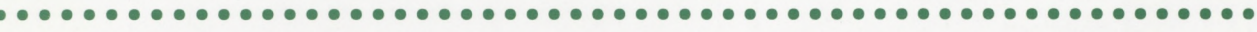

At the end of each day's round, three or four players gave comments to the press. The ones that mentioned the course all said that they liked the layout and condition of the course.



Bob Dickison (left) and Tom Wargo, PGA player, thinking about the good old days.

Here is a sampling of the comments: Larry Nelson, during the practice round, "Old style golf course, very narrow. Have to work the ball a bit. Think it will be fun to play." And at the end

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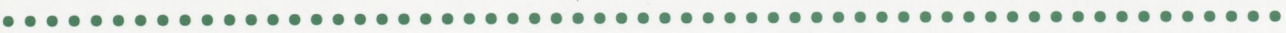
Bob Dickison (right) with Bob Dickson, winner of the Cadillac NFL Tournament.

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of the second round, "Course is drying out so it's playing a little bit shorter. Greens little faster and they held well." During the second round, Dave Stockton, "I enjoy this course. It makes you think. It keeps me on my toes." Jay Sigel, "Scoring was good. Think it is due to good condition of the course. Best shape we've seen it. Makes a difference. Better putting surface. Huge difference in course this year. Superintendent is to be credited. Everything is more consistent." Mike McCullough, "course is in great shape. Favors a player with a draw."

Again this year it was a pleasure to work with the PGA officials who were on site. Their comments as well as the players were very complimentary of the golf course. Bob Dickson, this year's winner, has been a friend since he began on the Senior Tour. It's nice to see someone so deserving win.

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Bob Dickison and some of his volunteers for the NFL Seniors PGA Classic.

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I know that he'll be a good champion over the next year.

This year we had superintendents, members of their crews and other members of the New Jersey Golf Course Superintendents Association volunteer to help out with the daily maintenance for the tournament. We had volunteers come in to rake bunkers in the morning from Packanack G.C. (3), Rock Spring Club, N.J. National G.C., Essex Fells C.C., AgrEvo USA Co. and Egypt Farms Co. The greens were mowed by volunteers from Fairmount C.C., Paramus G. & C.C., Rock Spring Club, Roselle G.C., Mendham C.C., Rivervale C.C., Maplewood C.C., Greenbrook C.C. and the Wilfred MacDonald Co. I was able to get experienced help from Forest Hill and Tamcrest in the afternoons to help with the mowing and rolling. There also were people who volunteered to help out with the mechanics from Alpine C.C. and

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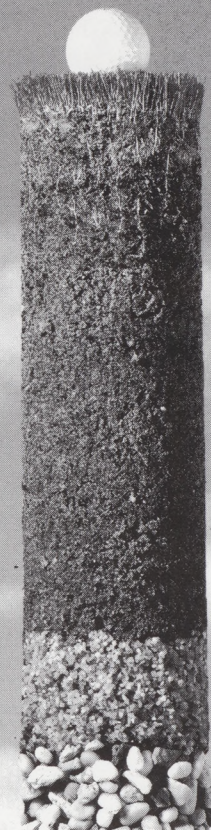
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As she has done in the past, my wife, Sydney, arranged all lunches and dinners for the green staff during the tournament. This allowed the crew to keep working in the parking lots when the traffic flow is the heaviest. They also were ready to begin the evening work as soon as play allowed.

Again this year, we were loaned extra equipment by some of our distributors: a fairway mower and three utility carts by the Steven Willand Co.; a sweeper by Storr Tractor Co.; and two utility carts with trailers and two greens rollers by the Wilfred MacDonald Co. Forest Hill Field Club also loaned us a greens roller and an aerator. We were loaned hand greens mowers by Winged Foot C.C., Greenbrook C.C., Rivervale C.C., Montammy C.C. and Navasink C.C. The Meadowlands helped out with traffic cones and barricades.

The early tournament setup helped things run a lot

smoother and offered more flexibility in the total setup. As a matter of fact, the entire tournament operation went very smoothly this year. With all of the rain during setup, the only problems were some ruts made by the Cadillac people. The extra time allotted for setup was a real plus this year, with all of the rain during setup week. With the extra time we were able to work around the weather, and damage to the course was kept to a minimum. The breakdown went very well also. All equipment was off the course and out of the parking lot in half the time of last year, in five days this year compared to 10 days last year.

CADILLACS, BAD BACKS, BUT NO JACK

by Doug Vogel

Great moments in sports are forever etched in our memories when a heroic effort by an individual is made while performing in extreme pain. Who could forget Willis Reed hobbling out of the locker room for game 7 of the 1970 NBA Championship? What about the two out, two run pinch hit home run trot by Kirk Gibson in game one of the 1988 World Series? You can now add to that list of legendary performers in pain the name of **Bob "Red" Dickison, CGCS.**

Red faced the challenge of preparing the upper Montclair C.C. for the Cadillac NJL Golf Classic with a newly acquired bad back. Calls were made to every parts department in the tri-state area in hopes of securing a spare back, but none could be found. When even Mike Moore could not locate one, Bob realized that he would have to use the one he had. Always prepared, the resourceful Dickison came up with a plan.

On his daily rounds during tournament week, Bob stopped by the Tenet Players Fitness Center sponsored by Bayer. The Tenet trailer is where Senior PGA Tour members are put back together and treated for aches and pains. He would receive a dose of muscle stimulus, hot packs, cold packs and pressure point massage by certified trainers to put his back into a somewhat usable form. "You feel like you can't move for a week," Red remarked about the treatment, "but in about an hour you feel much better."

You couldn't tell how much pain Bob was in by the way he presented himself, but anyone with back problems knows that getting out of bed every morning is a chore in itself. Red arrived every morning at 4:30 a.m. to direct his staff and crew of volunteers to produce what many of the Senior PGA players deemed the best conditioned course they played on all year.

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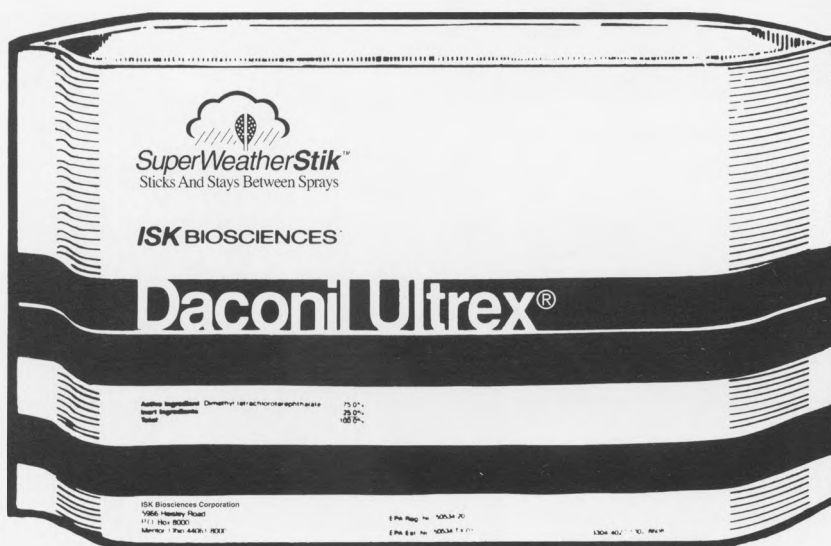
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Father and son are the reasons for our participation in this benefit—Brett Owsik (left) and Fran Owsik.

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A FRIEND IN "KNEE" D

The Brett Owsik Benefit was held on June 11, 1998. Fellow GCSANJ member **Fran Owsik** needed some help so his son could have knee surgery, and our association rushed to his aid. We sold signs, we played golf, and we ate lots of food. What we also did is raise over \$9,000 for the cause. This number is more than our goal, but still a lot less than the whole process will require. What it has done is given Fran the ability to start getting Brett back on the road to recovery. Fran has told each one of you how much he appreciated your help, but I know he wouldn't mind it if I said it one more time: "Thanks to all from the entire Owsik family."

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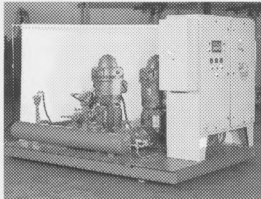
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A golden tribute

Meeting a 50-year member of the GCSANJ was quite impressive. To read and hear about those five decades was truly captivating. Then when you find out what transpired previous to his career in turf management, you feel honored to have sat down and talked with Albert H. Foster, CGCS.

Al Foster's golf course management career started after World War II when his stint with the Army ended. When his pocket money of military savings ran out, he decided he better get a job. Al thought he should first learn a trade, so he went to the Rutgers University College of Agriculture to sign up for horticulture classes. Finding his course full, he took an open spot in the Turf Management class, and the rest is greenkeeping history. Foster graduated in 1946 and was the only member of his class to become a superintendent.

Al landed his first job at the Forest Hill Club in 1947. That same year, with Past President John Anderson sponsoring his application, he joined the GCSANJ. After a short tenure at Forest Hill, he moved on to the top position at the Aldercrest C.C. (now known as Alpine C.C.).

Aldercrest had been neglected during the war years and needed a lot of renovation. One memorable job was the removal of a green from the Upper Montclair C.C. on a cold Thanksgiving morning. The green was slated to be bulldozed for the construction of the Garden State Parkway, but Al stripped it, loaded it up and rebuilt it as the second green at Aldercrest. After a decade of nurturing the course back to respectability, Foster moved to the Hackensack G.C.

Al's first challenge at Hackensack was to install a water system for greens, tees and fairways. Upon successful completion of the project, he converted the fairways to bentgrass and planted hundreds of pine trees. He rebuilt traps, tees and greens, but the membership at Hackensack would benefit most from Foster's progressive maintenance techniques. Springtime at Hackensack was always weeks ahead of other clubs because of Al's pioneering methods of late fall fertilization and November aerification of greens. "Hackensack was always one of the best kept courses in the state," former assistant Jack Martin remarked. "You can quote me on that!" Many other veterans in our business agree.

With all the work involved with maintaining a top rated course, Al still found time to be active in the GCSANJ. He served as an Executive Committee member for 12 years, 10 as secretary and two as president. He also developed the logo for our association.

Al Foster was also a mentor. "Learning under Al was ideal for someone who had aspirations of becoming a superintendent," former assistant Eliot Lewis commented. "Detail was a priority, preventative maintenance was a priority. I learned right from the start that a few problems on the course, no matter how small, if left unrepaired could become issues in the politically charged atmosphere of a private club."

Unknown to everyone I talked to who has known Al over the past 50 years was his remarkable military record. It is not unusual for veterans not to discuss what they experienced while in combat, and such is the case with Al. Foster participated in the D-Day invasion and saw some of the fiercest fighting of the campaign. For his bravery, Al received two Purple Hearts, the Combat Infantry Medal, the Bronze Star and five Combat Stars.

Al Foster was just one of many American heroes who unselfishly put his life on the line in the name of freedom. He went on to become one of a select few who pushed the role of the golf course superintendent to a higher level. Al Foster was a pioneer and a patriot. Al Foster is 50 years worth of being one-of-a-kind.

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GCSANJ and GCSAA to sponsor seminar

The GCSANJ and the GCSAA are sponsoring a seminar, entitled "Strategies for Managing the Turfgrass System," on Tuesday, October 20, 1998, at Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune, New Jersey, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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GCSANJ Class "C" Committee progress report

by Brian M. Remo

GCSANJ Class C Delegate (chair)

The first Class "C" committee meeting was held on July 7, 1998, at Rock Spring Club. All members of the committee were able to attend with the exception of Jim Acheson, who understandably was absent due to circumstances on the course. The enthusiasm of the group as a whole was overwhelming, and all were in agreement with most topics that were discussed. The following is a breakdown of these topics and a skinny on their discussion:

1. Objectives of the Class "C" Committee and the positions held by its members.

The purpose of this committee is to allow assistant superintendents to become more involved with the

total aspect of the association by providing an avenue to interact with the Board on a regular basis.

2. The Assistant Superintendent Golf Outing.

Working in association with Shaun Barry, this outing/tournament is planned to take place this October.

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More information regarding the specifics will be available next month. Two topics that were discussed: commercial involvement and format.

3. University/student involvement.

Joe Kinlin has been put in charge of this specific project, involving the possibility of an open forum to take place at various universities and turf schools, to introduce students to the golf course industry from the viewpoint of the assistant superintendent.

4. New members/district acknowledgment.

The members of the Class "C" committee are going to make it a policy to acknowledge the induction of all new Class "C" members to GCSANJ. The Class "C" delegate or district representatives will make an effort to call or visit these new members shortly after joining to offer assistance and information concerning the association. We feel this will increase morale and support of Class "C" members by letting them know they each are indeed an involved member and an intricate part of the group.

5. Election/appointment proceedings.

Before the situation occurred, the committee wanted to determine how new Class "C" delegates and district reps would be selected. The Class "C" Delegate will be appointed by the President of GCSANJ and the District "C" Representatives will be appointed by the Delegate.

6. District involvement.

Each district rep has agreed to think of new ways to get Class "C" members more involved within each

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Class "C" Committee progress report

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district, creating a "team effect" in order to get them more involved with the association. Some ideas were: inter-district golf leagues and visitation-style field days. The goal is for assistants to meet and interact with as many other members as possible.

7. Meeting representation.

During the lobby for this committee, meeting attendance was a major concern for everyone. While seemingly impossible for one assistant to attend every meeting, it also seemed unfair and ineffective for one assistant to attend them all. Having a committee serve along with Brian allows him to miss meetings while being represented by a committee member who has been in contact with Brian, has been briefed on the information in his report and who can also learn from the experience. It was agreed upon that Brian would make every meeting that he was able, but that each district rep must also attend at least one meeting during their term. In the event of Brian's absence, the district rep, in whose district the meeting takes place, will be asked to attend first.

8. The Greenside/Cadence.

After discussion with Ken Krausz, all district reps were informed that, in addition to "Cadence," other articles would always be appreciated and considered for printing in *The Greenside*. The decision was not yet made as to the passing on of "Cadence" to the next Class "C" delegate, but it may be more effective if the article is written by a voluntary party rather than an appointed one. In other words, it is more impor-

tant that the author wants to write "Cadence" rather than has to.

In closing . . .

It is of the utmost importance that the Board of GCSANJ fully understands the intentions of this committee and those of its members. We are all very excited about the opportunity that has been offered to us and plan to utilize this emotion to benefit GCSANJ, rather than squander it. To avoid "stepping on toes," we have agreed that the association must come first, and that all action be accepted through its chairs. We understand and respect the codes, bylaws and ethics of GCSANJ and will uphold them as we are representative of the same. I would personally like to thank Glenn Miller, Bruce Peebles, John O'Keefe, Wayne Remo and the entire Board for their continuing support.



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by Brian M. Remo

I did a little math the other day and came up with a most disturbing observation. What I did was tally up the amount of time spent doing the various things that constituted one week out of the life of Brian Remo. Here are the unofficial results:

Subject Name: Brian Remo
Occupation: Assistant Golf Course Superintendent

Weekly time distribution percentages:

Working on Golf Course:	35%
Sleeping:	25%
Side Job:	16%
Playing Golf:	8%
Driving:	8%
Other:	8%

You see, on paper, it looks like the normal distribution for an assistant super, however, there's one thing that amazes me. Somewhere in that 8% of **Other**, I manage to stay married. It's something that we don't often think about, but it's some kind of a miracle that anyone in their right mind would want any of us for a life partner. I'm hardly ever home, and when I am, I'm either sleeping or on a rant about not having enough time to sleep. I mean we might as well kiss goodbye on April 1 and start singing "See You in September!" I once saw a sign in a novelty shop that read: "We interrupt this marriage to bring you the golf season . . ." Well, if that doesn't sum it up! They should hand those signs out with your diploma! When we said our wedding vows nearly two years ago, I was waiting for the pastor to ad lib the script . . . "Do you, Fran, take this man to be your husband, to have and to hold, and put up with all of



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When people ask us if we plan on having children, the response is always the same: "We already have 18 children, and they keep us busy enough!"

you're reading this, so take confidence in knowing that the worst of the first is almost over.

I must admit that I have a saint for a bride. Anyone who puts up with what we have to offer should have a day named after them, and there are a lot of you ladies (and gentlemen) who do. I spoke with Ken Krausz, CGCS, briefly on the subject. He also shares a house with an angel. Kathy Krausz, CGCS (Kenny's wife), manages a job, a family, a house and Ken, which I'm sure is no party. The sacrifices that our mates make for the sake of us all are phenomenal to say the least. I asked Ken what was the secret to a long and successful marriage in this industry. His reply: "It may very well be that the reason people stay with us so long is because we don't spend enough time together to get on each other's nerves!" I enjoyed his sense of humor on the matter and can relate. Frannie and I joke about the situation endlessly. Sometimes she'll call work to ask if I'm eating OK, or we'll tease each other about the secret lover that I must keep on the 16th tee. When people ask us if we plan on having children, the response is always the same: "We already have 18 children, and they keep us busy enough!"

I guess where I'm going with all of this is a great big THANK YOU. I don't care if you're married, engaged, dating, rooming or living at home. There's someone out there putting up with the mud-tracking, wet-socked, dirty duck-booted, outlandish laundry-owning, smelly, grumpy, holy hell-hollering, back rub after missing dinner-needing supers and assistants of New Jersey, and I feel they deserve the accolades. So, thank you for keeping us sane, keeping us healthy and for just plain keeping us. We promised to give you the earth, we just bring it home in pieces . . .

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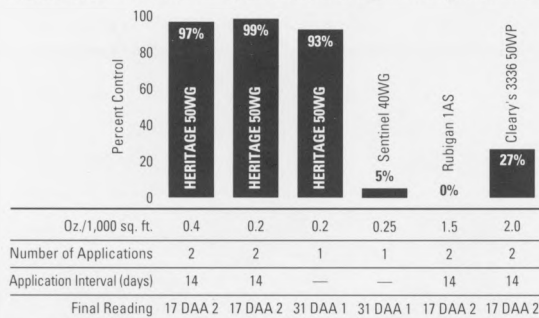
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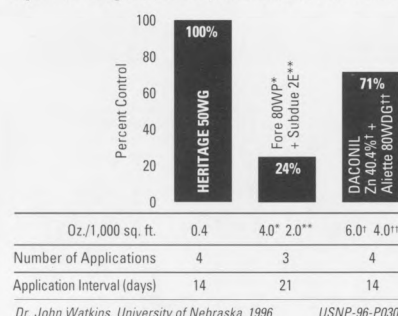
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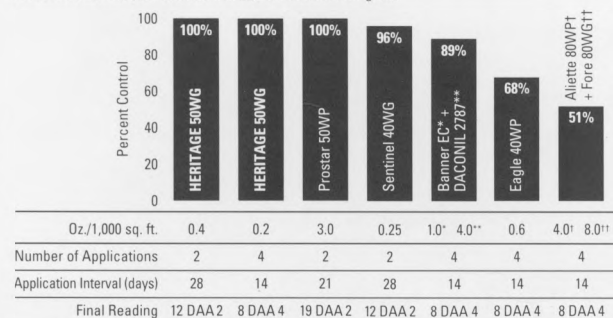
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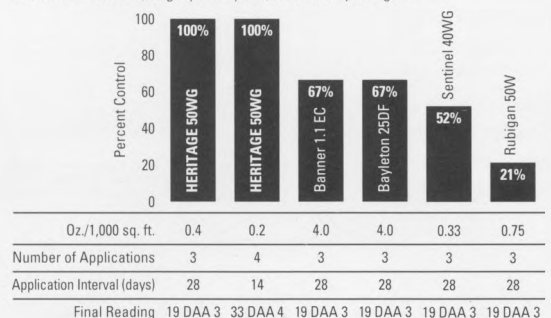
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by Brad Simpkins
Sales Representative, Lesco

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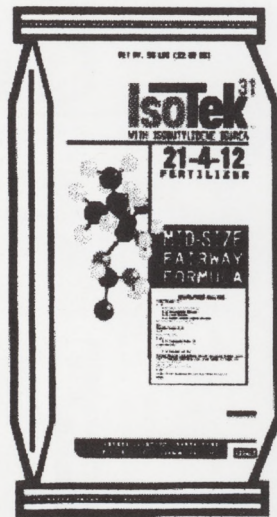


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news was, it was a different disc than the one I herniated 23 years ago lifting a railroad tie. The bad news was the only way to relieve the pain was surgery.

Many of you may have heard me whining during sales calls in the last few years about my "muscle spasms" every spring. I know I've used that excuse several times during golf matches as to why my ball was in your fairway. I fought off the inevitable with steroid shots into the spinal column for a few years, but, finally, this spring I had to bite the bullet. I guess when my customers started calling me Groucho Marx, because of my posture and walk, it was time. I also have a daughter getting married on August 22, and I thought it would be beneficial to "walk" her down the aisle.

Needless to say, I am recovering very well, and Linda is "nursing" me back to health. Give me a call and I'll tell you what it is like to be trapped in a house that is also a daycare center!

Seriously, though, I am doing very well. I hope to be driving short distances in a few weeks. When I asked the doctor what limitations he would prescribe in the future, he said basketball, volleyball, running and cross-country motorcycling are the four worst activities for your back. Three of them are (or should I say were) my favorite sports. I know some of you had hoped he would say golf—sorry, no such luck.

I would really like to thank everyone for their calls, cards, prayers, fruit baskets, etc. In the real scheme of things, though, this has just been a minor setback. This experience has re-emphasized just how special this industry and the people in it really are. To quote Fran Owsik, superintendent at Lakewood C.C., in his thank you letter to the participants of the benefit for his son: "What a great feeling it is to belong to an association that cares so much about its members."

I think this really emphasizes the compassion and concern of the people in this association. Thank you all again.

Consider yourself a candidate.

Applications for the 1999 Environmental Steward Awards are available from the August issue of *Golf Course Management*, GCSAA Online (www.gcsaa.org), affiliate chapter presidents, program sponsors and the GCSAA service center (800/472-7878).

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Nomination forms are now available from Scotts technical representatives, local chapters of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, the GCSAA Service Center (800-472-7878), and Lord, Sullivan & Yoder Public Relations (614-825-1730). Anyone involved in the golf industry may nominate an active or retired golf course superintendent for the award by outlining his/her achievements and service on the one-page nomination form. Nomination forms must be postmarked by January 2 to be eligible for the 1999 award.

Selection of the Scotts Tradition of Excellence Award is based on several criteria: teaching and mentoring experience;

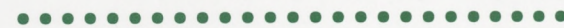
leadership; environmental responsibility; research and innovation in cultural or management practices; and professional involvement. The selection committee is comprised of officers of GCSAA and Michael P. Kelty, Ph.D., senior vice president of the Scotts Professional Business Group. The honoree will be announced in February at the GCSAA Conference and Show in Orlando. The recipient will receive an expense-paid trip to The Tradition Senior PGA Tournament at Desert Mountain for the formal award presentation.



Correction

In the last issue of *The Greenside*, one member of the Class "C" Committee was not listed and another committee member was listed as an employee of the wrong club.

Timothy Kerwin of Metedeconk National G.C. is the District 3 Class "C" representative, and **Joe Kinlin**, the District 2 Class "C" representative, is from Essex County C.C. Sorry for the mix up!



Newton Country Club

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sponsors the Florence M. Burd School in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools.

In addition to golf courses, the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System also provides programs for schools, individuals and businesses. For more information, contact Audubon International, 46 Rarick Rd., Selkirk, NY 12158, 518-767-9051 or e-mail via the Internet at acss@audubonintl.org and visit their website at www.audubonintl.org.

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- Recommended by their academic advisor.

To obtain the necessary application forms contact:

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Deadline for applications: **November 3, 1998.**

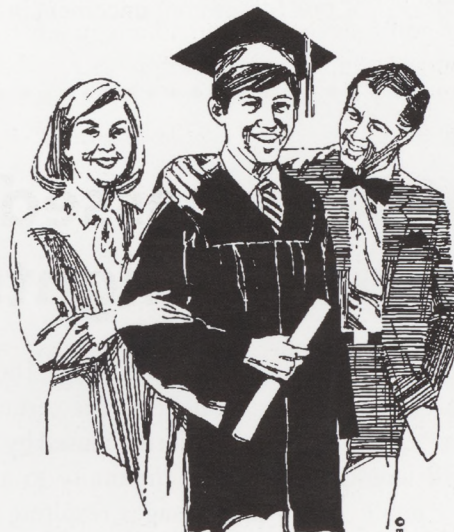
Penn State Now Accepting Applications

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA – Applications are now being accepted for Penn State's Two-Year Golf Course Turfgrass Management Program for the class beginning in September of 1999. There is an application fee of \$35.00 and the deadline for applications is December 31, 1998.

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For more information, contact Heather Treaster, Golf Course Turfgrass Management Program, The Pennsylvania State University, 456 Ag. Sciences and Industries Building, University Park, PA 16802-3507; Telephone (814) 863-0129; FAX (814) 865-3006; Email: hgw1@psu.edu

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Assistant superintendents outing set

Deal Golf and Country Club will be the site for the inaugural Assistant Superintendents Golf Outing. Dr. William Meyers will be the featured speaker. All GCSANJ members are invited, however, Class "C" members will be given priority. Look for the announcement in the mail.

Hosting this event will be Deal's assistant superintendents, Charlie Cadet and Kevin Giles, with the help of Superintendent Angelo Petraglia and General Manager Joseph de Kovacs.

Senate has passed S.B. 166—limiting liability from lightning

The New Jersey Senate has passed S.B. 166, which provides immunity from liability for certain recreational activities and from injuries caused by "Acts of God." The bill would also provide immunity to a person, corporation or public entity for damages resulting from an "Act of God," or for damages caused by negligent acts in the implementation of procedures or the operation of equipment designed to warn or detect an "Act of God." This bill is in

response to Maussner et al vs. Atlantic City Country Club, in which Maussner sued for damages caused by lightning.

The Appellate Division ruled that while a golf club had no obligation to establish procedures for warning golfers of impending lightning strikes, if the club established such procedures and those procedures were not followed properly, the club could be held liable. This bill now sits in the Assembly Committee on Judiciary.

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