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## The truth leaks out ... How I got Arnie's autograph

By Nigel Wisskowski

Thinking back about eight years ago at the GCSAA Conference in Orlando, one of the most memorable and exciting experiences I have had was not playing golf with Ed Walsh. It was meeting and actually having a conversation with the King, Arnold Palmer. I, and a few other golf course superintendents, had the opportunity to have dinner with Arnie at Bay Hill. I recall arriving at a house on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole at Bay Hill along with about 15 other superintendents and patiently waiting for the King to show up. Standing out on the back patio I saw Mr. Palmer in the distance approaching in his golf cart. With a Gatorade in one hand and my camera in the other, I put down the drink in readiness of a possible picture of the King. As he entered the house all of us were in a trance thinking, wow, how few people have had this chance to be so close to greatness. Nervously I wondered what I would say to him and patiently waited to see who would be the first to approach him. After a few seconds that seemed like hours, no one moved toward him, so I made the first move. At the time I was superintendent at Wildwood Country Club, and Sam Duncan was our golf professional. Before leaving for the conference I told Sam of the opportunity that was in store for me. Sam told me that Arnie as a young man was in the Coast Guard, stationed in Cape May, and frequently played Wildwood, the only golf course around at the time.

With no one moving, I decided to be the first to try to speak to him. Wearing my sport coat with my Wildwood Country Club golf shirt underneath, I walked up to shake his hand. I remember saying, "Mr. Palmer, my name is Steve Malikowski. I am the golf course superintendent at Wildwood Country Club, and this is the biggest thrill of my life to meet you, sir." He smiled at me and said, "I played a lot of golf at Wildwood as a young man while I was stationed in Cape May and have a lot of fond memories of those years." Thinking to myself, wow, not only have I met Arnie, he is

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TPC at Jasna Polana top staff and divot crew.

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# President's Message



## The year 2000 has been a good one so far!

My unofficial end of summer will have passed by the time that you read this. The fireman's convention down in Wildwood during the third weekend in September is the date that I look forward to each year. This year I have another date that I am looking forward to. You all know what date I am talking about, October 21, 2000! That is the date of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff Gala to be held at the beautiful Upper Montclair Country Club. The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has been working hard to make this a great evening. Come and enjoy the company, you will be glad you did!

If you went to the Rutgers Turf Plot Field Day you were able to take a tour of the new turf building. This will be a central point for turf research and will also house the plant diagnostic lab. There will be classrooms and more. The building is an example of what can happen with a partnership between golf courses, trade associations, business, private citizens and Rutgers. Much of the funding for that building was by way of donations. I know that Rutgers is impressed by the support that they get by the fact that Rutgers does a great job of expanding the turfgrass studies and filling vacant positions in a timely manner, especially during these times of corporate downsizing.

One other item that was unveiled during the field day was the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary banner, sporting the new logo.

As many of you are aware, Mark Kriews, one of our District 3 Directors, resigned from that position recently; I want to thank Mark for all his hard work on the Board. Elections were held and Michael (Mickey) Stachowski, superintendent at Fiddler's Elbow C.C., was elected to the Board to fill Mark's position. Michael, good luck and thanks for getting involved.

Immediate Past President Glenn Miller and his wife, Diane, are the proud parents of a baby boy! Andrew James Miller was born on August 3, 2000, weighing in at 8 pounds, 8 ounces. Andrew and Diane are doing well, with the help of big sister, Diane. Vice President, Ed Mellor, and his wife, Jennifer are the proud parents of their third daughter, Catherine, born on August 11, 2000. Catherine weighed in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces. Big sister Mary and Sarah are enjoying their new sister. Congratulations to the Miller and Mellor families!

Looking forward to seeing you at the GALA!

# The truth leaks out ...

## How I got Arnie's autograph

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actually having a conversation with me. After a short while I asked, "Mr. Palmer, could I get a picture of you?" Politely saying to me, "Of course, Steve, it would be my pleasure." I turned and asked Steve Cadenelli, standing next to me, if he would take the picture of me and Arnie together. Well, wouldn't you know it, just as Steve was about to snap the picture, the Dean, Bob Prickett, jumped in and got in the picture also. The picture turned out great after I had Prickett cut out of the shot, and I have a nice blowup of the King and me alone.

Moving along, I had the opportunity to help Roger Stewart at Jasna Polana during the recent Instinet Classic. Roger, knowing that I could be a great asset to the staff, allowed me to fill divots during the tournament. I got to the course on Thursday afternoon early, so I could walk the course and watch for a while before beginning work about 6:00 p.m. Not far from the maintenance complex is the 12<sup>th</sup> tee and approaching it, a lady said to me, "You just missed him. He just teed off." Who is "him" I briefly wondered? I didn't know until then that Arnie was playing in the tournament.

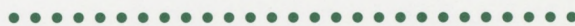
I had a few hours to kill so I decided to join the army and watch him play. I caught up at 14 and watched him birdie 2 straight holes in the Pro/Am. Thinking I may have a chance to get his autograph, which I forgot to get years ago, I looked for an opportunity. I was close to him coming off the 15<sup>th</sup> green, but the crowd pushed me away. Quickly moving to the 16<sup>th</sup> tee ahead of him, I spoke with security and they said don't ask for autographs until he finishes the 18<sup>th</sup>. Discouraged, I followed and watched for a while, then proceeded to the second landing area on the par 5 18<sup>th</sup> hole. I happened to run into Dave DeAngelo from Eagle One Products on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and he said he was also going to be filling divots. I told him that I was going to try to get the King's autograph, but my chances were probably slim to none.

As I waited for Arnie's group I told Dave that I collect divots from famous golf courses I've played and, of course, he figured I was nuts. I said, "Well, if I can't get Mr. Palmer's autograph, at least I'm going to get a souvenir, Arnie's divot." His second shot landed about 100 yards from the green, and I told Dave, "This should be a nice divot because he's no doubt going to hit a wedge." Sure enough, he cut one out of the ground about 8 inches long, and seconds later I ran out the fairway and grabbed it and put it in my pocket. Success!

The army was huge at the 18<sup>th</sup> green, but I thought I would still try for an autograph. Waiting at the scorers' tent, me and 500 others would try for his signature. As he came off 18 he was simply mobbed. Quickly I realized that there

comes a time when he must stop signing because he just can't sign everyone's hat or program. After being pushed away by big fat guys and little kids, I gave up as you could see that he was beginning to get annoyed and said, "Give me some room, I have to go now." Disappointed, I began to

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## Calendar

- Oct 9 – Dec. 15 Rutgers Golf Turf Management School:** Contact Rutgers University at 732-932-9271.
- Oct. 21 GCSANJ 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY "KICK-OFF GALA":** Upper Montclair C.C. **Mark Your Calendar Now!** Contact Judy Policastro at 973-379-1100.
- Oct. 23 GCSANJ CHAMPIONSHIP:** Hopewell Valley G.C., Host Superintendent Steven T. Bradley. Contact Judy Policastro at 973-379-1100.
- Oct. 24 GCSAA SEMINAR, Sustainable Golf Course Landscape Design:** Green Brook C.C., Host Superintendent Joe Kennedy. Contact GCSAA at 800-472-7878.
- Oct. 30 GCSANJ ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OUTING:** Richmond County C.C., Host Superintendent Brian Remo, Assistant Superintendent Curt Gandolfo.
- Nov. 9 GCSANJ Annual Meeting** Hollywood G.C., Host Jan Kasyjanski. Contact Judy Policastro at 973-379-1100.
- Nov. 16 Alliance for Environmental Concerns Annual Meeting & Seminar:** Fiddlers Elbow C.C. Contact Nancy Sadlon at 732-563-9252.
- Nov. 14-16 New York State Turfgrass Association Turf & Grounds Expo:** Syracuse, NY. Contact NYSTA at 800-873-8873.
- Dec. 11 GCSAA SEMINAR, The Magic of Greenkeeping:** Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ. Contact GCSAA at 800-472-7878.
- Dec. 12-14 NJTA EXPO 2000:** Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ. Contact NJTA at 732-82.1



## DEERWOOD C.C. IS A WONDERFUL HOST

By Shaun Barry

GCSANJ Commercial Representative, Agrivo, USA


New Jersey has been blessed with many new and wonderful golf courses. Some are private, but most are what we consider upscale public courses. Deerwood's general manager, Terry Mulligan, joked with Joel Collura that he considers their facility a limited-budget upscale course. The budget may be limited, but the condition of the course is incredible. Obviously, Joel, Tony Benfield and their staff work hard and smart. With all of the recent rain, just keeping the turf mowed had to be a challenge. Having it ready for a U.S. Open was impressive.

Our day started with Bruce Cadenelli addressing the group. He set a standard of appeal that I doubt will ever be matched. Out of the 86 players, only one person was on the driving range during his speech. It was good to see our members and guests be so professional.

Between a fine lunch and dinner we did play some golf. Unfortunately a sudden rain shower did prevent some from completing their rounds, but that was the only complaint of the entire day. If you promise not to bring any additional, I think Joel will be happy to let you come back and try again.

Leading the way with a fine 72 was John Alexander. He edged out Tony Benfield by one shot. Since Tony (65) won the net side of the tournament, we awarded second place gross to Chris Markham (74). It appears that District IV is preparing to defend its District Crown next October. With Mr. Grimac (76), Minemier (77 with a quad and a double), Prickett (78) and Armbruster (79) all breaking 80, they will be tough to beat. Finishing out the net side, we had Tony Raczynski also with a net 65, but he lost on a match of cards.

Closest to the pin prizes were awarded to B. Minemier (Wilfred MacDonald), T. Raczynski (Koonz), Brian Remo (Fisher & Son) and C. Markham (Torsilieri). Longest drives were hit by C. Markham (Storr), Doug Larson (Fisher & Son), Bob Fetzko (Lebanon) and Chip Presendorfer (Wilfred MacDonald).

Our skins contest was once again divided by handicaps because we had a large enough field. It worked well again. The five skins won by the higher handicap players and two by the lower group would have been cancelled out if they had been competing against the full field. I think it is better for everyone this way. Mr. Alexander led the way with two skins, and Chuck Bergamo, John Carpinelli, Kevin Lydon, C. Markham, Ken Mathis, B. Minemier, B. Prickett, Kent Rickenback and Joe Shaffer had one each. 



*Seretta and Joel Collura pose at the end of a long day. Hosting our monthly meeting at Deerwood C.C. must have felt like a U.S. Open for Joel and his staff.*



*1999 Leslie Cup runners-up Tony Raczynski and Tony Toto prepare to challenge Chris Boyle and Brad Sparta in the second round of the 2000 tournament. Chris and Brad played well, and they move on to the next round.*

## GCSANJ IS PROUD TO HAVE MICKEY STACHOWSKI REPRESENT DISTRICT III AS ITS NEW DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Mickey Stachowski is presently the superintendent of the Forest Course at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club. Previously he was the superintendent at Pinecrest Golf Club, construction superintendent at Shore Oaks Golf Club and site superintendent for a residential developer.

Mickey is a 1994 graduate of the Rutgers University Turf Management Program. He and his lovely wife Leslie have a beautiful 17-month-old daughter Chandler.

William Greene, superintendent at the Peddie School

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G.C., ran a close second in voting, and Roger Stewart, CGCS, of TPC@Jasna Polana was a write in.

GCSANJ thanks Bill and Roger for their interest and applauds their dedication to the Association. They join all the members in encouraging Michael to enjoy his time on the Board of Directors of GCSANJ. ♪

### GCSANJ APPOINTS LIMITED BUDGET OUTREACH PROGRAM LIASON

Bruce Cadenelli, superintendent at Metedeconk National Golf Course, has volunteered to be the liaison between GCSANJ and GCSAA for the Limited Budget Outreach Program. Bruce is on the steering committee for this program at GCSAA, so he is a natural for this position.

One of the goals at the local level is to identify limited budget golf courses, encourage mentoring by chapter members, organize course visits and encourage limited budget superintendents to attend local meetings.

We will report on the program as it unfolds, but, in the meantime, if you know of a limited budget golf course, or are one yourself, please feel free to contact Bruce Cadenelli at 732-928-4639 or GCSANJ at 973-379-1100. ♪



## The truth leaks out

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walk away, then remembered Orlando eight years ago. I walked back and got within earshot of Arnold and from deep into the crowd, shouted out, "Mr. Palmer, sir, one more autograph for a friend from Wildwood Country Club." He stopped, looked up toward me and said, "Give me that man's hat. That's a name I haven't heard in many years," he said to me. The crowd let me through, and I handed him my Staff Hat and he signed it.

Success, I thought. Not only did I get his autograph during his 1,000<sup>th</sup> tournament, but he actually picked me to give one to.

Well, he didn't sign the divot, but it is successfully planted on my first tee at my course and is the first of my great golfer divot collection that will live forever at The Pines at Clermont Golf Club. If you come to play my course, ask Walter, our starter, he will point it out for you. ♪



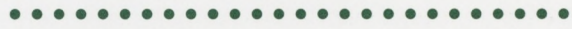
Some of the GCSANJ Board members helped present a GCSANJ Foundation check to The Jeremy Fund. The check was \$2,000, and it will help families that have been affected by cancer.

### TWO GCSANJ MEMBERS COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

In December of 1999, **Jay Long**, superintendent at South Shore Golf Course in Staten Island, NY, completed all the requirements to become a Certified Golf Course Superintendent. Jay passed the six-hour test, submitted essays and had two certified golf course superintendents evaluate his course. Bob Dickison, CGCS, from Upper Montclair C.C. and Ken Krausz, CGCS, of Paramus Golf Course made the trip over the river.

**Tom Tuttle**, superintendent at Trenton C.C., also met

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all the requirements to become certified in May of 2000. Roger Stewart, CGCS, from TPC@Jasna Polana and Jeff Wetterling, CGCS at Greenacres C.C. evaluated Tom's course.

GCSANJ congratulates Jay Long, CGCS, and Tom Tuttle, CGCS, on their accomplishments! 🏌️

### BILL MURRAY QUALIFIES FOR THE NEW JERSEY STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION FOUR BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Shark River superintendent Bill Murray and crew member Jeff Wyant teamed up for the four ball championship. This is quite an accomplishment for a couple of part-time players, and full-time employees!!! 🏌️

### HOMINY HILL SUPERINTENDENT SCORES HIS SECOND ACE!!

Tim Mariner, superintendent at Hominy Hill G.C., scored a hole-in-one at Hominy's 7<sup>th</sup> hole. Tim used a six iron on a hole that played to 178 yards. I know what you are thinking, home course advantage, well, since this is Tim's second ace that theory goes right out the window. Tim's first ace was when he was 16 years old! Congratulations Tim! 🏌️

### GCSANJ BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE HARD AT WORK

The following is an overview of the GCSANJ Executive Board meetings for April, June and July.

The April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Ken Krausz.

A letter from Steve Mona of GCSAA was read regarding the marketing efforts of IGM, a grounds management company. President Krausz stated that GCSANJ had addressed the issue and gotten some positive feedback from the membership.

Brian Minemier reported that Nancy Sadlon was hired to be the secretary (or is that administrative assistant) for the newly formed New Jersey Alliance for Water Conservation.

Elliott Lewis reported that the attendance by superintendents at the winter seminar was very good on day one,

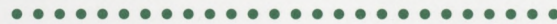
but day two brought beautiful weather and many superintendents used that time to work on their courses instead of attending the seminar. Day one had presentations on Gray Leaf Spot that was well received. Day two included the Vendor Table Top Day, and due to the poor turnout of superintendents that day, President Krausz sent a letter to all registered vendors offering a discount on next year's table top registration fee.

Dr. Bruce Clarke thanked GCSANJ for the third installment of donations for the new turf building. He stated that the building would be open for a walkthrough at the field day, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. He also stated that a dedication would be held in October.

Ed Mellor is looking into a web site; anyone interested in helping to build a site should contact Ed.

John O'Keefe attended a PDI meeting at GCSAA Headquarters and will keep us informed of any progress or changes.

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Shaun Barry reported that the GCSANJ Foundation would be presenting a \$2,000 check to the Jeremy Fund at the Metedeconk meeting. The Jeremy Fund helps families of children with cancer.

Ken Krausz reported that the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary kickoff gala would be held at Upper Montclair C.C. on October 21, and that the committee was working hard to make this a great evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m. 

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The June 20 meeting of the GCSANJ Executive Board was called to order at 12:30 pm by President Ken Krausz.

President Krausz reported that Mark Kriews, District 3 Director, resigned and that an election would have to be held to fill Mark's position. President Krausz commented on the great job that Mark did while he was on the Board.

John O'Keefe led a discussion on GCSANJ finances, and it was decided to invest some money in CDs as the stock market would not allow us to withdraw funds at the best time if we needed them.

Chris Holenstein reported that a few copies of *The Greenerside* contained printing errors. A letter was sent to all members offering them a new issue.

John O'Keefe reported that local health departments were conducting inspections of pesticide related areas of the golf course. Of special interest to inspectors are signs on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> tees as well as EPA registration numbers on all records.

President Krausz reported that GCSANJ completed the affiliation process and is in compliance with GCSAA until the year 2004. He stated that GCSAA has been very helpful whenever a request or inquiry is made to them.

Ken Givens expressed special thanks to Shaun Barry and Judy Policastro for their efforts in producing the latest Membership Directory.

President Krausz suggested that the discussion of last year, concerning commercial members getting a vote in executive meetings, be addressed again as last month's meeting had to be cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. The Board agreed to consider this idea.

Elliott Lewis reported on his attendance at the Rutgers Turfgrass Advisory Board. Elliott will represent GCSANJ on this committee.

Gregg Armbruster reported that new 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary apparel is on order and it is the Cutter Buck line.

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GCSANJ President Ken Krausz, CGCS, and Roger Stewart, CGCS, share a light moment with Gil Morgan. Mr. Morgan won the Senior PGA Instinet Classed hosted by Roger.



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Ken Krausz asked for a motion to make a \$500 membership contribution to the NJ Alliance for Water Conservation; this was approved. On a motion by John O'Keefe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Holenstein. 

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The July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GCSANJ Executive Board was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by President Ken Krausz. This meeting was held as a conference call as mid-July is a tough time to be away from the course.

Bruce Peeples reported that Bill Green, superintendent from the Peddie School, and Michael Stachowski, superintendent at Fiddlers Elbow, were running for the District 3 director position vacated by Mark Kriews. Bruce was happy to see the interest of both members.

Glenn Miller gave a report on the Drought Emergency



Task Force. He will be contacting volunteers to review administrative orders from last year and help devise a solid plan, outlining Phase 1, 2 and 3 regarding future water restrictions. Chris Carson's, Angelo Petraglia's and Bruce Cadenelli's names were mentioned, as they were very involved last year and offered to help where they could. Glenn will pursue this.

Ken Krausz asked if GCSANJ was going to participate in the Noreaster Hospitality suite in Dallas and it was agreed that we would.

In doing research for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary journal, Doug Vogel uncovered the fact that Arnold Palmer designed his first golf course right here in New Jersey; he also maintained that course as part of his duties while stationed here in the Coast Guard. Doug sent a letter requesting that Mr. Arnold Palmer be made an honorary member of GCSANJ and that was approved.

Bruce Peeples stated that the assistant superintendent's meeting would be held at Richmond County C.C. on October 30.

President Krausz stated that it is time for the district directors to form the nominating and election committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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*GCSANJ members Rolf Strobel and Mark Kriews attend the grand opening of Sea Oaks G.C.*



*Kevin Driscoll joins host Ken Mathis at the grand opening of Sea Oaks G.C. in Little Egg Harbor, N.J.*



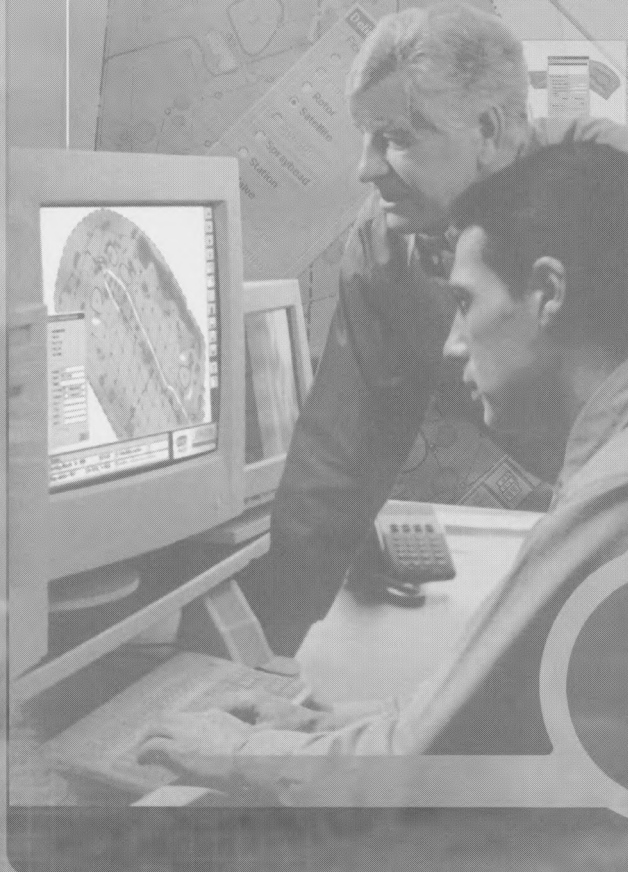
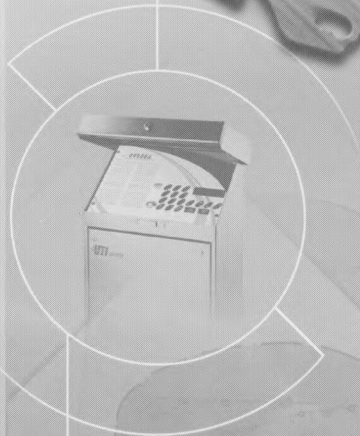
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Bob Dickison, CGCS, takes a break to join volunteers and staff for a GCSANJ photo.



Wayne Remo, CGCS, accepts a plaque and congratulations after hosting the New Jersey State Open.

TPC@Jasna Polana Superintendent Roger Stewart, CGCS, accepts a GCSANJ plaque from President Ken Krausz, CGCS, for hosting the Senior PGA Instinet Classic.



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Applications for the 2001 awards are available through the GCSAA service center (800-472-7878) and from each of the participating sponsors. The application also is available on the GCSAA Web site ([www.gcsaa.org/environ/esaapp01.html](http://www.gcsaa.org/environ/esaapp01.html)) and may be completed and submitted electronically. Entries are due to GCSAA by October 2, 2000.

Applicants from the United States must be GCSAA members in good standing. International applicants should be members of similar local organizations. Superintendents who previously have been recognized as national or international winners of the awards are not eligible to apply for the 2001 awards unless they have changed facilities.

Nominations for the awards also are being accepted by GCSAA through September 8, 2000. Those making the nominations will remain anonymous, and nominees will be contacted by GCSAA and provided with an application to be submitted by the Oct. 2 deadline. Nominations should be directed to the attention of Kristi Humston, GCSAA communications manager, at 800-472-7878, ext. 608; or e-mail: [khumston@gcsa.org](mailto:khumston@gcsa.org).

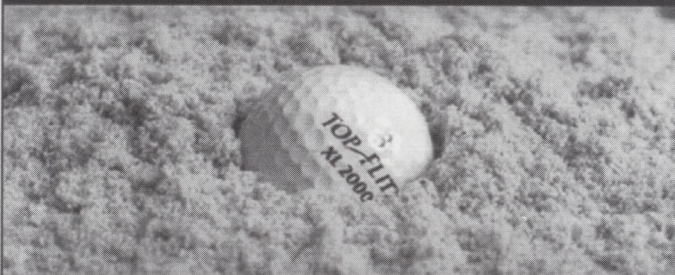
Winners will be announced in November and will be formally recognized during GCSAA's 72<sup>nd</sup> International Golf Course Conference and Show, February 11-18, 2001, in Dallas. In addition, Rain Bird will honor the top national and international award recipients with a trip for them and their families to attend the 112<sup>th</sup> New Year's Day Rose Parade and related activities in Pasadena, California.

Novartis Turf & Ornamental Products, Rain Bird, Textron Golf & Turf and Pursell Technologies, Inc. will contribute to The GCSAA Foundation in the names of all national, international and chapter winners. In addition, all four sponsoring companies each will donate \$5,000 to The GCSAA Foundation, which enhances the game of golf through funding applied research and advanced education in golf course management. Since 1993, nearly 200 golf course superintendents have been recognized with Environmental Steward Awards and participating sponsors have contributed more than \$125,000 to The GCSAA Foundation.

For additional information on the 2001 Environmental Steward Awards, contact Jeff Bollig or Kristi Humston at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, 1421 Research Park Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049-3859; 800-472-7878, ext. 430 or 608; fax: 785-832-3665; [khumston@gcsaa.org](mailto:khumston@gcsaa.org).

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## THE GCSAA FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN SURPASSES \$4 MILLION

The GCSAA Foundation has surpassed the \$4 million mark in its "Investing in the Beauty of Golf" endowment campaign. The campaign is closing in on its goal of \$5 million to provide funding to support applied on-course research and educational advancements for golf course management professionals.

Funding for the campaign has been provided by numerous individuals, facilities, chapters, corporations, associations and organizations affiliated with the golf industry. All funds generated will be used to support ongoing efforts by GCSAA to provide up-to-date information through on-course agronomic research and educational advancements for golf course superintendents. In an effort to make educational

opportunities more accessible, GCSAA plans to offer alternate delivery methods such as videoconferencing, online learning and experiential learning to further advance and educate professional superintendents. These educational initiatives, coupled with continued research, will increase the knowledge and skills of GCSAA members, thereby improving playing conditions and increasing enjoyment of the game of golf for all involved.

The GCSAA Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of many well-known individuals in the game of golf. Newly appointed officers for the Board of Trustees, elected during GCSAA's 71<sup>st</sup> International Golf Course Conference and Show in New Orleans, will assume their duties in August. Among those recently appointed to new positions is Jerry Pate, 1976 U.S. Open champion and chairman of the Jerry Pate Company. He will step up from

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vice chairman/treasurer to serve as Board chairman.

"I have always had a deep love for the agronomic end of the game and the design end," said Pate. "I've always felt that the most important aspect once you build a course is having a good superintendent. Often these individuals are the unsung heroes of the pristine conditions you see during televised events. Very seldom do they get any praise."

Herb Kohler, Jr., chairman of the Board and president of the Kohler Co., will begin his term as The GCSAA Foundation's vice chairman/treasurer effective at the August meeting.

GCSAA President R. Scott Woodhead, CGCS, will continue to serve as secretary of the Board. Tom Chisholm, vice president of automotive marketing with Eaton Corp., will begin serving his first term. The remainder of The GCSAA Foundation Board of Trustees includes: GCSAA Vice-Presi-

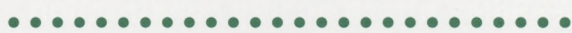


dent Tommy Witt, CGCS; GCSAA Secretary/Treasurer Mike Wallace, CGCS; Golf Course Architect Tom Fazio, ASGCA; former PGA of America President Joe Black; Toro Co. Vice President and General Manager Michael Hoffman; PGA Tour Sr. Vice President of Communications Bob Combs; and GCSAA CEO Steve Mona, CAE. Ray Anderson, former USGA executive committee member, is retiring as chairman of the Board.

In addition to the endowment campaign, results from the fourth annual silent auction held during GCSAA's Conference and Show exceeded \$206,000 to provide funding for applied on-course research and educational advancement programs funded by The Foundation. GCSAA members and trade show participants had the opportunity to bid on products ranging from heavy equipment and course accessories to plant protectants and fertilizers.

"Our whole drive (of The GCSAA Foundation) is to raise money for research, education and scholarships to promote this great game from the grassroots up," Pate said.

The GCSAA Foundation enhances the game of golf through funding applied research and advanced education in golf course management. Since its inception in 1955, The GCSAA Foundation has provided more than \$2 million in support of numerous research studies and more than 1,000 student scholarships. ♪



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# NJAWC: Update

By Nancy Sadlon  
Executive Secretary

Since the formation of the Alliance for Water Conservation (AWC), we have had two productive meetings with NJDEP-Division of Water Supply. For those of you that do not know, this is the department that regulates the allocation of water and has the responsibility to draft the Administrative Orders and Executive Orders during emergency drought stages. This is the department that determines the water restrictions you will have to live by when we encounter the next drought. NJDEP Water Supply Administrator Shing-Fu Hsueh and his key staff members have attended both meetings. The AWC feels this open communication and opportunity to have input on future drought management decisions is key to our industries fair consideration in future drought emergency situations.

Highlights of our discussions and some key messages from the state are noted below:

- **Water Allocation Permitting Concerns:** NJDEP-Division of Water Allocation is concerned about the increase in competition for water and the state's available supply! It was noted that the DEP Div. of Water Allocation

is seeing a trend with NEW golf developments that are proceeding with construction of the golf course without obtaining a required water use permit. The state is concerned that there is an incorrect 'assumption' that all water permit applications will be granted. *With an increase in competition for water, the NJDEP anticipates the day is near when water allocation permits will be denied.*

- **Regional Water Supply Evaluations:** The way the state evaluates water supply is changing. The state has been divided into six regions, and water supply status is proposed to be evaluated on a regional basis in the future. Within each of these regions, the state will evaluate hydrological patterns, reservoir capacities, use information provided by water companies, ground water levels, stream flows and rain gauges to determine status of water supply and ultimately drought emergency situations. There are six stations from which ground water levels are expected to be monitored by the USGS, and it is proposed that internet access to data will be available in the future. The Governor has approved an important budget, which will allow for additional monitoring stations to improve the state's level of knowledge on water supply status.

- **The State's Water Conservation Education Efforts:** There is a general consensus that there is a great need for better education on water conservation for the general public, yet there is no State Water Conservation Education Budget, nor is there any public relations effort planned by the state to better educate the public about their role in conservation. An under-funded NJDEP Public Education Program as well as a state mandated core curriculum requirements for government sponsored school programs was the extent of the state's effort to educate the public on water conservation issues. The state is clearly looking to our industry to provide water conservation education.

- **1998-1999 Drought Experience/Unfair Conclusions:** The state was able to reduce demand by 20% during last year's drought restrictions. This has created the strong NJDEP position that *the key to control of water in drought situations is through restriction of lawn watering.* In rebuttal to this position, AWC committee noted that this was an unfair conclusion, further stating that if you applied the same type of restrictions to a different water use sector, you could achieve similar water demand reductions. Also noted was the general consensus that the homeowner (average person) over-waters his lawn. The state hopes that recent legislation that requires water sensors on irrigation systems will help curb this

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- Recommended by their GCSANJ member employer.
- Recommended by their academic advisor.

To obtain the necessary application forms, contact GCSANJ Scholarship and Research Committee, 66 Morris Avenue, Suite 2A, Springfield, NJ 07081, or call 973-379-1100.

The deadline for applications is November 3, 2000.

GCSANJ scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, creed, age or national origin. †

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problem. The state also hoped that the industry would further encourage conservation efforts with clients of the public sector.

- **Drought Management Options:** Water conservation via odd/even day water restrictions was not considered by the state to be an effective way to reduce water use because it appears that people tend to use extra water on

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their designated watering day. The California Model, where a percentage reduction in water use is achieved through meter monitoring, was also not considered a viable alternative in New Jersey as it is seen as politically unpopular and difficult to implement.

- **Enforcement Problems:** There are serious enforcement issues in our state. During a drought emergency, the state police are the ones that are authorized to enforce drought restrictions. This is difficult as there are 566 municipalities and 21 counties. There are also County Emergency Coordinators that assist the state police in each county. Beyond that, there is no real proposal to see that there is greater enforcement in the next drought situation. Getting the word out to all about the need for restrictions is basically handled through press releases. Efforts to fortify this message throughout our industry is something the state would like to see.
- **1998-1999 Drought Summary Efforts:** NJDEP is working on a "Drought Management Summary" that will provide a summary and recommendations based on what was learned during the droughts of '98-'99. The AWC

group was invited to participate in the review of this summary effort. NJDEP is specifically interested in what revisions to the Executive/Administrative Order water restrictions notices we would propose.

- **Drought Emergency Task Force Effectiveness:** Ironically, the Drought Emergency Task Force does not meet unless a water emergency has been established, which is too late from the standpoint of helping to prevent drought emergency and too late to assist in water use reductions that could be accomplished prior to emergency situations. NJDEP regulations dictate who can sit on this emergency task force. They include a representative from each of the following departments: Community Affairs, Agriculture, Health & Senior Services, Labor, Transportation, Environmental Protection, Commerce and state police.

### AWC/NJDEP Water Supply Discussions: What Have We Learned?

- ✓ Denial of Water Allocation Permits is on the horizon due to lack of water supply to meet demand.
- ✓ Use of wastewater for irrigation is strongly encouraged by the state.
- ✓ Evaluation of water supply and determination of drought emergency situations will be done on a regional basis based on watershed designations in the future.
- ✓ Restriction of lawn and landscape irrigation is considered a key mechanism to manage drought by our state regulators.
- ✓ Who uses the most water is not a key issue in determining who should be restricted.
- ✓ Needed educational efforts for the general public about water conservation is not being done now, nor is it in the state's budget.
- ✓ The state's Drought Emergency Task Force has limited effectiveness.
- ✓ Our green industry is being asked to illustrate how we conserve water and to educate our members, as well as the public.

NJDEP Water Supply Administration is interested in suggestions from our industry on how we can better achieve water conservation. The AWC is interested in communicating the unfairness to our industry that last year's drought restrictions created. We are more than willing to do our part in water conservation and education, but we ask that other water users do the same. We plan to have a third meeting in September 2000 to further our discussions.

Any questions or comments, contact Nancy Sadlon at 908-904-0336. ¶



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by Brian M. Remo  
Golf Course Superintendent  
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**W**ell, here we are again in mid-August. I extend my warm wishes to all my fellow brothers and sisters of turf that the summer has found them in good graces thus far, and with the possibility of any wilt problems having been deleted by the onslaught of rain that Mama Nature has delivered in 2000, I sleep much better knowing that most of you are feeling "just ducky" (no pun intended). I guess the hot topic this year seems to be anything but "hot" since I find most conversations with fellow supers usually start out with the overall glee of "the year without a summer." Last year, new irrigation systems were selling like hotcakes. This year, I'm sure that drainage overhauls will be on everyone's Capital Christmas List. Growing up, my mother often saw me staring out a rain-beaded window, frowning at the forecast. Well, don't worry, ma, sonny is smiling these days. Some analysts have called the summer of 2000 the best growing season of the last 100 years . . . too bad that growing and maintaining don't always sit on the same side of the bus.

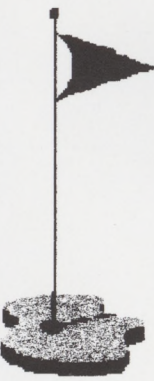
I guess the real problem hasn't been the accumulation for most of us, rather the timing that often stinks. Mother Nature often doesn't check her daily planner for local member-guest tournaments and USGA events when setting her irrigation system. Although it may have been a great year to grow, it has not been too nifty to play golf. I know person-

ally that we have cancelled numerous outings that were planned this year as it seems to have rained on Mondays almost to the point of setting your calendar by it. Jokingly, my crew and I often refer to outings as the "scourge of the turf." This is mainly a satire representing the multitude of ball marks, divots and improper use of golf carts that often comes with the 144 golfers that invade the arena of play during the one day that used to be the time when most work would be accomplished. However, I'm sure that we can all agree that outings have also become an additional source of revenue and publicity for many clubs, and aid in the constant need for monies and course improvements. My applications manager, Ed, has a funny saying that he usually uses after narrowly escaping a golf ball to the cranium, or a good loud complaint about the rough. He says, "Ya know, this would be the greatest job in the world if it wasn't for the golfers." Again, even Ed knows that without golfers, there's no golf, and without golf, no job. I did a little speculating and figured out that if we rescheduled the golf outings that were cancelled this year, we would have a double-shotgun every Monday until Christmas. Often, even after the rain has subsided, the course was too wet to drive on, and, therefore, cancelled the outing. I often explained that walkers would be more than welcome to participate, but as many of you know, the turnout for that suggestion usually can be counted on one hand! So the block of cheese that is the budget slowly becomes more Swiss-like, and we bite the proverbial bullet one more time.

So I'm sure you all can imagine what tops my Capital Christmas list . . . wall-to-wall cart paths! You know, it seems that what once was an oddity in golf course layout is slowly becoming a realistic necessity. The cart path has evolved from paved areas needed to access certain areas of the course

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# What do you do out there in Kansas, anyway?

By Tim O'Neill, CGCS  
Country Club of Darien

*Editor's Note: Tim O'Neill, GCSAA director, will be updating us periodically on GCSAA happenings and what it is like to be on the Board of Directors.*

**D**uring the past couple of months, Tim O'Neill's position as director on the GCSAA Board has required that he travel to GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas, for two separate meetings. A general meeting was held first—on May 4 and 5. About a month later—June 9 and 10—Tim joined the Membership Standards Resource Group (MSRG) for a meeting to discuss the Professional Development Initiative (PDI). Here Tim offers a look at the inner workings—and the outcomes—of these two “meetings of the minds.”

## The Spring Board Meeting

Meetings of the GCSAA Board are all business—and a lot of prep work. Two weeks before each of the meetings, a

packet of information arrived on my doorstep so I could be well briefed and prepared for the sessions.

For the May meeting, I received two books—each one

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pertaining to a separate day of the meeting. Day one's book contained reports, issues and discussion items related to GCSAA and GCSAA Communications Inc. Day two's book contained all the materials necessary to discuss GCSAA's fiscal budget.

Each day, the Board and the executive officers of the GCSAA staff would convene for the meeting, which President Scott Woodhead would begin promptly at 7:00 a.m.

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## Day One

The meeting agenda was divided into three basic areas:

1. *Consent items*, which are minor issues that require Board approval and were generally discussed at a prior meeting.
2. *Action items*, which are more significant issues that were previously discussed, but are now coming before the Board for final resolution.
3. *Discussion items*, which are issues—minor or significant—that are introduced to the Board; depending on the sentiment of the Board, they're either killed or tabled for the next meeting as consent or action items.

In this meeting, various items were brought up for discussion, including:

- a new research program designed to test maintenance products, such as wetting agents, biostimulants, fertilizers and soil amendments
- Web Strategy committee progress
- the PDI communication plan
- the appointment of Robert Maibusch, MG, CGCS, as a director for the 2000 presidential year

I found this agenda breakdown to be a highly impressive and professional way in which to conduct association business.

## Day Two

The second day focused on issues related to approving the next fiscal budget. We also reviewed the GCSAA Business Plan. GCSAA's fiscal year begins on July 1.

During the approval process, all GCSAA department heads come before the Board to discuss and justify their expected expenses and plans for the coming year.

As the Membership Committee chairman, it was my responsibility to pay particular attention to the areas dealing with member services and programs.

Numerous reports are prepared to clearly map out staff resources and expenditures, right down to stationery and postage. Throughout the entire process, Chief Financial Officer Julian Arrendo demonstrated a remarkably clear understanding of all facets of association operations.

This leg of the meeting was particularly rewarding for me since I was able to walk away with a greater understand-

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# What do you do out there in Kansas, anyway?

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ing of our association business—which includes a \$20-million-plus operating budget—and the need for a well-thought-out business plan that ensures growth and improvement.

I am happy to report that both fiscally and professionally, GCSAA is well positioned to meet the growing needs of superintendents.

## The MSRG Meeting

The June meeting's focus was the Professional Development Initiative. Since the New Orleans conference and show, GCSAA has received significant member feedback, which has helped to mold the latest changes and ongoing development of the PDI.

As the Membership chairman, it was my job to report recommendations generated during the Membership Committee's April meeting. Among them were to:

- Devise an alternative Class A entry path for superintendents who do not have at least a two-year turf degree. This might include such things as requiring that they have more experience and continuing education credits.
- Award membership credits to superintendents who act as mentors to budding turf professionals, e.g., interns.
- Require Class A members to have an appropriate pesticide license or to pass a GCSAA-developed exam.

In other PDI discussions, we decided:

- Ongoing requirements will include such things as credits for continuing education and industry-related service.
- Use of the HR Web, now called the Professional Development Resource (PDR), will not be required, just strongly encouraged, possibly by offering credits. PDR is an online competency evaluation tool designed to allow superintendents to assess their on-the-job effectiveness and target specific areas for improvement.
- Members will be given credit for educational programs taken locally or nationally.

The PDI still has a way to go before it's put into effect. It will be discussed again at upcoming committee meetings in July and at the Delegates Meeting in September.

Prior to the Delegates Meeting, the membership will be sent a document that details the latest proposal. Members are encouraged to review this material and contact their delegate with comments. Look for more details about the MSRG meeting in the July issue of *Newsline*.

Also know that, as a GCSAA member, you can learn more about our Board and MSRG meetings by visiting the association web site—[www.gcsaa.com](http://www.gcsaa.com)—and logging on to the members-only section. 

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## AEC Annual Meeting to focus on water quality issues


By Nancy Sadlon  
AEC Executive Director

**W**ater issues are a number one concern in our industry, both nationally and in the states! Following the national lead, our state is focused on both the status of our water supply and the protection of our water quality. Lots of things are happening in an effort to protect or improve water quality that you should know. The Alliance for Environmental Concerns Annual Meeting and Seminar is the place to find out. Our seminar, entitled "The Impact of Our 'Green' Industry on Water Quality," is scheduled for November 16, 2000, at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club. Program highlights include presentations on:

- The new regional watershed management approach to

water quality protection.

- The science of water quality monitoring.
- The significance of monitoring results.
- The Barnagat Bay Estuary program and its anticipated influence on state and local water quality management regulations.
- The impacts of national water quality programs currently being considered in Washington.
- Key messages the green industry needs to communicate regarding their impact on water quality.

Of course, our traditional "AEC Panel Debate" is planned this year, and a lively debate on water quality regulations is anticipated. Plan to attend November 16, 2000. Questions? Contact Nancy Sadlon at 732-563-9252. 



## Vendor spotlight

### Advanced Agro Technologies, Inc. (AAT) "DryJect Aeration for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"

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#### Background

Who are we?

- *Peter* is a mining engineer who came to the U.S. from Sweden in 1982, working in the oil industry. Eight years later my contracts in the oil industry were terminated, and I had to either go back to Sweden or start something new over here.
- I met *Chris* when I was investigating Isolite, a Japanese soil amendment. Chris is an ex-golf course superintendent and has been involved with the turf industry all his working life.

The right chemistry was there, and together we formed a company called Agro Tech 2000 to sell Isolite. Soon we decided that we should be able to find a better product than Isolite here in the U.S. We contacted Eagle Picher Minerals in Nevada and together developed the Axis product.

Axis soon became a successful product, and other companies who had difficulty introducing new products to the turf industry started to contact us regarding their products. During the next few years we introduced products such as Break Thru, Agroroots and Play Ball! We started to get a name in the turf industry for being a company that was good at bringing new products to the market. Penn State University contacted us regarding a new mulch product they were intending to commercialize. We did the fine-tuning of the product together with Penn State University and named the



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company, and Chris and I became employees of Organica. In less than six months we both realized that we had a different business philosophy than Organica, and we could not continue to work for them. We sold our shares, and after a time of non-compete, we formed a new company, Advanced Agro Technologies (AAT).

We contacted Land Pride because we knew that they had a promising aerator, and we also knew that they were dismantling their turf division. By being at the right place at the right time, we were able to acquire the sales and marketing rights to the MIS 2100. It became our main product. We re-engineered the machine and introduced it with a new name, DryJect 2000. Soon Eagle Picher asked us to start marketing and selling Axis and Play Ball again.

### *Present*

During the year 2000, AAT has grown very fast, and we are now manufacturing the DryJect machines in Hatboro, Pennsylvania. In March of this year, we formed a new company in Florida called DryJect South. The purpose of that company is to sell the DryJect machine, provide DryJect

contracting service and sell Axis.

We have three different profit centers:

- The DryJect machines that we are selling all over the world. We are both selling direct and through an extensive distributor network.
- DryJect contracting is presently performed in the Northeast and Florida. Our proposal, *Aerate, Amend & Topdress—Play in 1 Hour on a Smooth Surface*, has appealed both to the superintendents and to the golfers.
- 3. Axis, Play Ball, Marine Gro and Agroroots are specialty products that we sell to the turf industry. As “DryJecting” is the best way to get Axis into the ground, it is a great complement to the DryJect.

### *Future*

We expect to continue our success with the DryJect machines and services, **Aeration for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**. In our vision, there are DryJect centers selling machines, contract service and Axis in every state in North America. These centers should not only service the golf courses, but be involved in all areas where high quality turf is desirable. The first of these centers, DryJect South, is already—five months after start-up—becoming a successful company.

For more information, see our web page: [www.dryject.com](http://www.dryject.com).

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with large delivery trucks and maintenance vehicles, to the paving of high traffic areas near green and tee turn-arounds, to paving excessively wet and dry areas of the course where

carts can exude the most damage to the turf, to the overall surrender to the asphalt by paving a continuous track around the grassy links including maintenance cut-throughs and parking areas. It used to be the conception that wall-to-wall cart paths were a “public course thing” and frowned upon by the private sector. However, as play increases and outings prevail on the Mondays of summer, we find that every club can benefit from a little blacktop here and there. With a little Belgium block curbing, heck, it even looks regal!

There’s no stopping the drive to technology, and there’s no slowing of the influx of more and more golfers each and every year. The golf cart, originated from Harold Baker, a Rock Spring Club member who, after learning of a circulatory ailment that may end his favorite pastime, developed a three-wheeled motorcycle that only moved forward and had no muffler. The “Roar of Rock Spring” has since evolved into a basic necessity in everyday America. Can you imagine the day that a member once asked, “What the heck is a golf cart?” Present day would be more likely to hear, “What do you mean there’s no carts today?” Thanks, Harold, just try to keep them on the paths. OK, hot-rod?!

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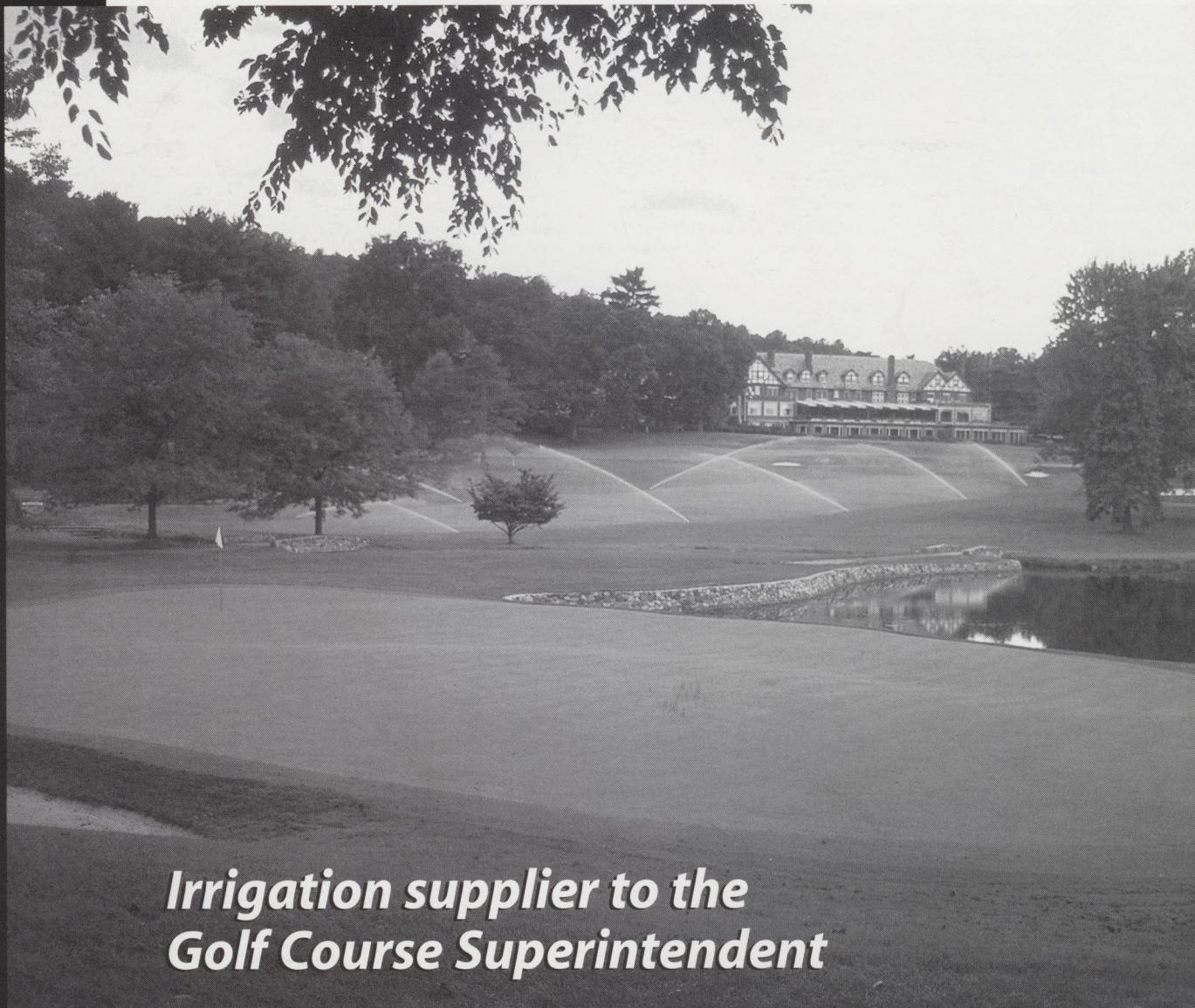
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