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## **Old Tom Morris visits New Jersey**

By Chris Carson Superintendent, Echo Lake C.C.

ttendees at the New Jersey Turf Expo were treated to a visit by Old Tom Morris this past December at the Taj Mahal Hotel in Atlantic City. Actor/historian/author David Joy enthralled a crowd of 250 when he became Morris, the patriarch of our profession. Dressed in period clothes and utilizing original clubs and balls, Joy gave a one hour presentation that talked about the events that shaped Morris's life and career and explained how golf was played in the 1800s.

When Joy/Morris spoke of the death of his daughter-inlaw during childbirth, and the subsequent death of his son, three-time Open Champion Young Tommy, there was absolute silence in the room. Joy's Scottish accent is real (he's a native of St. Andrews), and the emotional picture that he painted when describing the tragedy was just as real: "People say that Tommy died of a broken heart, but that can'na be true . . . if it were I would 'na be here either."

Joy illustrated the swing of the day, talked about the clubs he had brought and the performance expected of it (a good drive: 180 yards), and about Morris's hardscrabble life. When he swung the clubs, and struck certain poses, it was as if the room had been transported back in time. It was, by all accounts, a memorable presentation.

Joy later spent some time at the GCSANJ booth at the exhibition hall where he regaled admirers with stories, let them hold Old Tom's equipment and even allowed people to putt on the real grass green with Morris's putter and authentic gutta percha and feathery balls!

Joy is also an historian for the Royal and Ancient and the author of the recently published book: St. Andrews and the Open Championship (Sleeping Bear Press). He made a presentation on Wednesday about the Open and St. Andrews, which was very well received by the large crowd. We found out that the course used to be played backwards, and that if you look at the course from that viewpoint the bunkering makes more sense. He really struck a nerve when he lamented the installation of an irrigation system on the Old Course:

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David Joy, as Old Tom Morris, just prior to entering the room. His caddie (Dennis Granahan) holds seven original clubs.

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## **Editorial**



# Stop and smell the flowers (or something like that)

reen grass, I can see a lot of it today. The snow has covered the ground since December; since it is almost Valentine's Day that means that we have been under snow cover for at least six weeks. That is quite a long stretch for New Jersey. Most of the superintendents that I have spoken to recently are getting cabin fever; we are looking forward to the snow being gone. Snow is the reason that we don't have a bunch of golfers at my course today as we only close due to the weather.

Since it turned warmer and I can see a lot of grass, I decided to take a Sunday stroll around the course. We had about 75% snow cover, some greens had a layer of ice, some were clear and others still had close to a foot of snow on them. The ground was soft, and I mean, SOFT. I hate it when the snow leaves, if nothing else, because of the soft ground. In the near future there will be almost no snow and the temperature will be in the 40s, it will probably be a Friday with Saturday and Sunday forecast highs being in the 50s. These are the days that make me nuts. I can understand that the golfers have not been able to play, and the course needs the revenue.

Winter is supposed to be fun, relaxing, and I can say that this winter has been just that, but I am about to pay for it now. There is nothing like meeting with the manager and having her agree that it is a tough decision, but she has always backed me and so she will let this be my call. You have to respect a decision like that. If I decide to keep the course closed she will back me, although she will lose revenue as she has the pro shop concession.

This whole business is about making decisions concerning the weather, and decisions about personnel. It has been a good six weeks and now it is time for the golfers to come back. I have not had to make a decision about frost delays or temporary greens. The crew has been taking some much deserved vacation time, and the grass that I see is actually green (I'm not sure if that is good or bad, but it looks nice).

So what is my point? I guess I just want to remind everyone to take the time to enjoy all the good things that are going on around us. By the time you get this it will be the middle of March and you will be filling all of those seasonal positions and you just might be thinking, "Here we go again". Take a minute, look back, remember the past winter, and enjoy the next round against Mother Nature. She can seem to be awful mean, but if it were not for all her beauty we probably would not love this line of work.

When I tell people what I do for a living, their response is usually something like "Wow, that must be a great job." Think about it, all of those people can't be wrong!

Enjoy!

## **President's** Message

Tell, we finally did it. GCSANJ has finally jumped into cyberspace. I'm proud to say that the GCSANJ's web site is now up and running. Thanks in large part to Steve Kopach of Mountain Ridge Country Club, we now have our own web site. Please join us on-line at www.gcsanj.org. This site is available to all GCSANJ members once you have logged in. The site will have up-to-the-minute information about what has and will be coming up in the world of golf course maintenance. You'll be able to find minutes from recent Board meetings, highlights from association meetings, 75th anniversary events and more. The site has been set up as an interactive one, where you will be able to post your ideas as well as seek opinions from other members.

Another interesting discovery was uncovered this winter. We have found that there are over 75 golf courses in New Jersey that don't have superintendents who are members of either GCSANJ or GCSAA. I was surprised to find that there were so many clubs that weren't represented by one of our members. If you know of a superintendent who is not a member of our association, I'd be curious to find out why. Obviously no organization can be everything to everybody, but we are making an effort to get some of your ideas regarding the future of GCSANJ. If you feel that you would like to see something different, don't hesitate to contact Bruce Peeples, CGCS, at Spring Lake Golf Club.

I'd like to congratulate Chris Holenstein of Mount Tabor C.C. and Ken Krausz, CGCS, of Paramus Golf & C.C. for the work they did on last year's Greenerside. The Greenerside has once again received first place in its class for best affiliate newsletter. Thanks also to all who contrib-

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ppearing in the January-February issue of The Greenerside was a reprinted poem titled "It's still iust a game." Our friend and director of the Northeast Region of the USGA Green Section, Dave Oatis, sent me a letter confirming the author. The poem was written by Jim Moore, director of the Construction Education Program of the USGA. It originally appeared in the July/August 1995 issue of the Green Section Record.

Thank you, Dave, for your insight, and thank you, Jim, for sharing your wit with us.

uted articles and those who purchased advertisement space. The Greenerside is a self-funded newsletter with all its ex-

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penses coming from our vendors. Don't forget to think of those vendors when making your next purchase.

Finally, I'd like to wish a speedy recovery to Judy Policastro, who had a run-in with a patch of ice this winter. Hope all is well, Judy.

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April 24	GCSANJ April Monthly Meeting, BLUE HERON PINES GOLF COURSE. Host Superintendent: CLARK WELD. Contact Judy Policastro at 973-379-1100
May 8	The Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classic. Host Superintendent, Trent Iman. ROYCE BROOK G.C. Contact NJTA at 732-821-7134
May 21	GCSANJ May Monthly Meeting, WILDWOOD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB. Host Superintendent: KHLAR HOLTHOUSE. Contact Judy Policastro at 973-379-1100
July 16	Joint meeting with the Philadelphia Golf Course Superintendents Asso- ciation and GCSANJ The Bedens Brook Club. Host Superintendent Benny Peta. Contact Judy Policastro at 973-379- 1100.

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"It's all about television, now; the producers demand a photogenic course. But tradition dictates that the color of The Old Lady should be khaki . . . with a suspicion of green."

David Joy's appearance at Expo 2000 was a real coup for New Jersey, as it was his first performance in the United States. He couldn't have been more gracious to the people who continually sought him out during the week in Atlantic City, and all who had the chance to talk with him were amazed at his depth of knowledge regarding the origins of our game. It was certainly our privilege to have him here, but he recently wrote to express his thanks for the way he was received and to remark about how impressed he was with our show and the people attending it. Let's hope that we can convince him to come back again some day!



It was a full room when Old Tom Morris came to



Dr. Richard Hurley, Old Tom Morris, Doug Vogel and Bob Ribbans (left to right) discuss the history of the aame.

David Joy sets up a small display at the GCSANJ booth.



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Steve Chirip, as president of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association, prepares to cut the ribbon at the opening ceremonies for Expo.

Old Tom illustrates his swing: he characterized it as a "slap."





#### JOIN THE PAC

By Michael A. Stachowski Government Relations Chairman

Recently I drafted a letter regarding member involvement in the NJDEP Division of Watershed Management. The NJDEP has recognized that watershed pollutant loads, water withdrawals and land uses were creating new management issues that could not be addressed by regulatory programs alone. NJDEP created a watershed management process to address these issues, modeled on programs elsewhere in the nation.

The New Jersey DEP has separated the state into five major watersheds. The five watersheds are Atlantic Coastal, Lower Delaware, Northeast, Northwest and Raritan. These five watersheds are then separated into 20 Watershed Management Areas or PACs (Public Advisory Committee). The

PAC shall have the responsibility to represent stakeholder interests and provide recommendation to the department as the primary advisory body on policy and other relevant issues affecting the development and implementation of a WMA plan and Total Maximum Loads (TMDLs). As the primary advisory body, the PAC shall assist the Department in the organization, development and review of the Department's work plan and schedule for the WMA planning process and TMDL development process.

The PAC shall have the following duties:

- Operate in a manner that promotes consensus among the various interests.
- Develop a vision statement and recommend watershed goals, objectives, strategies and action items.
- Inform representative interests about the watershed planning process.
- Provide recommendations regarding the development Continued on page 6

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of a strategy for public participation.

- Support and assist public outreach and education activities.
- Establish and oversee subcommittees as necessary.
- Develop policy recommendations and the procedures for presenting such recommendations to the Department.
   The procedures shall include provisions to identify all alternatives considered and shall acknowledge the majority and minority positions of the PAC.

As you can see, the PACs will have direct input with the NJDEP on water issues. If you ever wanted to get involved and have a direct impact on your profession, the time is now. In joining these PACs it will give us the opportunity to better educate the public on our profession and practices.

I would like to see at least two, if not more, members in each PAC. That way the members in the PAC could alternate meetings and still keep informed on what is going on. I know your time is valuable, but why let someone else make decisions for you.

If you would like to get involved, please contact: John O'Keefe, District 1, 973-694-0260 Chris Holenstein, District 2, 973-627-3748 Mickey Stachowski, District 3, 908-439-2614 Brian Minemier, District 4, 609-267-7641

I will keep the membership informed on the goings on in the Water Management Process in future newsletters. If you would like to get more information on the Watershed Management Process, visit the NJDEP Division of Watershed Management web page at http://www.state.nj.us.dept/

watershedmgt/index.html. Please get involved for the betterment of the profession. \( \)

#### **WORKING TO KEEP THE WATER ON**

By Chris Holenstein District 2 Director Superintendent, Mount Tabor C.C.

While memories of this region's drought woes are being replaced with those of more recent events such as blizzards and last season's abundant rainfall, efforts by GCSANJ members are still focused on preparing for the next drought. As an update on recent events, this article can also serve as a reminder that now is the time to prepare for future water restrictions, to educate the public on the economic and ecological benefits of golf courses and to promote the ability of golf course superintendents to conserve water while protecting the environment and the facilities with which they are entrusted.

On January 10, 2001, while most were still preoccupied with water of the solid kind left over from the New Year's storm, members of GCSANJ's Drought Emergency Task Force were working at Manasquan River Country Club to help preserve the availability of the liquid kind in the event of another drought. Glenn Miller, who has spearheaded this effort since state restrictions were imposed in 1999, led the group to formulate the terminology of an Administrative

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Order that could be used by the NJDEP to declare a drought emergency in the future. As requested by members of the Bureau of Water Allocation, this draft is to be combined with similar efforts of affiliated industry associations under the auspices of the New Jersey Alliance for Water Conservation (NJAWC) so that the needs of the Green Industry are considered and fairly represented when restrictions are again imposed. The group, which included Bruce Peeples, Angelo Petraglia, Brian Minemier, Mickey Stachowski and me, considered many situations and maintenance regimes while crafting changes to the Administrative Order of 1999 to better reflect current irrigation practices that promote conservation while recognizing and protecting the current economic value of golf course turfgrass. Efforts were made to allow flexibility in when and where irrigation could be applied while mandating volume percentage reductions that would reflect the extent of the drought emergency existing at the time. The group tried to project an understanding of the emergency nature of water restrictions coupled with the equally crucial need to protect the substantial investments in turfgrass at each facility during such a politically-charged period.

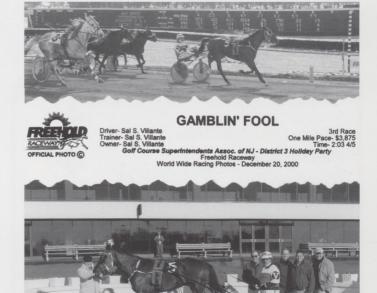
Subsequently, representatives of GCSANJ attended a meeting of the NJAWC on January 24, 2001, to present this draft and discuss the next steps in promoting our concerns with the state. Glenn Miller, Mickey Stachowski and Brian Minemier joined Nancy Sadlon, executive secretary of the NJAWC, Dr. Jim Murphy of Rutgers University, Dr. Henry Indyk of Turfcon, Howard Davis, executive director of the N.J. Nursery and Landscape Association (NJN&LA), Betty Wiest, executive director of the N.J. Landscape Contractor's Association (NJLCA), and Peter Haran of Lipinsky Landscape and Irrigation at this meeting. The group began formulating a plan that addressed and balanced the needs of each member of the NJAWC, and referred to recommendations by Rutgers for the "best management practices" for the irrigation of turf and ornamentals during drought situations. It must also be noted that the efforts of these individuals are proving invaluable toward achieving NJAWC's goals of fostering stronger ties between allied associations and presenting to the state a unified voice while developing water conservation solutions.

The events recounted here, significant though they are, represent only a fraction of the work being done, and still needing to be done, to protect and promote the interests of the GCSANJ and the industry. Work done now while the water is still "on" will prepare for the time when an otherwise uninformed public will cause the water to be shut off. Additional member involvement is needed to ensure that superintendents will make our own decisions concerning irrigation in the future, rather than having decisions made for us. Contact GCSANJ headquarters at 973-379-1100, or call any GCSANJ Board member for more information or to get involved.

#### **GAMBLIN' FOOL IS THE BIG WINNER** AT THE DISTRICT III ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

By Bruce Peeples Superintendent Spring Lake Golf Club

On December 20, 2000, District III held its annual holiday party, and once again, everyone had fun! This year's event was held at the Freehold Racetrack, and they did a great job in making us feel welcome. Everyone within the warm confines of a beautiful restaurant had a bird's eye view



of the track. The horses and jockeys weren't so lucky as they had to run in the sub-freezing weather. Snow that morning kept the number of attendees down a bit, but the people who came seemed to enjoy the camaraderie and laughs that lasted until mid-afternoon.

One of the highlights was the third race, which was specially named for District III and put up in lights on the



scoreboard! (My bet on the horse named "Cart Path" finished dead last!) Following the race, four very good-looking District III members had their picture taken next to the winning horse. (It may be difficult to tell which one is the horse as we were standing at the south end of the animal!)

A fifty-fifty was held to benefit the Monmouth Food Bank. Bill McAteer, assistant superintendent of Spring Lake, walked away the winner as well as the Food Bank, which netted \$100. It was a nice afternoon spent during a bit quieter time of the year.

For those of you who could not attend but did sign up, we missed both you and your \$20.00. We had to pay for those not showing, so please send a check payable to GCSANJ and mail to Bruce Peeples at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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#### YOU HAVE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT

By Shaun Barry GCSANJ Commercial Representative Aventis Environmental Science

The 2000 Leslie Cup was a very successful tournament. Kevin Driscoll and Phil O'Brien emerged as the winners when they defeated Ken Krausz, CGCS, and Brian Remo at the Championship held at Hopewell Valley G.C. The success of this particular team should encourage everybody to participate because we now know that anybody (and I do mean anybody) can win. Like last year, there will be a \$20 entry fee per team. Every team that enters will get the opportunity to play at least one match, and they will have on average one month to complete that match.

The tournament committee will try to put teams in either the North or South Division in an attempt to keep travel down. If a team is made up of a player from each part of the state, we will try to decide which division is the best fit for the team. The deadline for the completion of each round will be sent to one player from each team, and the dates will be determined by the number of entrants. Please adhere to these dates because the final match will be played once again at the Championship meeting.

We will send out a form to be completed and returned, or you will also be able to enter at the April meeting. This will be the last date to be part of the tournament. It is a great way to play competitive golf while having lots of fun and for new members of our association to meet other members. So grab a partner and see if you can beat the defending chumps . . . I mean champs. I

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By Shaun Barry

I am a little unsure about writing this article because, although it is about one of our members, it does seem like a fairy tale and not everyone reading this will be in this particular fairy tale. Hopefully you will look at it as how it is intended—a sharing of a story that next time might be about you.

It started at the 2000 GCSAA National held in New Orleans. E-Z-Go raffled off a trip for two people. They would arrange to fly them to California; they would stay a night at The Pebble Beach Lodge and then they would play a round on the little golf course that they have there. Pat Campbell, CGCS, was completing a busy week visiting the trade show floor when he met Steve Chirip who told him that there was an announcement that he had just won something. Expecting that he was going to be the victim of a practical joke, he still checked it out. Steve had heard correctly and he had won the trip. "What a surprise" and "when will I find the time to go" were his immediate thoughts. December turned out to be the best time because it was decided to make it a full week trip.

The trip turned out to be a great success. The weather and the golf courses were extraordinary. Much of the itinerary was actually arranged by Forrest Arthur. If the name sounds familiar it is because Forrest spent many years as a member of the GCSANJ, and he is now at a beautiful new course called The Preserve. The schedule included Pasatiempo, The Preserve, Pebble Beach, Cypress Point and Pacific Grove. It really doesn't get any better than that. To top it off, however, everybody in Pat's group did hit over the water at the 16<sup>th</sup> on Cypress Point. It was a magical trip.

Congratulations to Pat on his good "Irish Luck" and if anything special like this happens to you, please let us know. It would be great to share the experience.

Pat Campbell is shown here at Pebble Beach enjoying the "Luck of the Irish."



#### **BETTER LATE THAN NEVER**

By Shaun Barry

Well, I hope that that is the case. In looking at the last Greenerside. I noticed that I had failed to mention what our team had done at the 2000 Met Team Championship. We didn't win the team event, but we did have the low gross winner come from New Jersey. Ian Kunesch shot a superb 77 at the C.C. of Fairfield. This number may seem pretty high, but it probably was one of the best rounds of Ian's life and there have been some great rounds in that life. When you find single digit handicap players shooting in the 90s and the 100s, you know the course was tough. Congratulations, Ian, because I know that winning this event has been a goal of yours.

In addition to Ian, our third place team was made up of Gregg Armbruster, Chris Boyle, John Carpinelli, Brian Continued on page 10

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Minemier, Bill Murray, Bob Prickett and Tony Raczynski. They were only seven shots behind the winning team and are already planning on winning first prize in 2001.

#### THE BATTLE AT TAMCREST G.C.

By Doug Vogel Superintendent Packanack Lake G.C.

Two hundred twenty-five years ago, the stately Palisades, which rise above the mighty Hudson River, played host to numerous skirmishes during the American Revolution. The ghost of General "Mad" Anthony Wayne surely must have been impressed as he witnessed what many believe to be the greatest battle to have been fought on Bergen County soil. The battle we speak of was the Biennial Krausz-Pelrine clash, District One's premier man-to-man golf event, at the Tamcrest G.C. (hosted by Ken Duggan).

What once started out as a friendly match has become one of golf's greatest lessons in sportsmanship. But make no mistake about it, it is still a battle, one filled with skill, thrill and will.

Krausz broke out to an early lead, but on the fourth hole Pelrine calmly lined up a 50-foot putt. With more breaks in it than your sprinkler system, Jim feathered in a brilliant putt to square the match. The putt did not faze Ken as he went on another tear, until we reached the beautiful, scenic 8th hole. No one could find the green except Jim, who softly landed his ball on the green to square the match again.

Krausz's tee ball on the ninth was thought to be lost, only to be found by Gentleman Jim, who's keen eyesight found his opponent's ball in the deep rough. Ken took advantage of Pelrine's sportsmanship and took the hole with a bird of a shot. Jim's psyche took a huge hit and, with no more Amstel in his bag, his game began to bleed. As Pelrine wiped up the orange substance, a figure on horseback appeared out of nowhere and offered Jim words of encouragement. Pelrine made a great charge, but it wasn't enough as Krausz closed him out on the 18th hole.

#### **RUTGERS STUDENT CHAPTER UPDATE**

By Dennis DeSanctis, Jr.

The Rutgers Turf Club is alive and well in 2001 and continuing to grow and improve as each semester passes. Our surroundings continue to grow as well with the new

addition to Foran Hall at Cook College (a building dedicated to the plant sciences) and the dedication of the new Geiger Turf Education Building at Hort. Farm II, Ryders Lane, New Brunswick. What's next?

The Club has a few activities planned for this semester, but everyone seems to be looking forward to visiting Yan-

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Also a little late, Joe Kinlin, assistant golf course superintendent at Arcola C.C., proudly displays the ball that he used to make his hole-inone, on his way to becoming the Class "C" champion.



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kee Stadium in New York City! Dan Cunningham, Yankee Stadium's Athletic Field manager, graciously agreed to have the Turf Club visit and tour the stadium in April. Should be fun!

The annual Cook College Agricultural Field Day is quickly approaching. On April 28, 2001, the Cook College campus of Rutgers University will be filled with several thousand visitors and students that come to enjoy the festivities. The field day has always been an opportunity for the Turf Club to raise money, and we will try to do so once again. Kevin Gunn, owner of Stormy Acres Sod Farm, generously donated some beautiful bentgrass sod to the Club in 1999 and 2000 for Ag. Field Day. The sod was used to construct a small putting green that ultimately became a moneymaker for us. We hope to have a very active booth once again this

I'm writing this before the National GCSAA Convention so our results are not yet printed, but we are once again sending four undergraduate students to Dallas, Texas to compete in the annual collegiate "Turf Bowl" competition. We did well last year and we hope to continue our Top-10 status for the third consecutive year (out of nearly 50 teams). The four attendees/competitors on our team are chosen from a very small crop of students, as compared to other universities who may pick from 100+ students! Who says Rutgers sports aren't good? The Turf Team is! (Thanks to outstanding professors, of course.) [

#### LIMITED BUDGET OUTREACH PROGRAM

By Bruce Cadenelli, Superintendent Metedeconk National Golf Course Chairman, GCSANJ Limited Budget Outreach Program

The Limited Budget Outreach Committee met for its initial time on January 17, 2001. Members involved are Ian Kunesch, Tom Tuttle, Trent Inman, Chris Holenstein, Steve Malikowski, Bruce Peeples, Gregg Armbruster, Keith Rose and Bruce Cadenelli.

The first meeting was both organizational and directional in nature. All four districts of GCSANJ are represented by the group. The intent of the gathering was to develop a game plan for how the Committee should function.

It was decided that the approach would be:

1. Identify clubs that possibly fall into the "limited bud-

get" category. After much debate, it was determined that clubs not presently members of GCSAA or GCSANJ would go on the initial list. The list will be developed by crossreferencing a number of superintendent and golf association rosters. Input will also be requested from our commercial members, who, in their travels, see all areas of our state. Once compiled, the list will be divided into four districts for ease of contact.

- 2. A personal phone call will be the method of initial contact. Once pleasantries are exchanged, the Committee member will discuss the nature of the call, outlining the intent of the Limited Budget Outreach Program. During the conversation, the Committee member will gauge interest by the limited budget facilities superintendent.
- 3. Arrange a personal meeting, if desired. It's the Committee's hope that sufficient interest will be demonstrated and a get-together arranged. At that meeting, more information will be exchanged. Hopefully, friends will be





made, and the limited budget facility superintendent will know he has another resource to call upon.

It needs to be noted that this program is not a recruitment drive by either GCSAA or GCSANJ. It's a program designed to make all in golf feel more a part of the family of golf. Limited budget facilities provide affordable access to golf and are vital to the game's future. It's in all our best interests to encourage these facilities whenever and wherever possible!

If interested in assisting with the program, please contact any Committee member. There is much work to be done. Our efforts in New Jersey can serve as a model for other chapters across the country.

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sponsored program to identify clubs that, because of possible budget limitations, are presently not members of the national association or local chapters. The program is administered by local superintendent chapters and is NOT a recruitment or membership drive by GCSAA or local chapters.

The purpose of the program is:

- To foster communication and relationships between clubs and superintendents;
- To help grow the game of golf. Limited budget facilities are, oftentimes, places where people are first introduced to the game of golf;
- To make all superintendents and their clubs feel more a part of the family of golf and ideas;
- To show that budget size does not preclude any facility from sharing information and ideas; and
- To offer assistance to limited budget facilities if called on to do so.

The program is a two-way street. It's anticipated that learning will occur on both sides of the equation.

#### MINUTES FROM THE GCSANJ EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by President Ed Mellor. The meeting was held at the Rutgers Turfgrass Building.

Those present included: Ed Mellor, John O'Keefe, Chris Holenstein, Bruce Peeples, Mickey Stachowski, Gregg Armbruster, Brian Minemier, Jim McNally, Ken Givens, Dr. Bruce Clarke, Dr. Bingru Huang, Gary Arlio, Elliott Lewis, Ken Krausz, Roger Stewart and Brian Gjelsvik.

Ed Mellor had the Junior District 3 Director, Roger Stewart, CGCS, and our new Class "C" representative Brian Gjelsvik introduce themselves.

It was noted that, Judy Policastro, our executive secretary, broke her ankle slipping on ice. Judy is healing slowly and working out of her home.

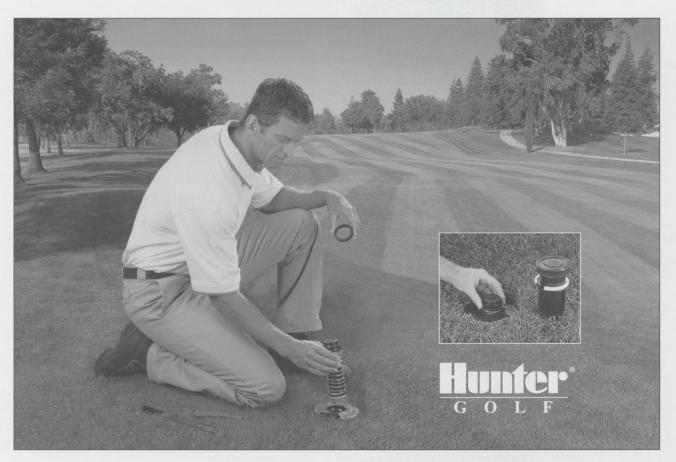
A thank you note was received from Bill Beverlin for the holiday basket.

A thank you note was received from Ken Givens for his mother's remembrance gift.

Greg Vadala's father passed away; his father was a retired superintendent.

Chris Holenstein noted that The Greenerside was

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# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Page Historical references for your reading pleasure

Compiled by Doug Vogel Superintendent at Packanack Lake Golf Course and GCSANJ Historian

#### The Evolution of Equipment Storage

- 1. "Perhaps you young men have never realized what we had to work with in the days gone by. Up until 1926, our maintenance building was a <u>lean-to</u> with a dirt floor which was finally replaced by our first real <u>shed</u>." *Lew Weiland, Springdale GC*
- 2. "Our Good Friend, Frank Svehla, will be host for the day. Come early and inspect his equipment and course. Frank is doing a bang up job at Suburban and he assures us there will be no secrets left in the <u>barn</u>." *November meeting notice*, 1948.
- 3. "For thirty years the maintenance facility at Mountain Ridge CC existed in the early American era, i.e. pot belly stove, no electricity, roofs that leaked, dirt floors and buildings at three different areas of the golf course. With the help of other courses in the area we decided on a fifty- by one hundred and twenty-foot building. The exterior of this Cement Block Building is coated with a green cement sealer." Skip Cameron, Superintendent, 1969, in NJ Golf Course Report newsletter article.

Note: Some interesting items in Skip's article:

- "The office will be pleasant with paneled walls, oak floors, a private bathroom and air conditioning."
- "A shower was not provided, as they have not proved practical at other courses that have them."
- "The repair shop is big enough to work on two tractors at once."
- 4. "The new building was oriented to contain and reduce noise that may disturb neighboring homes. The building came out very nice, actually causing some of the neighbors to improve their properties. The new <u>Turf Care Center</u> at Knickerbocker C.C. is heated throughout and features:
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Superintendent Sam Juliano, CGCS, recounted the construction process for an article in the January 1997 issue of TurfNet Monthly.

#### **Other Historical Happenings**

1. Ed Mellor's first President's message more than hinted

at the poor attendance at our annual meeting. The following correspondence that was received from our most senior member, Bill Riley, Jr., sheds some light on what it took to get to meetings in the early days:

"The Greenskeepers Association of New Jersey used to hold their regular meetings at the Robert Treat Hotel at night. Reason being it was the hub for all the trolley lines. The lines reached out to Springfield, Millburn, Orange, Caldwell, Elizabeth, Rahway, Paterson, etc. My father was the first greenskeeper at Rock Spring Club in West Orange. We had to walk 1° miles to get a trolley from Verona to Newark (20 cents). My father would attend the meeting and my mother and I would go to the movies at Loews across the street." Bill Riley, Jr., joined our association in 1939 and now resides in California.

- 2. During construction of the Clearview G.C. in Lincoln Park, N.J., in 1965, Ziggy Zaleski came across dinosaur bones which shut down the project until anthropologists came to remove them. Ziggy Zaleski joined our association in 1949 and now resides in Paramus, N.J.
- 3. Willett Wilt, a.k.a. Ken Kubik, wrote the most widely reprinted article in GCSANJ history. "Cost Cutters," which originally appeared in *The Greenerside*, was reprinted in Golf Journal, 11 chapter newsletters, and it also received airplay on WOR radio. Original *Greenersides*, autographed by the author, have been trading on eBay for well into the high two-figures. It has been estimated that only four known copies still exit.
- 4. Bob Prickett, angler/superintendent from South Jersey, has caught fish on every golf course he has ever played. Highlighting his career was the 5-pound largemouth bass caught during the 1990 GCSAA Golf Championship held in Orlando, Florida.

#### **Quotes Worth Quoting:**

- 1. "I would like to see the writers stress in their stories and publicity the importance of greenkeeping as a profession." *Robert Tyre "Bobby" Jones, Jr., 1954*
- 2. "The golf course superintendents have historically been the game's forgotten servant because they were hidden behind compost piles two miles from the clubhouse." *Frank Hannigan, USGA*
- 3. "The true greenkeeper is not an ordinary laboring man, but a highly specialized thinker—and brains have always

## 75th Anniversary Page

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been worth something. They always will be." 'A.W. Tillinghast

Editors Note: The 75th Anniversary Page is a feature that we want to keep during this anniversary year. We will be including pictures, thoughts, quotes and anything else that might fit. A lot of the material was submitted to Doug Vogel while he was collecting for the Journal. Obviously, everything could not make that venue, so Doug sug-



gested this. If you have any thoughts or contributions for this 75th Anniversary Page, please contact Doug, or any member of the committee.

The committee is still working and planning a family day along with the tree dedication at Crestmont C.C. in late spring-early summer, as well as a dinner cruise in the late summer-early fall. We will let you know as soon as we have further details.

Ed (I'm building a turf care center as we speak) Walsh, Circa 19??



Step into Skip Cameron's office, Circa 1969.





awarded first place for the sixth year in a row in GCSAA competition.

Mickey Stachowski reported that the Drought Emergency Task Force Committee met and rewrote drought emergency regulations to be submitted to the DEP for consideration.

Mickey also stated that the PAC meetings will be held throughout the state and that at least one superintendent should make each meeting. Mickey will work on an outline so all attendees will speak on the same page.

Dr. Clarke introduced Dr. Bingru Huang, a new researcher with Rutgers. Dr. Huang spoke of her history and what she hopes to accomplish at Rutgers.

Dr. Clarke also announced the resignation of Cooke College Dean Carlton. Dr. Clarke felt that Dean Carlton did a wonderful job in supporting turf research and programs. Dr. Clarke is co-chairman of the Dean Search Committee

and will ask GCSANJ to sit in and meet the three final candidates.

Elliott asked Dr. Clarke if he knew anything about the

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two-day symposium scheduled for late February. He would look into this matter.

Jim McNally discussed candidates for the GCSAA Board; the Board will meet at 5:30 p.m., February 15, to discuss our final position.

Elliott Lewis is looking for input on an autumn GCSAA seminar.

Elliott stated that the Advanced Turfgrass Symposium might not happen this year. There was discussion about GCSANJ taking full control of this seminar next year.

On a motion by John O'Keefe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Holenstein, the following new members were accepted:

Leonard Berry, Flanders Valley GC, Class C Mike Paluzzi, Ballyowen GC, Class C Tom Pale, CGCS, Brigantine Golf Links, Class A Steve Roberts, High Mountain GC, Class C

The Ethics Committee will look into a possible ethics violation.

Bruce Peeples stated that the survey results were coming in.

He also stated that in our "how are we doing" questionnaire of last winter, the one area of concern seemed to be in the area of education. Roger Stewart suggested that the annual meeting be an all-day affair combined with education. Bruce Peeples will send out a follow up questionnaire to see when the membership would like to be educated.

Gary Arlio reported that there were only four applications for scholarships received and only one was received completed by the deadline. It was the recommendation of the committee and approved that there would be no scholarship awarded at this time due to a weak pool of applicants.

GCSANJ approved the donation of \$5,000 to Rutgers toward the purchase of a minirhizotron, to better study roots.

Brian Minemier wanted to thank everyone who helped

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## GCSANJ news

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Brian also stated that Rick Alampi has offered his expertise in regards to GCSANJ public relations.

There was a successful first meeting of the Limited Budget Outreach Program held at Metedeconk National, hosted by Bruce Cadenelli.

Brian Gjelsvik spoke of upcoming events sponsored by the assistant superintendents.

The GCSANJ Foundation will also donate \$5,000 to Rutgers toward the purchase of the minirhizotron. The total cost is around \$30,000 and is being funded by regional associations.

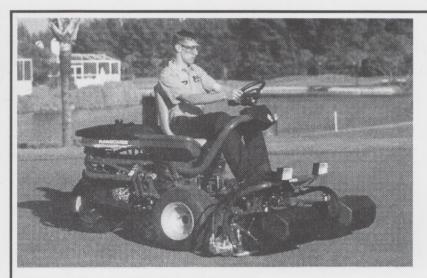
John O'Keefe reported that Steve Kopach, superintendent of Mountain Ridge CC, has volunteered to help get a web site up and running. He has set up a temporary one at http://communities.msn.com/gcsanj. Give it a try.

District 3 had a holiday get-together and \$100 was raised for the Monmouth/Ocean Food Bank.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.



District III is well represented at EXPO. Left to right: Mike King, Chip Dayton and Ron Luepke.





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# **Limited Resource assistant golf course** superintendent looks for recognition

by David Pienkosz, Assistant Golf Course Superintendent Overpeck Golf Course

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at any type of golf course.

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## GCSAA TO SPONSOR PGA SENIOR TOUR GREAT JIM COLBERT

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America announced recently that it will sponsor Senior PGA Tour professional Jim Colbert for the 2001 season.

The agreement calls for the 34-year PGA Tour member to feature the GCSAA logo on his shirt and bag at all Senior Tour and other "official" events. In addition, he will serve as a spokesman on selected association issues, make special appearances on GCSAA's behalf and advise the association on various matters. The agreement marks the first time the association has sponsored a Tour professional.

"GCSAA is fortunate to have a friend in Jim Colbert," GCSAA President R. Scott Woodhead said. "Jim has worked with the association on a variety of projects, and it is obvious he is a strong supporter of the golf course superintendent and the association. Jim's relationship will add a special touch to GCSAA's yearlong celebration of its 75th anniversary."

Colbert, who also operates a golf course architecture and development business, has a combined 27 victories on the PGA (8) and Senior PGA (19) tours. He was the leading money winner on the Senior PGA Tour in 1995 and 1996, and has finished in the top 35 on the money list in each of his nine years on the Senior Tour.

"I'll have the GCSAA logo on my bag and on my shirt because I believe in the association and I believe in the golf course superintendent," Colbert said. "The GCSAA is first class and has made tremendous advances for its members and the golf industry. As a player and a businessman, other than myself, no person is more crucial to my success than the golf course superintendent."

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his alma mater, Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. The program includes hands-on experience at Colbert Hills Golf Course, designed by Colbert and Jeffrey Brauer, ASGCA. GCSAA has also been involved in the First Tee National Academy developed by Colbert and the university at Colbert Hills.



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# Bergen County golf courses create a master plan

By David Pienkosz Assistant Golf Course Superintendent Overpeck Golf Course

Recently, I have had the opportunity to be involved in the development of a five-year master plan. I'd like to share the things we encountered during this process and leading up to the start of the improvements.

The selection of a golf course architect should be conducted in the exact same manner as hiring any key member of your staff. They may not be there as often but their changes to the course will be there far longer. You should feel as comfortable working with this individual as you do with your assistant. And the most important thing to remember is that they work for you.

After an architect has been selected the improvement plan begins. Our architect made numerous site visits, touring the course with at least the superintendent each time. Some things we felt were important to mention at this time were the operating budget, how things were currently maintained, equipment used and manpower. We mow all our rough with a Toro 455D, so the slope of the bunker faces was very important; we do not have the manpower to designate to the maintenance of these slopes, so it was important that most

New York proposes increase in pesticide licensing fees

he New York Department of Environmental Conservation has proposed a 1,500 percent increase in commercial pesticide licensing fees. The increase is included in Governor Pataki's proposed 2001-2002 budget submitted to the state legislature. The commercial applicator permit fee would be raised from \$50 every two years to \$150 annually. The fee for commercial pesticide applicator certification would increase from \$15 every three years to \$75 annually for the first category of certification, and from \$15 to \$25 for each additional category. Superintendents and other members of the New York State Turfgrass Association have been working with lawmakers to oppose the proposal.

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could be done with the 455D. With several site visits and input from all managers, an initial plan was developed. After inspecting these plans, all parties addressed their concerns, changes were made and the plans finalized.

Next, a consultant was hired to develop an irrigation plan. Again, this individual was hired by us to give us suggestions and develop the plan, but we made all final decisions. After these plans were developed we inspected them and made changes.

With both plans complete we obtained an estimated price to complete the plans in entirety. We had to present the plans and estimates to a Board that then decided how much money was to be allotted. The money we had received was less than the total cost of completing both plans, so we had to prioritize our areas of concern. Irrigation, drainage and cart paths were the areas we felt we needed to improve before any cosmetic improvements were to be made. The course is in a low-lying area that receives all runoff from the surrounding area, there is no network of cart paths, and we have single row irrigation on fairways and tees, with one set of full circles surrounding greens. With our professional opinions taken into consideration and a list of priorities established, we await the final prioritized plan and the selection of a qualified construction/renovation company.

Some things we found very important during this process were communication between all parties involved with the project, the ability of the superintendent to present his concerns in a manner that allowed them to be seen clearly, and the documentation of each meeting and conversation for future reference. Also inspect each plan closely to make sure that changes were made that were agreed upon.

To be continued.



# The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker and the superintendent

By Chris Woolbert, Superintendent Ramsey Golf and Country Club

hen Ken Krausz called to ask me if I could come up with something for *The Greenerside*, I readily accepted the challenge. It was about five minutes after I hung up the phone that the panic set in. What the heck was I going to write about? After almost three years of telling Ken that I would write something, several friends suggested the topic of procrastination. Due to possible self-incrimination, I passed on this idea. So what could I write about that would be informative and satirical without sounding like an old salt after a mere three-and-one-half years at the helm?

The weekend brought no revelations, and Monday morning at my desk all I had was a blank screen to stare at. Well, it had been Superbowl weekend. I couldn't have been expected to do much thinking about the article with all the GIANTS hype. No biggie. It was a new day with no distractions. That was a great thought until I realized the job assignments I had given out earlier in the morning. As the various types of sanders started screaming, sawdust started flying, and fumes of stain and polyurethane began to waft into my office, I remembered. It was the day we were to begin refinishing the club's barstools. It was then that the idea hit me. It may have been born through a furniture stripper-induced buzz, but it was there. Furniture refinishing, you ask? Well, sort of . . . just stay with me for a while.

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As a high schooler I worked at Bowling Green Golf Club for Dave Mayer. At the time I had no idea of where my life would take me, but money to buy a car was in demand.

After almost three years of telling Ken that I would write something, several friends suggested the topic of procrastination.

Through the next several years I began to really enjoy my work at the golf course. One of the things that stands out in my mind was the various duties Dave undertook. It was not uncommon to see Dave swooping in to save the day—be it a leaky roof that needed repairing, a finicky septic system or a dumbwaiter that wasn't waitering. Need a stand-in cook



## And the superintendent

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for an outing? No problem. Never did I hear Dave say, "Not my job." The good folks at Bowling Green always appreciated that extra effort.

Well, low and behold, all of that septic and roofing work proved to me that I had it in me to be one great superintendent. It was then that I enrolled at North Carolina State University to "be all I could be." I wanted to do more by 7:30 than most do all day. But a strange thing happened on my way to the almighty degree. Amid soil science and plant I.D. classes, the Dean had forgotten to put pool maintenance, snowplowing 101, sanitary engineering and roofing into the curriculum.

Stop, hold the phone . . . hey, Professor, how can I survive? "Those things are not your job," was his response. It was then that I was faced with a dilemma of sorts. Who was right, my hard working mentor or my Professor? Putting this issue on the back burner, I studied for yet another batch of finals.

Later, degree in hand, I went out into the world to become a man (or assistant as it were). My initial geographic preference brought me to Florida, the land of hot sun and bird-sized insects. We did a lot of spraying, watering and (a personal favorite) cutting dead palm fronds with pole saws. We uprighted hundreds of trees after Hurricane Andrew, but still no sewer work, no carpentry and definitely no snowplowing.

After four years, Florida heat had gotten the best of me, so back to the North I went. After searching for the ideal assistant's job (or any assistant's job), I landed at Ramsey Golf and Country Club. This was more like it, four seasons and the like. I must have been temporarily insane, but I was actually looking forward to leaf season. But before that muchanticipated fall, the superintendent, Eric Tomzick, left the club for a course closer to his home. I was offered the job in interim, the old trial run.

Being my situation was as it was, it was time to put on my superhero cape and save the day. A particularly bad fall storm had made it apparent the flat roof on the clubhouse was in need of some serious attention. A few calls, and many buckets of seam sealer later, we were in much better shape. Suddenly the carpentry, roofing and other varied skills were back. Many new tasks were attempted with the "I'll give it my best shot" guarantee.

Three-and-one-half years later, I'm still a roofer, plumber, electrician, carpenter, sanitary engineer, mover, refinisher, goose population specialist, mason, accountant, human resources manager, butcher, baker and candlestick maker.

So where is this mini-autobiography going? To show that the diverse skills I learned from the earliest years of my

golf course work are still a very important part of my daily activities. It has allowed me, with great pride, to achieve my goal of becoming a golf course superintendent. But beyond that, it has helped me to grow and learn as an individual.

I feel the diverse skills that we, as professionals, bring to the table make us a more valuable asset to our clubs. I have readily accepted the opportunity to help in situations from assisting in litigation settlement to clubhouse design and construction, from involvement in a dam reconstruction to (you guessed it) refinishing furniture. I believe that these activities bring more responsibility and respect to our jobs, and an acknowledgment that we are needed to aid in the overall success of the club, not just in the successful maintenance of our golf courses. It has been my pleasure to have my opinion solicited in issues outside the normal realm of golf course management, and I have relished the opportunity to see the positive impacts of these discussions.

My good friend, Dave Mayer, helped to instill a trait in me that, I believe, has helped me to achieve many goals. I hope I have been able to pass this "I'll do my best" attitude along to my assistant, Chad Mathieu.



## November-December sets record for cold

he National Weather Service has made it official: United States temperatures during the November through December two-month period were the coldest on record.

Following the second coldest November on record in the U.S., below normal temperatures continued to grip much of the nation in December. With an average temperature of 28.9 F, December 2000 was the seventh coldest December since national records began in 1895.

Forty-three states within the contiguous U.S. recorded below average temperatures during the November-December period. The only states with near-normal temperatures were Nevada, New Mexico, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine. Severe winter conditions hit the Central and Southern Plains particularly hard. Jack Kelly, director of the National Weather Service, said 2000 was shaped by variability and extremes, which will continue throughout the winter. Updating the winter 2000-01 outlook, Kelly said, "The eastern and western United States will experience additional cold outbreaks at least through March with periods of modera-

tion in between."

Prior to the cold snap, above normal temperatures made January through October 2000 the warmest such 10-month period since national temperature records began in 1895. Preliminary data indicates that 2000 was the 13<sup>th</sup> warmest in the U.S., 1.2 F above the long-term average of 52.8 F.

Even though average long-term U.S. and global temperatures are warmer than they were a century ago, dramatic short-term swings can lead to periods of record cold temperatures while long-term trends remain positive. Although the U.S. has experienced periods of much below average temperatures throughout the past century, temperatures have risen approximately 1 degree F since 1900.

During the same period global temperatures have increased at a rate near 1.1 F/century. The 10 warmest years on record have all occurred since 1983.

# Lebanon Turf announces funding for superintendent associations

ebanon Turf Products announced recently the details for a funding program geared toward local golf course superintendent associations in its market area. Lebanon will donate \$25 to the local association for each golf course that purchases three or more tons of Lebanon branded products from January 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001. The brands covered are Country Club, IsoTek<sup>31</sup>, NX-PRO and Par Ex. Also included in the program is Lebanon's new PERK Stress Relief controlled-release organic iron.

"Lebanon Turf Products is pleased to offer this program as a means of supporting golf course superintendent programs and their efforts to educate superintendents at the local level. This is just a small way for Lebanon to show its appreciation for the role superintendents play in professional turf management," said Gary Neyman, Golf Product manager.

Superintendents may claim their donation by completing a form and sending proof of purchase to Lebanon's business office. The form can be obtained from any Lebanon Turf Products representative or distributor of Lebanon products. It can also be downloaded from Lebanon's web site at www.Lebturf.com or taken from advertisements featured in local association newsletters.

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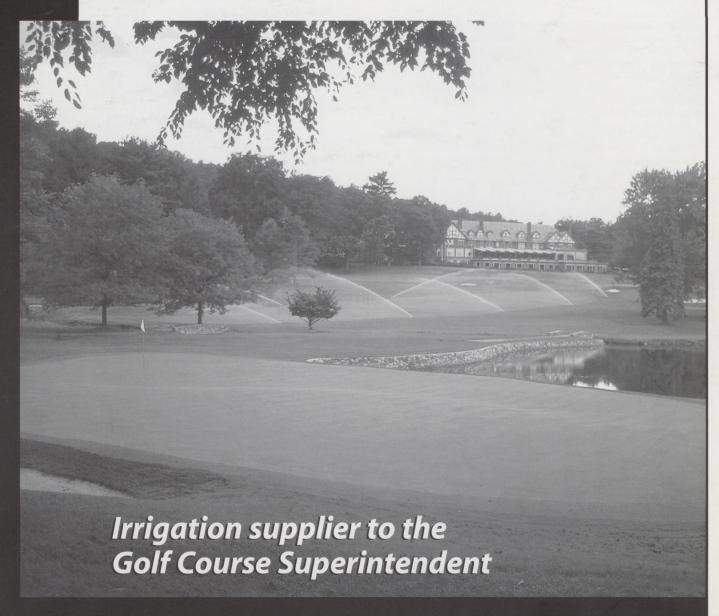
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