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GCSANJ Annual Meeting

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey will be holding its Annual Meeting at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City on Wednesday, December 11. Held during the New Jersey Turfgrass Expo, this is a very important meeting of our Association and should not be missed. The agenda includes year-end committee reports, review of the financial statement and

the election of officers. Highlighting the session will be the presentation of the 25-year plaques, the Member of the Year Award and the Distinguished Service Award.

This has been a long, difficult season, so come and join your fellow brothers of fine turf management for a few hours of discussion and camaraderie. ☺

GCSAA Chapter Delegate Report

By Jim McNally
Superintendent, Rock Spring Club

I flew into Kansas City for the three-day chapter delegate meeting in preparation for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Annual Meeting and Election to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on Friday, February 14, 2003. There were a lot of important issues discussed that I would like to share with you.

1. Our own Mark Kuhns, CGCS, of the Baltusrol Golf Club, gave a great speech in his bid for election to the Board of Directors of the GCSAA. During the Break Out Room question and answer session, Mark responded extremely well to the Chapter Delegates questioning. There is a lot of support for Mark around the country. Let's all get behind Mark and help him win!
2. Professional Development Initiative (PDI) starts taking effect on July 1, 2003. Watch for mailing and get ready to start getting service points.
3. A dues increase is something the National needs. We took a 3-million dollar loss in investments and also a loss in rental income. A \$50 per member increase is needed to help keep a great association going forward.
4. The travel policy was discussed and the issue of the Ryder Cup was put to sleep.
5. The big surprise was that the National is considering moving its headquarters. This will require a by-law change

and lots of discussion before it happens.

6. The GCSAA is looking into joining with the Club Owners Association to have one conference and show. This is a few years away.

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From the editor's desk

Riding the Rails

The well-traveled train rolled into the station and came to a slow, screeching stop. A growing crowd waited patiently as the mighty locomotive sat idling for over 30 minutes. But no one got off.

"Are they on the train?" I asked the stationmaster.

"Who?" he shot back with great indifference.

"The passengers. Are the passengers on the train?"

"Of course they're on the train. They've never gotten off. They were just busy with other things."

"Other things?" I thought to myself.

Just then the mighty engine that powered the train let out a deafening roar. The concrete below my feet shook. The conductor stuck his head out the door and yelled "all aboard."

"How much is a ticket?" I yelled to the conductor. "I want to go for the ride."

"Just a lot of hard work, that's all it costs."

I can afford that so I stumbled up the stairs, clutching my pen and paper, and ran down the aisle. I could see them in the next car. I could see The Passengers.

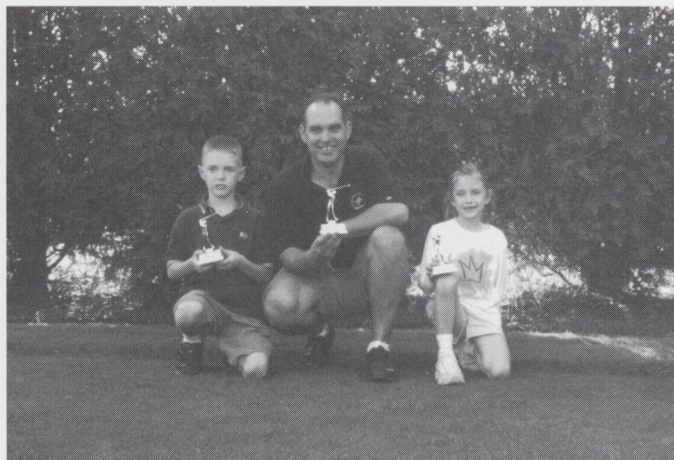
That's right. I could see Ed Walsh, Armand LeSage, Jim Gilligan and Ken Kubik. All busy doing things. Things for the newsletter, things for the Association, things for the superintendent.

I had just reached full stride when a stiff arm jarred my chest and stopped me dead in my tracks.

"I'm sorry, son, those guys are 1st class. You'll be riding coach."

Yours in Turf

Doug



The Packanack Golf Club Parent/Child Tournament is my favorite outing of the year. Noah and Emily Vogel helped their dad win a trophy.

President's Message

Ed Mellor, Superintendent, The Colts Neck Golf Club

It is with a heavy heart that I will be stepping down as president this December. This year at the Annual Meeting in Atlantic City, I will be handing over the reins of this Association to the next president, John O'Keefe. After two years as president and over seven years on the Board of Directors, I now plan to take a slightly less active roll on the Board as past president, and to serve on the finance committee for as long as they will have me. I also plan on being a member of the Financial Committee of the newly established GCSANJ's Foundation.

Since becoming a member in 1986 and serving on the Golf Committee as far back as 1989, I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of members of this great Association. Along with becoming a superintendent, growing in a golf course and hosting a tour event, being on the Board of Directors has been one of the great highlights of my short career. Being on the Board has helped me grow as an individual as well as a manager. Finding yourself surrounded by the leaders of your industry and fighting for your ideas is a situation that every professional, regardless of your profession, should have the opportunity to experience. The exchange of ideas, the heated debates and the teamwork toward a common goal is something that I have learned from and will remember fondly in the future.

This year, like so many others, there was some turnover on the Board. I have read so many articles in this publication encouraging members to join the Board to give back to the industry that has given to you. That's a noble idea and I encourage it, however, if you want to broaden what you think you already know, you will get more out of the experience of being a director than you expect. Being a member of this Board will certainly change, if not expand, your outlook on many issues.

Since being on the Executive Committee I have noticed a gradual evolution in the Association's finances. I am proud to say that even in this tough economic climate, the GCSANJ's financial house is in order. We resisted putting our money in the stock market and kept it in a safe place because it is not the Board's money to gamble with, but yours. We are focused on important issues pertaining to our industry and have the ability to fund them. A few years ago, the GCSANJ had a slight increase in its membership dues. Unless there is a dramatic change in the direction of this Association, I don't anticipate any need for further increases in the near future. Anybody who has been to a Board meeting in the past five or six years knows that I will continue to watch over our budget.

In closing I would like to thank all the members who have served on the Board and have made this Association so successful. I also would like to wish the best to all GCSANJ members and their families.

Respectfully, Ed Mellor

Calendar

- December 11, 2002** **GCSANJ Annual Meeting and Election**, Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, N.J. Contact Judy Policastro at 973-379-1100.
- December 10-12, 2002** **New Jersey Turfgrass Expo**, Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, N.J. Contact NJTA at 732-821-7134.
- December 19, 2002** **GCSAA - Turfgrass Management Strategies Seminar**, Geiger Turfgrass Education Center, New Brunswick, N.J. Contact GCSAA at 800-472-7878.
- January 15, 2003** **METGCSA Winter Seminar**, Westchester C.C., Rye, N.Y. Host: Joe Alonzi, CGCS. Contact Ineke Pierpoint at 914-347-4653.
- February 10-15, 2003** **GCSAA Conference and Trade Show**, Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Ga. Contact GCSAA at 800-472-7878.



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By Ed Walsh, CGCS

Doug Vogel called and asked if I would write an article for *The Greenside*. Seems he wants all the “Old Guard” to return to the scene of the crime, I suspect. Ken Krausz called all the time when he edited this publication with the same request, which I always agreed to do but never came through. I don’t know why I strung Ken along for so long because he is a very good friend, so the first thing I want to do is apologize to him. I was always critical of the people who would say yes to a request, then never show up with the goods. Boy, did I become a hypocrite! Well, at least I am in good company because Malikowski did the same thing all the time.

Actually, what really motivated me to respond to Doug’s call was the fact that Malikowski, Kubik, Gilligan and Ilona Grey were also asked to participate in this issue, and I didn’t want to be the one who didn’t produce. I would never hear the end of it.

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When referring to Ed Walsh’s checkered past, it was always in reference to his slacks.



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Now the really interesting part of this endeavor is seeing how many members of today's GCSANJ roster actually even know who Ed Walsh is. I look through the 2002-2003 directory, and for a person who knew most of the state Association members by name a few short years ago, not all the names are recognizable. If it wasn't for Grimaldi, Prickett and Pedrazzi, who know me as a great player, and Finamore, Pease, Rathjens, Barrett, Finnesey, Dwyer and Foster, who know me for other reasons (some good), I don't think I've met half of today's members. Of course I didn't mention past assistants who have gone on to careers as superintendents and salespersons. Some of those I worked with for as much as four years, others a shorter period. That group includes Chris Boyle, Matt Ceplo, Jim Dempsey, Joe Kennedy, Sean Klotzbach, Dick LaFlamme, Dave Lerner, Pete Pedrazzi, Jr., Tim Reinagel and Tom Tuttle. Of course there are many, many more folks who I am still friends with and keep in touch with through e-mail (Shaun does a good job here) and this publication, but, as Bob Dylan says, "The Times They Are A Changing."

Now you know that is not such a bad thing. Actually it's a pretty good thing. The folks who call themselves golf course superintendents today are very good at what they do. And do you know why they are that good? Because they learned from the people before them. Sure, there are better tools and equipment to work with, better and safer chemicals, more awareness of our responsibilities to the environment we work in, much better answers to our questions from our consulting and support groups (Rutgers, USGA, GCSAA, etc.), and an ever-improving professional image. They are better people managers, better communicators and, most important, better time managers. But the bottom line is you learn from the past.

GCSAA chapter delegate report

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I will be presenting my delegates report at the GCSANJ Annual Meeting during Expo. This will be the time for you to share your thoughts and opinions with our Board of Directors on these issues. L

I've always felt that the lessons I learned from Bob Kapherr, Sabby DeFalco and Al Foster, the old school guys, and Joe Flaherty, Jack Martin, Skip Cameron, Pete Pedrazzi, Sr., Bert Jones, Jimmy Pelrine, Henry Indyk and Paul DesChamps (just to name a few), the gappers between old and new, were the most valuable part of my learning experience.

I would think that if I had the opportunity to talk to the members of GCSANJ that I don't know (yet), most would agree. I hope all you young people realize you have a tremendous responsibility in front of you and that's to make future golf course superintendents better. It's a big responsibility, but you can do it. The guys you learned from certainly did a good job.

Ed Walsh, CGCS, the dean of Greenside editors, has been a member of the GCSANJ for 30 years. In that time he has managed to win the Golf Championship (1982), edit The Greenside (1980-1985), become president (1987-1988), host a major (1990), mentor many superintendents and work at numerous golf courses. He is currently the superintendent at the Shelter Harbor Golf Club in Waverly, Rhode Island. L

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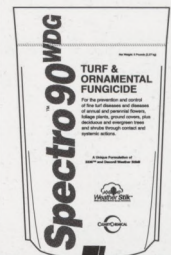
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Coyote dancing

By Armand LeSage

Pack up, leave your family/friends behind, move to a mountaintop in Southern California, learn the meaning of "DG," see no rain from April to October (we had one cloudy day), experience frost delays in the end of June, have *bear warnings* instead of lightning warnings, realize that forest fires that we see on television are real, rattlesnakes do rattle, there is an area where there is no humidity, air is clean/thin/sweet-tasting at 5,147 feet above sea level, blue jays are a foot tall and coyotes do dance.

Greetings from Lake Arrowhead, California, high in the San Bernardino National Forest, where I have relocated to begin Phase IV of my adventure in turf maintenance. After leaving White Beeches, I spent some time consulting, painting our temporary residence and searching for a Phase IV position. Phases I and II were in Connecticut, Phase III was in New Jersey and Phase IV is on the "left coast." This is an old Billy Bell golf course cut into the mountains. We have Ponderosa Pines, some over 150 feet tall; we have "DG," decomposed granite, as our basic soil type; we have Pinion



trees, California Oaks, Cedar trees and some small trees from the Redwood family.

We are almost a mile high in elevation, although we have a 100' elevation change on parts of our back nine holes. This is an irrigation nightmare, but we have a handle on it and we can deal with it. The area will experience many days when the night temperatures will vary from the day temperatures by as much as 50 degrees. We had frost delays until the end of June, one in August and, so far, in September we have had six delays. July was frost-free this year, but in the past it has experienced frost delays. We will experience many days of snow and rain in the winter. When it snows, I'm told the average snowfall is between two- to two-and-a-half feet per night.

Animals are a way of life out here in the mountains. Mountain lions, eagles, hawks, songbirds, snakes (yes, rattlesnakes), mountain quail, bobcat and bears. The jays on this mountain are Stellers Jays. They are over a foot tall and have a blue body and jet black heads. They either cackle or, at times, have a sort of musical chirp, and they are very curious and intelligent birds. We have bear sightings on the

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course, and these are not little teddy-type bears. These are the big guys, around 350 to 400 pounds of powerful picnic basket snatching beasts. But they were here first and it is their forest. Leave them alone and they will go away. Just don't feed the bears; they get real mad if you feed them and then stop feeding them. They can remove windows and with one swipe remove a refrigerator door. Little Boo Boo bear can have a mighty temper when it comes to food. I just wave and drive the other way.

We are in the middle of a drought, just like New Jersey. But what we have out here is location, location and location. We are in a national forest, located on the top of a mountain, with the pine needles, leaf litter and dry, arid winds from below that mountain that create the wind tunnel effect. Any lightning, cinder from a campfire or improperly disposed smoking material can start some pretty bad fires. We had one earlier in the year that had everyone pretty nervous and covered my new white SUV with about a half-inch of ashes. It was a sight I hope I don't see for a long time to come.



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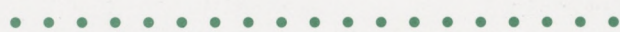
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I have saved the best part for last. "Coyote Dancing;" the number two animal on the mountain (number one is the squirrel) is the coyote. They are everywhere and have become very daring. They like to snatch small cats and puppies from under the watchful eyes of the owners. They also live on the course. Their pups love to run through the sprinklers, mess up newly raked bunkers, dive through roped areas and dig holes everywhere. Early in the morning, we are treated daily to echoing coyotes from one side of the valley to the other. Looking out on the course every morning, it appears to the neophyte superintendent that the coyotes are dancing as they run through the course, diving through the water and over the ropes. They are interesting animals, and I have no problem with them because my cats don't go out of the house. I will have a problem with them if they learn how to ring doorbells and my cats learn how to open the doors.

Change is good, and, as much as I miss you all on the "right coast," I think I'll remain in California for Phase IV of my never-ending turfgrass adventure. I will continue to send along little articles from time to time about mountain living. I'm still trying to learn how to use an oven at 5,200 feet, and I might share some of my failed attempts to make a meal.

Armand LeSage, dean of high altitude golf course maintenance, has been a fixture among fixtures in our industry's pesticide lobby. As a representative of the GCSANJ or The Alliance for Environmental Concerns, LeSage has met with many state regulatory commissions on our behalf. We also thank Armand on November 11 as one of many who defended our freedom with his service to our country. I



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An alternative when reaching the limit

By Jim Gilligan, CGCS



Good writers know their readers. But I'll admit I know very few of you who are reading this issue of *The Greenside*. I was an active GCSANJ member from 1967 until 1995. It seems that we all reach our limits in our profession.

When that limit is reached, are we prepared for our professional future?

I reached my limit early and my preparations were inadequate. But the willingness to continue working and accept other work enabled me to meet my future business partner. When I worked as a superintendent, it never entered my mind to go into business, I always thought I would be a lifer.

If you are thinking of owning a business, I'll share some of my experience. If it is a turf management related business, some of the choices are lawn care, sports fields, pesticide applications, irrigation, construction or golf course owner.

Start-up companies need an experienced business partner, adequate financial resources and technical expertise. These three components are essential for a successful business; without one, failure can strike at any time. The partners, each with business experience and technical expertise, are vital ingredients. The partnership of business and technical expertise will require patience and compromise to function smoothly. All decisions begin with business discipline, fol-

A start-up will require solid financial resources. The first step in starting the company will be establishing a business relationship with a bank.

lowed with technical expertise. The financial resources are the engines that drive the business.

Since I formed a sports field maintenance company in 1998 with a business partner, I'll focus on the sports field maintenance and turf management business. Our business maintains, renovates and constructs sports fields for public and private facilities. The majority of our business is baseball fields, with soccer, field hockey and lacrosse becoming an increasing part of the business. We haven't done many football fields because the high schools do their own work on these fields.

As a former golf course superintendent, you will have to use your turf facility skills and apply a business-like approach to the feeding, mowing and survival of any turfgrass management that you manage. The commitment of labor, equipment and materials are made well in advance of the application. This turf management approach is typified in municipal or corporate contracts where the bid is awarded well in advance of the application. In preparing these bids it is necessary to anticipate certain surprises, but it is impossible to account for some surprises.

A start-up will require solid financial resources. The first step in starting the company will be establishing a business relationship with a bank. They will require personal financial statements, credit checks, and personal and professional references. The next step will be at your insurance broker. Again, a thorough financial background check will be made. Your insurance needs will include liability, vehicle and bid bonding insurance. You'll need a business lawyer and an accountant. You will definitely need to establish credit with equipment, material and supply vendors. You will need to find a place to store everything you own and a place to work from—your own version of the "barn."

This brief essay outlines a business model that is offered

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Willet Wilt's recommendations to make the golf course more user friendly

By K.P. Kubik

1. Have the greens stimped at 12+, but have all the greens funnel to the center pin placement.
2. Have the golf car paths go down the center of the fairways so the golfer can better line up his drive and get better carry if he hits the path.
3. Have "fore caddies" who guarantee perfect lies for shots, even if it means teeing it up in the rough on a wood tee.
4. Gelatinize all water hazards so that any shot that lands in a pond bounces out.
5. Legalize "Mulligan shots" in the USGA Rules of Golf.
6. Make any putt within the leather of the putter a "gimme."
7. Make it an option for the golfer who lands in a sand trap to either throw the ball out by hand or hit it with a club.
8. Make it an option whether to play a shot out of the rough or else play it from the fairway as long as it is no closer to the hole.
9. All scorecard pencils must have erasers.
10. Enlarge all putting green cups by 50%.
11. A maximum of three putts per green and an option of moving a golf ball a club length from any hazard will be allowed.
12. Put backboards on the greens.
13. Legalize the "foot wedge."
14. Have multiple putting cups on greens so the golfer can choose which one to play to.

Hopefully by introducing these rule changes, new maintenance practices and golf course architectural adjustments, we can address common complaints fielded by golf course superintendents in the course of a year.

Ken Kubik, the dean of Greenside advertising managers, has been a member of the GCSANJ for 30 years. A tireless promoter of the golf course superintendent, he is best known as the wit behind the wilt. His most famous Willet Wilt piece, titled

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as an alternative if you feel yourself reaching the limit. The time to explore these possibilities is when you're at the top of your game, not when you are close to the limit. There are many opportunities for golf course superintendents off the course—take the time to explore them.

When I left the golf course, my career options were limited until I started looking. Take the time to evaluate your talents, skills and motivations, and move in the right

direction. Get an early start!

Jim Gilligan, CGCS, an award-winning Greenside editor, has been a member of the GCSANJ for 39 years. A direct, no-nonsense editorial writer, he was responsible for the only 4-color issue of The Greenside—a true landmark in newsletter history. He is currently the owner of U.S. Athletic Fields, Inc. of Belle Mead, N.J. ¶

Willet Wilt's recommendations

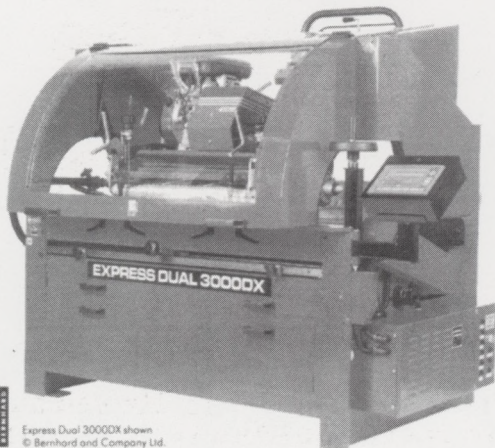
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"Working with budget cuts," was reprinted in Golf Journal, 19 chapter newsletters, and was read over the air waves on WOR

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DISTRICT II MEETS AT MENDHAM

By Shaun Barry
Bayer Crop Science

District II was faced with an unusual problem. It had two choices for their meeting. Both Ian Kunesch and Chris Boyle, CGCS, had volunteered their courses for this gathering. Last year Ian had hosted both I and II, so it was decided that we would let Chris show off his hard work.

Everyone was entered into our Foundation's fundraiser, which is also known as the Long-Drive Contest. Tom Ashfield plays very little, but he still plays very well, and he hits it a long way. His drive was only 70 yards short of the green on the par four hole that we were using for the contest. Trent Inman and Tom Weinert also qualified in this flight. Dick Neufeld and Joe Ciccone moved forward in the B flight, while Tom Gandolfo and Ken Kubik did the same in the C flight. They now have to compete against the other District winners at the championship.

T. Ashfield (79) and T. Weinert (82) took low gross honors as Rob Finnesey (64) and Shaun Barry (64) did on the net side. Mr. Ashfield, Mr. Weinert and Bernie White were the only people with a skin. After all of the scoring was completed, we took the six lowest gross scores and these members qualified as the nucleus of the District team that will compete at Tavistock. T. Ashfield (79), R. Finnesey (79), T. Weinert (82), Bob Dwyer (89), Mark Kuhns (90) and Brian Remo (90) made the team, and perhaps this will be the year that they bring home the trophy.

This is a small district in terms of courses, so having 24 people attend was a great turnout and it bodes well for future meetings. It was a beautiful day, and the course was in wonderful shape despite the drought this summer. Chris and his staff should be very proud of what they have done. I know everyone had a great time, Chris, and we will return whenever you ask. Thanks for hosting, and please let everyone at the club know that we appreciated their efforts. ¶

SOMETHING OLD AND SOMETHING NEW

By Shaun Barry
Bayer Crop Science

One of the newest golf courses in the state is The Architects Golf Club, but it also has more history than any other club in the world. These two statements seem to be at odds

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(From left) Chris Boyle, CGCS, accepts the GCSANJ flag from Pat Campbell, CGCS. Chris was our host for the District II meeting.

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with each other, but they are both true. While the course is a modern creation from Stephen Kay and Ron Whitten, the design principles came from 17 other architects. They range from Old Tom Morris to a middle-aged Robert Trent Jones. Ron and Stephen have tried to create one hole (Donald Ross had two) that could have been designed by many of the great architects of the past. This sounds like a truly unusual idea for a golf course and it is, but what has been created is a superb and very interesting test of golf.

The club got onto this year's schedule after a brief visit with Dave Eichner. Dave is one of our new, young superintendents. He came from Pennsylvania and was deeply involved in the creation of the course. Having spent almost all of the last two years at the site, he knows that he needed and wanted to get to meet other superintendents. The idea to host a monthly meeting greatly appealed to him and to the GCSANJ Tournament Committee. A few phone calls from Dave and we were on the schedule. September 17 was chosen and it turned out to be a great day for the weather and for attendance.

We had almost 100 people attend and most of them tried to hear Mr. Kay and Mr. Whitten discuss the thoughts behind every hole. When you have more people listening to a presentation than outside discussing turf issues, you know it really sparked lots of interest. It was a great way to start the day. Out on the course, I believe most people were really trying to understand the concepts behind the design of each hole. They were given the names of some of the other courses that each architect had done, and it helped people

see why each hole was created. The time spent on the course went by very quickly and soon we were adding scores and marking down skins. It seems some people were able to play good golf as they traveled through history.

The field was large enough to split into two groups both for gross and net and for the skins contest. The winner on the gross side was Vic Gerard, Jr. with a wonderful 70. Not bad for his first time on the course. He edged out Bill Rahling's

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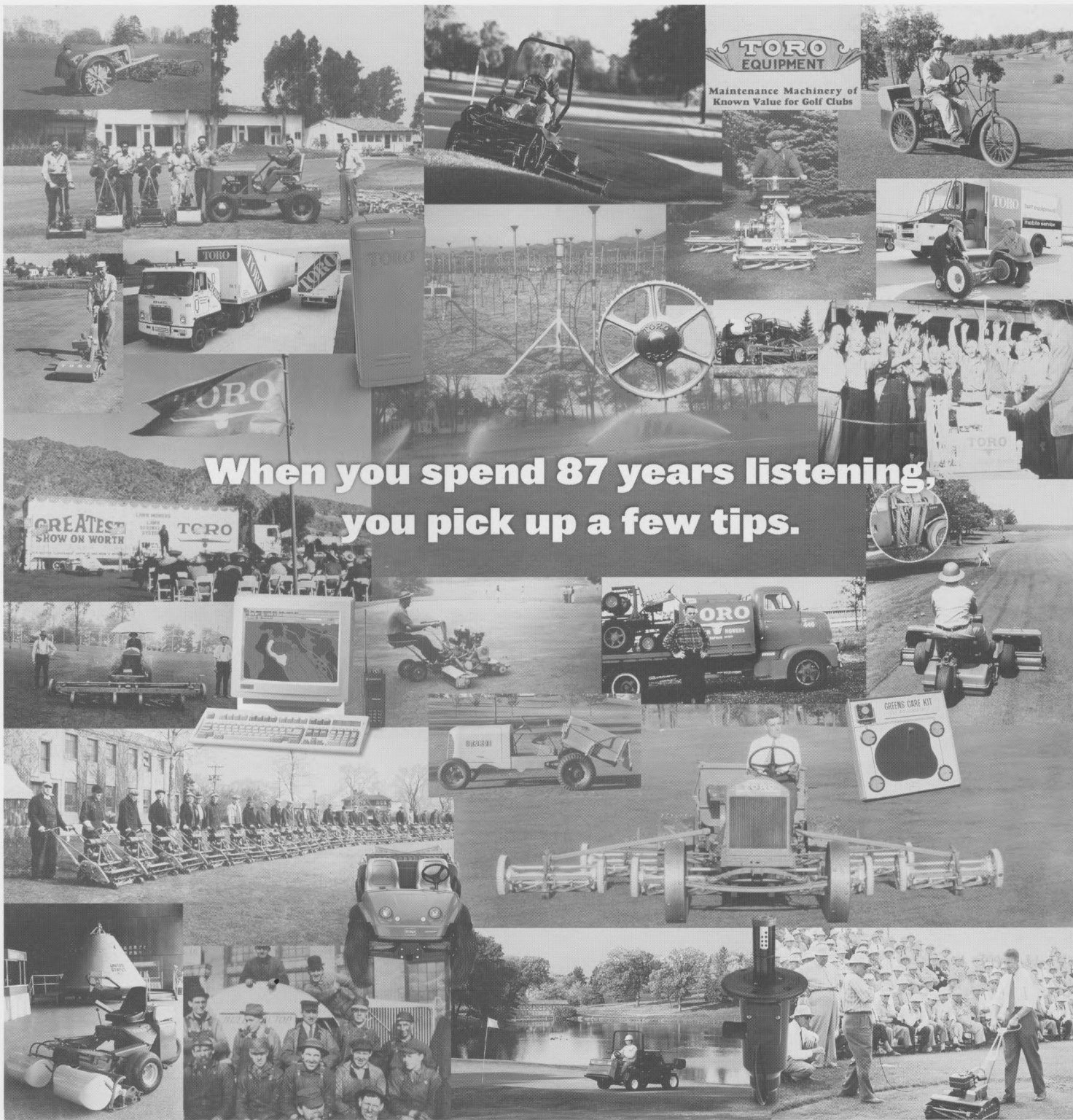
The Architects Club host superintendent Dave Eichner (left) received the GCSANJ flag from president Mellor.



Ron Whitten and Stephen Kay (not shown) discussed the concepts behind each hole at The Architects Club.

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73. Charlie McGill (86) and Tom Tuttle (86) took the same honors on the other side of the field. The low net winners were William Carrick (66), Trent Inman (67), T. Tuttle (68) and Pete Hays (69).

Our closest to the pin winners were P. Hays, 2 ft. 7 ins.; Dennis DeSanctis, Jr., 4 ft. 5 ins.; Doug Larson, 5 ft. 8 ins. and Bill Murray 4 ft. 5 ins. The sponsors for these holes were Plant Food, Primos, Reed & Perrine and Wilfred MacDonald. The sponsors for our long drive winners appear behind the name of the winners. Included in this group is D. Larson (A T Sales), V. Gerard, Jr. (John Deere Landscapes), Jon Barlok (Lebanon), Ken Miller (Philadelphia Turf), John Chassard (Philadelphia Turf), Jim Cadott (Storr Tractor) and Angelo Petraglia (Torsilieri).

Having made lots of birdies and an eagle, Mr. Gerard led the group with a total of three skins. With one each were Tom Ashfield, Jay Antonelli, Tim Kerwin, Joe Ciccone, Pete Hays and a fellow who we forgot to include during

our award presentation. Sorry, Mr. Kern. I hope you know that it wasn't intentional. Not only did we forget Chip, we included Ed Mellor because he made two birdies that held-up. His playing partner had put his name on the sheets, but Ed immediately informed us that he had gotten to the course after we had closed registration, so he unfortunately was not in this competition. Way to go, Ed! That act shows the true spirit behind being a true golfer.

The day ended as darkness approached, and there were lots of our members still there to see it arrive. It seems that with everyone enjoying themselves so much, they did not want to leave and if it was one of the long days of summer, I am sure some of us would have gone out for a few more holes. We had a great time, Dave, and I hope you will convey our appreciation to the club. Everyone there worked very hard to make the day special and they were successful. Perhaps the best way to let everyone know how we felt is to tell them that we would love to be invited back. Please . . .

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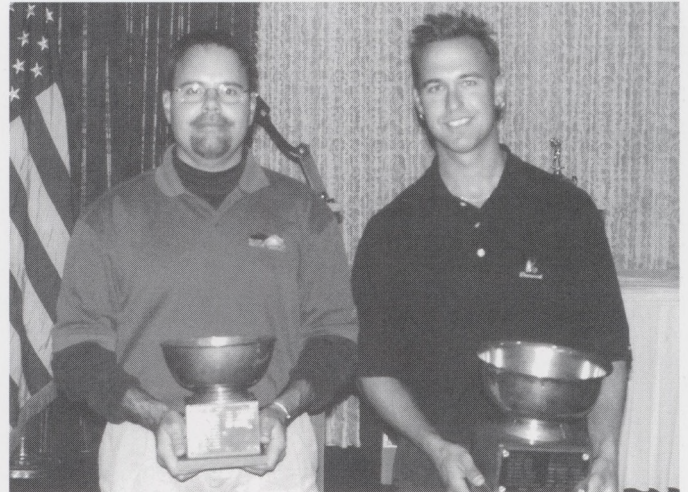
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TAVISTOCK TREATS THE GCSANJ LIKE CHAMPIONS

*By Shaun Barry
Bayer Crop Science*

The odds are that most people have never heard of Tavistock. For the folks who live there, it is a really nice small community. To golfers, it is a golf course somewhere in South Jersey. To Tom Grimac, CGCS, it is both where he lives and works. To the GCSANJ it was the site of the 2002 Championship and what a wonderful choice for this gather-

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Tony Grieco (left) won the Dr. Paul Sartoretto Cup for low gross affiliate. Tony Benfield won the Sherwood Moore Cup for low gross superintendent.



(Left to right) Our 2002 Leslie Cup champions Brad Simpkins, Linda Simpkins and Ken Mathis.



Shaun Barry (left), Tony Grieco, Tony Benfield and Tom Grimac, CGCS, pose at the end of a wonderful day.



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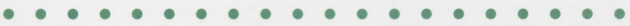
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ing. Tom has always been active within our Association, and he felt strongly that it was his turn to give back. With this in mind, he contacted me last fall and within two weeks our meeting was booked.

2002 turned out to be a very stressful year for superintendents and for their turf. I would think that Tom was a little bit concerned as the drought stayed with us. He wanted the course to play hard and fast, but not if that meant it was too tough for our average golfer. Tough and fair was the goal. Three days of rain just before our meeting gave us tough, fair and great. Not too tough and not too easy. The greens lacked the gut-wrenching speed, which is common for this course at this time of the year, but that was a good thing for most of us. Even so there were many putts that found their way off of the putting surfaces (I believe I actually saw a couple of those . . .). They now accepted well-struck shots, which meant that our players could actually make ball marks on the greens. Tom had given us repair tools when we registered, knowing that we would put them to good use, but for some



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unknown reason some (?) of those marks went unrepaired. (That should never happen at one of our outings even if it was just a few per green. Sorry, Tom.)

Before our members started to arrive, Tom and I had a discussion about the course. He said that most people will look at the card and assume that since it is not long (we played it about 6,600 yards), it must be easy. After their round is over these people will wonder how could they shoot so high on such an easy course. He wasn't sure if there was an average number of rounds for a change in their opinion, but at some point these people do come to realize that this is a really tough golf course. In our case it took only one round for most of our people to know that it was too tough for us. We had only four scores in the 70s, despite the fact that our best players were here trying to capture the Championship. We could very clearly see how much tougher it might have played than it did for us on this day. We got lucky this time.

Tony Benfield works as the assistant to Mark Stallone at Olde York C.C. He currently is the gross champion for the assistants, and he now holds that same honor from the GCSANJ. His 76 was the low score of the day. His name will be added to The Sherwood Moore Cup, where he joins a long list of very talented golfers who happen to also be superintendents. Tony Grieco shot a 78 and he claimed the Dr. Paul Sartoretto Cup, which goes to the affiliate member with the best gross score. Winning the Dr. Henry Indyk Cup with a net of 67 was Harry Harsin. This was the lowest net score by a superintendent. Tony and Tony also took first and second places in the 0-14 handicap flight with these scores, and Harry (83) and Jim Cross (85) took the same spots in the higher flight. Peter Van Drumpt (72) and Wendell Beakley (74) won their flight's net tournament, while Charlie McGill (69) and Bob Zelle (71) followed suit in their flight.

Philadelphia Turf, Pocono Turf, Simplot Partners and Wilfred MacDonald sponsored our closest to the pin contests. The winners were Alan Beck (1 ft. 6 ins.), John Farrell (20 ft. 5 ins.), Ken Mathis (3 ft. 6 ins.) and Bill Murray (5 ft. 9 ins.). John Alexander, Kevin Giles, Doug Larson and Bob Prickett had the longest drives on the holes sponsored by John Deere Landscapes, Lebanon, Philadelphia Turf and Pocono Turf. Darren Wandelowski won twice and those sponsors were Storr Tractor and Torsilieri. In the finals of the long-drive contest, our big hitters were Tom Weinert, Phil O'Brien and Lou Bosco. To achieve this success they had to first qualify at their District meeting and then win against the other District winners. This annual event helps support our Foundation, and it continues to attract lots of interest. Rob

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Finnesey from Tree Tech once again donated \$100 to each winner and a matching amount directly into the Foundation. This tradition goes back seven years for a total of \$4,200. It is a great gesture and it is really appreciated. Our skin winners were Tom Ashfield, K. Giles, Mike Janoski, Mark Mason and Tim McBrearty.

District IV recaptured the District team event by five shots over the defending champs from District III. The winning team was Tony Benfield (76), Tom Grimac (79), Doug Larson (81), John Farrell (86), Wendell Beakley (87) and Gregg Armbruster (89). The finals of the Leslie Cup were played and it was decided on the 18th hole with Ken Mathis and Brad Simpkins edging out John Farrell and Harry Harsin. This match had Brad and Ken two up with three to play. Suddenly it was even with one to play. At the green, Ken hit his first putt 7 feet past the cup and, after a few deep breaths, he sunk it for the victory. It was a clutch putt, but it sounds like each one of these players came through when they needed it most. Congratulations to these finalists and to everyone who had a chance to compete this year. Maybe next year will be your year.

As the last golf report of the year comes to an end, I want to acknowledge and to thank the people who sit behind the registration tables at each meeting. They often miss lunch and dinner, but they never complain. They are John Hyland, Bill Murray, Dave Mishkin, Kevin Driscoll, Dennis DeSanctis, Jr. and Phil O'Brien. I am blessed with an outstanding committee. Thanks, guys. My final thanks go to Mr. Grimac and his very talented crew headed by Dave Taylor and Greg Jacob. What a wonderful job you did in presenting this 1921 classic for our viewing pleasure. It was perfect and that happened during a not so perfect year to grow grass. The clubhouse staff was great and the food was award winning. It was a day that we will remember for a long time, and it is a day that future meetings will be measured against.

Golf Flight Summaries
from Tavistock

Superintendents:

- 1st low net – all flights (Dr. Henry Indyk Cup and Plaque)
– Harry Harsin – 67
- 1st low gross – all flights (Sherwood Moore Cup and Plaque)
– Tony Benfield – 76
- 2nd low gross – Tom Grimac – 79
- 3rd low gross – Alan Beck – 80
- 4th low gross – Ian Kunesch – 80

A Flight

- 1st low net – Tony Benfield – 68
- 2nd low net – Wendell Beakley – 74
- 3rd low net – Fran Owsik – 75
- 4th low net – Kevin Giles – 76

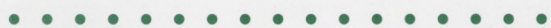
B Flight

- 1st low net – Harry Harsin – 67
- 2nd low net – Bill McAteer – 71
- 3rd low net – Ken Mathis – 71
- 4th low net – Keith Chapman – 72


C Flight

- 1st low net – Joel Collura – 84
- 2nd low net – Ron Luepke – 85
- 3rd low net – Linda Simpkins – 87

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Affiliate

1st low gross (Dr. Paul Sartoretto Cup and Plaque) – Tony Grieco – 78

1st low net – Charlie McGill – 69

2nd low net – Bob Zelley – 71

3rd low net – Mike Uckar – 72

4th low net – Steve Rudich – 73

JACK MARTIN RULES!

Once prominent old time superintendent Jack Martin recently joined the exclusive 60-year-old club with the help of an extremely distinguished group of fine gentlemen. Wayne Foster, Bob Dwyer, Rob Finnesey, Lance Rogers, Ken Kubik, Mark DeNoble, Vince Bracken and Pete Pedrazzi, Sr. grov-



Wayne Foster, Bob Dwyer and Rob Finnesey help Jack Martin celebrate his 60th birthday. Jack is the funny-looking guy in the glasses.

eled before the King during a surprise 60th birthday party held at the historic Black Horse Inn in Mendham, New Jersey.

Erroneous reports about the party, attributed to a local newspaper reporter, have been disputed by *The Greenside* after contacting local law enforcement officials. Via conference call, the chief of the Chester Police Department was quoted as saying, “Contrary to what was reported, there was no disturbance created by this party. As a matter of fact it was rather subdued. What do you expect from a guy who just turned 60 and calls himself King?”

For the benefit of our young members. Mr. Martin served as president of our Association not just once but twice in 1971-72 and 1980-81. He was also the Distinguished Service Award recipient in 1995. A 37-year member of the GCSANJ, Jack Martin truly is royalty. Long live the King!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Twins! A boy and a girl. On the 4th of July? It can't get any more special than that. Kevin Michael and Brooke Elizabeth are the little Yankee Doodle Dandies of proud parents Nadine and Tim Christ. Kevin was 6 lbs. 1 oz., 18½”, and Brooke was 5 lbs., 17¼”. Tim is the superintendent at the Metedeconk National Golf Club.

Madeline Rose Brown arrived on September 11, 2002, blessing the lives of Kathy Futyma-Brown and her husband Michael. The 19” bundle of beauty made her presence known at 8:10 p.m. and weighed in at 6 lbs. 2 oz. Grandfather Marty Futyma and the entire Fertl Soil Turf Supply family report that mother and child are both doing great.

Wonderful news comes from Joe and Jenny Beaudoin on the September 24 birth of Jordan Leonette, a beautiful 7 lb. 8 oz., 21” little girl. Mother and daughter are both doing well. Joe is the superintendent of the Fairway Mews Golf Club in Spring Lake Heights, N.J.

Word comes from upstate New York of the arrival of a beautiful baby girl named Lucretia (Lucy) Claire Holthouse. Lucy was born on Friday, October 18, and she weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 20¼”. Proud father Khlar Holthouse reports that mother Laura and daughter are home and doing well. Khlar is the superintendent of the Niagara Falls C.C.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Board is pleased to announce that some changes have been made in regards to the available scholarship money for the year 2002. This year we will be awarding
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four scholarships. Two of the scholarships will be given in conjunction with Dr. Bruce Clarke's program currently in place at Rutgers University. The remaining two scholarships will be made available to any child or spouse of a GCSANJ member in good standing. The applications will consist of the applicant's transcripts, two references and two completed essays. The Scholarship Committee will then grade each application based on a point system. A three-point bonus will be given to any applicant who is pursuing a degree in a turf-related field. Changes were made in an effort to open the field to more applicants. We encourage any eligible person to submit an application as soon as possible. The entry deadline will be December 1. Please contact Judy at 973-379-1100 if you would like an application. [

MONTAMMY HOSTS MET AREA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP



The GCSANJ wins the Met Area Team Championship again and will try for a three-peat in 2003. Shown left to right are Minimier, Carpinelli, Murray, Prickett, Grimaldi, Larsen, Kunesch and Farrell. Congratulations, men!

Three GCSANJ members walked away with prizes at the Met Area Team Championship. (Left to right) Doug Larsen, closest to the pin; John Farrell, low gross; Bill Murray, longest drive.



Team member and GCSANJ director Brian Minemier (left) presents a plaque to Mike Miner, CGCS, for hosting the Met Area Team Championship at the beautiful Montammy Country Club.

GCSANJ MINUTES - OCTOBER

The meeting was held on October 24, 2002, at Association Management Headquarters, Springfield, N.J.

Present: Ed Mellor, John O'Keefe, Bruce Peeples, Mickey Stachowski, Gregg Armbruster, Jim McNally, Roger Stewart, Paul Dotti, Brian Minemier, Gary Arlio, Judy Policastro and Albrecht Koppenhofer (Rutgers liaison).

Not Present: Ken Krausz, Steve Chirip, Shaun Barry.

Call to Order: 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Read and approved, Mickey 1st, John 2nd.

Announcements/Benevolent:

- Letter received from Chris Holenstein announcing his
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resignation from the GCSANJ Board due to job position change – effective immediately.

- Thank you from Lisa DesChamps to GCSANJ for supporting The Paul DesChamps Charity Tournament at Copper Hill G.C.
- Tony Ripple retired from Plant Food Company.

Treasurer's Report:

- Will send \$10,000 to Rutgers to end GCSANJ five-year Geiger Building commitment – approved.
- John O'Keefe proposed that, in the interest of time, the Executive Committee be allowed to approved the 2003 budget for October 31 as GCSANJ fiscal year ends before next Board meeting – approval given.
- New financial statements will be generated starting with 2003 budget, to be more detailed with information per event yet easier to understand.
- Motion made by John O'Keefe to buy certificates of deposit with monies not needed for the short term – passed.

Newsletter:

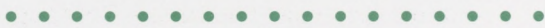
- Need new *Greenerside* committee chairman – to be announced.

Government:

- Finances discussed concerning AWC and contributors.
- Meeting on 10/30 with State Street Associates (lobby group) to propose future management of AWC and related finances.

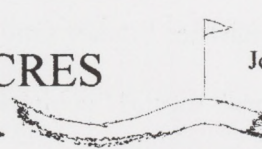
Golf:

- Tavistock G.C. had a successful meeting.



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National Delegate:

- NorEaster gathering set to go in Atlanta GCSAA Conference.
- Jim McNally will contact Mark Kuhns, CGCS, to see what he may be looking for as far as any financial support from GCSANJ for his GCSAA campaign for director.
- Jim McNally to attend delegates meeting – proposed dues increase a hot topic.

Special Events:

- November GCSANJ Educational Seminar at Baltusrol G.C. cancelled due to two speakers having new scheduling conflicts and canceling.

Membership:

- Jim McNally approached by a member concerning a possible violation of membership qualification – will discuss when more details and information available.

Scholarship & Research:

- Scholarship Committee and Dr. Bruce Clarke decided upon two scholarship winners from Rutgers – monies to come from GCSANJ Foundation upon Foundation approval.
- Letter to go out soon soliciting names for two other scholarships to be awarded to children of GCSANJ members. To be weighted toward someone in turf field but not limited to.

By-Laws:

- Proposed by-law changes read for the first time at Tavistock G.C. meeting. No questions or discussion followed. Will be read for the second time and voted on at annual meeting at Atlantic City Expo.

Rutgers:

- Albrecht Koppenhofer attended Board meeting in place of Dr. Bruce Clarke. He spoke of the need for more participation of the economic turfgrass survey. Only 22% of golf courses have participated so far. Need 60% to be accurate with information generated. It was decided that District directors would call superintendents to urge them to participate.
- There will be a ceremony on 11/2 at Rutgers to award two GCSANJ scholarships given to Rutgers turf students.
- Albrecht looking for volunteer golf courses to help him in his study of white grub control using pheromones. Will give Bruce Peoples notice to put in *Greenerside*.

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Survey:

- Survey questionnaire in the hands of the Survey Committee members to look for additions or deletions for 2003. Updated questionnaire to be in members' hands within a few weeks.

Club Relations:

- Bruce Peeples will serve as new chairman of Club Relations Committee. John O'Keefe to serve on committee.

Public Relations:

- Golf simulator to be used again at Expo for GCSANJ booth.

Assistant Liaison:

- Maplewood C.C. site of Assistant tournament on October 28.

Awards:

- Results from polling past winners coming in.



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Michael Stachowski
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Secretary to be voted upon at December annual meeting by general membership vote.

District Reports:

- III – looking for roundtable discussion site for the month of November. Also working on the annual District III Christmas Party details.

Roger Stewart, CGCS, up for re-election as District director.

- IV – District meeting on 10/30 at Twisted Dune G.C.

There were no reports from the Ethics, Commercial, Foundation or Web Site Committees. There was also no Old Business.

New Business:

- President Ed Mellor proposed appointing Jim McNally to fill treasurer's position until annual meeting – Board approved.
- Motion to send \$2,500 to Rutgers to help fund anthracnose research project of Bruce Clarke – passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Bruce Peeples, CGCS
Secretary, GCSANJ



GCSAA *news*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HIRES RESEARCHER

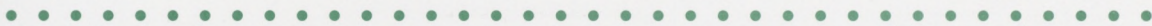
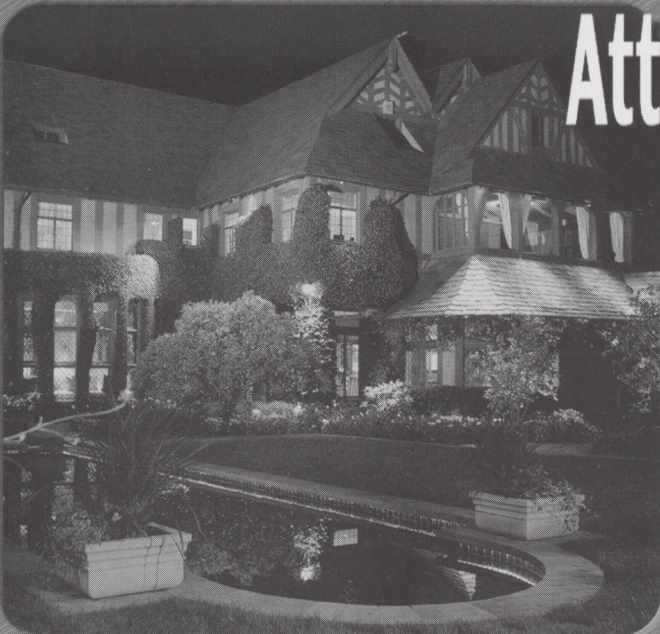
The United States Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Research Service has hired Dr. Scott Warnke for a new turfgrass position at the national arboretum. He is the first person to work exclusively on turf in the USDA-ARS in approximately 15 years.

The position is hoped to be the first of about 20 scientists the USDA-ARS will hire devoted to turf research. The agency has proposed creating a Turf Unit that will focus on the research needs of the turfgrass industry.

According to GCSAA director of research, Clark Throssell, Ph.D., the turfgrass industry is working to secure

funding from the federal government for the proposed Turf Unit. “The advantage of having the USDA involved in turf research is that they can conduct basic research,” Throssell said. “Basic research addresses fundamental questions of science and takes many years and dollars to complete. The benefit of basic research is the opportunity to significantly advance our knowledge of turfgrass science in the coming years.”

Warnke’s position was actually funded in 2001. A grass-roots campaign by GCSAA members who wrote letters and made phone calls to appropriations committee members as well as efforts by Kevin Morris, executive director of the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program, and Reed Smith, GCSAA lobbyists, played a significant role in the process. ⌋

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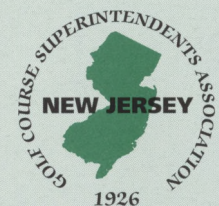
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