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GCSANJ.ORG goes live November 17, 2003

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the association website has been rebuilt and will go live on Monday November 17, 2003. The site can be found at www.gcsanj.org.

Under the direction of Greg Nicoll, CGCS at Maplewood Country Club and the communications committee that he heads up, the new site has been designed to be the number one source of information for the association. The site will be updated daily and managed by Todd Raisch, CGCS at The Ridgewood County Club.

The home page contains links to current association

news, events and job openings. Minutes of the Board of Director meetings, recent area research data, event signup forms and a discussion group are also included. A separate page listing GCSANJ merchandise for sale will be included and be overseen by Brian Remo, CGCS, at Richmond County Country Club. Several links to various organizations and allied associations have also been posted for your convenience.

All questions regarding the website should be directed to Todd Raisch at raisch2810@aol.com.

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From the editor's desk

It's a family affair

It happened over 30 years ago, but I remember it like it was yesterday.

The Halligan brothers were arguing over the lyrics to the Ballad of Davey Crockett. Not something the rest of us in the neighborhood would argue about, but you didn't know the Halligans.

Patrick, Sean, Mikey and Tim.

Their father was a Navy boxing champion whose great paternal instinct was to push aside the furniture, put gloves on the boys, and let leather settle any of their differences. In this instance Tim insisted that Ole Davey "killed him a bear" and Sean insisted it was "kilt him a bar." Tim, being a bit older, pummeled Sean forever changing the lyrics to a great song.

Like all families, the Halligans had their share of differences. They just settled them in their own unique way. But their main strength was their bond. If one brother was in trouble all three would come to his aid.

I saw a little bit of the Halligans at our monthly meeting at Twin Brooks. Some opinions were voiced over the lyrics to **our** song-the GCSANJ Constitution. Some verbal leather was exchanged. In the end the differences were settled and we moved on to help a brother in need.

Just like the Halligans did. I remember it like it was yesterday.

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President's Message *John O'Keefe, CGCS, Preakness Hills CC*

We're on the Move!

For the past fourteen months a group of our members from the GCSANJ Board has been exploring our options regarding the management of our association. We took a close look at our current management company, Alampi & Associates. We entertained proposals from other companies. We then had meetings with the New Jersey Golf Association and the Metropolitan Golf Association. We also looked at the possibility of hiring an individual to handle our affairs. After a lot of work and debates, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to move to the MGA.

The Metropolitan Golf Association has a beautiful modern facility in Elmsford, New York. Within the building, they manage many different golf associations including the Met GCSA, the Hudson Valley GCSA and the Tri State Turf Research Foundation. The MGA is a non-profit association which is structured only to service the golf industry throughout the metropolitan area including Connecticut, New Jersey and New York.

Your Board of GCSANJ is very excited about the opportunity to work more closely with the golf industry. We will have better communication between our sister chapters and can only gain from our close relationships with them. The MGA is completely ready to handle our affairs in their facility. In order to save on phone charges for our members, we will have a toll free number to use whenever you need to contact headquarters.

I would like to thank Judy Policastro, Rick Alampi and their staff for all the years of dedicated service. I am excited about the possibilities we have with the MGA as we move into the future.

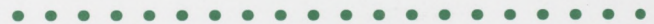
We are also on the move on the Internet. On November 17th, look for the launching of our completely new GCSANJ Website. The site has been re-worked by our new Web Master, Todd Raisch of the Ridgewood Country Club. Todd has done a great job re-building the site with a whole new look and many new features. Because Todd has also taken on the task of Web Master, our website will remain current with constant daily updates. If you have any information that is of interest to our GCSANJ members, please forward it to Todd. He can be reached at 201-225-6533 or emailed at Raisch2810@aol.com. Remember a website is only as good as the information it contains and the amount of usage it receives.

I feel with your help we can continue to move our association into the future. Thank you for all your support in making these great changes possible.

John O'Keefe



President John O'Keefe CGCS presents our flag to Tom Crump's son Michael for all of the hard work he and Paul Crump did in preparing for our meeting at Twin Brooks CC.



Calendar

October 29, 2003

GCSANJ Fall Seminar and Annual Meeting
Fiddlers Elbow CC
Host: Dave McGhee CGCS

December 9, 10, 11, 2003

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February 9 - 14, 2004

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Tom's adventure

The following letters were read by Dave Pease and Bruce Peoples at the September GCSANJ monthly meeting held at the Twin Brooks County Club. Their emotional readings touched all of those in attendance.

I could not believe how tired I was after the season. Now I was looking forward to the convention in Atlanta. I should have known something was wrong when I kept making Wanda carry the luggage and the thermostat wars we had every night in the hotel room. The chills and shakes would visit me every evening. This was my sign to see the doctor when we arrived home. If you all remember, New Jersey had a snowstorm on Monday, the day we left warm Atlanta. Due to the snow I could not see the doctor till Thursday. After a check-up and blood tests, I was sent home and told to call back on Monday. Never made it that long because I was sent to the emergency room on Friday when the doctor found out my red blood count was 3.7, normal being 12.5, everyone thought I should be passed out on the floor, and my white count was off the charts. I had Acute Myelogenous Leukemia. After two treatments of blood apheresis, removal

of white blood cell to a manageable level, I was transported to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center to start treatments. Upon arrival, Wanda and I were bombarded with facts, figures, literature, and statistics. I chose not to read or discuss the effects of the chemo. I did not want to have predeter-

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mined thoughts in my mind. No wasting time chemo started immediately. I had three different types of chemotherapy drugs and a monoclonal antibody. As it turned out, my side effects were small. I had floaters in one eye, some mouth sores, and the "shake and bakes." At one point I did question the doctor if this treatment was working because I still had

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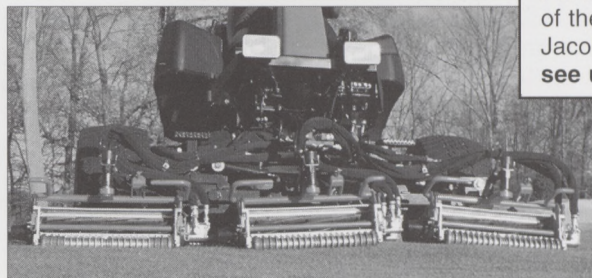
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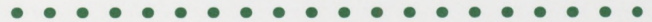
my hair. He calmed my fears and no sooner I asked and my hair started to cover the bed, pillow, floor, and shower. This was my first stay which lasted five weeks. Here I was able to walk the halls. I am proud to say I could do fourteen laps which is two miles a day. I logged the most miles on my IV pole, my constant friend. I was sent home for four weeks to recoup. Due to all the fluids I received in the hospital my left leg was twice it's size so doing anything was a struggle, but it was good to be home. Both of my sisters and brother were tested to be a possible stem cell donor. Paul was the perfect match. I got things in order at home and at work before going back to Sloan-Kettering for round two, but not before passing the tests. These tests were given so the doctors had an idea of how hard they could push my body with radiation and more chemo treatments. They checked my heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, and teeth. I was even tattooed for protective shield placements on my lungs during radiation.

Now loaded with a new set of doctors, I was immediately put in isolation. Radiation treatments started right away which was for four days, three times a day. This was followed by two different chemotherapy drugs. As this was going on for me, Paul started his twice a day injections to produce more stem cells, which were to be harvested in five days. Tragedy struck the day before transplant. Everyone thought I was having a heart attack, including myself. The pain was so great. I was thrust into the ICU for round the clock monitoring. It turned out to be pericarditis, which is the swelling of the sack around the heart. My doctor overrode the cardiologists, transplant went on schedule; May 8, 2003 at 10:34 A.M. Normally happy birthday is sung but I was still in the ICU. Quietly with a slow push of a syringe, my transplant was done. A few days later I was back in my old room, back to isolation. They tell you that at some point food will not interest you. I found that hard to believe but it happened. I went on a dietary supplement bag and lost forty pounds. They will not send a person home unless they can eat fifteen hundred calories a day. It took awhile but I could bring myself to drink a vanilla supplement shake. Slowly I could eat again, however, I could only eat a neutropenic diet. (This is one of the reasons I am not eating with you today. My body cannot fight the bacteria that is found naturally on some foods.) I had some nausea, mouth issues, and a bad case of homesickness. This time I was in the hospital for six weeks. No walking, no going out of the room, and everyone who came in needed to wash up and wear a mask and gloves. My world had shrunk down to a twelve by twelve room and I was unable to see the smiles on the ones I love. Finally it was decided I could go home, six weeks and three days later. Arriving home was wonderful. I walked around the yard, feeling no boundaries. I cried. I have never showed

my emotions as much as I have these last seven months. No matter what I am going through I have so much to be thankful for. I treasured every card and read them more than once. I enjoyed every phone call at any time of the day. I loved company even when I could not open my eyes or could not add to the conversation. Every prayer, every thought touched my heart. As I read the list of blood donors, I cried.

I want to thank every one of you for your support. It means a great deal to me. A special thanks goes to Twin Brooks. To my brother, Paul, you saved my life and kept the course looking great. Mike, you had added stress at home and work, I am proud of how you handled everything. Sergio, your commitment to the course as Paul and Mike handled this personal crisis was wonderful. The members of this association and all the people in the golfing business are truly wonderful. I am going to beat this illness, with all of you on my side, I will. Sorry I could not be with you all today. Not only am I still restricted to diet and crowds, I wrote this while being treated for a fever in the emergency room. Some day I hope to thank all of you in person.

With heart felt gratitude, Tom Crump ☺



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I recall standing at the nurse's station as the oncologist explained the seriousness of Tom's illness, the terrifying details of the survival rates, and the plan to immediately move him to Sloan-Kettering. There was no time to waste and the plan was set into motion. Tom refers to this as his "kidnapping", I refer to this as my hell. Even with overwhelming anxiety, fear, and pain, I still found joy. My joy came in the form of genuine gifts from the heart. A simple request for blood, Tom's elixir of life, resulted in a convoy of willing superintendent donors, all carefully timed so Tom always had a supply of blood products in his account. But the giving did not stop there, it continued with cards, phone calls, visits, prayers, and offers of rides into the city. As the weeks turned into months, the support and encouragement never stopped.

Finally, Tom was able to come home. He went back for tests continually, and one day we received unsettling news. We painfully waited for the new set of test results. As our anxiety mounted, we said all the things that we needed to say to each other and made plans for the uncertain future. When we were at our lowest, we received the superintendents newsletter. GET WELL TOM! It renewed our strength. We found our courage, faith, and hope again. The test results were in and thankfully the news was good. Now we wait. Tom waits to leave the confinement of his home, waits to enjoy the simplicity of eating a hot dog, waits to go back to work, and waits to heal. Waiting can be a terribly difficult task, yet here are the superintendents again, waiting with us. There is so much to thank all of you for; I do not even know where to begin. Your continual support, generosity, thoughtfulness, efforts, timing, and kindness are beyond words. You are an extraordinary group of people! Thank you all!

Wanda Crump I



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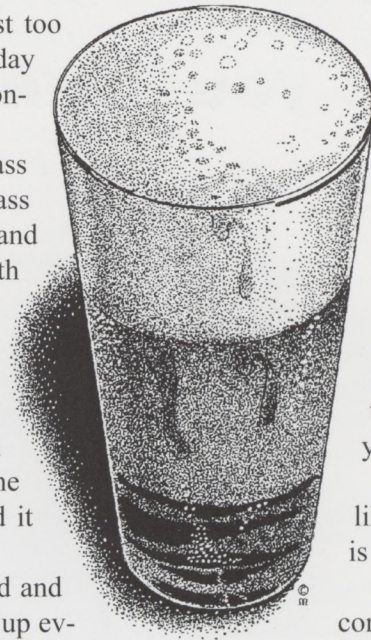
Submitted by Greg Nicoll, CGCS from the Internet

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar.....and the beer.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up ev-



erything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cans of beer from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things--your family, your children, your health, your friends, your favorite passions--things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full."

"The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else--the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you

spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house, and fix the disposal." "Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers." [

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Dist I and Dist II meet at Flanders Valley GC

Mark Johnson is a very busy young man both on and off the golf course. He doesn't get out to many of our meetings (racing motorcycles at over 175 mph takes up a lot of his free time ...) so he thought it would be a good idea to see if he could bring the association to him. Flanders is a wonderful course with a long line of great superintendents (that tradition still stands) and Mark wanted to share the course with our group. He wanted a state meeting but since the schedule was filled he opted for a district meeting. Brian Remo CGCS got the ball rolling and a date was picked. Things being what they are, it turned out to be a good idea for District I to join in and make it a larger field.

The day turned out to be a great one. The course had been over-watered by Mother Nature but Mark and his crew worked hard to be ready for us and they were. Unfortunately only 24 people were able to attend but those that did had a real good time.

Closest to the pin honors went to Bill Patterson (Wilfred MacDonald), Bernie White (Syngenta) and Len Berry (Storr Tractor). Len won another closest to the pin but it was not sponsored. Our host won the longest drive contest which was sponsored by Syngenta and Tom Sharpe won the one sponsored by Torsilieri Inc. Making the District I team were Eric Carlson, Dick Neufeld, Wayne Remo, Bob York, Mike Pelrine and Craig Lambert. Qualifying for District II were Tom Sharpe, Len Berry, Chris Boyle, Mark Johnson, Scott Carpenter and Brian Remo. I chose not to put down their scores because it may have prevented the other districts from showing-up at The Championship knowing how well these folks played.

After a wonderful buffet, the prizes were presented and Mark received his plaque and flag from us for all of his efforts. He really deserved it and I hope he knows that his efforts are appreciated by the entire association and hopefully we can get him and Flanders onto the schedule for a future state meeting. [

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District III is in the flow at Toms River CC

It is now official. 2003 will go down in the record books as a very unusual weather year in NJ. The turning point was the Dist III meeting at Toms River CC. This is the ninth straight year that this meeting has been held at the club and to everyone's surprise we had no weather issues. Even the big Northeast Blackout wasn't able to affect us but it did try.

The day was very warm with few clouds and a nice little breeze and this is exactly how the days were leading up to this event. Without the normal extraordinary problems, Ed McSeaman and Andy Koludjeski completed their prep work and were actually able to join us for lunch. They usually get off of a machine and jump into a cart (you can tell where their priorities are) and start swinging a club. Playing your own course does show you what needs to be done so it turned out to be 9 and out for them. They were soon seen with a hose in hand giving their greens some needed relief.

The 64 players however who were able to complete all 18 had a great time. Whenever you have 2 groups on each tee you expect it to be slow but it did move nicely. Within the group however I believe Kevin Giles had the best time. He made a hole-in-one on the 6th hole. Damon Berardo did the same thing last year so get your entry in early next year (yes Ed wants us back) and maybe it will be your turn for an ace.

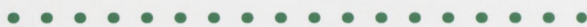
Kevin continued this good play the entire day and he shot a 75 to take low gross honors in the 0-14 handicap flight. Ron Simpson's 80 was the best in the higher flight. Bill Murray (67) and Shaun Barry (72) were the low net winners. Tom Tucci (7 ft 11 ins) and Chris Zelle (15 ins)



Ed McSeaman. Must be another District III meeting.

were the closest on the holes sponsored by Storr Tractor and Fisher & Son. Kevin's hole-in-one got him the prize at the hole sponsored by Reed & Perrine and it also gave him a double skin. Joining Kevin with one skin each were Fred

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A happy Kevin Giles poses for the camera after making a hole-in-one at the District III meeting held at Toms River CC.

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Blaicher, Mike Cagiano, Vic Gerard, Mark Peterson, Lance Rogers and Chris Zelley.

Our qualifiers for the long drive contest at Morris County are Vic Gerard, Eric Hanisko, Angelo Petraglia, Jim Cadott, Lance Rogers, Ed Mellor and Fred Rapp. Be there early fellows so you can try and win the prizes donated by Rob Finnesey and Tree Tech.

The evening continued long after the official part of the day was over because it is just such a great place for a meeting. This day you could have met and spoken to Distinguished Award winners Jack and Skip who also are past presidents along with Dave, Glenn and Ed. In addition to these gentlemen we had current board members in attendance such as Jim and Bruce. You also could have introduced yourself to lots of new members and you could have said good-bye to Rip Rippel who was attending his last GCSANJ meeting before he heads to his new home in Florida. All of this was possible while enjoying food that would impress any NYC

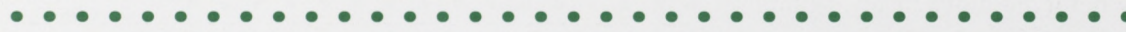
chef. If this doesn't explain why the meeting always fills-up completely each year then imagine doing this while you are sitting outside by the pool, looking over the course and the river and listening to live music. Too bad they don't have 18 holes so more of us could enjoy the day.

I need and want to thank Bill, Dave, Dennis, Ken and Matt for all of their help in running this meeting. Kudos and thanks also go to Ed, Andy and their entire crew for a beautiful job. The course was in great shape. Thanks also go to everyone at the club. We appreciate the fact that you let us return each year and that you always make this day so special.

See you next year !!!!!

Note: We also had George McRoberts (Tuckahoe Sand & Gravel) sponsor lunch at this meeting. He and all of our other sponsors really add to the enjoyment we experience at our meetings. We truly appreciate your help. ♪

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Gregg Armbruster (L) and Brian Minemier (R) present a GCSANJ plaque and flag to Mark Peterson for hosting the District IV and Philadelphia superintendents joint meeting.

Dist IV joins with Philly

Philadelphia and New Jersey have a long tradition of conducting very successful joint meetings. Mark Peterson volunteered to host his district outing and Gregg Armbruster and Brian Minemier were delighted. When they found out that Warren Savini was looking for a site for the Philly group they suggested a joint meeting and it was readily agreed upon.

Just the fact that McCullough's Emerald Golf Links is a new course was a strong drawing card. Having been built upon a dump added to the interest and having played the Architects Club piqued our desire to see Stephen Kay's latest creation. The 85 people who attended were quite impressed and like myself want to play it again. It was so good that during my round there were many times when I thought I was playing in Ireland (unfortunately too many times it was when I lost a ball in the heavy rough).

Kristen Liebsch is the Executive Secretary for Philly and she joined in with Kevin, Matt and Phil to register people. They made a great team and this went very smoothly. Everyone made sure they had lots to eat at lunch and then it was off to explore and enjoy. We were fortunate that George McRoberts and Lorenzo Romano were in attendance because Tuckahoe Sand & Gravel once again sponsored our lunch. We really appreciate the support because it means a lot to the association.

In about 5 hours our adventure was over but we all left the course quite happy. Tom Grimac and Brian Minemier had the most to smile about. Both shot a 72. Tom received the 1st low gross prize and Brian was awarded 1st low net with a 66. Ed Zimmerman (Philly) had a 73 and Doug Larson had

a 77 for 2nd and 3rd respectively. George Brogan (Philly) was tied with Brian for low net and took 2nd on a match of cards. Jon Barlok came in 3rd with a 67.

Shaun Barry (12 ft 7 ins) and Scott McBane (8 ft 10 ins) were closest to the pin on the holes sponsored by A.T. Sales and Fisher & Son. The longest drives were hit by Steve Lane and Keith Chapman. The skin winners were George Brogan, Chris Clark & Joe Corduff from Philly and Doug Larson and Chip Presendofer.

The GCSANJ would like to thank all of the wonderful folks from Philly that crossed the river (especially Dr. Linde who hit it 287 in the GCSANJ Foundation long-drive fundraising contest). You are good friends and I hope we continue getting together on a regular basis. Our thanks also go to Mark Peterson and his small but dedicated crew and the entire clubhouse staff. Lots of effort went into the preparations for this event and it showed. I do hope you were satisfied because we were and we will be back. ♪

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Birth announcements

Grace and Rip Rippel became grandparents when Sophie Grace Klaboe entered this world on July 10, 2003. The beautiful baby girl weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz's. Proud parents are Danielle and Sean Klaboe. Grandpa Rip is a 38 year member of the GCSANJ and recently retired from the Plant Food Company.

Conrad, Kevin and Brooke Christ received the good news from parents Nadine and Tim Christ about baby brother Tim Thomas Christ on August 24, 2003. Handsome Tim weighed in at 6 lbs. 3 oz's. Big Tim is the superintendent of the Metedeconk National Golf Club.

Jim and Carolyn Gilligan were blessed with a handsome grandson named Joseph William Gilligan who arrived on September 17, 2003 weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz's. The proud parents are Bill and Suzanne Gilligan. Grandpa Jim has been seen shopping for toy tractors and mowers for the little guy. 📌

Great news from Florida

Pat Wall CGCS may have retired, but he still plays golf and he recently made his first hole-in-one. On July 12th Pat layed into his 7-iron on the 14th hole of the Stonecrest Golf Club in Somerfield, Florida. The first ace of many for the veteran superintendent. Congratulations Pat! 📌

Tom's place

By Shaun Barry

Earlier this summer I was invited to attend a Bruce Springsteen concert. During the 3 ½ hour show he did a song called "Mary's Place". As it turns out the Mary in this song is a long-time friend of Dave Pease and Bill Murray. She has also been a friend of mine for over 10 years and I never knew she had a song named after her. On September 25th we attended a GCSANJ monthly meeting at Twin Brooks C.C. There is no song written about it but I think of it as "Tom's Place". The Tom that I speak about is Tom Crump CGCS. He doesn't own the course but the wonderful owners that I met (Jim & Pam) treat him with such respect that you would believe it really was Tom's place. It was no surprise that when I approached the club about them hosting a fund-raiser for Tom,

Jim readily agreed.

For those who don't know, it was to be a fund-raiser for Tom because he is battling leukemia. While he has been fighting the good fight his brother Paul (who donated the necessary bone marrow without any hesitation) and his son Michael vowed to work even harder on the course so it would be in the same great shape that the members have come to expect. We all know that the weather has been a challenge this year but Paul and Mike have done a great job and we saw those results at the meeting. Congratulations to you gentlemen and to your crew who also had to raise the level of their game so Tom would be pleased when he made the few visits that he was allowed to make. This was one thing that he and Wanda had nothing to worry about and I am sure that it has helped Tom in his recovery.

The day started out beautifully with good weather and lots of help at the registration table. Lunch was sponsored by Lebanon and Syngenta for the second month in a row and it was great. After lunch Dave Pease read a brief summary of what Tom has gone through since that awful day in February. It took a lot of courage to write it and to read it. I hope everyone listened and will make sure they don't miss any of their future doctor's appointments. They are important and may have saved Tom's life. Following this letter Bruce Peeples CGCS read a thank-you note from Wanda Crump. She writes so nicely and Bruce struggled but he did make it through it and we all wiped a tear or two away because this note came from the heart. The next order of business found Bill Murray passing out another copy of the proposed by-law change. After a spirited exchange of questions and answers the motion to accept the change was passed.

Within moments the group was out swinging their golf clubs in search of birdies, skins and good gross and net scores. Leading the charge was Ian Kunesch (77) and John Farrell (78). The net winner was Charlie McGill (68) on a match of cards with Tom Sharpe (68). The special closest to the pin contest for Tom was won by Chris Drake (6 ft 3 ins). The winners on the holes sponsored by our affiliate members were Fred Blaicher (Jacklin Seed) 12 ½ ins, Dave Mayer (Storr Tractor) 8 ft 5 ins, Dave Brubaker (The Terre Co.) 7 ft 5 ins and Steve Finamore (Wilfred MacDonald) 3 ft 7 ins. Our long drive winners were Brian Minemier (Torsilieri), Harry Harsin (Bayer ES), Brad Fox (Storr Tractor) and Jack Martin (Jacklin Seed).

We had several Twin Brooks CC members join us because it was a fund-raiser for Tom and two of them were winners in our skins contest. Doug Graubard had two and Jerry Davidson had one. Ian Kunesch also had two of his many birdies hold up and Fred Blaicher, Keith Rose, Dean Torsilieri and Geoff Drake had one each. Mr. Drake had

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delayed his birthday dinner so he could be part of this day (Geoff said he was turning 32 so perhaps he has done this so many times it didn't mean as much as it did the first time).

The awards presentation part of the day had to make everyone feel good about the GCSANJ membership and everyone involved with Twin Brooks. Most of the people refused to accept their prizes. "Give it to Tom" was all that was heard. In addition to this, Jim and Pam are donating a large portion of the day's costs to Tom. None of this was expected but it shows how lucky we are to be involved with golf and all of the fine people involved with the game.

There really are too many people to thank individually but you know who you are. Many have given blood and/or money, prayers, love and called or sent cards. Whatever you have done it seems to be working and hopefully sometime next year we will have Tom back at work and attending GCSANJ meetings. I can't wait. [

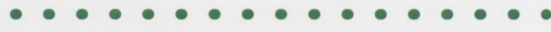
Another thank you

Dear friends of the GCSANJ

As many of you have heard or read via a notice to our members, my ex-wife and children's house in Stratford N.J. burnt

almost to the ground on the early morning hours of June 27th. Unfortunately for Karen and my children, there was no homeowners insurance on the house or property. Although this seems almost unheard of, circumstances are what they are and we, as a family will have to pull together and get through this the best that we can. The real reason for me writing this letter is to tell each and every one of the members that have reached out that you are my heroes. My family or myself will never forget your generosity, phone calls of support and thoughtfulness. I have always been proud to be a member and a board member of this association. Unlike any other profession, our association stands strong in its genuine concern of its member's welfare. I have learned many lessons through my years on Earth, and not unlike many of you, have compromised my priorities in order to do my job here at the course. Please look at your life and put it first. Thank you all again, and I will see you soon.

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Photo gallery



Past member of the year John Hyland donated 4 closest to the pin markers to the GCSANJ. Thanks John!



Dr. Bruce Clarke discusses the latest results from his Anthracnose study being conducted at the Ridgewood Country Club.



Team GCSANJ took top honors at the 2003 Copper Hill Golf Classic-Paul DesChamps Memorial tournament. (L to R) Bill Murray, Asst. pro Tom Sipula, Shaun Barry, Bruce Peebles CGCS, and amateur John Peterson.



Scott Carpenter, Ken Kubik, Keith Kubik and Steve Wirth support the 8th annual Delaware Valley College Golf Classic held at the Fiddlers Elbow Country Club.

Balloontown U.S.A.

Hominy Hill has been doubling as a "Balloon Port" according to a statement made by Dave Pease at a recent press conference attended by the Greenside staff. The general manager of the Monmouth County Park System stated that superintendent Tim Mariner has been directing balloon landings on the course while changing cups on early Saturday mornings. Realizing that this is becoming a common occurrence, Tim was quoted as saying to the pilot "Hey ... if you're going to keep landing this here how's about a ride?" Tim was last seen over Kansas...



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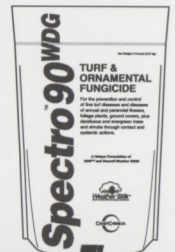
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From the archives

Roller coaster weather patterns are nothing new to New Jersey greenkeepers. What we dealt with during the 2002 and 2003 seasons were very similar to the 1966 and 1967 campaigns. The following articles are reprinted from Turf Clippings, the official newsletter of the NJGCSA. Editor

The 1966 Season

Yes, I am sure we will all remember this past season. It was a case of feast or famine. A hot dry summer and then a two week period of rain in the latter part of September. Many of the boys are renovating and fixing up troubled areas from the past summer. Al Caravella's newly seeded fairways at Colonia seemed to be coming along with a nice catch of bent. Irrigation is going in full swing at Hollywood. Joe Malikowski is going all automatic after trying three holes last year. Work schedules are a little late so we are all hoping for a nice Indian summer. ☺

The NJGCSA Invitational Golf Tournament

Al Caravella did a wonderful job as chairman and host for the NJGCSA Invitational Golf Tournament. Even with occasional rain we had a wonderful turnout. Everybody enjoyed it from all reports. After taking a nice hot shower everyone went to the happy hour for cocktails which was followed by dinner. Al was the MC for the evening. We had guests from the NJ Golf Association along with the vice president of the Managers Association. Everybody introduced their team. The evening was climaxed with the awarding of the team trophy to Ridgewood CC. I guess it was the Presidents year as Bob Kapherr along with Harry Dee, President NJ PGA were on the winning team along with Dr. Bump, Greens Chairman and Bill White manager. Mr. Smith, a dear friend of the golf course superintendent had a few words along with a story to tell the group. The whole body payed tribute to Frank Svehla with a moment of silence before dinner. He was a

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charter member not only of the Jersey association but also the National and was at Colonia for many years. Time marches on but we all must remember that these men started out the organization and have contributed a great deal. Lets hope we can put forth as much time and effort to further improve our association. As Ted Roberts said. He hoped that this golf invitational would be an annual event because so much can be gained by having the three executives together not only to play golf but discuss problems. I am sure next year will be even bigger and better after a great start. I

NJGCSA Golf Course Equipment and Supplies Field Day

The NJGCSA had their annual Equipment Field Day at Green Brook CC on October 6th. Jim McNally host and chairman did a wonderful job. Don Marshall, Red Williams and Charles McCrea all pitched in to help along with Bill Monahan at the mike. We had over twenty commercial houses represented

at the show. The afternoon was set aside for demonstrations of all the various types of equipment. The nice portable TV door prize was won by Al Foster of Hackensack CC. We had over 140 register for the show. The turnout of superintendents was just FAIR. We should support this event as it certainly is to our benefit to be able to see all the various equipment demonstrated all in one day and have our club representative there.

Next meeting is at Suburban Golf Club with host Jack Martin. Lets have a good turnout.

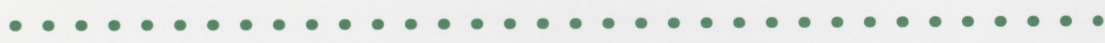
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Garry Crothers, Charlie McCrea I

1967 Mid-Summer Musing

Thoughts from the submerged - With over 6 inches of rain in the first two weeks of July, and over 4 inches since June first, course conditions have again become a topic of locker room conversation.

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Member A to member B (commonly known as S.O.) - "Say, I heard we're getting our water system assessment back."

S.O. - "Hell, I'm not only pushing for that, but let's cut that so-called green thumb's salary, anyone can grow grass in this weather. And can you believe no carts today, why there's more grass than ever out there. It's just that they're too proud of the damn stuff to cut it. Just wait till I'm Green Chairman."

Member A - "You sure were great as Entertainment Chairman, that dance on the Practice Green was really novel."

So it goes. North Jersey is going down for the third time. South Jersey apparently can still touch bottom. And again, as in past years, the only way to view the present situation is with humor or drink (not water). Based on a bar-room survey, it's "wet", "wetter than recent memory" "wetter than ever" and on and on.

Art Elmers watered his fairways about a week ago, "just



twenty minutes, no more". they must have needed it, or else we have the only man to ever water in water.

Pete Pedrazzi had a accident with PMA last week - overdose - but says no harm was done, after the rains last Saturday, he couldn't find the affected greens anyway.

McNally's pump misbehaved the other day - only real damage was a temporary flood in the local Pub across the street. I

Summer Philosophy

Isn't it amazing how a bright Saturday morning can make a golfer completely forget the floods on his way home the night before.

Benedict Arnold - The Green Chairman who has one beer and fades under the pressure to use carts.

Montclair's new plugged ball rule - "If it's deeper than 6 inches, please don't dig - Green Committee will supply new ball".

Quote - "Where are all the bargain fungicide pushers now that I need them"?

Yours for better Turf
Don Marshall and Garry Crothers I

1956

The greenkeeper stood at the golden gate
His head was bent and low.
He merely asked the man of fate
Which way he ought to go.
"What have you done" St. Peter said
"To seek admittance here?"
"I ran a country club on earth
For many and many a year."
St. Peter opened wide the gate
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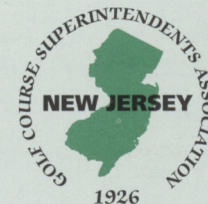
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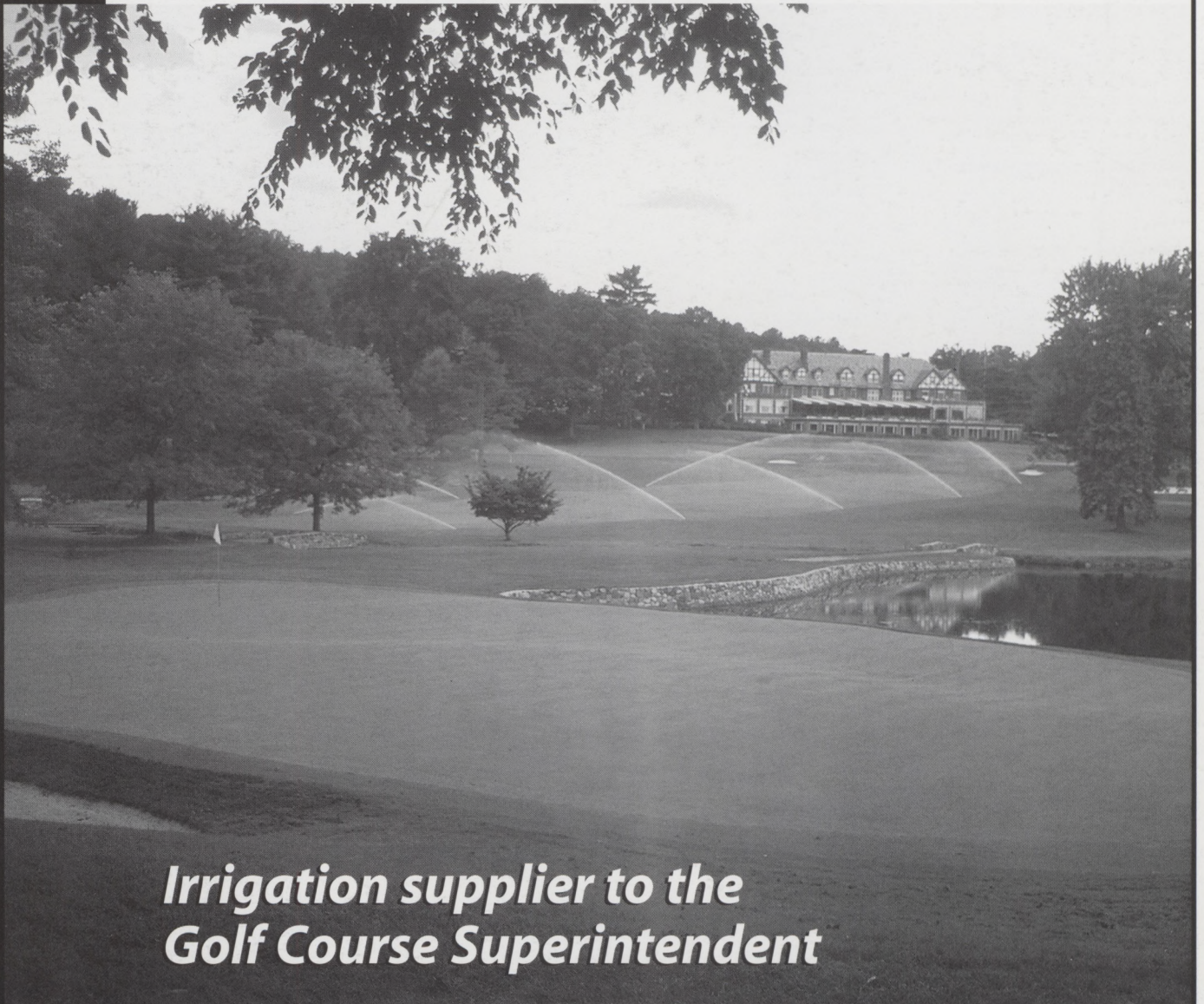
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