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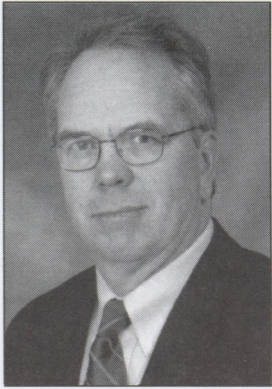


**Champion Marisa Baena shares the
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On the cover:

Baltusrol's famous 4th hole of the Lower Course
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Superintendent Scott Bosetti.

President's *Message*



Bruce Peeples

Bruce Peeples, CGCS
Spring Lake Golf Club

Recently, there was a large contribution of monies made to the GCSANJ Foundation. On behalf of the entire GCSANJ membership, I would like to thank Tim Christ, golf course superintendent of Metedeconk National Golf Club as well as the membership of Metedeconk National GC for their

vision and generosity in contributing over \$16,500 to support The GCSANJ Foundation in its many activities. These funds are fifty percent of the net proceeds from The Robert Trent Jones Invitational held last October at Metedeconk National Golf Club. Tim felt strongly that each year, a portion of the proceeds should be given to the local superintendent association to support research, scholarships, and charities close to home and his club agreed. Tim has also agreed to serve on the GCSANJ Foundation Board to help direct funds to deserving projects. Now there is even more of a reason for GCSANJ members to attend this year's RTJ Invitational on October 3rd, as so much of the proceeds have a direct impact on the local golf industry. Thank you very much Tim Christ and the membership of Metedeconk National Golf Club! 🏌️

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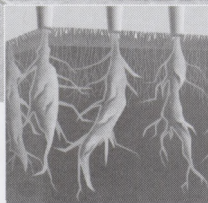
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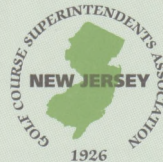
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Baltusrol hospitality

You couldn't have asked for a better reason to visit the air-conditioned GCSANJ hospitality tent than the 95° days that torched the Baltusrol Golf Club during the 87th PGA Championship on August 8-14. Hospitality Chairman Ken Kubik rolled out the green carpet to ensure the guests of Mark Kuhns CGCS were comfortable during their visit to Baltusrol.

If you didn't get a chance to attend the tournament here is what you missed. Three catered meals a day, plenty of liquid refreshments, fresh fruit, snacks, ice cream sundaes, and all-you-could-eat popcorn. Entertainment came in the form of six high definition television screens, two internet access computers, a five hole chip and putt green, reading supplies and lots of camaraderie. As you left the tent you received a complimentary mint, the commemorative journal "Maintaining Baltusrol" and a bottle of water to keep you hydrated.

Over 100 superintendents from 15 different states enjoyed what the golf media crowned as "the greatest hospitality tent there ever was." Many dignitaries visited the tent including GCSAA President Tim O'Neil CGCS, Steve Mona, Dr. Joe Vargas, Pete Pedrazzi, Sr. and Old Tom Morris recipient Jamie Ortiz-Patino. "This is fantastic" commented Vargas after the Michigan State professor woke up from a twenty minute power nap on one of the beautiful leather couches.

As the tournament progressed, the Baltusrol staff enjoyed their few minutes of down time in the tent with family and friends. Kuhns, Scott Bosetti and Doston Kish took well deserved breaks in between their on course duties and all the distractions that come with hosting a major. Kuhns took time out of his busy schedule to praise all those who

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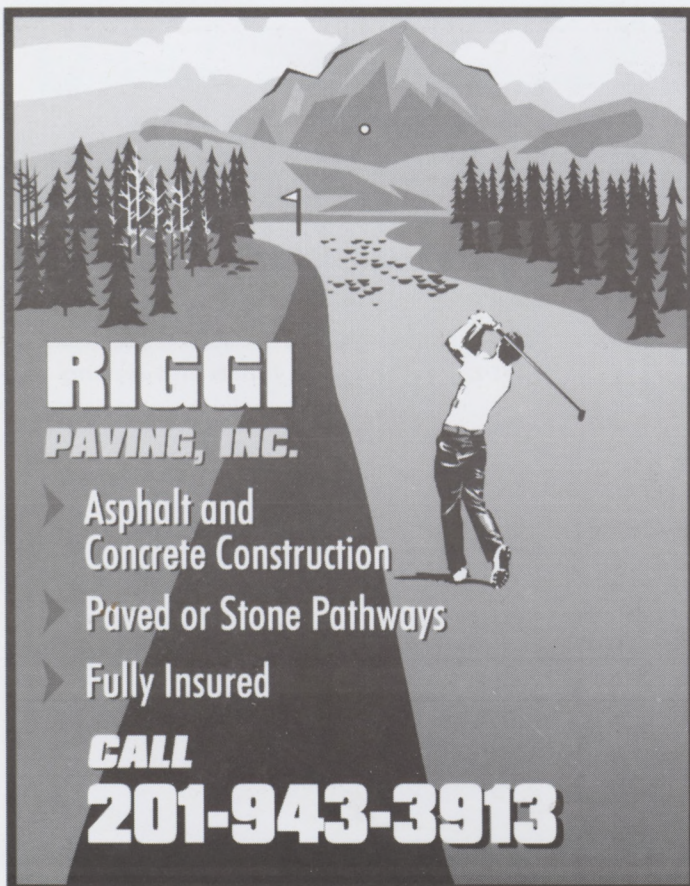
Water, water everywhere- but not a drop to drink

By Colleen Clifford

Fresh water is our most precious natural resource, a major component of and biological imperative for all living things. The amount of fresh water available is finite, equaling approximately only one half a percent of all the world's total water supply, and this limited supply of water is becoming more expensive and less available every year. Based on current environmental and human usage trends, experts around the world are predicting a severe water crisis within the next 5 to 10 years. While the United States has certainly not been subject to water shortages to the extent of those seen in Near Eastern countries or in sub-Saharan Africa, we are indeed experiencing negative

effects. Historically there have always been sections of the U.S. that feel the effects of a particularly dry season more heavily than other parts of the country. In more recent times these incidents have become more widespread and frequent throughout the country. Persistent dry conditions in Florida and California over the past several years has forced these states to be under constant water restriction mandates. Even "wet" states such as Michigan, Minnesota and Nebraska are already experiencing water shortage problems. Overall, the current water usage rate in the United States alone is 25% higher than the replenishment rate in aquifers and other sources of fresh water.

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The May-June issue of the Greenside was lost in the U.S. Postal system. The Board ordered a reprint which you should have received by now. Our apologies to our fans. [

Doug

Calendar

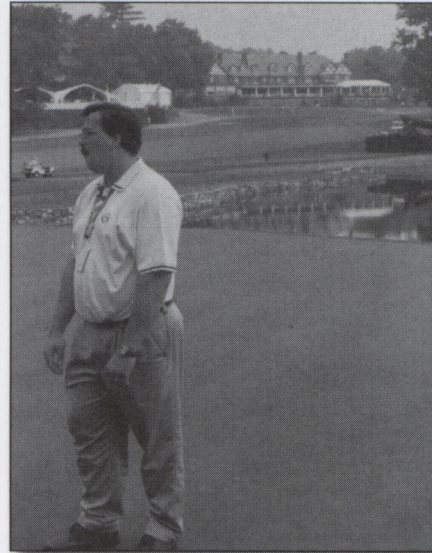
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Bruce Cadenelli and Chuck McMonagle playing in the sand.



Quality control captains Paul Dotti and Greg Nicoll check in with Mark Kuhns CGCS.



Half the crew eating lunch and resting.



John Fitzgerald and Paul Dotti show off their championship form.



The big stump and the big dog.

Water, water everywhere

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How does this affect you?

Many golf courses maintain their own ponds for irrigation purposes, lessening their expenditures for water as the water pumped onto the turf is replenished naturally under normal climatic conditions. However, during drought conditions these courses equally feel the strain; as their water-bearing ponds and streams dry up, they are forced to buy municipal water at huge costs to maintain their turf. As the demand for fresh water escalates due to increased population pressure, recreational water usage will become more stringently controlled and curtailed. Because of their high visibility, golf courses and sports fields are usually the first to be targeted for restriction.

As a turf maintenance professional, you face particularly difficult choices in relation to water conservation issues.

It makes sense both financially and ecologically to use less water and do your part to protect one of our most vital resources. However, water is critical to your business—from the establishment and maintenance of healthy roots for uniform, vigorous turf to the distribution and effectiveness of soil-targeted chemicals and fertilizers. Patrons of your facility are also less mindful and appreciative of your conservation efforts. They have come to expect an aesthetically pleasing experience with lush, vibrant turf; they find browning grass, even though still playable, less than appealing. If the players are dissatisfied, so is your employer—loss of revenues can equate to the loss of your job. So what choices do you have?

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Save water and your job!

There are several strategies you as a turf maintenance professional can employ to satisfy both your conscience and your patrons:

1. Use effluent or "gray" water for irrigation—it's nitrogen-rich and lessens the impact of irrigation on the fresh water supply.
2. Maintain a vegetated buffer around water bodies. This reduces storm water flow into ponds and streams and the potential pollution from runoff of fertilizers and pesticides.
3. Conduct routine inspections of your irrigation system for leaks. If possible, update older systems to make them more water efficient.
4. Use drought-resistant plant types for roughs.
5. Water at night or early morning when potential for wind and evaporation are lowest.

Another important but underutilized water management tool at your disposal is surfactants (wetting agents). Water naturally has a tendency to either sit at the surface of the soil profile where it quickly evaporates, or to drain through the soil into the deeper layers that are inaccessible to the roots of your turf. Surfactants are formulated to penetrate uniformly into the rootzone area and hold water where it is most needed, without causing the area to become oversaturated and soggy. This allows your turf to make the best and most complete use of applied water, particularly during dry spells; consequently you can apply less water with greater benefit.

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Pace turfgrass research seminar

Moss control highlighted

Silvery thread moss (*Bryum argenteum*) is the number one problem on many poa and bentgrass greens largely because many products that control moss also control turf, according to Wendy Gelernter, Ph.D., research director for the PACE Turfgrass Research Institute (PACE). “Attempts to control moss using these products frequently backfires,” Gelernter said, “because wherever the turf is thinned and/or stressed due to phytotoxicity, the first plant to re-colonize the area is usually moss.”

Lack of turf-safe moss-control products and other turf management topics were discussed June 27 at the ninth annual PACE Turfgrass Research Seminar in San Diego. More than 100 golf course superintendents and turf managers attended the 10-session seminar. Presentations and handouts from all the sessions are available to PACE members at the PACE website at www.paceturf.org (Non-members may signup at the site for a free trial membership.)

Because of their potential to harm turf, moss control

products need to be selected carefully, Gelernter said. Products that are effective for moss but have the potential to injure turf include iron-based products such as ferrous sulfate, copper hydroxide (Junction®) and sodium carbonate peroxyhydrate (Terracyte®). Despite the phytotoxicity potential of these products, however, some superintendents have successfully integrated them into their moss control programs. But, Gelernter said, “remember to test anything new on a small area first and incorporate products into your program gradually.”

Research trials from around the country confirm that the two most effective moss-control products with the least phyto-potential are chlorothalonil (Echo, Daconil, Manicure) and carfentrazone (QuickSilver). Chlorothalonil has been labeled for moss control on greens for several years, but the EPA is currently reviewing an expanded label request for carfentrazone that would include greens. Gelernter said higher application volumes (greater than 2 gal/1000 sq. ft.) and repeat applications are necessary with most products for best results.

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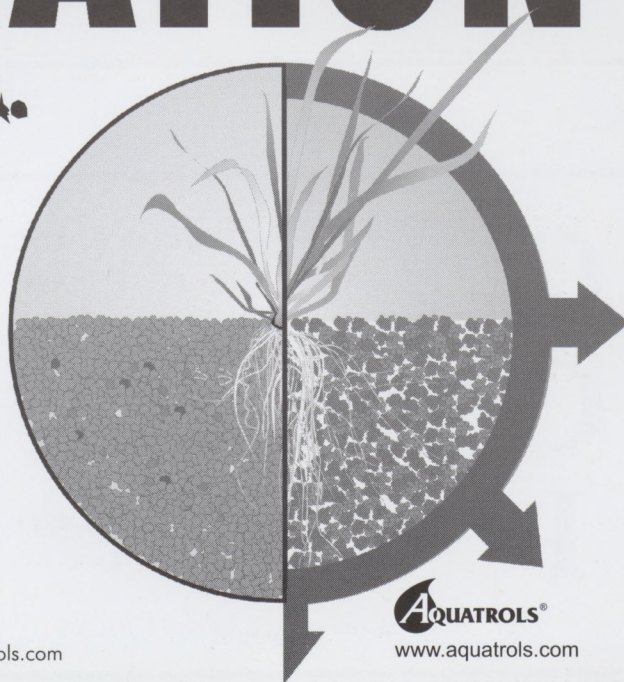
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“One of the most important and also most overlooked aspects of moss control is the follow-up,” she said. “After the moss has died and there is a bare area on the green, it is absolutely critical to encourage turf growth so it wins the race to fill in the bare spot before the moss does. This means providing the turf with enough water and nutrients - basically treating it as though it were growing in for the first time - to give it the edge over moss.”

Larry Stowell, Ph.D., also a PACE research director, discussed the role of several nutrients in pest management, including the role of reduced phosphorous levels in suppressing *Poa annua* invasion of bentgrass greens. Stowell, Gelernter and Frank Wong, Ph.D., UC Riverside, reviewed the activity and recommended use patterns for newly registered products, including fungicides, such as Endorse and Emerald; insecticides, such as Allectus and Arena; and herbicides, such as Velocity and Revolver. Shoumo Mitra, Ph.D., Cal Poly Pomona, reviewed results of the wetting agent studies he conducted as part of the nationwide GCSAA-USGA wetting agent project.

PACE Turfgrass Research Institute (PACE) is a membership organization that provides research, education and information services to the turf management community. Founded in 1993 by its research directors Wendy Gelernter,

Ph.D. and Larry Stowell, Ph.D., the PACE mission is to generate and share independent and objective agronomic information among turf professionals so they may develop management programs that are effective, practical and scientifically sound. 

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helped put the tent together. "This meant a real lot to me. After what happened Monday this place is just incredible."

For the record, when Kuhns showed up Monday morning the tent vendor was nowhere close to being done and he turned to Kubik and asked him to find a way to get it finished. Kubik commandeered all available bodies, golf carts, chairs, tables, etc. and put together what will be used as the bench mark for all future tournament hospitality tents.

The tent "far exceeded my expectations," stated Kubik. "It did what we hoped it would do. It highlighted the role of the golf course superintendent. I was proud with how it came out."

The Golf Course Superintendent Association of New Jersey Foundation will be the recipient of all remaining monies which is projected to exceed \$20,000. A Big Thank You to all our sponsors. 🏌️

Birth announcements

Tony and Tina Piechowski are proud to announce the birth of Grace Elizabeth on July 8, 2005. The beautiful little girl weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 26 1/2 inches. Tony is the junior assistant superintendent to Elliott Lewis CGCS of the High Mountain Country Club in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey. 🏌️



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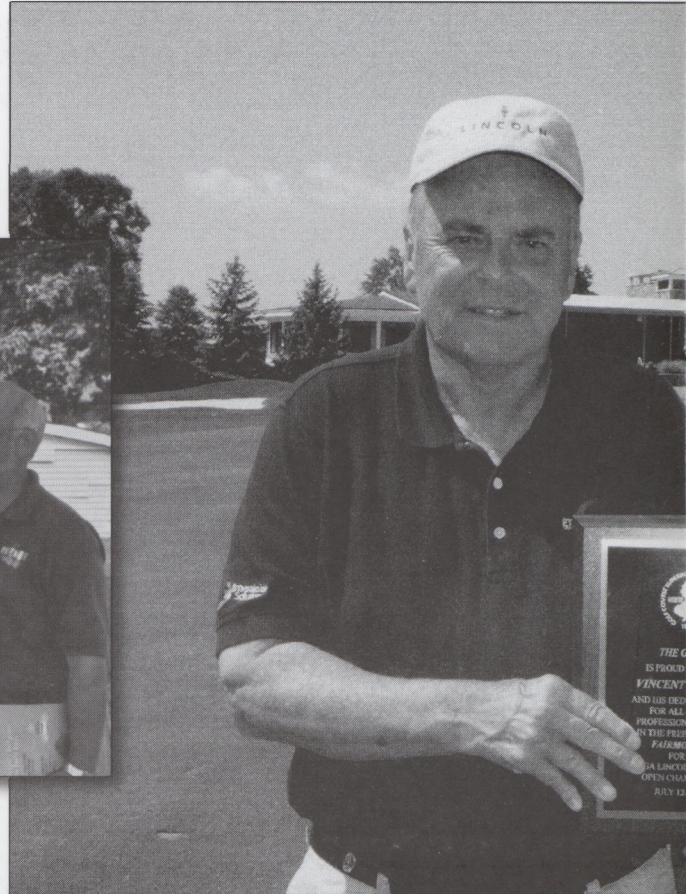


Rutgers Turf Short Course circa 1952. Can you find Skip Cameron? Sherwood Moore?

GCSANJ photo gallery



Joe Kennedy, Chris Carson and Dennis DeSanctis Sr. yuck it up at the Rutgers Turfgrass Field Day.



Pete Pedrazzi, Sr. presents Vince Bracken with GCSANJ the NJ State Open at Fairmount C.C.



Bruce Peeples, Ineke Pierpoint, and Brad Sparta caught enjoying the evening at the Metropolitan Golf Writers Banquet.



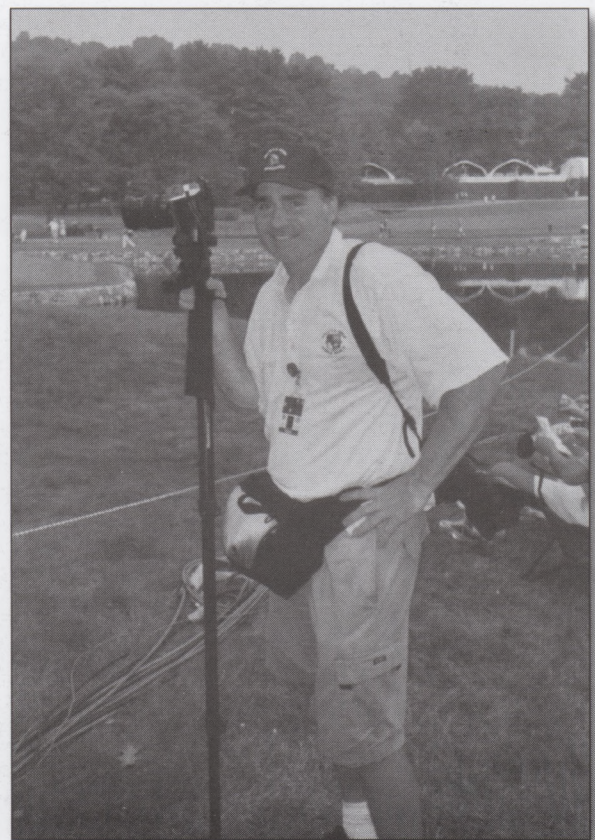
Bruce Peeples presents a handsome plaque to Ed Mellor for his many years of service on the GCSANJ Board.



plaque for a job well done hosting



Veterans Harry Harsin and Steve Cadenelli trading turf stories with each other.



Peter Pedrazzi was the busiest man at Baltusrol photo documenting the PGA from sunrise to sunset.



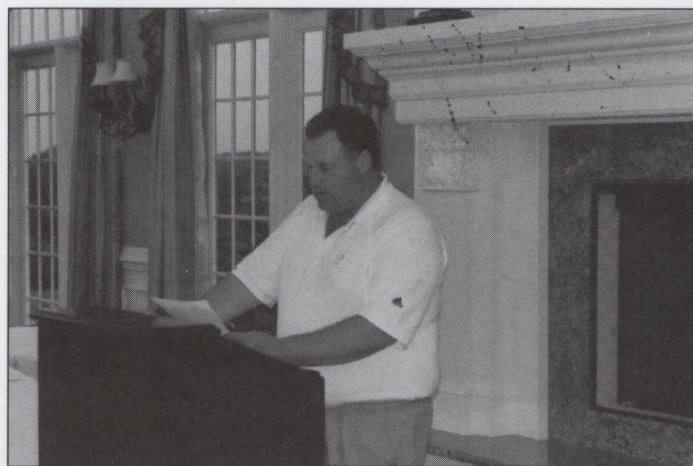
Cliff Moore is congratulated by Bruce Peeples CGCS for his successful hosting of the New Jersey State Amateur at the Mountain Ridge C.C.



Eagle Ridge rises to the occasion

By Shaun Barry

It has been such a long time since we had the June meeting at Eagle Ridge GC our host may have forgotten that he even went through this meeting. It was June 14, 2005 and you will be reading this in September (if the USPS can figure out how to deliver bulk mail and not lose it). With the stress from this harsh Summer each one of us will be looking forward to the future and trying to forget anything to do with the last three months. We must not however forget everything that Dennis Parker and his staff did in preparing the course for our enjoyment. The course was in great shape and it proved to be a strong but very fair challenge to all of our members and guests. After trying to arrange this meeting for three years it was great that we made it happen and now I hope we can do it again soon.



District III director Dave Mishkin updates the crowd at Eagle Ridge with GCSANJ business.

Since this meeting had no lunch we warmed up and then gathered at the carts and soon we were headed out to play and observe. There were so many good things to see we forgot how to play (ok, I forgot how to play but that started to happen 15 years ago).

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Our best gross scores were an 83 by Peter VanDrumpt and the 87 by Bill Murray. Our low net winners were Harry Harsin (71) and Ken Mathis (72). Mr. Murray, Tim Kerwin, Dave Mishkin and Ken Miller won the long drive contests. These were sponsored by Atlantic Irrigation, Maser



Eagle Ridge superintendent Dennis Parker accepting the GCSANJ plaque from president Bruce Peeples CGCS.

Consulting, The Terre Co and Torsilieri Inc. Winning the sponsored closest to the pin contests were Ron Simpson Sr. (Maser Consulting) 9 ft 1 in, Tom Tucci (Philadelphia Toro) 9 ft 7 ins, Ken Mathis (Storr Tractor) 3 ft 2 ins and Brad Simpkins (Wilfred MacDonald) 1 ft 11 ins. Walking away with one skin each were Bill Baumert, Alan Beck, Rick Krok, Ken Mathis, Bill Murray and Peter VanDrumpt.

Dinner was sponsored by Bayer ES and Lebanon Turf Products. They really got good value for their money because Jeff Mead made sure everything was up to his standards. Following this delicious meal our group benefited from a very thorough presentation on watershed management given by Tom Kellers. It was a very long evening but it did not end until our many questions were asked and answered. Once again I can say these guys are good at their jobs.

Thanks again Dennis for all of your efforts and please convey our compliments to everyone at the club.

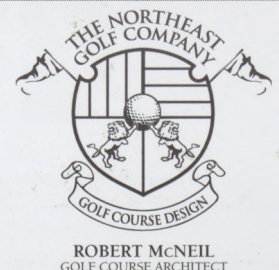
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The Bob Leslie Cup update

By Shaun Barry

This has been a really tough year to get matches played but many are completed and we soon will be back on schedule. The Southern bracket has more teams and with all of the talent in this field we have had some great matches.

Defending champs Jon Barlok and Ed Casteen got a bye but did play Dobbie/O'Neill in the second round and now get to play the team of Fran and Joe Owsik who have defeated Lou Bosco & Joel Colurra and Ken Mathis and Brad Simpkins. Brad and Ken had defeated Casey Reed and Jeff Wetterling.

Brian Lescrinier and Rolf Strobel await an opponent for their third round match. They defeated Paul Brandon and Tom Tucci in the first round and Bill Baumert and Bill McAteer in their next round. The two Bills had defeated

Tony Funari Sr. and Steve Malikowski.

Mark Peterson and Dave Mishkin defeated Jeremy Daubert and Randy Rider. They still have to play John Farrell and Harry Harsin who defeated Kevin Driscoll and Phil O'Brien in the first round. The winner of this match gets to play Brian and Rolf.

In the smaller Northern field Ewan MacAulay and Chuck McMonagle beat Shaun Barry and Dave Pease. They get to play Chris Boyle and Brad Sparta who edged Eric Carlson and Rich Fodor.


Jim Cross and Dennis DeSanctis Sr. defeated Mark Griff and Steve Wirth. Their next opponents are Brad Fox and Josh Kopera who defeated half of the team of Rick Krok and Eric McGhee.

The finals will happen in October and it should be quite a struggle when the best of the best get to meet. I will keep you informed as the matches continue. █



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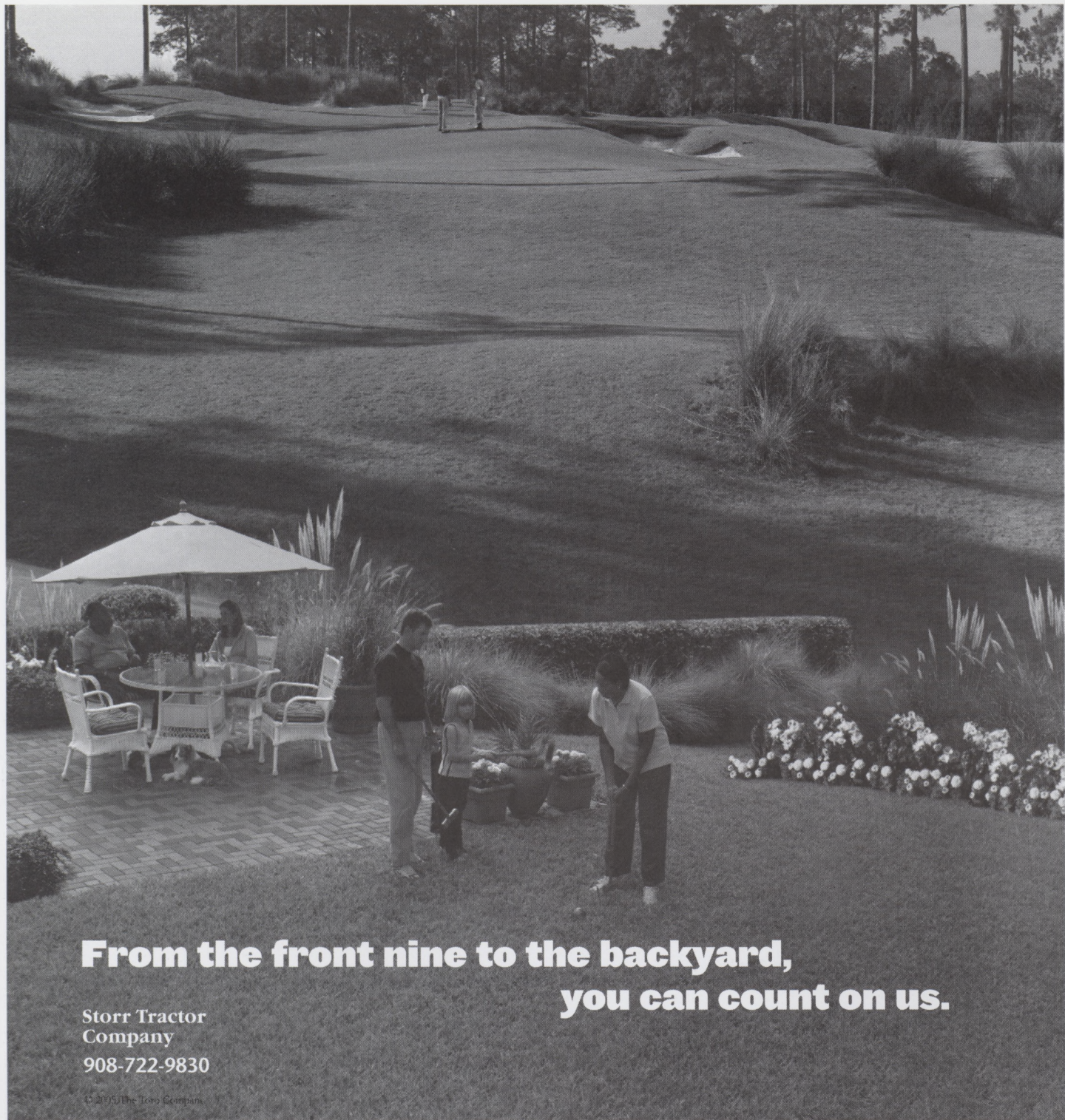
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The streak continues at Toms River CC

By Shaun Barry

Since the 1990s I have been reporting about Toms River CC hosting the District III Championship. In each report I had to discuss some strange event that happened just before or during the day of our meeting. In each case Ed McSeaman and his staff came through and we had a wonderful meeting. This year Mother Nature decided to try another tactic. Instead of one day why not make it a Summer from Hell. Surely this would finally cancel our meeting. It almost worked. Ed spoke to Seamus and left a message suggesting that we change the date to September. Ed felt that this never-ending Summer stress would keep everyone away. It turns out to be the only time that I have known him to be wrong. We held the meeting and we had 55 people on this nine hole golf course. Our guys needed to get away and there is no better place to get away than our home at Ed's place. The story should end here so I could start talking about golf but

some things never change. During lunch there was a report of an irrigation leak and Ed was soon on the job. Hours later the break had been located and repaired but Ed never got to swing a club. It would have been his first round of golf of the year so he might not have been too disappointed.

Our group eventually did get started and it was great to see all of the smiles. We had one fivesome but Skip Cameron, Bill Koonz Sr. and Jim Pelrine knew they were only going to play nine holes. Jack Martin and Jim McNally were part of this fivesome and they were determined to finally play 18. Jack is playing well and he wanted to see the back nine. They had a great time and we will see them again next year even though Jack drives from NC to be part of this day.

We broke the field into two groups for tournament play and Bill Murray (75) and Scott McBane (87) took low gross honors. Lance Rogers is a new member of this district and his 68 won low net along with Ron Simpson Sr.'s 65. Our closest to the pin winners were Jack Martin (10 ft even), Bill McAteer (9 ft 8 ins), Mike Tardogno (11 ft 6 ins) and Matt Dobbie (10 ft 1 in). Their prizes were

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donated by Atlantic Irrigation, Bayer ES, Storr Tractor and The Terre Co. Our long drive contestants donated \$10 each towards the GCSANJ Foundation and we were able to raise \$360. The winners in each flight were Dave Mishkin (Chris Zelle/Pocono Turf), Scott McBane (Bayer ES) and Jim McNally (Bayer ES). All drives were hit well but Scott came out of his shoes and left everyone else in his dust. Pretty impressive for a fellow who doesn't play very much. Continuing with golf, John Alexander, Lance Rogers, Jeff Theibault, Ken Miller and Ron Simpson Sr. had one skin each but Jim Cross and Scott McBane had two that held up.

George McRoberts from Tuckahoe Sand and Gravel again donated money to help sponsor our wonderful dinner and Chuck Reynolds from Reed & Perrine gave us a DVD player for our raffle. Ed always arranges for us to dine out by the pool while we get to listen to live music (songs that we actually remember) as long as we stay there. That is

always a lot later than other meetings. This comes from the fact that most of us are close to home and we all feel so very comfortable at this site.

It was another superb meeting with some nice touches. Joe Kennedy informed us that it was Jim Pelrine's birthday (29 I think) so we all signed a card and then got to sing Happy Birthday to Jim. Our singing needed some work but Jim seemed touched. I also asked everyone who had not lost any turf to please raise their hand. I wanted everyone to know that we are all dealing with the same problems. Three hands were raised. Sorry Jack and Skip. You guys are retired. Then I saw that Charlie Dey was the other hand. I was amazed and wanted to hear how he had been so successful. It was simple. Charlie said that lots of his grass was dead but it was not lost. He knew right where it was. Everyone had a great laugh with that one. The meeting continued long into the evening and this day ended as it started with everyone wearing a smile. For some that has been a long time coming. The last piece of good news is that Ed invited us back and we will see you again in 2006. 🍷

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By Paul Mulholland

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Paul Mulholland is the golf course superintendent of the Morris County Golf Club.



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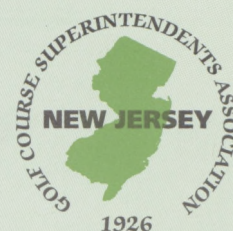
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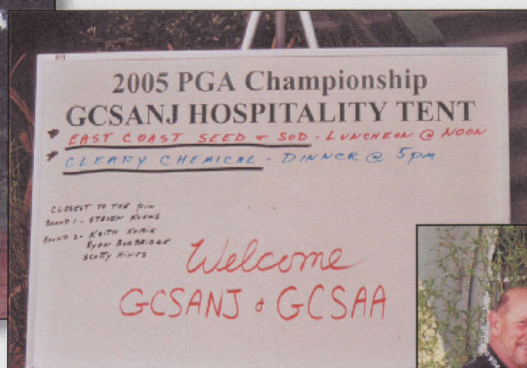
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