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From the editor's desk

Jesters, Interns, and Turf Students

Peasants packed the square as the trumpets filled the air with joyous sound. The court jester seized the moment and a frenzy of juggling erupted. The town crier unfurled the parchment and in his distinctive Hear Ye Hear Ye voice bellowed...

"Hear Ye! Hear Ye!, would the scribe please rise and identify himself?"
Herself?"

There was an ecstasy of fumbling. Could there be more than one scribe in the village?

We at the Greenerside hope so. By request of the Chairman, a literary contest between Jesters, Turf students and Interns will be held and financial prizes in the form of scholarship checks will be awarded for outstanding articles submitted. Superintendents should inform their employees of this exciting opportunity. Check for the details on page 15 of this issue.

The court jester has disqualified himself and the crier continued his cry.

"Summon the bell toller - we need to toll the bell."

It's a long climb up the bell tower and besides, the rope is a bit frayed.

Submittingly yours,





It's a no brainer. The editor isn't cutting any fairways today.

On the cover:

The spectacular #6 "Bull Barn" of the Highland course at the Hamilton Farm Golf Club.

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President's Message



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Past, Present and Future

Reflection is something we all do from time to time, sometimes when forced, (such as writing president messages) or perhaps traveling the golf course early any morning. I'd like to share a bit of mine with you.

Our current organization owes a great deal of debt and gratitude to past members of GCSANJ. Certainly former Presidents and their respective Board members deserve a lot of credit for not only establishing this association but keeping it solvent and worthwhile for a golf course superintendent to join all these years. Past members all the way through have built a solid foundation from which we currently benefit. Recognition of the importance of the golf course superintendent and benefits gained from that acknowledgment are

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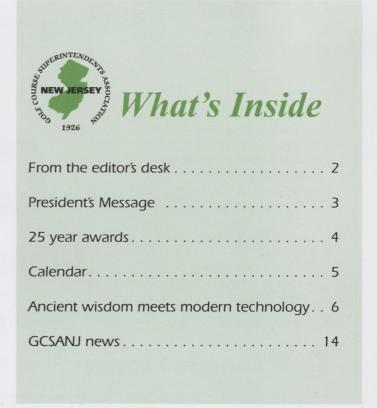
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products of years of tireless efforts by many.

We of the present GCSANJ membership have an obligation to maintain and improve upon gains made over the years. By being a visible and well-communicated golf course superintendent, we enhance not only our own personal standing but also reflect positively on individuals within the membership. Making the tough decision-doing the right thing-respecting people both above and below our management level-properly balancing family life with the workplace -these are basic fundamentals that are our responsibility to perform and maintain.

The future leadership of GCSANJ has already been observing both the past and present membership and is beginning to form opinions of its own. Do the younger golf course superintendents or assistant golf course superintendents see a positive to becoming involved with GCSANJ and improve upon what has been accomplished? I hope the answer is yes! I urge them to consider involvement of any sort to see for themselves. From attending a local district meeting to volunteering for any one of the many committees, to picking up the phone and asking "how can I help?" It's simple, fun and feels good. You will become one of those members a future president will be thanking for improving the value of the golf course superintendent.



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The Greenerside

By Doug Vogel

Superintendents Association of New Jersey were duly recognized at the Annual Meeting held February 28, 2005 at the USGA Golf House for their twenty-five years of membership in our association. Larry Dodge, Bob Dwyer, John Fenwick, Thomas Grimac CGCS, Mike Hocko, John Hyland, Dave Pease and Bruce Peeples CGCS all reached the quarter century milestone in 2004. Three are home grown Garden State boys, one from Ben Franklin's City, and four from the commonwealth of Massachusetts, the current home of the champion Patriots and Red Sox.

Larry Dodge - Larry got his start in golf as a caddy in his hometown of Northampton, Massachusetts. He became interested in turf and attended Stockbridge at U-Mass graduating in 1976 with an Associates degree in Turf Management. He went to work as an assistant to Skip Cameron at the Canoe Brook C.C. in 1975. He got his first superintendent job at the Madison G.C. in 1978. After five years Larry moved on to the Navesink C.C. were he successfully hosted the L.P.G.A.

Championship in 1986 and 1987. Essex Fells C.C. was his next tour of duty for five years. Larry is presently the golf course superintendent at Oaklane C.C, in Connecticut where he is currently working on Audubon certification. Dodge spent five years serving on the GCSANJ board from 1989-1993. Larry has been married 23 years to Melissa Jane and together they have two sons currently attending college. He lists golf, fishing and travel as his hobbies when not tending to his turf.

Bob Dwyer - A Pittsfield, Massachusetts native Bob also got his start in the caddy yards before attending Stockbridge at U-Mass. After receiving his Associate degree in Turf Management it was onto the University of Georgia where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Dwyer landed the superintendent job at Fox Hollow G.C. in Somerville New Jersey in 1972. After two years he went to work for

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John Fenwick - John hales from Lebanon, New Jersey. He started his long and winding career path as a crewman at the Fiddlers Elbow C.C. under the tutelage of Paul Boiselle. Boiselle introduced John to Dr. Henry Indyk who was so emphatic about turf as a career that Fenwick decided against a career in forestry for one in golf. He worked his way up

to assistant at Fiddlers Elbow while attending the Rutgers Short Course before taking the superintendent job at the Armstrong Tree and Lawn. John was next named regional golf course superintendent for Shearon Golf before taking his current position as Sales Associate for Lesco. Fenwick served on the GCSANJ Board for three years as a district director and currently serves on the board for the Hunterdon chapter of the American Red Cross. John and his wife Lisa recently celebrated their twenty second anniversary. Hobbies include golf, skiing and just about any outdoor activities. John occasionally visits Monmouth Park but rarely collects on any winners.

Thomas I. Grimac CGCS - Tom crossed the state line from his native Philadelphia to work at the Tavistock C.C. pushing a rotary mower during the brutal summer of 1975 for Rich Hurley. He liked it a lot because he got golfing privileges. He ventured up to Massachusetts to attend Stockbridge where

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Calendar

May 9, 2005 Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classic, Fiddlers Elbow C.C., Far Hills, NJ Tom Breiner-Host superintendent Contact: Michelle Rickard (215)757-NJTA

May 17, 2005 GCSANJ Monthly meeting, Galloway National G.C., Absecon, NJ Scott McBane-Host superintendent *Contact: Ineke Pierpoint 1-866-GCSANJ1*

June 14, 2005 GCSANJ Monthly meeting, Eagle Ridge C.C., Toms River, NJ Dennis Parker-Host superintendent Contact: Ineke Pierpoint 1-866-GCSANJ1

June 27-July 3, 2005 HSBC Women's World Match Play Championship, Hamilton Farm G.C., Gladstone, NJ Paul Ramina-Host superintendent Contact www.lpga.com or www.hsbcgolf.com

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Ancient wisdom meets modern technology

By Colleen Clifford

ith water features gaining increasing popularity in residential, commercial, and golf landscape settings every year, the control of algae in ponds is becoming a hot topic. While the effectiveness of copper based products has been known for literally centuries, modern technology has made application even easier with more uniform results.

Historically Speaking

Copper based products have been used throughout history for their sterilizing and algaecidal properties, and are one of the best algaecides known to man. The first recorded use of copper for the sterilization of drinking water is found in the Smith Papyrus, an Egyptian text written between 2600 and 2200 B.C. and one of the oldest texts discovered to date. Ancient peoples crafted water storage containers from copper because they noticed that this metal kept water safe to drink over extended periods. The ancient Greeks also noted that algae did not grow in copper water pots. Despite the fact that the use of copper ions to purify water had been

practiced for centuries, extensive research into the action of metals in the purification of water was not pursued until the late 19th century.

Old Methods Fall Through

While modern science has done much to refine the art of algae control, we still rely on the same ionic properties of copper that previous civilizations did for aquatic algae control. In basic principle, as Copper ions fall through a body of water the ions kill any algae they come in contact with. The two most common compounds used are copper sulfates and chelated coppers; while fairly inexpensive and readily available, these products tend to be labor intensive to apply and at times not very effective. Because the copper ions fall out of suspension relatively quickly, frequent applications are necessary to combat algae growth. While chelated copper products last approximately 10% longer than sulfates, their effectiveness is still relatively short-lived. A recognized concern with using these products is the build-up of copper sediments on the lake or pond bed, which could adversely affect the balance of the aquatic environment.

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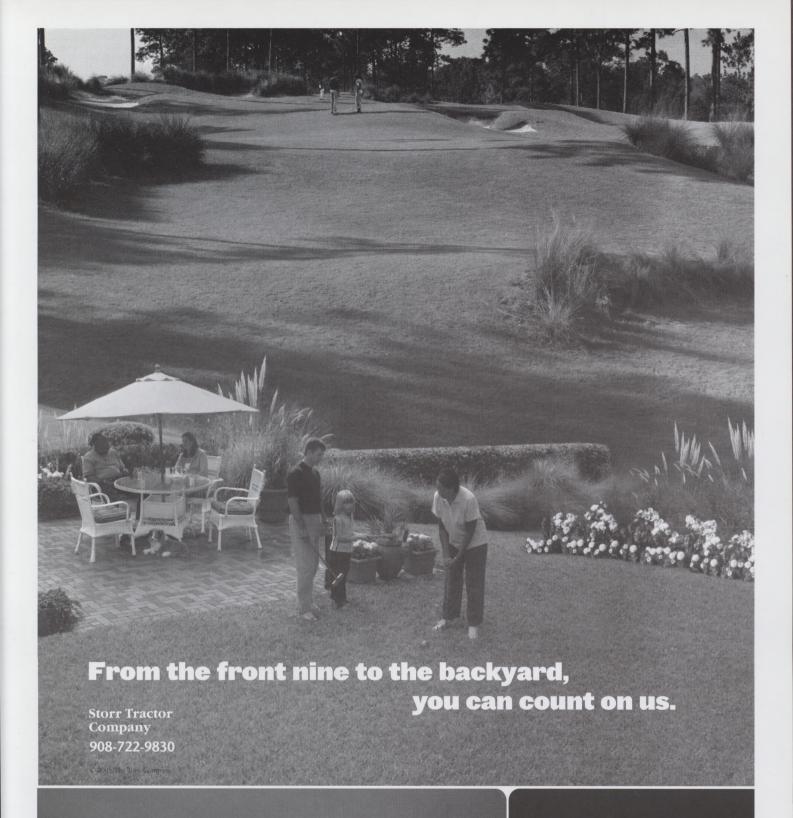
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he too received his Associates degree in Turf Management. He's been at Travistock since graduation taking over as superintendent in 1980. Tom has been active in the GCSANJ having served on the Board of Directors for ten years. He is well known on the links as one of the associations all-time great golf champions. He has won the Sherwood Moore Cup two times, the Leslie Cup six times (with partner Bob Prickett), and took low gross honors at the Met Area Team Championship in 2002. He has proudly represented the GCSANJ in many golf tournaments throughout the world. Tom is more than just golf. He is a certified golf course superintendent having earned the distinction in 1988 and is also a member of Audubon International. He enjoys skiing and traveling with his wife Stephanie and daughter Shelby. He also enjoys the game of golf, golfing and playing golf.

Mike Hocko - Mike grew up adjacent to the 14th fairway of the Galloping Hills G.C. in Union, New Jersey. He worked

at Canoe Brook C.C. while waiting to see if he would be drafted during the Vietnam War. After not being drafted he earned his B.A. at the University of Texas at Austin in 1973. He then contacted Ted Roberts at Canoe Brook who referred him to Dr. Ralph Engel at Rutgers were he worked as a research assistant while finishing the 20 week turfgrass certificate. Mike went on to work as an assistant superintendent at the Rutgers G.C., Fairmount C.C., and Navesink C.C. before landing the superintendent job at Beacon Hill C.C. where he has remained for 22 years. Mike's greatest achievement and claim to fame is that he "has not hit a traffic light on the way to work in 28 years!" Hocko has been active in youth athletics volunteering his time for the Middletown Pop Warner and Youth Athletic Associations. Mike and his wife Elaine have been married for thirty-three years and have three children who made their parents proud by attending and graduating from college. Fishing and jogging boardwalks takes up Mike's spare time.

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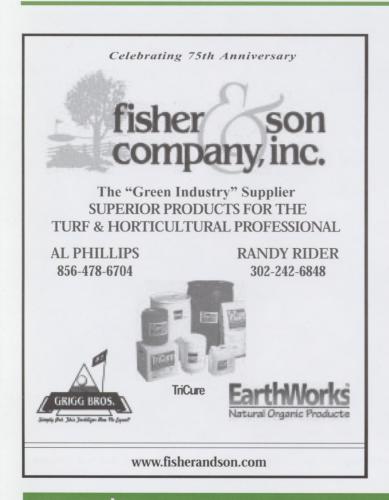
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John Hyland - Morris Plains, New Jersey hasn't erected a "Home of John Hyland" sign yet but they should. A graduate of Morristown High School and San Mateo State College-UCLA, John entered the United States Marine Corps before getting involved in the grass business. In 1971 Hyland went to work for the United States Golf Association and built the practice range for Iron Byron at Golf House. He moved on to Chatam Boro School district where he had sports turf responsibilities and retired after a long career. In retirement, John has taken the position of all around utility man at the Baltusrol Golf Club and is currently involved with watching the rough grow for the PGA Championship. One of the GCSANJ's top volunteers, he was named Member of the Year in 1998. He has also been a speaker at many turf conferences and was featured in Sports Turf Magazine in 1988. John is a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Ruffed Grouse Society. His hobbies are you guessed

it-hunting and fishing. John and his wife Rosemarie have three daughters and a son. Don't forget to say hello to John at the PGA Championship this summer.

Dave Pease - Dave labored at the Lyman Meadows G.C. in Middlefield, Connecticut while still in high school wetting his appetite to seek further turf knowledge. He applied and was accepted into the Turf Management program of the fabled Stockbridge School of Agriculture at U-Mass. During these formative years he worked at the Portsmouth C.C. in New Hampshire and the Ellingwood C.C. in Massachusetts and continued his quest in higher education towards a B.S. degree. He sent off his resume to the southern state of New Jersey when fate would step in and Ed Walsh did not hire him. Steve Finamore did and Dave worked as his assistant at Howell Park and Hominey Hill G.C. until 1980 when he was

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promoted to superintendent of Hominey Hill. In 1982 Pease was elevated to his present position of General Manager/Director of Golf Operations of the Monmouth County Park System. Dave served on the Board of the GCSANJ culminating with his term as President in 1991-1992. He is an adjunct professor of the Brookdale Community College, and advisor to the Monmouth County Vocational School, and holds an honorary degree from the Future Farmers of America. "My bride Amy is the love of my life" writes Dave. On the special interest list for Pease is golf, sailing, apples, and grand-fatherhood. He is also a gifted writer and is prominently featured in The Greenerside from time to time.

Bruce Peeples CGCS - Bruce is a Hinsdale, Massachusetts native who contemplated his future while mowing grass for his dad. He played golf and hung out at the Mountain View G.C. and thought that this was a real cool business. Mowing

golf course grass it was. He enrolled in the Stockbridge at U-Mass Turf Management program and received his A.S. degree. Upon graduation Bruce migrated south and went to to to work for the Monmouth County Park System golf courses for three years. After a short stint with Storr Tractor, Peeples returned to Monmouth County Parks for four more years. He then took his current superintendent job at the Spring Lake Golf Club. While at Spring Lake Bruce hosted two N.J. State Opens and became a District Director for the GCSANJ. He worked his way up the ranks and now serves as the Association's 42 nd president. Peeples has been married to his wife Janet for 21 years and they have a son Robert and a daughter Ellen. When not walking the fairways of the historic Spring Lake G.C. Bruce can be found kayaking and spending time with his family.

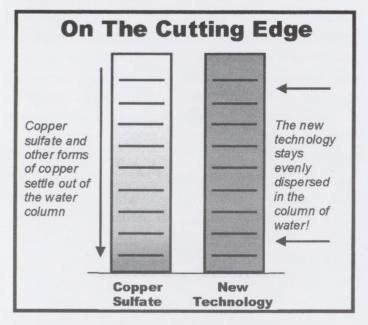
Doug Vogel is the superintendent of the Packanack Yacht Club. I



Twenty five year member (L to R) Larry Dodge, Steve "accepting for Dave Pease" Curry, Bob Dwyer, John Fenwick, Bruce Peeples and Mike Hocko receive their silver platters..

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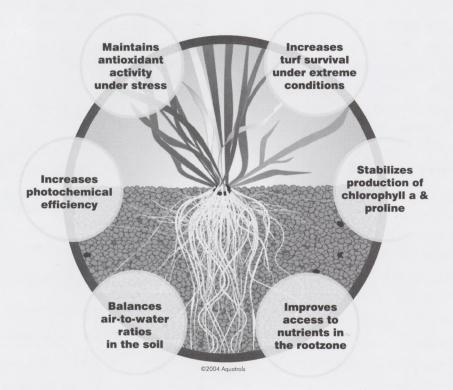
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IHO-Robert Ribbans, CGCS

By Ken Kubik

The sign said IHO, which I learned was not a sushi dish, but rather meant, "in honor of." This was to be a dinner in tribute to Bob Ribbans on his retirement as the Golf Course Superintendent at Forsgate Country Club, a position he held since 1986. It did his mom proud to see they were honoring Bob with a full-scale dinner in a well-filled dining room at the country club. This wasn't just a lunch or supper; it was a complete Filet Mignon dinner with all the trimmings.

The owner, the golf pro, the general manager, the members, and the new Golf Course Superintendent, Tom Saunders, spoke "in honor of" Ribbie. There were many humorous anecdotes, but in fact they all spoke with respect and love of what Bob had meant to them as a person and as the Golf Course Superintendent at Forsgate Country Club.

They told of what the Club was and what it had become during Bob's tenure. Forsgate Country Club was honored in 2004 as one of the top country clubs in the state of New Jersey. They said it was not just that Bob had played a part in this transition, but rather that it was because of Bob, that it happened.

This was more than a retirement dinner; it was a tribute to a man who was a benchmark for the position of Golf Course Superintendent throughout his whole career. He was referred to as the Sultan of Superintendents as they presented him with a lifetime membership to the Club.

The greatest honor given to Bob was when they announced that they established an agroeconomic scholarship in Bob's name. Every year this scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student.

The evening flew by as I watched and listened to all of the wonderful things everyone had to say about the man, his profession, and his family. It was an honor to be there - as a friend.



Bob Ribbans receives an Alpacca manure fork from good friend Ken Kubik in honor of his retirement.

Robert Ribbans, CGCS ancient history report

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1985 Became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent
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2005 GCSAA Championship Results

By Shaun Barry

Every year before the GCSAA National Conference, the association conducts a wonderful golf tournament where our southern brethren usually walk away with the top prizes. That trend continued in 2005 with the exception coming in the 6th flight. It was there that Mark Kuhns CGCS became a "National Champion". He almost missed the start of play for the second round because of heavy fog that brought traffic to a standstill for an extended period of time. He did get to the course eventually and continued his good play from the day before. Tied for first as he teed off on his last hole he blocked his drive to the right. Then off of a hardpan lie he hit a 5 iron over the trees and the greenside bunker onto the green. The ball held and 2 putts later he had the point that gave him first place. It also gave him the low gross score for the flight and will now move him up a flight to see if there is any competition out there for a guy from New Jersey. I am sure it was a shot and a victory that he will remember for a long time.

Ian Kunesch also played well and was near the top of the Championship Flight after the first round. He knocked the rust off of his swing as he had 5 birdies and shot 72. He faded in day two but he was the low NJ finisher in this flight. Tom Ashfield (157) and John Alexander (162) also played well and were quite happy with the results.



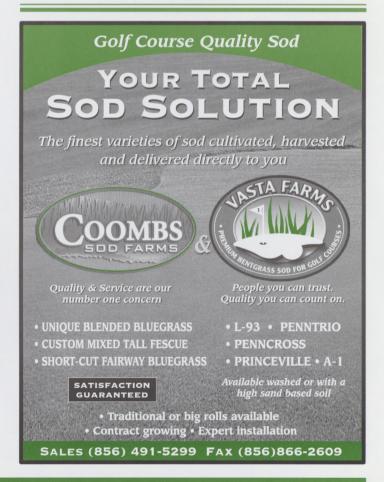
Distinguished Service Award winner Dr. Troll with former students John O'Keefe, Larry Dodge, Bruce Peeples, Bruce Cadenelli, Dick La Flamme, Jim Gilligan, Bob Dwyer and Jim Swiatlowski.

Tom Grimac (6th) and Harry Harsin (4th) were the other GCSANJ members who placed in the top ten in their respective flights. Our other golfers playing here asked not to be identified but they will try again next year when they expect to have a little more success.

Shaun Barry is the sales representative with Bayer Environmental Science.



Dr. Troll students circa. 1978. Can you find O'Keefe, Pease, Peeples, Murray or Kennedy?





Water solution center at GIS has local flavor

In case you missed it, this year's Golf Industry Show featured several solution centers dealing with a variety of golf course disciplines. The Irrigation Association, in cooperation with GCSAA, sponsored, designed, and built a Water Solutions Center.

This Center featured a 1,024 square foot sodded turf area with an operable irrigation system. IA and GCSANJ member Jim Barrett of James Barrett and Associates assisted in the design of the solution center. Brian Vinchesi of Irrigation Consulting of Pepperill Massachusetts headed the design team. The irrigation system was a closed loop system with the irrigation water collected, filtered, and reused. The heart of the system was a demonstration pump



The Water Solutiom Center's display showed various sprinkler heads, swing-joints, and methods of connection.

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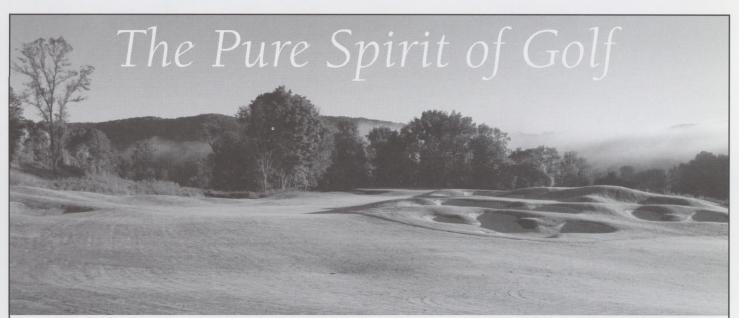


The CIT Pump Demonstration Trailer graphically depicted the advantages and savings of utilizing a VFD pump drive.

trailer trucked cross-country from the Center for Irrigation Technology at California State University, Fresno. In addition to supplying the necessary water for the operating irrigation system, the trailer was used as a teaching tool to demonstrate the efficiency of a VFD pump and explain how to calibrate a flow meter. The demonstration trailer was a big hit with the superintendents visiting the Solution Center. "To me the trailer with the pump station was the most valuable part of the booth being able to see the difference between VFD control versus conventional,"said Jim Cross, CGCS from Rumson Country Club.

The Center also included a display of the various pipe types, fittings, repair methods, swing-joints, gate valves, quick coupling valves, and sprinkler heads employed in a

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golf irrigation system. The display could best be described as a completely assembled irrigation system with the turf and soil removed. A superintendent visiting the Center could see the advantages or disadvantages of almost any combination of product. Members of the IA, experts in their disciplines, were always available to answer superintendent's questions.

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The construction of this display as well as the process piping to and from the pump demonstration trailer were assembled by several irrigation contractors including IA and GCSANJ member Bob Dobson and Rob Dobson of Middletown Sprinkler Company. Other irrigation contractors contributing to the construction were Tanto Irrigation and Glenmore Landscape Service.

Another area of the Center showcased a variety of modern technologies often utilized in a modern golf course irrigation system. Among the items displayed were operational central control systems, PDA's, GPS technologies, weather stations, lightning alert systems, and flow sensing equipment.

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During the show, a total of 56 mini-seminars were given on a variety of subjects. Among the topics covered were: justifying a new irrigation system to your board, the irrigation design process, financing a new irrigation system, irrigating with reclaimed water, irrigation master planning, sprinkler spacing and uniformity, proper irrigation controller installation, weather station maintenance, pump system efficiency, GPS mapping, proper solvent weld cementing, and thrust block construction. These twenty-minute presentations were packed full of practical information. "The presentations were excellent. I can't remember learning more usable information in a twenty minute period," stated Rob Dobson from Middletown Sprinkler Company.

Next year at the GIS show be sure to stop by and visit the Water Solutions Center.

Come Visit Us On-line!



"I wish this website was available during my tenure at St. Andrews."

Old Tom Morris



Volunteers needed

Hamilton Farm Golf Club will be hosting the Inaugural HSBC Women's World Match Play Championship, June 27 through July 3, 2005. The top 64 female golfers in the world including Annika Sorenstam, will compete for the largest winners check in the history of the LPGA. Director of grounds Paul Ramina is looking for volunteers to work this event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Brian Loren at 908-901-4034 for more information.

Pesticide license update

Pesticide applicators, operators, dealers and businesses can now access all of their license information at the following website *-www.pcpnj.org*. Simply log on and click the "click here" link for information such as your license or recertification status, recertification courses and more.

In memoriam

It is with great sadness that the Greenerside announces the death of former GCSANJ member Paul Kuehner. Pauls career started as an assistant superintendent to Ed Nickelson at the Monclair G.C. He moved on to become the superintendent of the Rock Spring Club in West Orange N.J. and the Knoll C.C. in Parsippany N.J. He was most recently employed by the Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield N.J. Paul was a beloved member of the volunteer crew that worked the Cadilac NFL Golf Classic held at the Upper Montclair C.C. He will be sadly missed by those who knew and worked with him. Paul is survived by his parents and two brothers. Kuehner was 54 years old. I





Birth announcements

Belated congratulations to Alicia and John Hutchison on the birth of their daughter Casey Jean on December 3, 2004. At 6 lbs. 11 oz's and 21 inches Casey joined her parents and big sister Reilly Grace just in time for Christmas. All are doing fine and look forward to summers at the Jersey shore. Proud father John is the superintendent of the Old Orchard Country Club in Eatontown New Jersey.

A handsome baby boy by the name of Mark Michael Griff arrived on February 8, 2005. Proud parents of the 8 lbs. 10 oz. bundle of joy is Tina and Mark Griff. Everyone is doing well. Junior's dad Mark is the superintendent of the Richmond County Country Club on Staten Island, New York. I

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Charlie Cross and Tom Grimac take a break from walking the floor.



Do Tom Saunders, Greg Nicoll and Bob Ribbans know that Dennis De Sanctis is a Troy Aikman fan?



Mrs. and Mr. Pat Wall still working the floor even in retirement.



Would the real Ed Walsh please step forward.



Mike Miner, Glenn Gallion and Chris Hunt weren't listening when Shaun said close your eyes.



The Lance Rogers family looks like they filled up a few bags with basketballs and candy.

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