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From the editor's desk


Veteran's Day

November 11th was originally known as Armistice Day in celebration of the end of World War I. By an Act of Congress on May 24, 1954 it was changed to Veterans Day to honor all serviceman of all American wars. And they are everywhere.

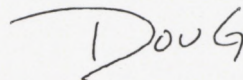
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Superintendents like Sherwood Moore, Ziggy Zaleski, and Al Foster.

Pat Campbell and Glenn Miller and others I have never had the honor to meet and those that I am unaware of.

Veteran's Day is our chance to say Thank You. Don't lose this chance. 

Thank You,



P.S. Happy Birthday Dad

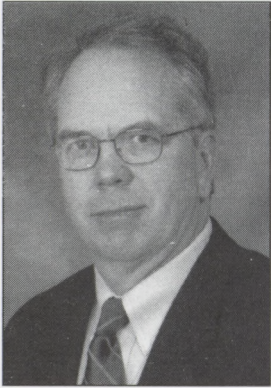


The editor admires Glenn Miller's crystal at the Robert Trent Jones Invitational. Glenn is a Veteran of Operation Desert Storm. Thank You Glenn.

On the cover:

The sunsets at Ballyowen are as beautiful as the golf course. Maintained by the crew of District I Director Brad Sparta. Photo courtesy of the Crystal Springs Golf Resort.

President's Message



Bruce Peeples

Bruce Peeples, CGCS
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Time

The word time is so important in our lives. Too often there is not enough when it relates to family, work or the length of a precious afternoon nap. Occasionally, there is too much but that scenario is becoming less and less frequent. We probably don't take enough time for ourselves or give enough of it to others. If there were anything finite in life, time would be at the top of the list. Can't make more of it or get rid of any excess that's around.

My point in all this is that timing is critical to our everyday living. Not sure how one can alter the effects and perhaps we shouldn't try. It could be said that luck and timing are the same thing but I would disagree. We can position ourselves for possibilities and hope good luck will arrive. Seems that timing, good or bad, just happens. We are happy when it's good for us and are sad when it's not. The key is to try and flatten out the highs and lows enough to continue on in a straight line. Dealing with those curves I guess is what "they" call life.

This season has been one of the most difficult of times for our industry in anyone's memory. Even the recent rains were good timing for some golf course superintendents and bad for others depending on amounts, drainage, and locations. Try and remember that time indeed does heal. I hope that can even include the Poa Annua gone on my fairways! 🌱

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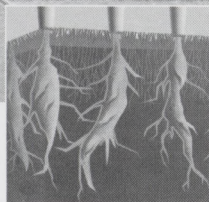
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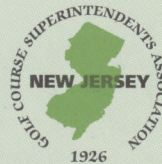
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GCSANJ and NJTA: Developing a strategic vision for the future

By Chris Carson

Over the past several years the New Jersey Turfgrass Association has been looking hard at all that we do, at our partnerships with other turf organizations, and at our goals and missions. Under the leadership of our new Executive Director Michelle Rickard we've recently held in-depth strategic planning meetings, and they've been very helpful in providing for us a vision of who we are and what we want to be.

Our partnership with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey is one that we value highly, and it became clear in our internal discussions that we wanted to make that partnership even stronger in the future. To that end, we've had a number of discussions with GCSANJ's leadership -- especially with President Bruce Peeples -- to explore both existing shared collaborations and to discuss new initiatives. These talks have been very productive, and I thought that I would outline a few of the ideas we've shared.

GCSANJ was formed in 1926 to promote professionalism, to educate, and to provide ways to socialize with our peers. NJTA was formed in 1970, and our mission is to promote the turfgrass industry and enhance the environment through education, professionalism, leadership and our partnership with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Though these missions are somewhat different we share common goals and a common purpose that the leadership of our two groups are now working to strengthen.

Let's take a look at one of these shared goals: to support turf research at Rutgers University. Though it is NJTA's prime mission, GCSANJ has a long history of supporting Rutgers as well. In fact, in 1988 GCSANJ initiated the funding for Summer Patch research. Not only did this initiative lead to a better understanding and cure of this devastating disease it also led to the formation of the Tri-State Turf Research Foundation, a group that has contributed almost \$400,000 to turf researchers throughout the Northeast over the last 15 years. Because NJTA's main mission is supporting Rutgers,

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we've contributed more than one million dollars over the same period. Together, our groups have had a significant impact on the work going on in New Brunswick!

We share the need to react to outside forces, including legislative issues. For example, GCSANJ led the way toward realistic drought legislation with the establishment of the Alliance for Water Conservation. Similarly, NJTA continues to work on noise and fertility issues that threaten how we maintain turf. And together we've been the lead sponsors for the new Turfgrass Economic Survey just completed by Rutgers, the results of which will help us provide a clear picture to legislators in Trenton of our 3.2 billion dollar industry. It is an excellent example of our joint efforts providing a significant, state-wide benefit for all in the turf world.

NJTA's sponsorship of the Rutgers Field Days has helped fulfill our mission of member education, and one of the ideas we are exploring right now is to develop a fuller and richer

partnership with GCSANJ for the Golf Research Field Day. It makes sense for us to be working jointly on this important educational opportunity, and we are doing the same thing with the Sports Fields Managers Association with the Landscape and Athletic Field Day in Adelphia. These alliances do more than help promote the dissemination of important research and education to turf professionals... they also serve to strengthen the ties that bind our organizations.

The Center for Turfgrass Science relies upon our financial support, but also in our collective voices, too. The Advisory Board for the Center is made up of both University people and turfgrass professionals, professionals who are members of both of our groups. This Board serves to provide a certain amount of oversight to the Center but also --and more importantly-- to let the Center know about the problems we are encountering in the field and the direction we would like the Center to take in some of its research.

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Turfgrass Director is confirmed as Geiger Chair

By Amanda Knolling

New Brunswick, NJ – Dr. Bruce Clarke, director of Rutgers' Center for Turfgrass Science, has been confirmed as the first occupant of the Ralph Geiger Chair in Turfgrass Science by the Rutgers University Board of Governors.

"Bruce Clarke is an exceptional researcher, a dedicated teacher and a noted authority in his field," said Rutgers President Richard L. McCormick. "As the first holder of the Geiger Chair, Bruce is well equipped to lead the Rutgers Turfgrass Program in its tradition of excellence."

"This distinction is a great compliment not only to Bruce, who has worked tirelessly to make the turfgrass program here at Rutgers' Cook College one of the best in the world, but also to the program itself, which has a sterling reputation for innovation in research and education," said Bob Goodman, dean of Cook College.

The endowed chair was funded by Ralph Geiger, an avid golfer and philanthropist who has donated generously to the Center for Turfgrass Science over the past decade. Income from the nearly \$2 million endowment will be used to promote turfgrass teaching, extension and research, Clarke said. At least \$20,000 per year will be used to fund undergraduate, graduate and two-year certificate program student scholarships. The investiture is scheduled to take place November 28.

"We will use the funds from the endowed chair to attract and increase the enrollment of top-quality students from around the nation who have an avid interest in turfgrass science," Clarke said. "We will increase internships, sending students all over the world to gain hands-on experience. And we also plan to increase our educational facilities at the Geiger Education Complex on Horticulture Farm II in

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North Brunswick so that students can continue to learn in a dynamic environment.”

“The endowed chair will enable the Center for Turfgrass Science to be at the cutting edge of the industry,” said Executive Vice Dean of Agriculture and Natural Resources Keith Cooper.” As holder of the Geiger Chair, Bruce will be a leader of exciting new initiatives at the Center.”

As director of the Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science, Clarke is responsible for providing leadership to foster internationally recognized research, undergraduate, graduate, and continuing professional education and service programs in support of the turfgrass industry, which produces \$3.2 billion in annual revenue for New Jersey alone. He is an authority on root-infecting fungi associated with patch diseases of turf and is recognized for his work on the development of integrated disease control strategies to reduce pesticide usage. Clarke has published two books on turfgrass pathology and has authored numerous articles for

professional journals and trade magazines. He has recently been named a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, and has received the John Reid Lifetime Achievement Award from the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association, the Distinguished Service Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey, the New Jersey Turfgrass Association’s Hall of Fame Award and the Weisblat Award for Excellence in Research, Teaching and Outreach from Rutgers’ Cook College and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. Clarke is a frequent speaker at educational conferences throughout the United States and has presented his research to turf managers in Australia, China, Europe, and Japan.

Clarke received both his B.S. in forest management and his Ph.D. in plant pathology from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, where he has been employed since 1981.

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Turf Fertilizer in the Crosshairs

By Ray Buckwalter

Every day I roll out of bed at 5 AM, get dressed, and on my way out the door I look over my shoulder and say, "see you later dear, I'm off to pollute our rivers, contaminate the Chesapeake Bay, and turn our home state into a toxic wasteland. Be home around six."

Who am I?

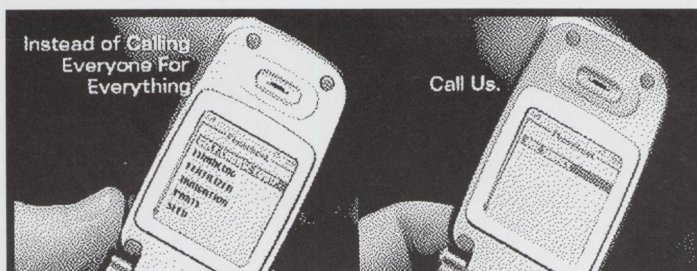
- A.) A terrorist
- B.) An industrialist
- C.) A lawn care professional.

If your answer is "C" you may share the same opinion as many lawmakers. The reason involves the Clean Water Act (CWA), Non-Point-Source Pollution (NPSP), and Total Maximum Dailey Load (TMDL). Think CWA, NPSP, and TMDL are Greek fraternities? If so you should probably read on.

If you're as old as I am you probably remember a television ad in which a lone Native American paddles his


canoe through a grotesquely polluted body of water. In the background you see an industrial moonscape where smoke stacks and sewer pipes spew vile muck into the air and water. As the shot fades you see a single tear roll down his weathered cheek. This was powerful imagery that mirrored the political climate of the day. In 1972 concerns over water quality lead to the passage of the Clean Water Act (CWA). In those days industry was targeted as the primary culprit and the initial focus was point-source pollution. Find a discharge pipe, follow it to its source, and force the polluter to fix it. In 1972 there was a lot of work to do, but finding point source discharges was relatively easy. As a result any discharge into a lake, stream or waterway requires an EPA permit. Thousands, maybe even millions of permits have been issued. You can visit the EPA web site to see for yourself. Browse to http://oaspub.epa.gov/enviro/ef_home2.water and enter your zip code. All of these discharges are now monitored and the originators are accountable for treating and removing pollutants to comply

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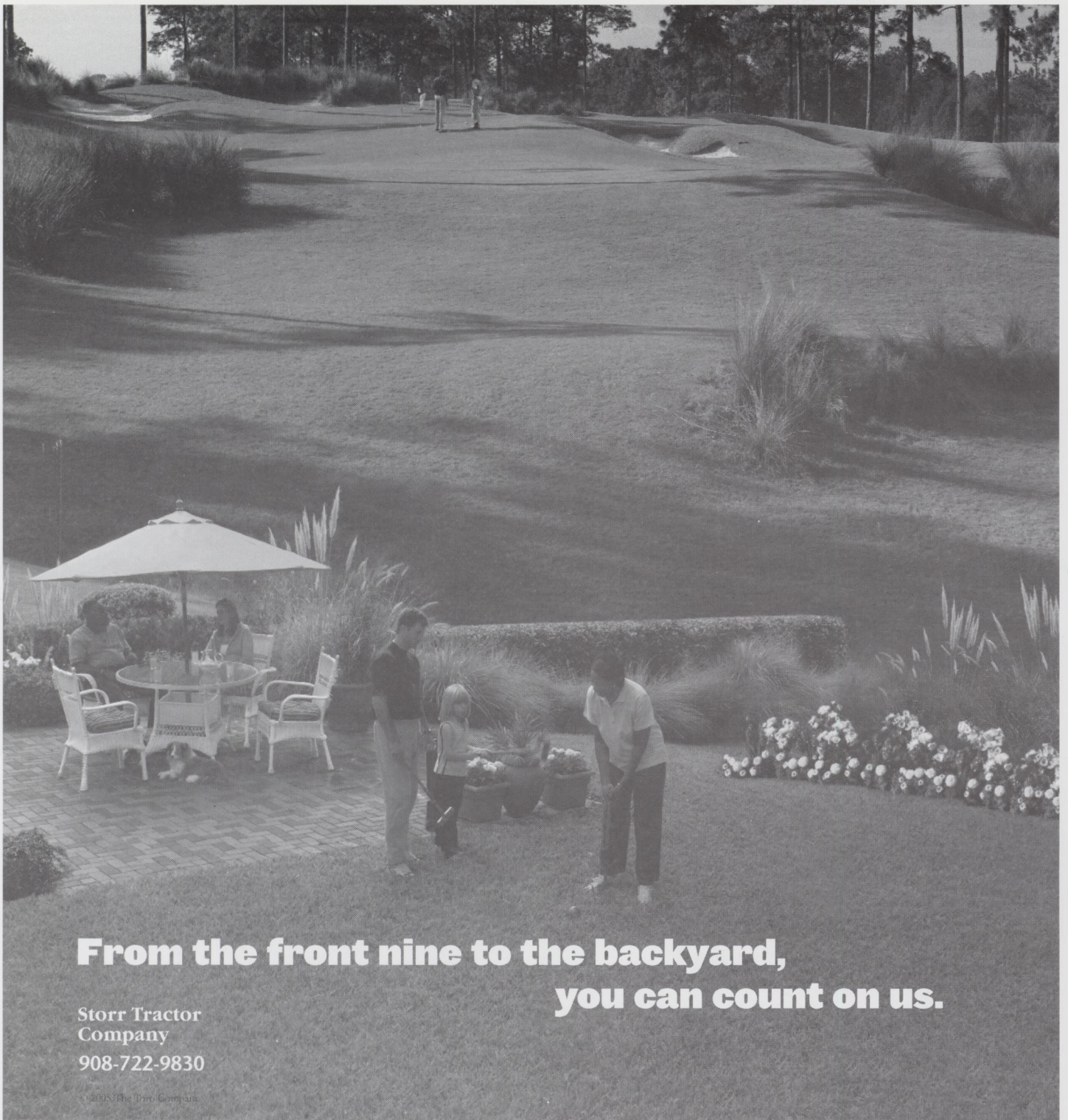
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with our clean water regulations. I doubt anyone would argue that we have not made great strides in understanding the point sources of water pollution, and cleaning them up. After all, it has been a long time since a lake or river caught fire and burned, and that's a good thing.

Part of the CWA required the EPA to establish "Total Maximum Daily Load" (TMDL) standards for various bodies of water. TMDL is the amount of any pollutant that can enter a body of water without causing it to exceed the clean water quality standard. It sounded like a great idea, but experts considered fair enforcement of TMDL almost impossible. Legislators effectively sidelined enforcement by refusing to pass funding. That is until President Clinton signed an executive order as he was leaving office. Establishment and enforcement of TMDLs is still hotly debated, but compliance is no longer optional. One of the more troublesome aspects of enforcing TMDL is that much of the problem is a result of non-point-source pollution (NPSP).

Non-point-source pollution is essentially all runoff that enters streams and lakes.

Non-point-source pollution is essentially all runoff that enters streams and lakes. On its way there it picks up residues from everything it touches including oil from the parking lot at the local mall, detergents from your neighbor who washes his car in his driveway, byproducts from leaves decomposing in the storm water system, overflow from malfunctioning septic fields, and animal waste from the thousands of geese living in the local park. All are carried along and discharged into streams and lakes. These pollutants are categorized as biological, metals, nutrients, pathogens, thermal, pH, and sediments. Sources of NPSP are everywhere. They are easily detected by water testing. However, locating the sources and reducing them is not so simple.

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This advisory role is important. Dr. Bruce Clarke, director of the Center, is constantly seeking input and direction from the industry...and uses this information to guide research endeavors. This is the main reason why Rutgers is so valuable to golf course superintendents and turf managers in other fields: they solve our problems!

But the Center faculty are more than just problem solvers; they undertake ground breaking science too. Science like genetic mapping that will ultimately result in better grass varieties, or exploration of soil mixes that will improve USGA recommendations for green construction. This combination of basic science and a dedicated problem solving approach is what makes Rutgers the leading turfgrass institution in the world, and the strong industry-university partnership that exists plays a significant part in Rutgers success.

In exploring ways for our two organizations to strengthen our ties we will not lose sight of the fact that we serve different memberships with unique needs. For example, we are in discussions to ensure --and to strengthen-- GCSANJ's presence at the annual Turf Expo in Atlantic City. But we also recognize that the superintendents are conducting their own educational meeting too, with the Crystal Springs Conference. By sharing our thoughts and vision, we are working to avoid duplicating education efforts at these two events, and to provide additional quality options for attendees.


NJTA has recently given GCSANJ a seat on our NJTA Turf Foundation, a voice that will help us decide where support at Rutgers is most needed. This Foundation exists solely for the purpose of supporting turf scholarship, research and education, a mission that clearly is shared by both organizations.

What's next?

We are exploring ways to mutually benefit each organization while retaining the autonomy, traditions, and history of both groups. This exploration may lead us in unexpected directions, but the leadership of both organizations share a common commitment: to enhance our professions, to make what we do easier, and to continue to promote positive and friendly relationships among fellow superintendents and our peers in affiliated turfgrass disciplines.

Our discussions and strategic planning will help further develop a unified voice that is ready to act when the need exists. Together we must be ready to support our peers in times of crisis, to help Rutgers help us, and to work jointly on the legislative level to assist the ten's of thousands of people in New Jersey who make their livings growing turfgrass.

Chris Carson is Past President of GCSANJ (1993-94), and current President of the NJTA, Tri-State Turf Research Foundation, and the Advisory Committee for the Center for Turfgrass Science at Rutgers University. [



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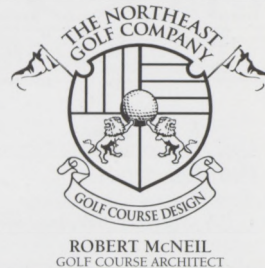
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has published a model ordinance banning the use of phosphorus in fertilizers used outdoors. The New Jersey Alliance for Environmental Concerns [AEC], with strong support from RISE, is working to protect the interests of our industry. Reserve Tuesday November 22 to attend the AEC annual meeting to get the most up to date information. Visit the AEC website at www.nj-alliance.org to reserve your seat, get and copy of the proposed ordinance, and stay informed. --Ray Buckwalter is the President of the New Jersey Alliance for Environmental Concerns. [

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In Memoriam

Dr. Henry W. Indyk, past executive director of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey, passed away September 5, 2005. He was 84.

Henry was a professor at Rutgers University's Cook College for over 30 years retiring in 1990. He was fully devoted to providing leadership in education to all facets of the turf grass industry. He served on many boards and committees of various interests in the turf grass community including the New Jersey Turfgrass Association, Sports Turf Managers Association, Irrigation Association, The GCSANJ and many more. His awards include the National Irrigation Man of the Year Award (1978), the New Jersey Turfgrass Hall of Fame Award (1985), and the Sports Turf Man of the Year Award (1999). In 1989, Dr. Indyk was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the Golf Course

Superintendents Association of New Jersey for his efforts of educating and promoting the Golf Course Superintendent throughout his career.

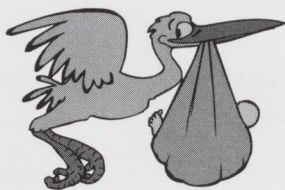
Henry was responsible for the development of the New Jersey Turfgrass Expo and served as its general chairman from 1974 to 1996. His fifty years of experience in turf grass management earned him worldwide recognition and he most notably consulted in the construction of the Los Angeles Coliseum playing field in preparation for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic games.

Dr. Indyk was a World War II Veteran having served in the U.S. Army in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters.

Donations and memorials may be made to: The Dr. Henry W. Indyk Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o The Rutgers University Foundation, 7 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.



Dr. Henry Indyk receives the GCSANJ Distinguished Service Award in 1989 from President Steve Finamore CGCS.



Birth announcements

John Paddock from Shark River GC and his wife Lisa became very proud parents a beautiful little boy on August 21, 2005. His name is John Friend Paddock but he will answer to the name of Jack. He was 7 lbs. and 10 oz's and 20 inches tall and everyone is doing well especially since John is able to take some time off to enjoy these wonderful moments.

Kylie Rose Dudones made her worldly debut on September 2, 2005 weighing 6 lbs. and 14 oz's. The beautiful little girl is the first child of Dana and Dave Dudones and both mother and daughter are doing well. Proud father Dave is the superintendent of the North Jersey Country Club.

Eric and Cindy McGhee will remember September 13, 2005 because Carter David entered the world on this day and he weighed 5 lbs 7 oz's and stretched out to 19 inches. He was joined by his sister Caroline Grace who weighed 5 lbs and 14 oz's and was also 19 inches tall. Both of these little ones will have 5 year old Kelsey to look to for guidance if mom and dad are busy. Everyone is well and dad is back at work but since they live on the course he will be making many stops to check on all of his family members. ☺

New Jersey Golf Course of the Year

The Cherry Valley Country Club was named the 2005 Course of the Year by the New Jersey Golf Course Owners Association. Golf Course Superintendent Steve Wirth played a large role in this honor as one of the main criteria is quality of course conditioning. Congratulations to Steve and his club.

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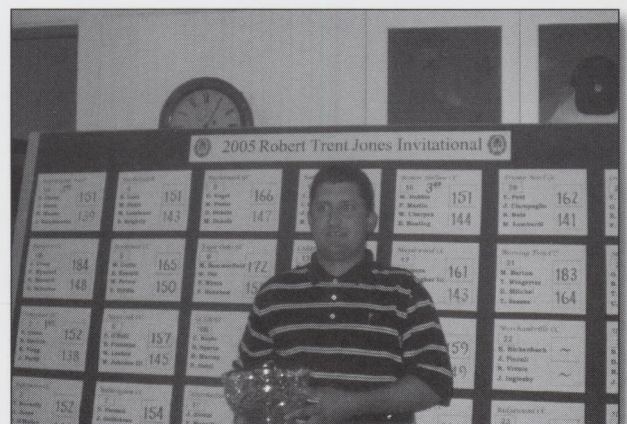
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Still plenty of Time!

It's possible that you recently received a Class A Renewal Update from GCSAA and were awakened to the fact that you are in the initial 3-year renewal cycle and need to acquire a combination of education/service points in order to remain a Class A member of GCSAA when July 1, 2006 rolls around. With less than a year remaining, is this still possible?

Here are a couple of things to remember:

- There is still plenty of time to easily fulfill the required three education/service points, keeping in mind that a minimum of 1.2 points must be 'education' points.

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- Everything from attending local chapter meetings with approved education, to participating in one of the numerous GCSAA webcast opportunities from the comfort of your office or home, to attending the 2006 Golf Industry Show and GCSAA Education Conference as a full-pack registrant and much, much more; will earn you education points. And do not forget to record credit for serving on a local community board, coaching your son/daughter's soccer team, or giving a presentation to the local flower club, which are just three of the many ways to obtain service points.

- To review a full list of education/service point opportunities, as well as recording education/service points and posting pesticide license information, please go to the "My Member Central" tab on the GCSAA web site or request information and affidavits by calling the GCSAA's Fax-On-Demand line at 1-888-838-4419.

So exactly how do I record points?

Be sure to visit **Member Central** on the GCSAA Web site at www.gcsaa.org. **Member Central** is your one-stop shop for managing your Class A requirements. It will allow you to record education and service points, as well as view your transcript for either your current renewal cycle or a comprehensive, lifetime record.

- **Education points for pre-approved non-GCSAA educational events.** An event approval code will be announced at some point during the program. To record your attendance, you must submit the event approval code to GCSAA by using either the online education point affidavit available in **Member Central** or a traditional paper affidavit.

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Thanksgiving donations needed

Once again I will be collecting monies to donate turkeys to the less fortunate. In fact this will be my 25th year. Due to hurricanes Katrina and Rita donations at local charities are down from last year. I will be trying to donate 30 turkeys to two separate churches. Saint James in Red Bank and Saint Joe's in Newton.

On November 13th I'll be leaving with fellow HOG members from the Andover Diner on Route 206. Our destination is the Foodtown in Red Bank. Anyone wishing to donate can meet me at the diner, we'll be leaving at 9:00 am or the Foodtown; we'll be arriving around 11:15 or you can mail your donation care of: Wally Waltsak, Packanack Lake Golf Club, 7 Osborne Terrace, Wayne NJ 07470.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Wally Waltsak



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- **Education points for educational events without GCSAA pre-approval** –Submit the “Member Application for GCSAA Education Points” available in **Member Central** under the external education section to request a review of an education program. Applications must be submitted within 30 days of the event. If the program meets the criteria for education points, staff will record the education points to your transcript.

- **Education points for GCSAA seminars & web casts**– You must complete the evaluation form given at the end of the seminar and return it to the instructor. The evaluations will be scanned and the education points automatically recorded.

- **Education points for attending the GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show** –You must be registered as a full-pack attendee in order to receive the 1.5 education points that are awarded for attendance at the GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show.

Your points will be recorded automatically following the conference.

- **Service Points** – Service Points can be recorded using the online service point affidavit available in **Member Central** or by submitting a traditional paper affidavit. A few categories require additional documentation be provided. For a complete list of the service point categories, visit **Member Central**.

- If you do not have access to the Internet or would prefer to use a paper affidavit, we have developed a special automated, 24-hour Fax-On-Demand telephone system (1-888-838-4419). Upon request, a blank education or service point affidavit form will be faxed to you. After completing the appropriate affidavit, mail or fax (785) 832-3643 the form back to GCSAA where staff will update your transcript. You can also request these forms by calling the GCSAA Member Solutions at (800) 472-7878.

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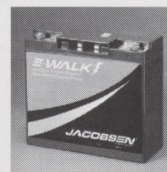
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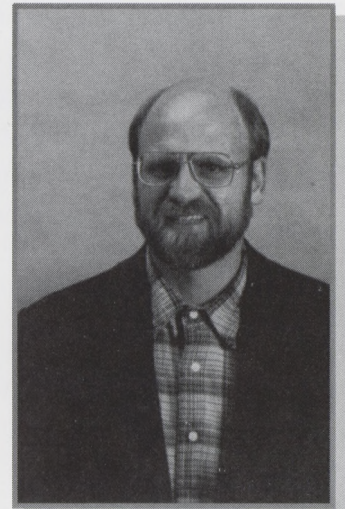
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Pesticide License or GCSAA IPM Exam!

Along with accumulating a total of three points (minimum 1.2 education points); one of the requirements for renewing Class A status is to provide proof of possessing a pesticide license or passing GCSAA's IPM exam. What is the reasoning behind such a requirement?


- Golf course superintendents are truly stewards of the environment, but it often takes more than just "walking the walk and talking the talk" to convince others outside the golf course management industry.
- The easiest and most highly recognized way to validate your commitment to the environment is through the possession of a pesticide license. While not every golf course superintendent applies chemicals, it was agreed that all Class A members should have a basic understanding of the concepts related to safe pesticide application, handling and storage.
- Remember, to enter your pesticide license information, please access an affidavit through "My Member Central" on the GCSAA web site or request an affidavit by calling GCSAA's Fax-On-Demand at 1-888-838-4419.
- If you do not currently possess a pesticide license and would prefer to take GCSAA's IPM exam, you have the ability to schedule an exam by once again going to "My Member Central" or calling the Fax-On-Demand number listed above.

It is July 1, 2006 and I have failed to fulfill the requirements for Class A renewal!

You have had three years to accumulate and record the three points (minimum of 1.2 education points), as well as meet the pesticide requirement, but have been unable and/or unwilling to do so. What is going to happen to your GCSAA membership?

Complying with the ongoing requirements adopted with the implementation of the Professional Development Initiative is purely voluntary. Your membership in GCSAA is not at risk, however, your ability to maintain your Class A status in GCSAA is.

If you fail to earn a total of three points (1.2 must be education points) and/or fail to meet the pesticide requirement, you will be reclassified to Superintendent Member status on July 1, 2006. In order to regain your Class A status, you will be required to meet the original requirements plus you will be required to accumulate an additional five points (2.0 must be education points). That means that instead of needing three points to maintain your Class A, you now need a total of eight points (3.2 must be education points) in order to regain your Class A status. Remember, as a Superintendent Member of GCSAA, you still have all the rights and privileges of the association, with the exception of holding office.

If you have any questions concerning your Class A status, please contact R. Scott Woodhead, Senior Manager of Governance and Member Standards at 1-800-472-7878 ext 4418 or Stacie Adams, Membership/PDI Coordinator at extension 3687. 



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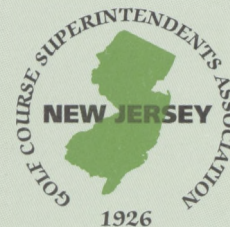
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Joy's performance in 1999 was a sensation, a highlight of the 30-plus-year history of the Expo! He will once again be visiting Atlantic City this December to highlight St. Andrews, the history of golf, and the important role that Old Tom Morris played in the game we love. Presented as a part of the USGA regional seminar on Tuesday, December 6, he is sure to be the star of the program.


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