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# 2008 Barclays Hospitality Tent

~at Ridgewood Country Club~



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## The Barclays Golf Tournament

### The PGA FedEx Cup at Ridgewood Country Club

The Ridgewood Country Club Grounds Department will host a hospitality tent available to GCSANJ members, visiting GC Superintendents, grounds department volunteers, staff and dignitaries throughout tournament week. Todd Raisch, CGCS asked me to solicit support for this event which will play host to the first stage of the "PGA FedEx Cup".

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served, as well as beverages and snacks. The publicity for sponsors will be professionally

handled in such a way that all sponsors will get the greatest benefit for their appreciated support

All proceeds raised will be donated to the GCSANJ Foundation. This Foundation supports research, scholarship and numerous charitable causes. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please do not hesitate to call me for more information.

*Sincerely,*

*Ken Kubik*

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# President's Message

With the end of the winter season coming faster each day and the hordes of golfers soon to follow, I hope everyone has taken some time to sit back, relax to re-fuel yourself for the upcoming season. We'll soon be starting our day earlier and working longer days, so we'll all need to be prepared both mentally and physically for the rest of the year. We work in a stressful profession – whether it be imposed by the weather, our employers or the members, it all takes a toll on your self-esteem and wellbeing.

What do I do in the short “off-season” to re-charge? I take the family on a mini-vacation, go to the movies, try the arts, go out for dinner, and basically anything that the entire family can do together. My recommendations for you are to read a few books (whether they be motivational, novels, biographies, mysteries, or even turf or golf oriented), or try a new hobby or activity that you have always wanted to do, but haven't had the time to do. I guess what I'm trying to say is enjoy the time you have now because by mid-season you will probably wished you would have taken some “family” or “you” time.

If you chose to attend the Golf Industry Show I hope you had a good experience. The education and information gathering from fellow superintendents and or sales representatives will only benefit you in the future. What better way to get new or share ideas than networking with people that have the same issues? If you didn't get a chance to go there are still some other opportunities out there for you. Whether a daily educational event or a tradeshow, there's no better way to network than getting together with other superintendent to share ideas.

## Association news:

The Greenside will be changing its distribution from a bi-monthly to quarterly, as recommended by the Communication Committee, and a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Communication Committee felt that with fewer issues they could publish more articles in a timely basis. The Greenside will also sport a new full-color look.

All members are encouraged to submit articles. Those wishing to have their article published should contact Lance Rogers, Communication Committee Chairperson. We feel that The Greenside has always fared well against other state chapter publications, but we can always do better with a greater member participation.

I would like to take the time to congratulate Mark Kuhns, who was recently elected to serve as Vice-President of the

Michael A. Stachowski, Golf Club of Concordia



GCSAA Board of Directors. I would also like to congratulate John O'Keefe on his appointment to the GCSAA Board of Directors. It's not often that you see two people serving on the GCSAA board from the same chapter simultaneously.

New Jersey will host an LPGA and a PGA event this year. Bob Dickison at Upper Montclair Country Club will host the LPGA “Sybase Classic” from May 12-18. Todd Raisch at Ridgewood Country Club will host the PGA “The Barclays” from August 18-24. If you would like to volunteer for one or both of these events contact Bob or Todd directly.

GCSANJ will be losing an excellent superintendent and a good friend in March. Roger A. Stewart, Jr. has accepted a position in Minneapolis. Roger has served on the board of the GCSANJ, and is currently serving as Past President. His knowledge, experience and dedication to our Association and profession will truly be missed. On behalf of the GCSANJ, I personally would like to thank Roger for his time and leadership of our Association.

Lastly, congratulations to Bandit and his owner Brian Minemier for being chosen for Lebanon's calendar. Lebanon will donate \$2000 to the GCSANJ Foundation; the dog biscuits are in the mail. ¶



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# Kuhns and O'Keefe Meet Approval

When the doors closed at the Orange County Convention Center's Rosen Grand Ballroom, and the excited Annual Meeting crowd disappeared into the night, two New Jersey superintendents remained behind to have their formal pictures taken for their first order of business as members of the 2008 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's Board of Directors.

Mark Kuhns CGCS and John O'Keefe CGCS, two of New Jersey's finest superintendents, met the approval of their peers by being elected during the Golf Industry Show held on February 1, 2008 in Orlando, Florida.

Kuhns, director of grounds at the Baltusrol Golf Club, was elected to the position of Vice-President after successfully serving the members of the GCSAA as their Secretary/Treasurer in 2007.

O'Keefe, director of golf course management at the Preakness Hills Country Club, was elected to a one year term to fill the position of Director.

The GCSAA membership will be well served as O'Keefe and Kuhns both have tremendous experience with the operation of associations on the state level. They are both well known and respected for their leadership and mentor skills as well as being just good people. Congratulations gentlemen and good luck from your friends in the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey. 🏌️



*Back Row - Left to right:*

Robert Randquist, CGCS; Sanford Queen, CGCS; Patrick Finlen, CGCS; John O'Keefe, CGCS; Keith Ihms, CGCS.

*Front Row - Left to right:*

James Fitzroy, CGCS; David Downing II, CGCS; Mark Kuhns, CGCS; Ricky Heine, CGCS.

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**On the Cover:**  
Pines Course at the Seaview Marriott Resort, Hole 9, par 5. Photo Courtesy of Seaview Marriott.

# GCSAA News from Orlando

by William Murray, GCSANJ Vice President

The Board of Directors and Chapter Delegates held their yearly annual meeting on February 1, 2008 at the Rosen Center in Orlando, Florida. A brief summary of the meeting and election results will follow.

The meeting was called to order by President Ricky Heine followed by Board introductions then the approval of the Credential Report, Convention Standing Rules, Agenda, Necrology Report and the approval of 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes.

The Board and Delegates then got down to the business of voting for the proposed dues increase. The results are as followed:

|           |      |
|-----------|------|
| Yes Votes | 7851 |
| No Votes  | 270  |

The election for Secretary/Treasurer followed:

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| James Fitzroy    | 6221 |
| Robert Randquist | 2396 |

The election of Directors: (Vote for 2)

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Sanford Queen  | 7185 |
| Patrick Finlen | 7308 |
| John O'Keefe   | 2569 |

John O'Keefe was then appointed to the Board filling the vacant position created by the election of James Fitzroy to Secretary/Treasurer.

With no new business the presentation of the Past President's blazer was followed by the presentation of the new President, David Downing, Vice President Mark Kuhns and the Board of Directors. The meeting was then adjourned.

It was nice to see numerous faces from New Jersey in attendance at the meeting supporting John's run for the Board.

Jim McNally Delegate  
Bill Murray Alternate Delegate



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# Change is Positive!

by Cece Peabody, MAT, CMP  
Executive Director



*If you had the chance to change something significant, would you take it? Well, we have...and of course I'm referring to the NEW 2008 Greenerside!*

*The Communication Committee looked at this award winning publication and felt we could add more value to it by changing the format from a two color to a four color. We've had terrific response from our great supporters and advertisers as you'll witness when you see the 'new look'. We think you're gonna like it! If you've missed this issue, but decide you want to be part of the next three issues, let me know.*

*We asked for articles and pictures from our members and you have responded...there are a few inside and many more are planned for other issues. Thank you in advance, and keep sending them...we truly appreciate it.*

*One of the other best new changes the association has completed is the ability to take credit cards...Yes, it really has happened. We not only can take online registrations, but our credit card machine is ready to take your numbers...we want to make your participation as easy as possible.*

*We're listening to you and we want your ideas and suggestions to keep coming...we're the 'power of 600+ members' and growing. Tell us what you think and how we can make your membership value even better. Reach out by phone or by email to me, to your Board of Directors, to your District Directors.*

*Spring is around the corner...have you decided what changes you're going to make? 🐣*

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*Have you changed your records from Elmsford NY to Wayne NJ yet? Please do...*

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**L o o k i n g   a   h e a d   t o   2 0 0 8 !**

Last year was a success for the Foundation and we're proud of that, however, it's now time to look ahead. The GCSANJ Foundation Board of Directors is always looking at ways to raise money, while providing the membership with worthwhile events. More than \$35,000 last year was given to universities for research, students for scholarship, several charitable organizations, members in need and to the EIFG (*The Environmental Institute for Golf*) the GCSAA's Foundation.

Last year, the Foundation took control of the RTJ Invitational, an event that has raised more than 1/2 million dollars. Stephen Cadenelli, CGCS and Metedeconk National created and organized this event for 18 years. Although we knew it would be difficult to continue on with the high standards that Metedeconk National had developed, we took on this challenge and committed ourselves to make this event even better, if possible. We believe this happened! We had 27 teams show up on October 29th at Metedeconk National Golf Club for the 19th Annual RTJ Invitational. It was a beautiful day for golf and it was even a better day for the GCSANJ

Foundation and the EIFG. Thanks to the Sponsors and the 27 teams (*four man teams*) we were able to raise \$17,000. This money was divided evenly and \$8,500 was given to the EIFG and the remaining balance stayed with the GCSANJ Foundation. Everyone we spoke to had an outstanding day...the golf course was superb, thanks to Ryan Oliver, the service was impeccable, the food was plentiful and the camaraderie among people that love the game of golf was great. We hope to see you there this year.

*Now is the time to submit those scholarship applications. Did you know that all GCSANJ members and their children are eligible for scholarship money to be used for their college education? The Foundation has given a total of 10 scholarships over the past 2 years. Go to our website today, [www.gcsanj.org](http://www.gcsanj.org), to download application and essay questions. Deadline is May 31, 2008. Good Luck!*



# GCSANJ Golfers Join List of Winners in Orlando

by Shaun Barry

The first day of the tournament started with the two man net event. I wasn't there but they had four flights and I believe that Net IV was for the lower handicap players. It was in this event that we had our first winners. Brian Minemier and Bob Prickett took first place with a score of 62. I know it was at least Bob's second National Championship win but I believe that this was a first for Brian. They won by 2 shots which is hard to do in a one day event. Congratulations on your great play gentlemen and I hope this level of skill continues in 2008 especially if you happen to be my partners.

Our second National Champion was Tom Tuttle, CGCS. He was low gross winner of the 6th flight. The trophy and plate that come with this win will join the others that he has earned representing NJ at our national championship. I expect that he will work real hard at adding to the total when he tries again in 2009.

Tom Ashfield did not win in the Championship Flight but his 72 in the first round put him in 2nd place and now he knows he can play with the big boys even if there isn't much golf being played in our area during the winter. Tom Grimac and Ian Kunesch both shot 243 but this kept them out of contention. Jim Swiatlowski played in the 1st flight and his net score took second place. This gave Jim a nice piece of crystal and a plate to display proudly.

John Alexander placed fourth in the 2nd flight gross and Andrew Bucceri was fourth in the 5th flight gross. Mark Kuhns was a winner with his fifth place finish in the 6th flight net and he also joined with Dave Downing for a fourth place finish in the two man net event. They played in Net III and when you finish ahead of Charlie Dey and Jeff Wetterling you know you had a good day.

Jim Cross is now playing in the Senior I Gross flight and he was 4th. In Senior II Ed Walsh attempted to defend his net title but his second place finish was still a great finish. There were many great stories from this event and some of them can actually be retold so take a moment to speak with the guys who played in this event. Maybe you will be

inspired to experience the fun in the future. Just remember that I only report on the good scores so don't let your potential bad play keep you from playing.

We did have one injury that I know of and that was when Bob Prickett's back went out during the second day of the tournament. He continued to play but any chance of winning his flight left when the back acted up. I saw him at the trade show and he seemed fine so I expect that he will continue his winning ways as he shows the "kids" how to play this game. ♪



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# Are You Ready for Earth Day?

by Mike Oleykowski, Fisher & Son Company

**H**ow will you celebrate Earth day? How can any person who uses pesticides and fertilizer claim to love the earth and be an environmentalist?

In 1970, 20 million people celebrated Earth Day. Since then, Earth Day became many things and it evokes many emotions. Many groups gather to point fingers at the wrongs that we, as a society, have done to our Mother Earth. Some gather to educate the message of conservation. Some misguided souls use it to gather in protest and to foster misinformation against progress in creating healthful green space.

Yes, Earth Day is a political forum more so than worship for this 3rd rock from the sun.

Our urban suburban environment can and will never be pristine ever again. However, people in our green industry help to create oasis after oasis where nature adds to man's creations, with visits of thrush and fawn. Think of award winning landscapes, horticultural estates, places such as Longwood Gardens, Winterthur New York botanical Gardens to name a few. Think of those grand neighborhoods that many landscapes add to the local flavor. Think of your grandfather's garden. Imagine any verdant manors in your region that show man's influence over mother's great land. Can you not see that these users of fertilizers and pesticides love our mother earth and wish to nurture and protect it from destruction and decay? Do you not realize that these spaces are created by hunters and fishers? These people work in the outdoors because they love the outdoors.

I will celebrate Earth Day by first contemplating the blessings of our good earth, and by thanking the Lord for placing me on this not so fragile orb; for creating me in the manifestation of a being that can alter my local environment to my liking. I will thank her (Mother Earth) for allowing me the opportunities of education and mankind's progress in developing technologies so beneficial that we ignored the risks until the risks overwhelmed us all. I will awake to the sobering thought that about 50 years ago our urban environment was far more poisoned then than it is now, to the point that our rivers caught flame and species dwindled. I may even thank the almighty enlightener for all of this environmental awareness that helped clean our rivers and

clarified our air. I will thank Mother Earth for science that gave us benefits unimagined and later showed risks that needed corrections. I will thank the Good Mother for allowing us to make corrections to our environmental wrongs. I will thank her for allowing us to discover stewardship. I will thank her for Benefit and Risk!

But once my prayer is done, I will promote the benefits of what we do! And I will practice and promote Stewardship.

Our Green Industry creates jobs, creates green space that slows erosion, that traps particulate pollution, shades and cools the environment, replenishes oxygen, builds healthy soils, digests pollutants, adds to relaxation and mental health, inspires creativity and protects our urban surrounds from further decay.

Yes we use pesticides. And the list now is safer than it was years ago. Many of our products that we use now have less risk associated with their use than many household products. We can thank environmental awareness. We can thank Science.

We now practice IPM (Integrated Pest Management) and evaluate the need for a properly targeted pesticide application. However some misguided souls like to redefine what IPM means to eliminate pesticide entirely. Do they think we want to purchase and wantonly misuse costly resources?! How do you think the whole concept of IPM got started? IPM is not to eliminate pesticides. IPM started to evaluate the best economic method of controlling the pest to below damaging thresholds. IPM is to control the pest to non threatening levels by scouting, monitoring, addressing cultural methods and using biological and chemical tools to protect the host from the pest.

So this Earth Day (and everyday), I will stand for the proper definition of IPM and the right to judiciously apply pesticide products. I will promote the benefits of our great green industry. And I will help our industry create and maintain urban and suburban green space.

That's how I'll celebrate Earth Day! 🌱

**Earth Day  
is April  
22nd.**





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C A L E N D A R

- **APRIL 22:** GCSANJ Meeting at Marriott Seaview Resort, The Pines Course. Go to [www.gcsanj.org](http://www.gcsanj.org)
- **May 5: 2008:** Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classic. Go to [www.njturfgrass.org](http://www.njturfgrass.org)
- **May 12 - 18:** LPGA, Sybase Classic at Upper Montclair CC. Volunteers Needed!
- **July 12:** Clambake by the Sea, Foundation Summer Social. Go to [www.gcsanj.org](http://www.gcsanj.org)
- **July 29:** Rutgers Turfgrass Research Field Day. Go to [www.turf.rutgers.edu](http://www.turf.rutgers.edu).
- **August 18-24:** The Barclays at Ridgewood CC. Go to [www.gcsanj.org](http://www.gcsanj.org)

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# Developing and Maintaining Native Areas at Edgewood Country Club

Paul E. Dotti, Class A member  
Superintendent  
Edgewood Country Club  
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Not all golf courses were historically designed or constructed with native or natural landscape areas, like many courses are today. The idea of native landscapes can be a challenging proposition for superintendents, who manage courses that were built with the sole emphasis on “areas of play”. These native areas were originally created for several important reasons:



- The first reason, which probably was the main selling point, was the reduction in labor, fuel, water, pesticides and fertilizers by reducing the maintenance in these areas, which would be reflected in our budgets.
- The second reason was to preserve or enhance the wildlife on or around our golf courses.
- The final reason was to add contrast or challenge to the golf course by having bronze fescue or bluestem areas surrounding manicured turfgrass.

The challenge includes but is not limited to designing new areas, creating layouts, identifying maintenance issues, securing implementation costs, dealing with golfers’ expectations, and addressing complaints.



At Edgewood Country Club, there are 27 holes developed within a location that would probably be acceptable for 18 good holes. We started off slow with one area and converted it to wildflowers and established another area as a low maintenance area, where no seed was added and we just let it grow to see what happened. Many of our rough areas were not irrigated, so this was an easy transition for us. The first year the members raved about the wildflowers.

We decided to naturalize as many areas as possible during the second year. Approximately 30 acres later, the golf course had a totally different look. We had at least 10 areas or holes that had wildflowers and an additional 8 areas that were simply native areas.

Wildflowers were visible from every part of the golf course and large natural areas were almost on every other hole. We became a Certified Audubon Sanctuary with Audubon International shortly after developing these areas and most members accepted the environmental stance we were taking.

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## Developing and Maintaining Native Areas...continued



Our savings in labor, fuel, fertilizers, water and pesticides totaled close to \$10,000 per year. Wildlife began to increase with more hawks and foxes looking for prey in these newly created areas. Songbird populations were diversified as new blue bird boxes, purple martin houses and wildflower areas offered nesting and food sources.

In my experience, the original perception from our members was that we were not maintaining the golf course or we were forgetting to mow certain areas. The golf course went from being maintained from tree line to tree line, to now having these areas that were very natural in appearance. Once these areas matured, especially wildflower areas, the complaints turned to compliments. We rode these waves of compliments for a good year or two before some complaints began surfacing.

Suddenly, the wildflower areas did not have that full season of blooming flowers after the annuals died back the year before and the perennials were only flowering in mid summer. The native areas were beginning to show more green vegetation in the form of weeds, which stuck out like sore thumbs. Then, the complaints of lost golf balls and slow play came about and now the shift was from full acceptance of this program to justifying why we were doing it....again.

In order to have wildflowers flowering throughout the year, we needed to go in and reintroduce new seed, so annuals would be present and some of the older perennials could be replaced. Each spring, we went in and tilled these areas to offer a nice seed bed, similar to what we did to get them established. We then seeded in late March or early April and hopefully April showers allowed them to germinate. The first year or two of doing this we had promising results, but each year after, the flowers were less and less and weeds were becoming more of an issue.



We believe the constant tilling of the soil brought weed seeds up and not having irrigation to allow the flowers to germinate first, brought on the problem. Some years the weeds were manageable, but others they were dominant and we had large weed patches in high visibility areas. We could not continue to do what we were doing because we did see the decline in flowers and increase in weeds over time. Wildflowers are very sensitive to herbicides and it is hard to spray these areas, even with hand sprayers to target the individual weed plants. We did experiment with Plateau, an herbicide that allows you to make pre-emergence or post-emergence applications with sprays right over the flowers. Of course you will not drive a sprayer through these areas when they are fully established, so we went the pre-emergent route and saw mixed results. We experimented with slice seeding and aerating, to limit surface disruption, but created enough areas for seeds to germinate.

# Developing and Maintaining Native Areas...continued

These areas too had some successes and failures.

In 2007, we decided to use 3 areas and import screened topsoil. These areas were sprayed with roundup first, capped with a couple of inches of topsoil, leveled and then seeded. The seed was “dimpled” in with sand pro tires and we applied no fertilizers or nutrients to aid the establishment. We did cover the areas with salt hay to keep soil moisture in. The results were much improved over the previous years and flowers bloomed for the entire season. Weeds were present, but they did not have a negative effect on the overall appearance of the areas and we did not go in and remove them manually or chemically.



In the spring, we did have to use portable sprinklers or hand water these areas due to the lack of rainfall during establishment. The other seven areas that were previously wildflower areas were treated with roundup in October of 2006, aerated in several directions, and seeded with a fine fescue and little bluestem mix. By the spring of 2007, these areas were about 90% grown in and looked very attractive for the 2007 season. It is important to note that none of these areas get irrigation, including the wildflowers. Around the fescue areas irrigation heads were converted to part circles heads in order to eliminate any water from entering the areas.



Here are some conclusions and lessons drawn about the development and maintenance of wildflower and native areas at Edgewood Country Club:

- There is no such thing as zero maintenance areas on the golf course. Some manpower will be needed to remove unsightly vegetation and you should mow down the areas in the fall and possibly the spring of each year. Wildflowers, as beautiful as they are, will require maintenance after a few years.
- The first year or two wildflower areas will be absolutely striking, but trying to introduce

new seed over time will create new problems.

- It may be beneficial to have irrigation in wildflower areas to help with establishment, but eliminate the use of water once they become established in the summer.
- Keep the members informed at all times and educate why you want to create native or wildflower areas. The benefits of the areas will outweigh the negative elements, but you must demonstrate the importance of developing the areas.
- Also, be flexible on where you locate new native areas. Remember, Edgewood is relatively tight, so a native area may be out of play on one hole, but in play on another. I have cut back some areas when complaints arose, but also stuck to my guns with others.

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## Developing and Maintaining Native Areas...continued

- Experiment with different seed varieties, flower species, and even seed brands. You may find a variety or brand that looks better than another and it may be wise to use different kinds the first year to see what works for you.
- Make sure you document your successes and failures before, during and after establishment. It is a great reference to review where you may have made mistakes or could make improvements.
- Finally, native areas are much easier to establish and maintain than wildflowers. Start slow with the flowers and research what varieties work best in your zones and only do an area or two the first year to have a good handle on what to expect. ¶



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# Pictorial Review of the 4th Annual Crystal Conference



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# Crystal Conference a “Growing Success”

by Paul Dotti,

Crystal Conference Chairman

The 4th Annual Crystal Conference has come to a close and immediately following, the committee will meet to start planning the 5th annual event. But at the same time, we assess how we can improve the event by feedback we receive from the attendees.

A quick history -- the event started in 2004 with a draw of around 75 total people. In 2007, we were at 200 and the event is still growing. Our vendors' support is one reason why it continues to flourish.

Why did we choose the Crystal Springs Resort? Back when this started, we wanted to include a social aspect to the event, which was the golf scramble. We felt it was a low key event which lets everyone get together and have fun, something you do not see at many multi day events. We needed a venue that could host golf, education and social events over three days and still make the price affordable for our members.

The most important reason this event must succeed is that it makes our association socially and financially stronger. This is the biggest money raiser which in turn helps us keep costs down, support research and made it possible to hire our Executive Director Cece Peabody. Socially, the golf event draws more than 100 people which is probably a reflection of the time of year. Of course right before and after our event snow blanketed the area, so it is very hit or miss, but we had a nice day for golf. Over the past two seasons, two receptions have been added to meet vendors, peers and catch up with friends to enjoy a laugh or two.

Our education is second to none and this has been the case for four years. We have covered a variety of topics with some of the best speakers in the country. GCSAA, NJDEP, NYDEC and Pa credits are available, making it convenient to get the necessary credits all in one location.

While our single day events were successful we really wanted to make the Crystal Conference the premiere event of the GCSANJ. We are looking into offering a single day of education in the spring to get us warmed up for the season ahead.

We chose November to host this event because it is the time of the year when we are slowing down some at our own courses and we have the opportunity to get away and play golf and hopefully attend the two days of education.

Unfortunately, this is the time of year when seminars begin. GCSANJ, Penn State and NYSTA all fall in the month of November. Expo is in December, the Met Winter Seminar is in January and the GCSAA National Convention is in February followed by the New England Turf Conference. This makes it that much harder to find topics, speakers and dates that do not conflict with other events.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our speakers, vendors, attendees and the Crystal Springs Resort for making this another successful conference. Our committee will be working hard on the 5th Annual Crystal Conference, which promises to be exciting, both educationally and socially.

Hope to see you all there next year and if you have any comments about the event, you can contact me at [www.edgepaul@hotmail.com](mailto:www.edgepaul@hotmail.com). 📧

## Welcome New Board Members!

**Scott Bosetti**  
*District I*

**Michael Campbell**  
*District II*

**Wendell Beakley**  
*District IV*

**We're glad to have members involved in moving our chapter forward.**

**Thanks and Much Success!**





## *D i s t r i c t   N e w s*

**District 1 News:** The Barclays moves to Ridgewood Country Club this year during the week of August 18-24th. This will be the first leg of the PGA FedEx Cup playoffs. Todd Raisch, CGCS, Golf Course Superintendent at Ridgewood is looking for 45 volunteers for each day of the event. Email Todd at [traisch@gmail.com](mailto:traisch@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer. This event will provide a hospitality tent for volunteers, GCSANJ members and other dignitaries throughout event. Sponsorship packages available! Go to [gcsanj.org](http://gcsanj.org) for more info or contact Ken Kubik, Hospitality Chairman.

**District 2 News:** Upper Montclair once again will be hosting the LPGA Sybase Classic this year during the week of May 12-18th. Bob Dickison is looking for volunteers. Volunteer form is available online at [gcsanj.org](http://gcsanj.org).

**District 3 News:** As Winter draws to a close here in the central part of the state, some are questioning where Winter has been. The hottest topic of conversation has once again been the use of temporary greens. It seems we could never get a consistent cold stretch of weather that would end the greens discussion once and for all. Instead, old man winter would throw in a 60 degree day that would attract a course full of golfers, and turn the Superintendent into public enemy number one if “temps” are used.

Fortunately, many Superintendents have been proactive in their approach to this dilemma. And as I write this, a District 3 Roundtable is being organized (host Glenn Miller) to face the issue straight on. Dave Oatis and Jim Murphy have offered their expertise and will hopefully attend. This roundtable will be open to not only superintendents, but also greens chairman, Presidents, managers, or any other decision makers that are interested in discussing this Winter’s hottest topic.

District 3 once again hosted their annual Christmas party at Bar Anticipation last December. It turned out to be a great afternoon of fun and camaraderie. The food was wonderful and we were served by an outstanding staff. It seems we get treated very well at this establishment, but it doesn’t hurt when Bill Murray is good friends with the owner. So, I guess you could say that the A-team was working for Bar “A” to make sure we had a festive day.....thank you Bill Murray.

I would like to thank all who came this year to support the Christmas party. It is a good feeling when we prepare for a party and do not even need an RSVP, knowing that we will get a crowd. Special thanks to Blair Quinn, whose generosity kept the party going late into the afternoon. And if you were there long enough, you witnessed Pat O’Neill, of course, taking the stage and trying to explain what the Christmas season meant to him. It is always the little things that make a party memorable, and this was no exception.

Thank You and remember if the GCSANJ board of directors can assist you or answer any questions, feel free to contact your District 3 directors Lance Rogers and Jim Cadott.

**District 4 News:** At the GCSAA show in Orlando, D4 member Brian Minemier’s dog, a Yellow Lab, named Bandit won the Dog of the year award sponsored by Lebanon. The award included a \$2,000 dollar donation to the GCSANJ Foundation. Reports indicate that Brian was actively involved in the campaign, which came down to a close vote. Rumor of a back room deal was dismissed as politics, as truly the most deserved candidate won. Congratulations Bandit. 🐾





# GCSANJ Member *news*

District IV Members Bob Prickett and Brian Minemier won the 4 ball net four flight at the GCSAA golf tournament. Congratulations is in order.

A golf meeting is being planned for all district 4 members on Tue, March 25th at Running Deer G.C in Pittsgrove N.J. I encourage everyone to take this opportunity to come out and socialize with your peers and test your golf skills on a challenging golf course. Your participation at this and future district and state G.C.S.A.N.J events will be greatly appreciated.

District IV will be hosting the first meeting of the year. Once again it will be at the Marriott Seaview Resort & Spa on April 22nd. This year we will be playing "The Pines" course. Check back at [www.gcsanj.org](http://www.gcsanj.org) for more info.

Any addition member news can be directed to your Directors Bruce Rickert, CGCS and Wendell Beakley. Feel free to contact us if you are interested in hosting a District event. Good luck in the upcoming golfing season.

## Member News & Members on the Move

'Two Hats Off' to **Dennis DeSanctis Jr.**, as we recently found out he completed his Graduate Studies at Rutgers University for his Masters in Business Administration MBA in December 2007. Dennis accomplished this while holding down his full time job as the Syngenta Professional Products technical sales representative for Southern New York State, Long Island, Westchester & Fairfield (CT) counties.

If that's not enough, he has also just released his second music album CD "Sunlight Over The Hills". Dennis wrote both the music and the lyrics for this album. His band Project222 has been playing venues in NYC, NJ and PA. The CD can be purchased on [www.CDBABY.com](http://www.CDBABY.com) or in itunes. Great Job Dennis! What do you do in your spare time???



**Rick Broome**, previously employed at Harbor Pines Golf Club, has joined Synatek as a Golf Technical Sales Representative to cover Northern and S. Central NJ and Southern New York Counties.

**Joshua Kopera**, previously employed at Maplewood CC, is now Sales Territory Manager for Harrell's Turf Specialty covering Northern NJ and NE PA.

**Greg Nicoll**, previously employed at Trump National GC (Bedminster), is now Regional Sales Director covering the Mid Atlantic Region for Harrell's Turf Specialty.

### "Bandit" by *Brian Minemier*

My wife and I talked about getting a yellow lab for a few years when her girlfriend mentioned that her neighbor's dogs just had a litter. So we went over to their house, looked at the litter, and picked out the pup that we wanted, he was one of fifteen! We brought him home and the rest is history. We named him Bandit. Ever since he was 8 weeks old, he has been coming to the course with me. He loves going for rides on the golf cart, taking swims in the ponds, chasing geese, and his favorite thing is running through the sprinklers. It has become somewhat of a show, that the members want me to key in my radio to see Bandit run after the sprinklers. He enjoys greeting the members and has a favorite who gives him coffee rolls on the weekends. When I see the members, in the morning, they always ask, how's Bandit doing? Once in a while I wish they would ask, how am I? He is the first dog that I ever had, and my wife and I were very lucky to have such and good dog. He is a wonderful companion!

We submitted photos of Bandit to enter the contest for Superintendents and their Dogs calendar. The calendar that is sponsored by Lebanon Fertilizer Co. and Golfdom magazine. He was chosen as one of the dogs to be in the calendar out of approximately 120. He is the dog for the month of March. At the convention in Orlando, all of the dogs that are were in the calendar had their pictures on display at the Lebanon booth, and this is where the voting took place. I lobbied hard for Bandit to get the votes that he needed to win. Bandit and I would like to THANK! everyone for voting for him. I had a lot of fun walking around the show drumming up support for him, I just may have to go out on the national political scene. As a result of Bandit winning, our Association will be presented a check in the amount of \$2000 dollars. This presentation will take place at one of our monthly meetings, either in April or May. Again thank you to everyone for their help and support. 🙏

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# The Greenerside Starting Point: From Flyer to Award Winning Newsletter

by Ed Walsh, former Greenerside Editor

I have always been a somewhat opinionated individual. If I thought something was wrong I said so. Some times that's alright but other times it's gotten me in a lot of trouble. You know the "foot-in-mouth" scenario.

Back in 1979 I was openly critical of the association's newsletter lack of consistency in production. I would attend board meetings and listen to reasons why the publication was not meeting its schedule. None of which I found acceptable.

I was so critical that then GCSANJ President, Joe Flaherty, told me to edit the publication myself or shut up. Joe was very good at handling me that way, some where between a father and a warden.

Now what was I going to do? I put Joe in a terribly awkward position, one with little room for compromise so I became the next newsletter editor, like it or not.

Right off the bat I realized if this was going to be a publication worthy of representing the association I needed good people to help. The first person I turned to was the former newsletter advertising manager Ken Kubik. I am certainly not the first person related to the GCSANJ to realize this but if you need help there was no one better to turn to than Ken.

Ken and I put together a plan and asked Mike Hannigan (then super at Rock Spring), Jerry Schoonmaker (then super at Suburban), and Dennis DeSanctis (then at the Terre Company ) to work with us. With Mike, Jerry and Dennis and the help of two "unsung hero's", Mary Walsh and Ginny Kubik, we were off and running.

We worked hard but had lots of fun. The entire publication was laid-out by hand, sent to the publisher and mailed by the above group along with our kids. Stuffing envelopes usually consisted of a room full of Greenerside's, envelopes, pizza and wine. We licked a lot of stamps, ate lots of pizzas and drank quite a few bottles of wine. Of course the kids had soda.

For five plus years this group did it all and enjoyed every single minute. There were times when the Pierpoint's and Crosse's would join us for the mailing party's and to this day when we see each other inevitably we'll find the conversation returning to tales of those Greenerside mailing parties.

For the five years we were involved we were most fortunate to be recognized by the GCSAA as "Best in Class" every year and even won for editorial content one year ( thank you Ginny for editing my stuff – you made it look a lot better than it really was).

I often look back on the times I was an absolute pain-in-the-ass to Joe Flaherty criticizing past newsletter efforts but can only thank him for the opportunity to work with some terrific individuals and help start the Greenerside.



People say you should give back to your profession but my work with this publication provided me with a wealth of professionally and personally opportunities that I would never have had otherwise. What I gave came back a hundred fold.

I am extremely proud to have been associated with this publication and know every editor has made it even better over these past almost 30 years.

Keep up the great work. It really is worth the effort.

*Ed Walsh, CGCS*

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up to. It's always great to  
hear the history of GCSANJ!**

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The article can be written on any topic and will be judged by the Past President and members of the Communication Committee. The winner will be presented the award at the Crystal Conference. For further details please check the website at [www.gcsanj.org](http://www.gcsanj.org). ↴



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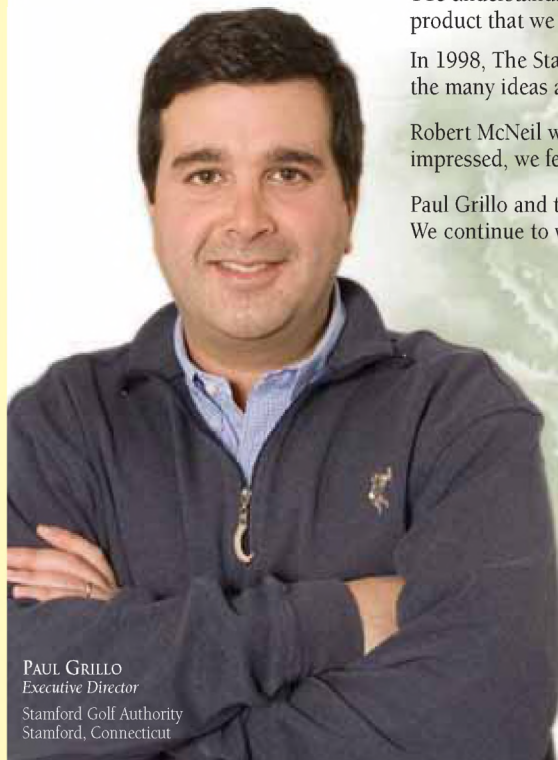
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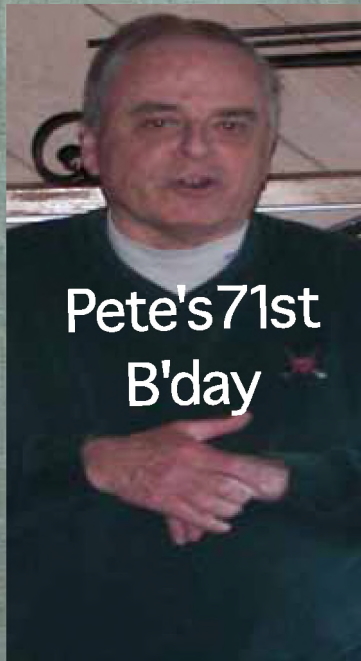
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Stephen Hart, Ph.D., and Patrick McCullough, M.S., Associate Extension Specialist and Program Associate, respectively, Weed Management in Turfgrass and Ornamentals

Tenacity herbicide (which contains the active ingredient mesotrione) has been recently registered for use on golf courses and cultivated sod farms for weed control in Kentucky bluegrass, tall fescue, and perennial ryegrass. A label for use on residential and commercial turfgrass sites is pending and expected to be approved soon. Tenacity represents a unique new herbicide in turfgrass due to its mode of action. Tenacity controls susceptible weeds by inhibiting chlorophyll synthesis thus turning the foliage of susceptible weeds white.

### What can Tenacity Do?

Tenacity is safe to use on well established as well as newly seeded Kentucky bluegrass, tall fescue, and perennial ryegrass. Tenacity can be used to selectively remove creeping bentgrass and nimblewill from these other turfgrasses and has both foliar and residual activity on crabgrass and many winter and summer annual broadleaf weeds.

### How Safe is Tenacity?

We have extensively tested Tenacity for turfgrass safety. Kentucky bluegrass is very tolerant and I have applied as much as 32 oz/A with no injury. We have observed slight injury on tall fescue and perennial ryegrass when Tenacity was applied in the Spring at 16 oz/A. This injury was whitening of leaf tips but these effects generally dissipated within one to two weeks under favorable growing conditions. We have observed more extensive and longer lasting injury on perennial ryegrass when Tenacity was applied in mid-summer under stressful growing conditions.

### Creeping Bentgrass and Nimblewill Control.

Tenacity has excellent herbicidal activity on these two species. Although not normally considered a weed, creeping bentgrass often infests nearby turf by *creeping* its way into other grass species.

Encroachment of creeping bentgrass fairways into Kentucky bluegrass and tall fescue roughs has been a traditional problem in northern U.S. golf course management due to a lack of herbicide technologies for selective bentgrass control in cool season turfgrasses. Controlling creeping bentgrass and nimblewill in residential and commercial turfgrass sites has been limited to the use of glyphosate (Roundup type products) followed by renovation. Rarely will a single application of glyphosate completely control creeping bentgrass.

Research conducted at Rutgers as well as other Universities has found that optimum creeping bentgrass and nimblewill control is achieved when Tenacity is applied twice at approximately a three week interval at 5 to 8 oz/A. Optimum timing for creeping bentgrass control is September/October and June/July for nimblewill.

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Above Photo: A newly seeded field of Kentucky bluegrass sprayed with 6 oz/A of Tenacity four weeks after emergence for winter annual broadleaf weed control.

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# Tenacity Herbicide: *continued from pg 23*

Thus, Tenacity represents an alternative to Tupersan on newly seeded turf in the Spring. Like Tupersan, Tenacity applied at 5-8 oz/A will provide approximately 5 to 6 weeks of residual crabgrass control. However Tenacity will also provide nearly complete control of many summer annual broadleaf weeds such as common lambsquarters. When used on newly seeded turf in the late summer/fall Tenacity applied at 4-6 oz/A will provide nearly complete control of many winter annual broadleaf weeds such as chickweed, henbit and shepard's-purse. Tenacity will also provide control of late germinating summer annuals such as purslane. We are currently investigating control of annual bluegrass on newly seeded turf in the late summer/fall and have found substantial but not complete control with 5-8 oz/A applied at seeding followed by a second application 4 weeks after emergence.

The ability to safely use Tenacity on newly seeded turf will provide the greatest benefit to cultivated sod producers. However, with the ability to overseed into or preceding a Tenacity application, athletic field managers will benefit as well.

## **Crabgrass and Perennial Broadleaf Weed Control.**

Tenacity has both foliar and limited (5-6 weeks) residual activity on crabgrass. Tenacity applied at 5-8 oz/A will provide residual crabgrass control that is similar to Tupersan but not nearly as long as other preventative crabgrass herbicides such as Dimension, Barricade, and Pendulum AquaCap. However, Tenacity has substantial foliar activity on crabgrass and has the potential to control crabgrass up to 2 to 3 tillers. Due to its limited residual activity, look for Tenacity to be marketed in combination with a longer residual crabgrass herbicide. A combination product such as this will potentially provide a wider application window (up to late May/early June) for crabgrass control. Tenacity also has foliar activity on some common perennial broadleaf weeds such as dandelion but is weak on white clover. This weakness, combined with the injury symptoms Tenacity will produce on susceptible weeds calls into question the extent of the impact Tenacity will have for overall weed control on established commercial and residential turf sites. Larger weeds sprayed with Tenacity that have turned white will be very noticeable in the landscape and may be objectionable to some clients. If Tenacity is utilized for selective creeping bentgrass and nimblewill control on commercial or residential sites the injury symptoms that will appear should be discussed with clients prior to application.

Photos below: The response of creeping bentgrass following two applications of Tenacity in the fall at 8 oz/A. Note the excellent safety on Kentucky bluegrass. †



## **NEW! A Super's Tip!**

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# Welcome to the Board!

**Greenside news\*** Wendell Beakley, welcome to the GCSANJ Board of Directors.

**Greenside news\*** Please tell us a little about yourself?

I was born and raised in South Jersey, one mile away from a family owned golf course that was built the same year I was born. I started out helping my father at the golf course at the age of 13 during summer breaks from school. The golf course was originally called the Blackwood Golf Course and is now known as Valleybrook Golf Course currently owned by Ron Jaworski.

I worked at the Blackwood Golf Course from then until 1986 when I became the Golf Course Superintendent for the municipal owned golf course, Washington Township Golf Course. I have been there for the past 22 years.

My wife, Augusta and I (yes I married her because her name is Augusta but I quickly found out it was just a family name and she couldn't actually get me onto the course in Georgia) currently reside across the street from that golf course that started me in the business. My son Kyle is a junior at Rutgers University.

I have been a Type 1 Diabetic for 34 years. Both my parents and 4 of my siblings also have Diabetes. I recently went on the insulin pump that has helped to regulate my blood sugars. My wife is on the Board of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, which is dedicated to finding a cure for Diabetes. She made me start a family team for the annual walk to cure diabetes, which she named, "Wendell's Walkers!"

**Greenside news\*** I'm sure you are excited about being on the Board. What committees will you be serving on?



I will be serving on the following committees:

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**Greenside news\*** Weren't you on the Board before and how do you think this term will be different?

I was on the Board previously in 1993-1994. I, unfortunately, was unable to stay on the Board very long because of my work demands and health issues. It was at that point I had to resign. Now with the advancement in the treatment of diabetes, I hope to serve as a Board Member for years to come contributing to the GCSANJ.

**Greenside news\*** Do you have any short-term goals in mind for the committees you'll serve on and for District 4?

As for the committees, I hope to keep them growing with the efficiency they have run in the past until I get my feet wet and grow from there. In District 4, my hopes are to get the members to attend more GCSANJ and NJTA events. I would also hope to schedule some additional meetings during the year, whether they are golf, roundtable or social events.

**Greenside news\*** Thanks for your time Wendell and good luck! 🍀

# Tree Lightning Protection Systems: A Valuable Investment in Landscape & Safety

One million+. That's the number of trees struck by lightning in the United States each year. While few trees die immediately, strikes often cause serious structural weakness. This weakness increases the risk of falling limbs and predisposes trees to insect and disease infestations. Lightning strikes to trees also pose a risk to adjacent property. Although damage may not always be visible to the untrained eye, trees in this state can die within a few years, and worse, often present a serious safety hazard.

Lightning protection systems are available that can minimize the risk of a potentially devastating lightning strike. These systems use copper conductors connected to a ground rod to reduce tree damage and conduct the electrical charge to the earth where the energy is dispersed. They have an excellent record of protecting trees.

In fact, lightning rarely damages trees installed with a system according to ANSI (American National Standards Institute) A300 Standards, which were adopted by The Tree Care Industry Association in 2002. While lightning strikes are unpredictable and protection cannot be guaranteed, systems are more effective and more affordable under these new standards.

To help grounds maintenance professionals understand if lightning protection is a worthwhile investment for their property, we asked E. Thomas Smiley, Ph.D., an arboricultural researcher at the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories, a few questions.

## **Q: Why should lightning protection be installed?**

**A:** Aside from the obvious, that they protect trees from damage and even death, a lightning protection system can also be a safety precaution. Struck trees often incur torn bark, damaged branches, and other structural issues. These issues significantly increase the risk of falling branches, which can be hazardous, particularly on properties where people walk and congregate.

## **Q: What trees should be protected?**

**A:** There are three landscape settings where protection is highly recommended. First, tall trees growing close to buildings. These trees may attract lightning which can 'side flash' to the building. Second, trees in outdoor recreation areas where people congregate. And finally, high value and historic trees.

## **Q: Are different tree species more susceptible to a strike?**

**A:** Yes, susceptibility does vary by species due to their bark and internal electrical resistance characteristics. Tulip poplar and black locust are considered the most susceptible, and therefore are higher priorities for protection. Ash, catalpa, elm, hemlock, maple, oak, pine and spruce are other species that display a susceptibility to strikes.

## **Q: Will protecting trees close to a building protect the building as well?**

**A:** You cannot count on a tree lightning protection system to protect an adjacent building. If you are concerned about a building, you should look into having a system installed on that structure.

## **Q: Will a system increase the chance of a lightning strike?**

**A:** Systems do attract lightning, but in a relatively small area. If a strike is coming down within a 50 to 100 foot radius of a protected tree, it is likely to be diverted to the tree's system. This is good because the system will help direct the charge into the ground and reduce the potential for damage to the tree.

## **Q: Do lightning protection systems require maintenance?**

**A:** Yes. Periodic maintenance consists of annual visual inspections from the ground and a closer, in-tree inspection about every five years or whenever the tree is pruned. The main elements of the system that need maintenance are: (1) drive fasteners which can be overgrown by the tree, (2) the air terminal which stays at a fixed height while the tree grows upward and (3) conductors which can deteriorate or be severed. Maintenance is vital to ensuring the system can perform to its full potential.

## **Q: How can someone know if they need a lightning protection system?**

**A:** A Certified Arborist can conduct a property inspection to help determine the need for lightning protection. A knowledgeable arborist can identify high-risk trees and properly install and maintain a system to help protect your trees and your property. †

*E. Thomas Smiley has a Ph.D. in Urban Forestry and is a scientist at the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories, a 350-acre tree and shrub care research facility in Charlotte, North Carolina. As the research branch of the leading tree care provider, Bartlett Tree Experts, the Laboratories are at the forefront of arboricultural knowledge and are continually developing new methodologies for the benefit of the industry as well as Bartlett's customers.*

# Golf Course Pesticide Use Survey

Start survey today @ [www.eifg.org](http://www.eifg.org)

The Pesticide Use Survey launched in January 2008. This is the latest installment in the series of surveys being conducted as part of the GCSAA Golf Course Environmental Profile project, which is being funded by The Environmental Institute for Golf, thanks in large part to a grant from The Toro Foundation.

Pesticide use data submitted by superintendents and summarized over agronomic regions will allow GCSAA to communicate accurate information on pesticide use on golf courses to the golf industry, golfers, regulatory agencies and other groups.

GCSAA regularly submits comments to EPA during the pesticide re-registration process. When data on golf courses is not available, the EPA must make decisions regarding registration

and use of pesticides based upon sales data and best estimations. A complete and accurate data set on pesticide use will help GCSAA advocate more effectively with EPA on behalf of superintendents.

The goals of the Golf Course Environmental Profile project are to document the features, practices, inputs and outputs associated with golf courses and golf course management, and measure change on golf courses and in golf course management practices over time. The data collected from the series of surveys will allow GCSAA to develop and communicate an accurate portrayal of golf courses and golf course management practices.

Your efforts to promote the importance of the Pesticide Use Survey will help make a difference for the game of golf and the environment. †



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