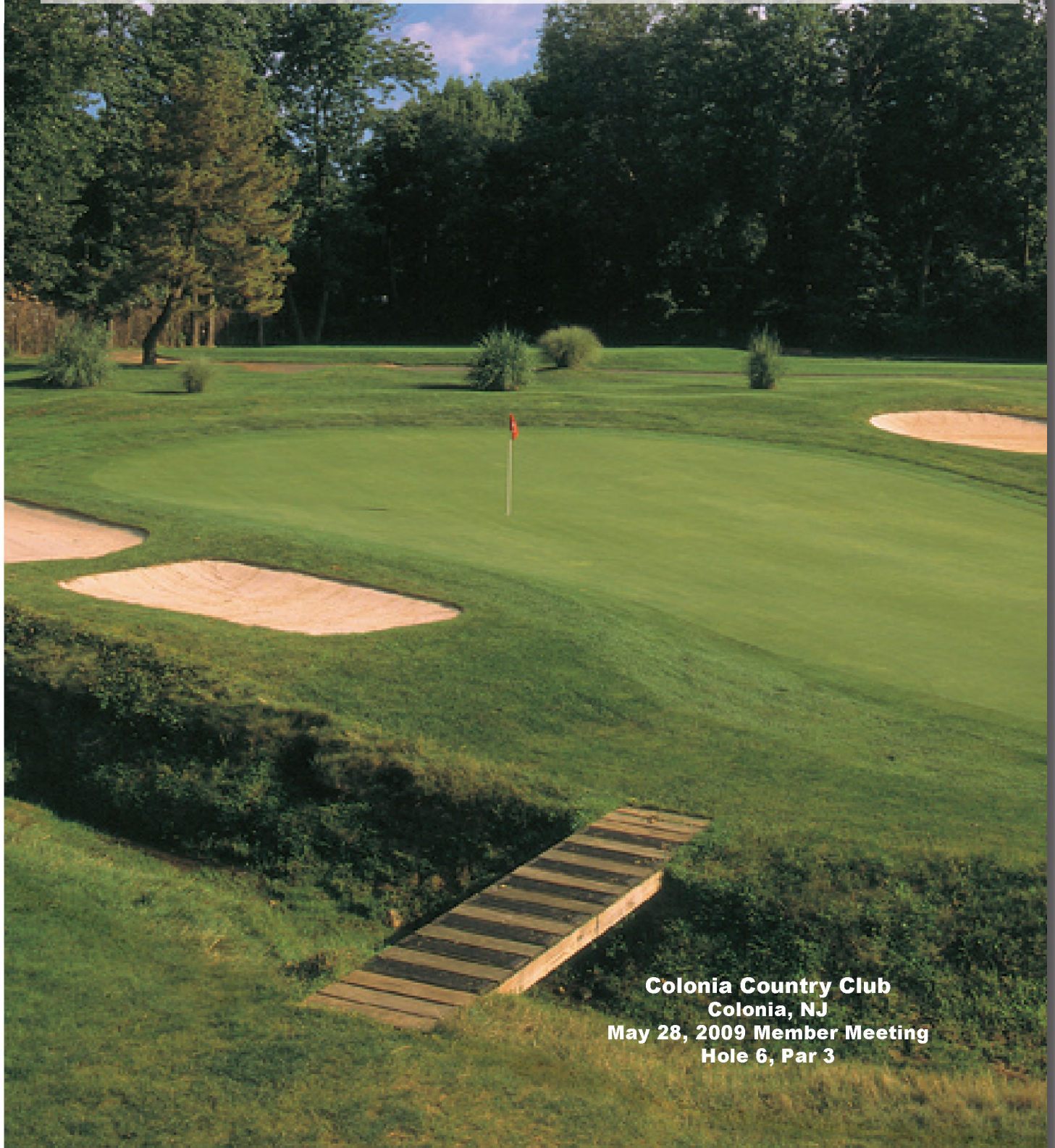




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**Colonia Country Club  
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May 28, 2009 Member Meeting  
Hole 6, Par 3**

# “The FedExCup comes to Liberty National”

Liberty National will be host to the Barclays Tournament in late August 2009. We are seeking volunteers to help prepare the golf course for the week of the tournament.

A volunteer form will be going out in April, 2009. If anyone is interested please contact my secretary, Jessica Santiago at 201-332-4333 or email her at [jessica.santiago@libertynationalgc.com](mailto:jessica.santiago@libertynationalgc.com).

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Sincerely,

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Colonia Country Club, Colonia NJ  
Hole 6 • Member Event, May 28, 2009

# President's *Message*

William Murray, Shark River Golf Club



Dear GCSANJ Member,

## TEAMWORK

*“Cooperative effort by the members of a group or team to achieve a common goal.”*

Since the last issue I know we have all been busy whipping our golf courses into shape and assembling our maintenance teams for the upcoming season. This is a great time of the year to sit down with your crews, tell them your game plan, and get them to buy into the plan, and then implement your plan in the field. You, as the manager of the team, your assistant, the captain and your crew, the everyday players, all need to be on the same page and bring your team to a very successful season. Also, and most importantly, do not forget about your loved ones at home -- they are the role players on the bench all season who contribute as much as the other players, but as we know, they are the heart and soul of all our teams.

Speaking of team efforts, wouldn't it be great if all the golf associations in New Jersey (PGA, USGA, NJSGA, General Managers Association, and GCSANJ) could meet and discuss common issues, and finally work together as ONE and grow the game of golf in our state.

Over the past couple of months, I have had the pleasure to attend numerous events throughout the state put on by some of our outstanding committees. This spring, our Education Committee, spearheaded by Chris Boyle, brought us a seminar at the USGA House on how to deal with issues that might put us on or over the edge. It was different to have talks on something other than turf but refreshing. Next, it was on to the links of Wildwood, hosted by Board member Jeff Staeger, where the wind was howling so hard it was like playing across the big pond. It was truly fun to play in those conditions. Next -- The weather treated us to a great day at Greate Bay where Philly once again gave us a whopping in the “War at the Shore”. Thanks to Ken Thompson, it was a great day with tremendous conditions.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the roundtable hosted by Chris Carson at his home course of Echo Lake Country Club, but the feedback from the attendees was all positive. Nice work.

As of this writing, we will have had our monthly meeting at Colonia Country Club, the course where Board Member Lance Rogers hangs his COWBOY hat. With the chance to make an EAGLE to win some SKINS money, I know this will make for a GIANT event.

Upcoming Events:

July brings us the month that the GCSANJ Foundation has its annual social event. This event, the “Clambake at the Shore”, once again promises to be a highlight of the year with proceeds going to the scholarship program.

When it comes to education in the classroom or out in the field, who gives us more info than Rutgers? Golf and Fine Turf Field Day on August 4th will once again be the day to get up to the test plots and get yourself some important information you can use at your course.

The District 3 annual meeting will be held at Toms River Country Club. As always, Ed McSeaman will show us a great day and evening of comradeship.

Be sure to check the website ([www.gcsanj.org](http://www.gcsanj.org)) and your email blasts for all upcoming events.

I hope all of you have a great summer, but please do not get so caught up in work that you forget the most important players in your lives – YOUR FAMILIES.



Listen to a response from John Alexander, GC Supt. at Cranbury Golf Club, about his recent posting in the job employment section of our website: "You guys are the best, the response was overwhelming!"

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# 2009 CALENDAR

Check website for updated info.

- **June 18-21, 2009: US Open**  
Bethpage State Park, NY
- **July 11, 2009: 4th Annual Summer Social**  
Jenkinson's On the Beach  
Point Pleasant, NJ
- **July 18-25, 2009: Junior USGA Amateur**  
Trump National GC  
Bedminster, NJ
- **August 4, 2009: Rutgers Turfgrass Research  
Field Day - Golf & Fine Turf**  
Hort Farm II  
New Brunswick, NJ
- **August 13, 2009: District III Meeting**  
Toms River CC  
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- **August 23-30, 2009: Barclay's Tournament**  
Liberty National GC.  
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- **October 12, 2009: RTJ Invitational**  
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- **November 10-12, 2009: Crystal Conference**  
Crystal Springs Resort  
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## Are You Comfortable?

Cece Peabody, MAT, CMP  
Executive Director



Are you comfortable with the things that are happening in your life and with your life in general? The majority of people you ask would answer that they are. But of course there are always those who are not.

I do my best to surround myself with *like*-minded people -- those who *like* their jobs, *like* their life style, *like* their friends, *like* their marriage, and *like* their relationships. I much prefer to share my energies with positive people rather than negative nellys. I will believe the best in people before I'll ever believe something negative. It's just the way I am...

But...it never hurts to question things that are not as perfect or settled in your life as they could be. And it never hurts to educate yourself and learn more about things you aren't 100% certain of that are part of your job responsibilities.

Many friends and co-workers over the years have shared that they make more changes in their work and personal lives if they feel dis-comfort and if they are not completely comfortable. If you think about it, that makes sense, because why would you change anything if your life seems to be sailing along smoothly?

How do you make those changes happen? Figure out what it really is that's making you feel the dis-comfort -- is it your job, is it your boss [studies say people leave a job because of their boss more than because of the job], or is it something that is happening personally? Once you figure that out, you can address the possible solutions or resolutions. Sometimes changes come like a rain storm and other times like a drizzle. As long as changes are coming, aren't we making ourselves better and more comfortable?

I love quotes because they say what I'm thinking or feeling...and I feel very comfortable sharing a couple of my favorites with you...

*"Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts."*

--Arnold Bennett

*"The only thing you can do better than anyone else is to be yourself."*

--Anonymous

# Turfgrass Research Wins Again at Fiddler's Elbow *by Shaun Barry*

2009 was supposed to be another record breaking year for the Rutgers Turfgrass Research Classic. It was the 14th edition of this event and the results have grown each year. In the life of fundraisers that is a long run. Normally tournaments capture the interest of supporters and great things happen in the first few years. Then as time passes interest wanes and other worthy causes get their attention. That has not happened because Dr. Bruce Clarke and Dr. Bill Meyer are totally committed to the success of the Classic. Each one appeals to their base and those companies have responded. It is not just because a world-renowned scientist or turfgrass breeder is making the request but also because they recognize the strength of the people and the research done at Rutgers.

As it turned out 2009 was not a record year. It however may have been the most successful event that we have ever had. This has been a year in which the whole world has felt the pain of a terrible recession. Many of the top companies in the world have closed their doors, received bail-outs from the government or filed for bankruptcy. Unemployment will soon exceed 9% and golf tournaments at the PGA and LPGA level are losing sponsors and some are ceasing to exist. It definitely was not the best atmosphere to ask anyone to support anything but it had to be done.

The 16 member golf committee had many meetings to discuss what to do. We lowered our expectations but not our efforts. Bill and Bruce were rewarded for their persistence. Some sponsors were unable to support the event at all and some reduced their level of support but most found a way to repeat their generous donations. The committee also decided that we needed to give the golfers an extra reason to come out and participate. The nice bag that players received in 2008 was replaced by Oakley sunglasses. This choice doubled our cost for a gift but it was extremely popular. We lost money on every golfer but the size of the field exceeded all of our expectations. We ordered 275 pairs expecting to have 25 left-over if we got lucky. When the number of golfers passed the 300 number we had to decide on a response. Unfortunately for the golfers from Rutgers they were chosen to be the ones not receiving sunglasses. That allowed us to present all of the other golfers with their gift and no one was disappointed. Well maybe a few of the Rutgers people were, but they understood why we had to make this decision.

The only thing that came close to be disappointing was the weather. Our event occurred in the middle of 5 straight days of rain. There was enough rain to cause us to cancel but the committee decided we should play. It was a good choice. For 15 holes it was fairly dry. The final 3 holes however tested everyone's rain suits and the last green we played was starting to puddle. After a nice hot shower the weather was forgotten and everybody was ready for some great food, bidding on the silent auction and hearing who had played well enough to win the prizes.

Bruce Clarke thanked all of our sponsors and attendees but he paid special attention to our **Premier Sponsors**. Their help is what allows this tournament to make money. Many of these companies have been Premier Sponsors for all 14 years. **Storr Tractor** and **Syngenta** fall into that category. The other sponsors at this level were **Bayer ES**, **John Deere**, **Maxwell Turf**, **Pennington Seed**, **Proseed Marketing** and **The Scotts Co.** Just below them were the **Eagle Sponsors** and they were **BASF** (with three teams), **Lebanon Turf**, **Paige Electric** and **Mountain View Seeds** and we also had an increase in our **Birdie** and **Par** level sponsorships. Hopefully the economy will turn around and they will be able to move up next year but their support at any level is truly appreciated. In addition to these extremely important sponsors we need to note the continuing commitment from all of the local associations who attend every year.

This year we had 80 attendees who are members of GCSANJ. 56 of the attendees were superintendents and three were assistants.

This large group was scattered throughout the field but many could be found on teams from the LIGCS, The MetGCSA, NJTA, PAGCS, the Tri-State Turf Research Foundation and the USGA. Not to be outdone by the associations we had teams from Baltusrol GC, Cherry Valley CC, Eagle Oaks CC and Fiddlers Elbow CC (2 teams and yes they did pay to play their own golf course). Taking it even a little bit further, we had Joe Flaherty, CGCS, pay for a team and Ron Luepke and Karen Plumley gathered a family team to help out this great event. It is also important to point out that Rutgers not only benefits from this day but they actively support the event. Ned Lipman sent a team from OCPE, Bruce sent a team from the Rutgers Center for Turfgrass and Ray Caprio had a team from Rutgers Continuous Education and Outreach. These were not gratis teams so you might ask why would they do this? I believe it is an effort by Bruce, Bill and Rutgers to acknowledge that they know every part of the industry needs to work together for this to be successful and also the field needs to be large enough so sponsors know that they are reaching a large group of professionals which makes their donations worthwhile. With this kind of support it is easy to see why this fundraiser remains so successful.

Bruce only spoke briefly because he knew that dinner was almost ready but if he had more time he would have thanked each person individually. He knows that we can not succeed without everyone's support and he is thrilled by that help. Immediately following his acknowledgements, he introduced Dean Robert Goodman who also spoke briefly but with true admiration for what this event has been able to do to help our entire industry.

After dinner we thanked our host Dave McGhee who does everything possible to make this a successful day. In an effort to move things along quickly I hurried through my announcements and thank-yous.

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# Turfgrass Research...Fiddler's Elbow -- continued *by Shaun Barry*

In doing so I forgot to acknowledge the people who allowed us to play that day. These fellows are Tom Breiner, Bob Fellner, Mark Loos and Gary Shupper. Tom is the head superintendent at Fiddlers, and Gary, Mark and Bob are responsible for their own course at this 54 hole complex. It was through their knowledge and efforts that kept the courses playable. Without them we would have had to cancel. I apologize for the over-sight gentlemen especially since it was right there on my agenda. Hopefully this thank-you isn't too late.

Once dinner was over, we closed the silent auction and started with the prizes. There were no holes-in-one but the winners of the closest to the pin contests came close. All of the winning shots were within 10 feet. Walking away with a Callaway golf bag for their wins were Tony DiBartolomeo III, Pete Giauque, Bill Goodrich, Rick Krok, J.P. Olson and Chris Walick. Our long drive winners won a pair of Callaway golf shoes. Earning those honors were Roger Christenson, Christine Dyhr, Doug Gray (twice), Darrell Marcinek CGCS, Steve McDonald and NJTA President, Dr. Karen Plumley.

In the team events we will start with the Rutgers Cup. For the third year in a row the group from Maxwell Turf on Long Island gets to place their name on the trophy. Their gross score of 71 on the Forest Course was great playing. The team included Doug Heron, Paul Bidorn, Ken Lockridge and Steve Rabideau. The only year that they haven't won was the first year when John Farrell led his team to victory. As Doug was leaving he told me that they were coming back next year to win it again. With their track record I have to believe him.

We also rewarded the top three teams from each course. This is the scramble event and there were lots of good scores from many teams and most of the winning teams won on a match of cards. The first place teams were Jeremy Daubert, Brian Lescrinier, Mark Peterson and Dave Walsh (Harrell's), Jack Ayers, Bob Dilk, Joe Memdolia and Ethan Pauxtis (Grasslands Oregon) and George Buruch, David Bushman, Jim Grassi and Dennis Smith (Lebanon Turf). We had Mark Kuhns, CGCS (President of GCSSA), Jason Dorn, Dan KilPatrick and Tim Moraghan (Baltusrol GC), Rick Krok, Nancy DiRienzo, Mike Pastori and Grover Snyder (Paige Electric) and Rick Fritz, Bill Goodrich and Mark Labree (Bayer ES ) finish in second place on their courses. Finishing in third were Steve Craig, Brad Fox, Gordon Kauffman and Joe Kinlin (Grigg Brothers) Ken Kubik, Scott Bosetti, Tim McAvoy and Mark Mielder (Grass Roots) and Dr. Mike Agnew, Dr. Bruce Clarke, Steve McDonald and Dr. Mike Fidanza (Syngenta).

This last team was an unexpected winner but it proved to be a popular victory. A team with three Ph.D's and one educator is not expected to win anything and the look of surprise on Dr. Clarke's face was priceless. I can only imagine what will happen if he ever beats Dr. Meyer in their fundraiser contest.

**Weather dampened the course, but not the spirits of attendees.**

The evening ended nicely with most of the field there until the end. They walked out into more rain but they took lots of great memories with them. It is a day not to be missed and hopefully you will join them in 2010.

Note: When Dave McGhee reads this I hope he will thank everyone at the course for all of their hard work in making this a success. In particular please thank Doug Graubard for his constant help and for smiling every time I came to him with a change to our players list.

Weather like this will always cause disruptions, but Doug and the pro-shop were terrific and they need to know we appreciate their professionalism.

I also want to thank Cece and her staff and each one of my 16 member committee. We make a great team and hopefully you will be inspired to do it again for **May 3, 2010. (Yes, Save this date for 2010!)**

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# The GCSANJ's Date With A 111 Year Old Course Turns Out Great

by Shaun Barry

The GCSANJ came to its "Summer Break" when we met at Colonia CC. Other than our district meetings there won't be another state gathering until late September. This break started a few years ago when attendance dropped dramatically. We didn't want to embarrass the superintendent and our association. This break could explain the great turn-out for the Colonia meeting but I am leaning more towards giving credit to our host and his staff and a great old golf course.

Tom Bendelow designed and built 9 holes in 1898. The final 9 was added years later but most of the original design remains as it was created. What a treat to be playing a golf course that came into existence 10 years after golf really started here in America. It is a historical site in a game that honors its long history. When Mr Bendelow designed this course he could not have had an idea what his course would look like 100 years later. If he is looking down from heaven I know he is smiling with pride. Lance Rogers CGCS and Brian Hay make a wonderful team and you can see that they like each other and they love their job and their course. The course was in immaculate shape and as tough as it played it could have been much harder. Lance decided not to tuck all of the pins and there were certain greens that didn't get rolled for our event. It actually was much easier than at their member-guest. Thanks Lance, because we could still be there trying to keep the ball on number 18.

The field grew right up until we started the shotgun. Tom Weinert was able to get Travis Pauley and Mike Brunelle to leave Plainfield CC and Upper Montclair CC for the day and join us. They completed the field and we had 92 players. It was just the perfect number for the golf course and we had plenty of food. **Wayne Remo** from **John Deere Golf** was joined by **Jeremy Hreben** of **Seeton Turf** as sponsors of lunch. Prior to lunch we had Dr. Eric McCoy from Ohio State give a presentation on drainage for push-up greens. Thanks go to Peter VanDrumt for suggesting Dr. McCoy to us and for getting him to the meeting.

Once we got out to the golf course the fun really began. The weather was cool and misty and play moved along very nicely. As always happens there was quite a range of numbers on the scorecards. Tim McAvoy shot the best score of the day. Was it because he was playing with Ken & Keith and also GCSAA President, Mark Kuhns CGCS or was it because he is just a great player? I think it may have been the latter. You don't qualify for the US Amateur if you are an average player. His 74 was the only score in the 70's on this 6,400 yard course. In second place was Jay Antonelli with his 80. Doug Gray (80) and Kevin Driscoll (slightly higher than 80) won in the second flight. The net winners were Dave McGhee (71) and Rick Krok (71)

in the first flight. Lance Rogers' handicap just went up and so he got into the second flight. His 68 showed his skill and his course knowledge but it also means that his handicap will be coming down soon. Completing the net prizes winners was Keith Kubik with a 74.

All of the skill prizes were sponsored by our affiliates and their names will show-up in parenthesis after the winners name. Many thanks go to these people and companies because their generosity adds so much to the events of the day and the success of the event.

Closest to the pin winners were Rob Finnesey (**Aer-Core**) 2ft 6ins, John Alexander (**Harrell's**) 2ft 6ins, Kevin Driscoll (**Black Lagoon Pond Management**) 7ft 5ins. **Vic Gerard** sponsored 2 events on the same hole. Phil O'Brien won the gift certificate with his shot to 11ft 10ins while Dennis Granahan gets to use their utility vehicle for a month. He hit it to 26ft 6ins. Our long drive winners were Tom Higgins (**Wilfred MacDonald**), Rick Krok (**Wilfred MacDonald**) Cece Peabody (**Syngenta**) and Tom Weinert (**Syngenta**). We had 11 skins hold up. Those winners were Ian Kunesch with 2 and with one each we had Matt Ceplo, Brian Fisk, Brian Hay, Keith Kubik, Brian Lescrinier, Tim McAvoy, Travis Pauley, Bob Prickett and Fred Rapp.

The day ended with some great food sponsored by **Syngenta** while the beer & wine was sponsored by **Grass Roots**. There was lots of laughter during and after dinner and I could understand why. We had just played a great golf course in tremendous conditions and our host is an amazing friend to all of us. It may explain why we had so many young guys there along with quite a few of our older and recently retired members. I think they wanted to support Lance like he has supported all of us.

Lance, please thank everyone on your staff for all of their hard work and thank Kevin and Chris for their help in making this such a great meeting. I admire your passion and your love for the people and the course at Colonia CC. They are very lucky to have you and the fact that you were joined by your Vice-President and Greens Chairman on the course shows great mutual respect. That doesn't happen very often.

"Way to go Cowboy..."

*Note: When you add up what all of the sponsors donated it saved each player approximately \$30. Think of that and think of them and all of them from previous meetings when you need to make decisions on purchases for your courses. they deserve that consideration.*

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# Improving Uniformity of Golf Course Fairways

*Jim Murphy, Ph.D. and Stephen Hart, Ph.D., Extension Specialist in Turfgrass Management and Associate Extension Specialist in Turfgrass and Ornamental Weed Control, respectively*

Fairway turf on older golf course is often composed of two or more grass species, which can vary considerably in growth habit and rate, density, susceptibility to pests, color, and other important traits. Many of these traits strongly affect turf management as well as playing characteristics. Playability within and across mixed-species fairways can be highly variable and irregular due to diverse turf performance traits. Golfers, especially lower handicap players, often note how different the feel of ball-striking can be across fairways on a golf course as well as across courses. Therefore, management practices that reduce the variability and inconsistencies of mixed-species fairway turfs would be useful.

One approach to improving uniformity is to reduce the number of grass species comprising fairways especially those species that produce strongly contrasting turf/playing conditions. Perennial ryegrass is considered by many to be an inferior species for golf course fairways when it exists as a minor and irregular component of the fairway sward. The lateral spread of perennial ryegrass is very slow due to its bunch type growth; thus, it will only become a dominant component of the sward if it is routinely overseeded. Additionally, perennial ryegrass turf typically forms very little thatch. Fairway turf grown on heavier (finer-textured) soils and without thatch (or mat) typically has a hard feel during the ball-strike of a shot. Furthermore, this problem of “hard” fairway shots is compounded by earthworm activity. Earthworm feeding on thatch and casting provides excellent thatch control; however, as noted previously, fairway turf with little to no thatch will feel hard. While golfers won’t necessarily “see” the reasons, they can certainly sense inconsistency from the feel of their shots.

Golf courses that successfully use perennial ryegrass for fairway turf are typically overseeding annually to improve and maintain uniformity as well as topdressing the fairways with sand to improve the feel of the shot during ball-strike. Alternately, some superintendents have used the herbicide sulfonylurea to remove perennial ryegrass

from fairways turf with varying success. Additionally, we have performed some preliminary trials at Rutgers that indicate the herbicide Corsair (sulfonylurea) can remove perennial ryegrass from turfs mixed with annual bluegrass and creeping bentgrass, albeit with some phytotoxicity to the annual bluegrass and creeping bentgrass. The proper timing of Corsair relative to overseeding with creeping bentgrass is not well understood, although we know that Corsair will have residual soil activity on seedlings.

We are initiating studies this summer to assess the feasibility of using sulfonylurea herbicide to reduce perennial ryegrass in mixed-species fairway turf. Research trials will be conducted on golf course with mixed-species turfs and willing to allow research trials on actual fairways. Trial objectives include: 1) determining whether sulfonylurea can be used at reduced rates to reduce phytotoxicity to the desired species while gradually removing perennial ryegrass; and 2) determining whether the efficacy of reduced rates of sulfonylurea differs when applied early summer versus late summer and autumn. Initial results are expected by the end of 2009. Stay tuned.



*Brad Park and TJ Lawson applying treatments to reduce soil pH and annual bluegrass populations on the 10th fairway at Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield NJ.*

# MAY MEETING AT COLONIA COUNTRY CLUB



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# LANCE ROGERS PLAYS HOST



# *Yes, My Life is Better Left to Chance...*

*by Lance and Carly Rogers*

If you're looking for turf talk here, you won't find it. If you want to hear me complain about the economy, you won't find it. If you want to hear me complain about the demise of my 401k, you won't find that either. This is quite the different story.

My daughter reminded me the other day about some of my sad times. We've all had them and it seems that they always come around unexpectedly. The reason I write this is because I know that my life is better left to chance. There are extreme pressures on all of us today and I believe we all need to still live our lives to the fullest. I'm sure we're all surrounded by wonderful people that we love; so let's make sure we enjoy those times. What are you waiting for? The course will always be there, probably much longer that most of our lifetimes.

Let me get back to my daughter.

She is a beautiful 11 year old girl with a big heart. She wrote a story in school about "Jake" our dog. Jake suddenly got ill and on January 19th we had to put our 14 year old dog down. Brutal! Unbelievable! Who knew it would feel this way? Sorry, I got off track, please read this story from a 11 year old girl whose name is Carly.

## **The End of the Dance**

*by Carly Rogers*

Drip, Drip. Tears hit the floor as I silently cried myself to sleep. I could not wait to wake up and see if my dog was any better. I repeated the song "The Dance" in my head over and over again as my pillow got wetter and wetter. The doctor would come again tomorrow and everything will be fine again, I told myself. Somehow I didn't know if I could believe myself.

I ran down the stairs to find my dad sobbing. No, I said to myself. This couldn't be happening. He was a strong dog and he would make it. "What is wrong?" I quietly asked my dad. "Is he ok?" My mom walked into the room and told me my dog was really sick and couldn't move. I ran into the family room crying. When I got there I saw him laying still on the ground. I laid my head against his warm black and white fur. "Don't leave me boy", I whispered in his ear. "Not now." I remembered the song my dad had showed me



when I was little. It was called "The Dance." I always remembered it when I was sad. It makes me think of how lucky I was to have my dog. The doctor arrived and said he was too sick to treat. I begged her to help him, but it was useless. I hid my face in a pillow as the tears rolled down my

cheeks. It was time. It was the end of the dance. He was too sick to get better and I couldn't bear to watch him suffer. I knew I couldn't have this one thing I wanted. I hoped I would never have to go through this again, but I knew I would.

It was the end of this journey, but the beginning of a new journey for him. I knew the pain would never fade away and that it was leaving a hole in my heart that would never mend. I will never forget my dog, Jake. He was the best dog ever and I will miss him.

As said by Garth Brooks in his song, "The Dance"...*Our lives are better left to chance, I could have missed the pain but I'd of had to miss the dance.*

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# Land of Opportunity

## CAREER CENTER:

### Students gain experience in turf management

First went the tee box, a victim of the new Biotechnology High School. Then the new addition at the Monmouth County Career Center spelled the end of the fairway and drainage system, which effectively killed off the putting green.

And the worst part was that the students in the Career Center's turf grass management and landscape programs sat in the classroom and watched their golf hole slowly disappear right outside their window.

"It was sad," said Shawn Cusack of Wall, a senior who also works at Howell Park Golf Course. "I loved it, I would mow it every day. I got some great experience."

But while progress dealt them a setback, an incredible opportunity has since grown from it.

On a frigid day in February, with detailed drawings from Massachusetts-based golf course architect Mark Mungeum in hand, the students broke ground on a new, more dramatic hole now under construction on another part of the campus.

"Even though it was really cold out, you could just see how excited everyone was," said John Neyhnart, who teaches agriculture education classes at the Center. "They were putting flags in all over the place, they had their calculators out. They were doing everything to get the project going."

Now scraped down to the final grade, with stakes marking out the perimeter of the putting surface and the drainage, with the shape of the two sand traps evident, students worked around the edges to set up the framing earlier this week, before the process of building the different layers of the green structure begins.

I really don't think there's anything like this in the country," said **Dave Pease**, the superintendent for the Monmouth County Park System golf courses, who is on the school's advisory board and has been instrumental in pushing the project forward.

By STEPHEN EDELSON, STAFF WRITER

"The thing that's unique about it, first of all, it's a whole outdoor classroom that will get different types of turfs, diseases, and they'll get to use golf course management techniques. But they're also on the ground floor building it. You learn so much, and that's what this is all about."

Whether or not students end up in careers within the golf industry, or enter fields like agronomy, the experience of working on the golf hole provides an invaluable opportunity to take what they've read in text books and translate it into a real-world situation.

"We had to lay out the bunkers and everything. There was a lot of math involved," said Sasha Collazo of Neptune, a junior. "We had to use a transit because some of the bunkers had to be a certain level, with some parts higher and some parts lower. We had to have the land so it drained properly. There was a lot to it."

On Tuesday, students traveled to Rutgers for the Future Farmers of America's state convention, where they picked up their first-place award in the turf management contest, the fourth straight year they've taken the top prize. The test was given last November at Rutgers, and involved students evaluating a plot of turf, identifying grass types, insects and diseases, as well as doing calculations on fertilizers and pesticides.

Robert Sutphen Jr., a senior from Wall, won first place individually in the contest, earning a \$1,500 scholarship to the Rutgers turf grass program, an award Cusack won two years ago.

It's real-world experience that will ultimately serve students well in the job market. Sutphen works with his father in a landscaping business, and has done several landscape designs. Recent graduates are working at golf courses like Beacon Hill Country Club in Middletown and Hominy Hill Golf Course in Colts Neck.

"It's an education they're providing for a job market that's out there," noted Pease. "Over the years, there have not been enough resources out there. It's great because we've been able to hire a number of kids for

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# MARCH EDUCATION AT THE USGA HEADQUARTERS



# The War At The Shore Brings Friends Together

by Shaun Barry

Wendell Beakley continues to take his director and his golf committee responsibilities very seriously. Since our April meeting was going to happen in his district he was going to be involved. Wendell started searching for a meeting site very early in the year. One of the first people that he asked was Ken Thompson from Greate Bay Golf & CC. It has been a while since Ken was able to host an event so he expressed interest and he spoke to the club about a date and soon Wendell was no longer searching for a site. Soon it was just a matter of getting a menu and a cost that worked for our needs. We shared the date and location with John Gosselin from Philly and he agreed immediately. The only concerns we had were now the weather and how many people were going to show-up and enjoy the day. We shouldn't have worried about anything. Not only did we get lots of players we also had some great sponsors. **Turf Equipment & Supply Co.** continued as the meeting sponsor and **Outside Unlimited** donated \$1,200 towards dinner. They are a Philly company but this shows great support for their local association. **Seeton Turf** was a partial lunch sponsor with a \$500 donation and they were joined by **Primos Products**. What wonderful support in tough economic times. Thanks for helping us make this meeting memorable. Before we enjoyed lunch, Rich Buckley from Rutgers spoke on "From Diseases to Insects and Everything In-between" With lots of interest and questions it seems that he chose his topic wisely.

Philly and NJ have had joint meetings for many years and they have always been lots of fun. We would always have a "For Bragging Rights Only" competition and at the end of the day nobody really had any idea if their association had won. Last year Lou Bosco and Dave Lalena spoke first with the GCSANJ Golf Committee and then with the owners of their company. From those discussions came The Challenge Cup and it was donated by Turf Equipment & Supply Co. This trophy was to be given each year to the president of the winning association. With this beautiful trophy we created lots of interest and this year we had almost 100 players attend this meeting. The PAGCS came with 44 players and that was a record. They travel so much better than any other association that I know. The matches were set according to handicaps but some had to be cancelled because of players not being able to show-up for the meeting. We were left with 17 matches being played with each match being worth a point. Bill Murray was watching the scoreboard but the numbers never came NJ's way. We stopped counting when it became 9 to 7 in favor of Philly. I am not sure how the last match turned out and they never posted their score but nothing would have changed the final results. Once again Sean Remington will have this trophy proudly displayed in his office for another year. It was great competition and everyone had lots of fun but Mr Murray will be making sure our best players are playing next year.

In addition to our meeting and food sponsors we also had plenty of help covering our skill prizes. Our closest to the pins prizes were donated by **Turf Equipment & Supply Co** (two prizes), **Plant Food & Wilfred MacDonald**. Those winners were Brian Lescrier (2ft 9ins), Steve Malikowski (3ft 9ins), Jim Gianni

(15ft 5ins) and Robin Roberts (3ft 9ins). For any baseball fans Robin's Dad is that Robin Roberts. The long drives sponsors were **Primos Products** (twice), **Seeton Turf** (twice), **Aer-Core**, **E-Z-GO** and **Lawn & Golf**. Walking away with the prizes were Jason Criss (twice), Joe Grines, Jeremy Hreben, Charlie Koennecker, Steve Malikowski and Shawn Ross. We also rewarded the best gross and net scores. Leading the field with a gross 75 was Brian Lescrier. He was followed by Matt MacAlister and Shawn Ross who both shot 76. Wendell Beakley won low net honors with a 68. He defeated John Alexander on a match of cards. In third spot we find GCSANJ President Bill Murray who had a 69. The skins were won by Ron Gorniak, Tony Gustaitis, Greg Hufner, Matt Paulina and Jim Gianni.

Our thanks go to Ken Thompson and his staff for all of their efforts to get the course ready for all of his peers. They did a great job and Ken has invited us back again and we will make that happen. NJ would also like to congratulate Philly on their victory and thank them for crossing the river and joining us at the shore. We hope you will join us again in 2010 but we are going to try and find a course where we can win the Cup.

## Neshanic Valley Golf Course Recognized for Environmental Excellence

NESHANIC, NJ – Neshanic Valley Golf Course has achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program. Neshanic Valley Golf Course is the 24th course in New Jersey and the 704th in the world to receive the honor.

"Neshanic Valley Golf Course has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program. They are to be commended for their efforts to provide a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property," said Jim Sluiter, Staff Ecologist for the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Programs.

"To reach certification, a course must demonstrate that they are maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in a number of areas," explained Sluiter. These categories include: Environmental Planning, Wildlife & Habitat Management, Outreach and Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Quality Management."

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our operation, and some have gone on to bigger and better things. Either field managers, or landscapers."

And not only has the Park System been helping with the project, outside companies have stepped in and provided support in terms of needed materials, an essential component at a time when budgets are stretched thin.

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### Dr. Joseph Troll, University of Massachusetts

(he's the Dr. Clarke of U Mass) and beloved by all who know him...News in a recent email to Bruce Peeples:

"Joe and I were visiting my older daughter in Florida and before you know it we bought a home in The Villages where my daughter lives. You probably heard that my younger daughter, Judy (age 51) passed away quite suddenly on Nov. 3. This happened in 4 days and they still do not know what killed her. She died of DIC (all organs just closed down). She was so healthy which puzzles us. She played Tennis 6 days a week, took good care of herself up to the day she went for a colonoscopy; the same day they flew her to Mass General in Boston and 4 days later she died. We are in shock. We've been in Florida since Jan 3 and will...be heading home to Hadley to get the house ready for selling and will be living in Florida thereafter near my only other daughter Diane."

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The Monmouth County Career Center, located on Koslowski Road in Freehold, New Jersey, is a shared time vocational school within the Monmouth County Vocational School District. The Landscape Program is a unique opportunity for students enrolled in Monmouth County High Schools. Students come into the classroom and are taught a wealth of information pertaining to Landscape and Turf Management. With two instructors, each with their own niche, the instruction inside and outside the classroom is broken into two areas: **Turfgrass and Golf Course Management** along with **Landscape and Nursery Management**.

Inside the classroom the students learn to identify common grasses and weeds, woody and herbaceous landscape plants, uses and cultural requirements, insects and diseases, soil testing, plant propagation, pruning, proper use of mulch, use of the proper equipment, equipment maintenance, general shop safety and with help of a design, the students constructed and maintained a tee, fairway and golf hole all to PGA specifications. Through state wide FFA CDE's (Career Development Event) the students are given the chance to compete as a team and individually against other students in the New Jersey. The two competitions that we regularly attend are the Turf Management CDE and the Nursery and Landscape CDE. The students have been very successful with both competitions, 8 of the last 10 Turf competitions have resulted with the students' efforts rewarding them with being the best in the state and in the Nursery and Landscape CDE the students' efforts have rewarded them with being the best team in the state 3 of the past 10 years. Those three years the team of students also represented the State of New Jersey at the National FFA Convention and competed against representatives from other states. The FFA is the largest in-school student organization for all students enrolled in Agricultural Education. **The students gain a strong knowledge inside the classroom that enables them to be successful outside of the classroom.**

Outside of the classroom the students spend 75% of the time maintaining two school campuses that consist of approximately 20 acres. Hands on activities are executed with the best equipment possible for the specific task at hand. Through the years graduates have gone on to work at golf courses, nurseries, Monmouth County Parks, Lowes garden centers, landscape companies and some have gone on to be very successful with their own "green industry" business.

# Get Golf Ready Program

*Recently published in "GCSAA this Week"*

## **New Jersey chapter sponsors Get Golf Ready program**

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey recently became a Par level sponsor of Get Golf Ready, an industrywide initiative organized by the World Golf Foundation to connect adults to the sport of golf. The program features five introductory lessons for \$99.

New Jersey is the first superintendents' chapter to commit \$1,000 a year for the next three years. Richard Heysek, director of corporate relations of The World Golf Foundation, says "the commitment of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey will hopefully inspire other GCSAA chapters to join us in this important effort."

The PGA of America is providing significant support in the areas of player development, promotion and technology, and has designated Get Golf Ready as the featured Play Golf America program for 2009. A broad industry coalition of more than 60 organizations and individuals have committed more than \$2.5 million in funding over three years to support the payment of \$1,000 stipends to participating facilities. GCSAA, along with other leading golf organizations, is promoting the initiative to its membership.

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"We're extremely pleased with the overwhelmingly positive industry response to the launch of Get Golf Ready," says Steve Mona, CEO of the World Golf Foundation.

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# Royce Brook Golf Course Earns Designation

Royce Brook Golf Club (Hillsborough), managed by Billy Casper Golf has been designated a "Certified Audobon Cooperative Sanctuary" for its high standards protecting the environment and preserving the natural heritage of golf.

In attaining certification from the conservation group Audubon International, the agronomic team at Royce Brook successfully maintains sound environmental practices in six key areas: environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, outreach and education, chemical use reduction, water conservation, and water quality management.

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The West Course is restricted to member play, and features a par-72, 7,158-yard rugged links style layout with open terrain, fescue grass and dramatic bunkering.

Royce Brook also boasts its highly regarded Academy of Golf which has everything the aspiring golfer needs to make their game more successful and enjoyable. The Academy features personalized curriculum, state-of-the-art equipment and a 24-acre practice facility. In addition, climate controlled classrooms are available for lectures, video-reviewing and 'chalk talks'.

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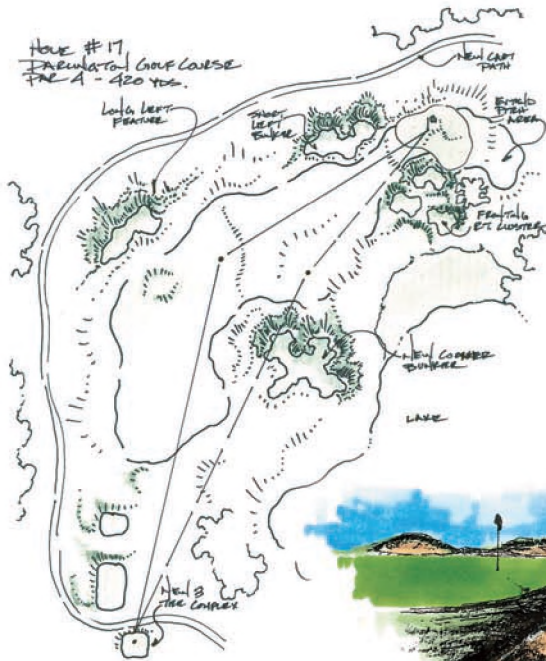
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# Doing More with Less...Using Cost Effective Methods to Combat Summer Stress And Promote Healthy Turf

by Ingrid Kern, Agronomist,  
Plant Food Company

**A**s we head into the sultry summer months, it is time to consider the most effective methods to ensure that your golf course will endure stresses such as extreme heat, humidity and drought. Since pressures such as these can ravage your turf, it is important to take measures to strengthen the plant.

When heat stress increases, poa annua may become weak, susceptible to anthracnose, and die out. Although many superintendents are trying to eliminate poa in their bentgrass greens, having a population of 40% poa can translate into 40% turf loss. For this reason, effective management of poa before damage occurs is critical.

The use of phosphates and phosphites along with a balanced nutrient program is a good place to start. Applications of foliar phosphate and phosphite can improve poa health and sustain the turf stand during this time. The key is to start light applications in May and June, before the stress of the hot, summer months.

The use of polyphosphates delivers phosphates to the crown and roots of the plant. Polyphosphate also helps "chelate" certain micronutrients that make them available to the turf plant.

Ammonium Polyphosphate is a 10-34-0 liquid fertilizer that contains ammoniacal nitrogen along with the phosphate. Application rates are generally in the range of 6 – 12 oz per 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>. This delivers .5 - .10 lbs of nitrogen and .16 - .34 lbs of phosphate. Irrigation after application is recommended to move the nutrients to the crown and root zone. Ammonium Polyphosphate is an ideal liquid fertilizer that will alleviate stress on poa and encourage root development.

Planned applications of phosphites are a fantastic tool. There are fertilizer complexes containing Potassium Phosphites. This is a systemic Potassium source. The phosphites "turn on" the plant's natural defense mechanisms that make the plant healthier. Follow the label instructions for the best performance.

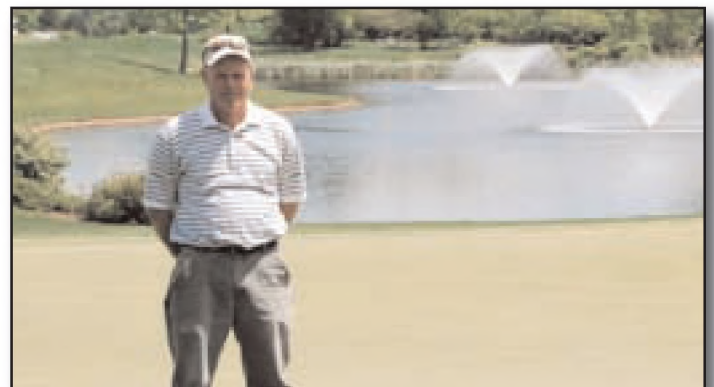
When considering your source of Potassium Phosphites, it is important to know the pounds per gallon of mono and dipotassium salts of Phosphorous Acid. There are many products on the market with a wide range of active ingredients being sold. Use a phosphite product with more than 6 – 7 lbs active ingredient for maximum results and cost effectiveness. Potassium Phosphites have also been proven successful in turning on the plants natural defense mechanisms.

Calcium is a major component in the development of cell wall formation and structure. It improves the cell wall's turgidity and helps regulate nutrient uptake by the roots and movement through the plant. When we talk about Calcium, remember to also apply a small amount of Boron. Boron helps regulate Calcium and Phosphate in the plant. Many soil tests show a deficiency in Boron. In this case, very small quantities are needed to correct the deficiency. Do not over apply Boron since this could adversely affect the plant. Applications of Boron on soils that are deficient in this micronutrient may be .5 oz per 1,000 of a 10% Boron.

Potassium is also known to strengthen cell walls. Potassium is mobile within the plant and thickens the cell wall. This in turn promotes plant strength and disease resistance. Weekly, light applications of potassium applied at a rate between .05 - .10 lbs per 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> can play a beneficial role.

Lastly, don't forget the soil. Everyone is trying to do more with less. Having the proper balance of Potassium, Magnesium and Calcium is critical to achieving maximum efficiency. If your soil is out of balance, nutrients are not completely available. The quantity of Ca, Mg and K are directly related to the soil's cation exchange capacity or CEC. With a high CEC, the soil has more surface area to adsorb and exchange cations. For this reason, more Ca, Mg and K is needed.

Refer to your most recent soil tests to note the base saturation percent. Strive for Ca at 68%, Mg at 12%, K at 5% and Sodium at <2%. Work with your nutrient consultant to determine the products needed to rebalance your soil profile. When your soil is balanced, your nutrient program will work better and you will be able to do more....with less!



Steve Wirth, Golf Course Superintendent at Cherry Valley Country Club, Skillman, New Jersey has been using Potassium Phosphites successfully since 2006. The phosphites are rapidly absorbed by the turfgrass blades to provide a stronger plant.

Disclaimer: Phosphate and phosphite products are neither fungicides nor do they claim to be.



## GCSANJ Member *news*

**Tim Malone**, owner of Guaranteed Landscaping Inc. – Golf Division, Middletown Township, New Jersey, was honored as a finalist at Golf Inc. Magazine’s **2008 Renovation of the Year Award** during the Golf Inc. Spring Conference at The World Golf Hall of Fame in St. Augustine, April 2009. Malone’s award was for his \$2.5 million redesign and renovation of the Glenwood Country Club course in Old Bridge, New Jersey.



The par 72, 18-hole championship-caliber golf course was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. Built in 1966, the original course was designed by Hal Purdy. The full-scale redesign and renovation was under the direction of Stephen Kay, a well-known golf course architect. The project included construction of new bunkers, tees and greens and redesigning of original ones. The intent of the reconstruction was to beautify the course, redesign the bunkers and make for more challenging play.

Designing and building are literally in Malone’s blood - his great-great Grandfather was John Roebling, builder of the Brooklyn Bridge.

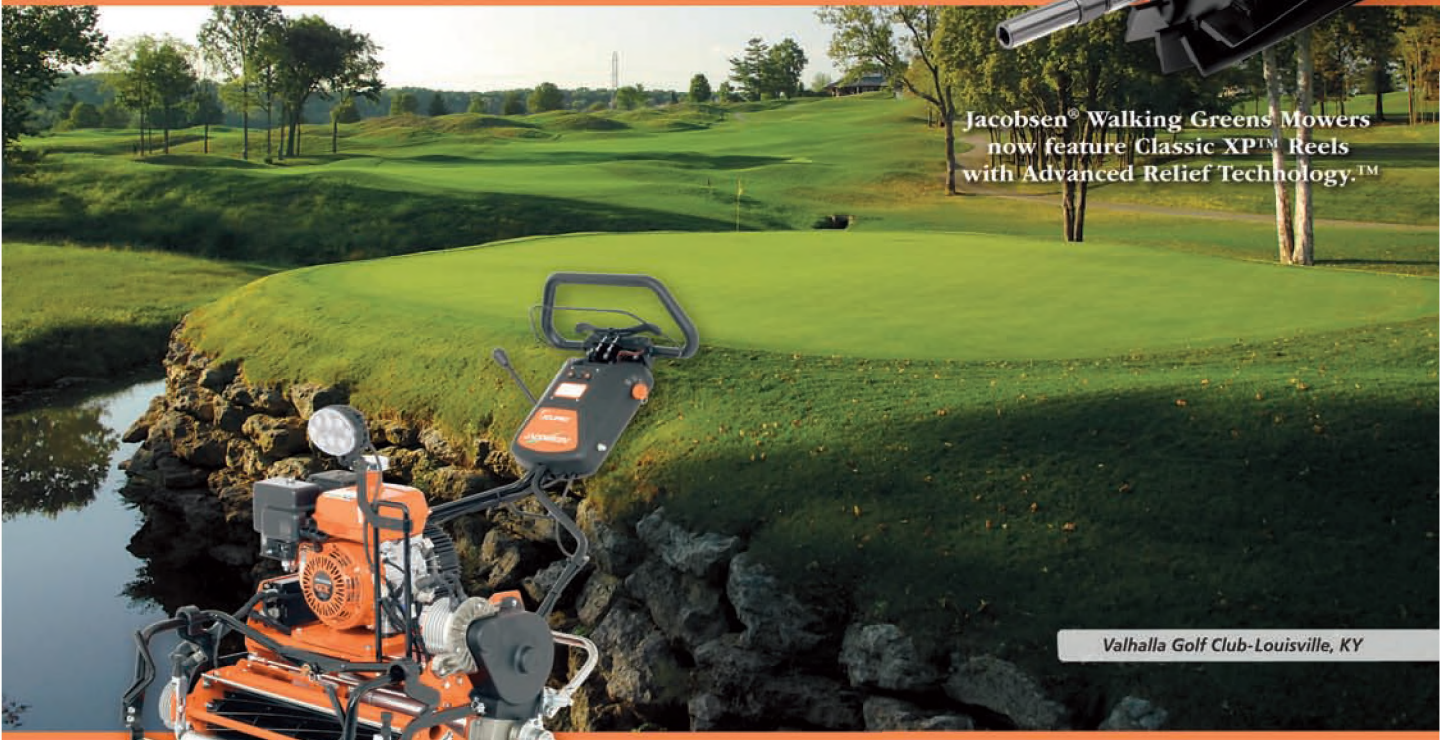
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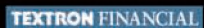
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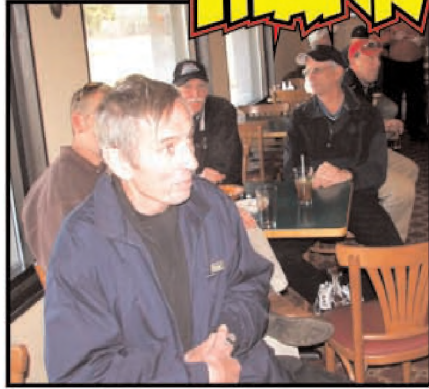
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# News about 2008 GCSANJ Scholarship Winners!

*Conversation Updates shared by Wendell Beakley and Glenn Miller*

## **Kyle Beakley**

Since winning the GCSANJ scholarship last year, I've interned with New Jersey senate majority leader Stephen Sweeney in Trenton, at Philadelphia's National Public Radio affiliate WHYY-FM, and at CBS Sports in New York City. I also finished my three-year tenure at Rutgers' radio station WRSU-FM, where I've acted as news director, anchor, reporter, and morning host.

My articles and editorials on the PGA Tour, NFL, and other sports have been featured on the front pages of BleacherReport.com, CBSsports.com, and in local newspapers. In May, I graduated summa cum laude from Rutgers University with a degree in journalism and political science. I was also inducted into both Kappa Tau Alpha national journalism honor society and Pi Sigma Alpha national political science honor society. The GCSANJ Scholarship made a big difference for me in 2008-09, and I thank the GCSANJ Foundation again for their generous award.

## **Diane Miller**

Diane Miller graduated from Manasquan High School in June 2008 and is currently attending Rutgers, Cook College, majoring in Ecology and Evolution. Diane has always excelled in and had an interest in biological sciences, and after considering careers in Plant Pathology, Marine Biology, and Anthropology, she is now a pre-med student majoring in Ecology and Evolution, with a goal of becoming a cardiologist, and perhaps specializing in pediatric cardiology. Diane attained Dean's List in her first semester with a 3.5 GPA.

## **Ellen Peeples**

Ellen graduated cum laude from Bucknell University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She double-majored in Economics and Environmental Studies. She was elected to Omicron Delta Epsilon, the Economics honor society. She was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and was their rush co-chair. She helped to organize the Light the Night walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She also worked on fundraising projects for the Bucknell Habitat for Humanity club throughout her four years. She will really miss the University but looks forward to being employed in one or a combination of her fields of study. The GCSANJ Foundation scholarship was greatly appreciated by Ellen and put to really good use!

## **Philip Rudich**

I am proud to say that I have received the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of New Jersey Scholarship three times. I am very thankful to the association for offering this money. I am currently in the summer between junior and senior years at New York University, an expensive school in an expensive town, so every contribution counts. The extra money that I have received from the GCSANJ has allowed me to keep up with my schooling a little more comfortably, which, in turn, allows me to work harder towards my post-collegiate goals. I have received high grades all three years at school so far, and have been on the Dean's List several times. During the fall semester of my junior year, I worked as an editorial intern with mediabistro.com, an online company that follows media in all of its forms, and also serves as an invaluable tool to freelance journalists and writers. This summer, I am working at The Express-Times, a local newspaper in the Lehigh Valley, as an intern in the photography and online departments. I intend to graduate with my bachelor's degree in May 2010, and hope to find work writing for a magazine or newspaper. The additional money that GCSANJ has awarded me has allowed me to work harder and with a clearer mind, and for this, I thank it.

## **Steve Wirth**

Steve Wirth called and only left a brief message about his daughter. She finished her first year at Boston College and did well. He did not mention her grades but did say that she played on their soccer team and scored 4 goals. I am guessing that this is the varsity and if so that is very good.

**Keep Up the Good Work! GCSANJ is proud of your accomplishments!**

# Rutgers Golf and Fine Turf Research Field Day

James A. Murphy, Ph.D., Extension Specialist in Turfgrass Management

You are all invited to the 2009 Golf and Fine Turf Research Field Day, which will be held August 4th (Tuesday) at the Hort Farm 2 research facility along Ryders Lane in North Brunswick, NJ. Rutgers'



LEFT: Dr. Bruce Clarke in turquoise shirt giving a presentation at last year's field day...

professors, graduate students, and staff will be available throughout the day to answer questions and feature their research trials on:

- Cultural and chemical management of anthracnose disease on annual bluegrass
- Herbicide programs to control annual bluegrass
- Improved bentgrass cultivars and management practices for putting greens and fairways
- Drought tolerance, plant growth regulator and biostimulant studies on bentgrass
- Other advances in disease, insect, and weed control
- Traffic trials on cool-season grasses

This event provides a great day of education and enjoyment. Pesticide credits will be available for NJ, PA, DE, and NY as well as education points for GCSAA. It is a fantastic opportunity to network and socialize with long time colleagues and friends as well as make new acquaintances. The field day attracts hundreds of professionals from numerous states in the metropolitan region and beyond as well as some international visitors.

Registration starts at 7:30 am. An early bird core credit session will begin at 8:00 am. The plot tours will commence at 9:00 am. And the day winds down with lunch at 1:00 pm. So make plans to come on out for a great day of education and camaraderie.

Registration at [www.njturfgrass.org](http://www.njturfgrass.org).

## “Willet Wilt” is Back!

### Working With Budget Cuts

Willet Wilt has developed a number of cost-saving measures that can be introduced on the golf course during these difficult economic times. The possible saving measures are as follows:

- Don't change pin placements. Have seven locations on each green numbered from one to seven. The golfer is to putt to the hole that corresponds to the day of the week.
- Replace the Evian and Perrier water in the coolers with pond water.
- Make your own tee markers, i.e., recycle old golf shoes from the locker room by painting them red, white, and blue.
- Take courses in rain dancing in order to save on irrigation.
- Don't fertilize. Let cows graze on the fairways -- you have probably heard comments about a cow pasture anyway.
- Make your own putting cups from old coffee cans. Remember to punch a big hole in the middle for the flag stick. A rake handle can be used for a flag stick and used tee towels for flags. Use magic marker to write the hole number on the tee towel, a.k.a. flag.
- Don't get new tee towels -- just buy replacement grommets.
- Cutting the greens, tees and fairways at the same height will eliminate the need for multiple mowers. If you do this, expect to have slow greens and fast fairways.
- Replace the floral plantings on the course with plastic flowers that can be reused every year. These can be cemented into old tires and moved about the course wherever needed.
- Old tree stumps make good benches. Try to cut the trees required as close to the tee as possible.
- Old 55 gallon drums can be used as waste receptacles. Remember to clean out all the toxic chemicals and paint them natural colors to blend in with the environment.
- Let the rough grow to U.S. Open standards. This will give you a manpower savings and increase your supply of golf balls.
- Terminate your mechanic and take all your equipment repairs to “Mr. Goodwrench”.
- Don't replace the golf ball washer soap. Just tell the golfers not to breathe as they clean their golf balls.
- You can realize an approximate savings on your budget of 8% if you eliminate a par five hole from play.

Willet Wilt hopes that these cost-savings measures, if implemented, will stretch your golf course maintenance budget. A video of these measures in action can be purchased c/o Ken Kubik, Mt. Freedom, NJ.

*Editor's Note: This column was written by Ken Kubik of Grass Roots, and published in the Greenside Spring 1992, along with USGA Journal, and other GC Association newsletters across the nation over the course of 13 years. We are delighted to share this wisdom with you.*



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