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President's Message

This is my first President's message and I was thinking what I could write that I have not heard in any other President's message. After a few minutes of thought, I couldn't come up with anything, so here goes nothing.

We all know it is winter and we are all less stressed than we were a few months ago. We are all getting organized in our shops and offices and getting caught up on things we could never get to during the summer and fall months. Hopefully, many of us are taking vacations with friends or families as in a few months we will be back at it again. For me, I am getting acclimated to a new job and now as the President of the GCSANJ. The good news is that we have an excellent Board of Directors and Executive Director who will make my transition much easier.

Our Past President Bill Murray has done a great job for the past 2 years and was a familiar face at many of our functions. Another element that makes for a successful association is committee members. This is an opportunity for members of the GCSANJ to be directly involved in how our association operates even if they do not serve on the Board. We are all way too busy in our jobs and with our families but a couple of days a year is all that is needed to volunteer your time and possibly make a difference. The committee chairs will be looking for committee members over the next few months, so please volunteer if you can. You can email or call any board member or Cece if you are interested in joining. It is a great way to network with other members of your association who you may have never met before.

Paul Dotti, Arcola Country Club



Speaking of networking, reach out to your neighbors and see if they or their assistants are members of the GCSANJ. In a time when we are all looking closely where our money goes, the GCSANJ offers many social and educational opportunities that we can all benefit from. The GCSANJ offers a Member Services program that can assist you or your club when problems arise. We have an active assistants program that offers a golf and social event and educational opportunities. We all know how hard our assistants work and now they have opportunities to meet or network with their peers. We offer quality education as well that we are looking to make even better in the coming months. There are plenty of opportunities to play golf during the year with monthly meetings and the Leslie and Stanley Cups. Did you know we offer an all expense paid trip to the GCSAA National Convention based on your participation at GCSANJ events during the year? We all know that our courses and clubs are always looking at ways to improve things and keep members satisfied and it is no different with the GCSANJ. We are always looking at ways we can make you feel you are getting the most out of your membership.

Hopefully everyone had a chance to attend Expo in December and the National is in early February in Orlando, where you can spend some time with your family and still attend a few seminars or the trade show. I look forward to serving as your President and hope everyone has a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Dotti".

*Paul Dotti
President, GCSANJ*

2011 CALENDAR

Check calendar for updates and signup info.

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*Events are being lined up for
2011 as this issue
goes to print.*

*Watch your email or mail for
the events and dates.*

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*Cece Peabody, MAT, CMP
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- Health and Happiness for all GCSANJ Members
- Weather that is not too warm, not too hot, and not too cold.
- Grass that grows where it should and when it should.
- If there must be Legislation for the industry, let it be 'kind' to golf courses.
- Enough GCSANJ events to fill the fields with a nice variety of different golf courses.
- Better golf than you've played in the past.
- Have every golf course superintendent and assistant superintendent at a New Jersey golf course join this chapter.
- I want to meet at least 20 new members I haven't met before.
- More entries for the scholarships than we've ever had before.
- More great education for members at all meetings.
- Each committee has at least 3 new members getting involved.
- Getting more time to spend with family and friends.

Did you make your wish list yet? Take a minute and do so...it's liberating...and it helps set up some personal goals for the upcoming year.

My thanks to all who are members, and my best wishes to each of you for a successful 2011!

Cece :)

The GCSANJ Wins the 2010 Met Team Championship

by Shaun Barry

If you are an active member of the GCSANJ and you read the Greenside every time it comes in, then you have heard and read about the Met Area Superintendents Team Championship. It is a first-class event that has always been run by members of the Met Association. It started as a concept back in the late 1970's. Our Ed Walsh was one of the people who got the idea onto paper and then made it happen. Working with Ed in creating this event were Ken Kubik (no surprise there), Ernie Rizzio, Dick Grant, Fran Berdine and Frank Bevelacqua. Ed believes that others helped them but he does not remember who these gentlemen are.

The first event was hosted by Frank Bevelacqua at Blue Hill GC in Pearl River in 1980. There were only 5 or 6 teams at the first one. We are not sure if Philly was entered that year. The ones that were there were NJ, The Met, Hudson Valley, CT and Long Island. The winners were CT. We have the list of the years and the host courses but unfortunately at this time we don't know who won the team event and who won the individual prize for each year. We will keep digging and maybe somebody will discover those records. There was a traveling trophy given to the individual low gross winner but I think that has gone missing also.

For a time in the 1990's the event languished and it was hard to fill the field. I am sure there were discussions concerning its future. Fortunately the organizers didn't give up. A few years ago Blake Halderman CGCS and Andy Drohen took responsibility for the tournament. They put together an active committee and decided they needed help so they looked for sponsors. That worked beautifully and they found great courses that were willing to be a host and the extra revenue really increased the prizes. Almost immediately this became a very attractive event and people started trying to make their association's team. This year there were 13 associations represented and with the sponsors there were 120 people playing the course.

NJ has been a participant at every event even though there was one year when it wasn't held (2004) and one year when we only sent 3 players and another when we had 6 players. Everybody was too busy or uninterested but not now. We didn't win those years.....:-)

The team has been selected by many methods. At one point if you said yes you were on the team. Because it was and still is a gross and net tournament we have also picked the members who had won the net and gross prizes at our monthly meetings. Not a bad idea but in the last 10 years we are picking the best golfers. These are the players who have the best chance to endure the tournament conditions and play to their handicaps.

In September of 2009 we held a qualifier at Forsgate CC for 3 openings. We wanted to keep the nucleus of the team and try and add any new players who deserved to be on the team. After the qualifier we welcomed back one fellow

who had to re-qualify and we added two new players. That team went to Plainfield and won. It is also another one of our policies that if a team wins all of those players are invited back to defend their title. In 2010 we had one player drop out and we added Tom Grimac because he had won the Sherwood Moore Cup the previous month. Not a bad choice even if he hadn't won the Cup for his 6th time.

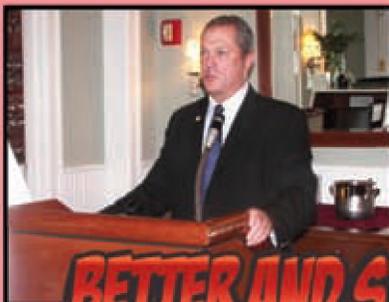
Each association sends 8 players. They are given a partner and they play either on the gross or net side of the tournament. Each side is just as important as the other side and one bad individual team score can move the association team down in the standings. Playing for NJ were John Alexander, Wendell Beakley, Chris Boyle, Tom Grimac, Ian Kunesch, Bill Murray, Sean Ross and Jim Swiatlowski. Tom and Jim formed one gross team and John and Sean formed the other gross team. They play with no handicap and their best ball score is their individual team score. Bill and Chris were one of the net teams and Wendell and Ian made up the second net team. Each player is given 80% of their established handicap and nobody can get more than 18 strokes. Like the gross side, the net is also a best ball contest and that one score becomes their individual team score. It can become pretty lonely when your partner knocks it out of bounds or into the water. The pressure when this happens gets really intense and that is why we like to have our best players shouldering that pressure.

The 2010 event was held at The Bridge on Long Island. NJ was the defending champion and they were able to defend that title. As non-playing captain, I was there and could see how difficult a day it would be because the wind was howling and it appeared that it would never stop.

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Congrats to the NJ Team for winning the MET...again.

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22nd Annual RTJ Invitational

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The Robert Trent Jones Invitational Tournament was conducted for its 22nd straight year. That is pretty amazing when you consider how tough it is to keep interest in any event supporting a cause. The first few years of a standard event sparks great interest and then that interest gradually wanes. Soon it comes to a point where the organizers see the handwriting on the wall and the event dies a graceful death. That could have happened a few years ago when the GCSANJ Foundation was asked to take over all of the duties in running this event. Metedeconk had seen a change in ownership and their leaders questioned why they were running something that wasn't their "baby." Some of them may have known the history of this event and why it was started, but it no longer fit into their future plans. That is why they discussed the change. We knew that unless we stepped in the event might end and that didn't appeal to anyone on the foundation. We knew its history and we understood how important that history was as well as its future.

Steve Cadenelli CGCS summarized the history when he wrote his letter for the journal. He highlights the vision and generosity of Richard & Herb Sambol, the skill of Robert Trent Jones Sr. and Roger Rulewich and the major importance of the superintendents who have helped develop and maintain the vision of these men. The fee for a team 22 years ago was \$1,500 and it now stands at only \$1,600. Expenses have gone up and sponsorship has dropped but that is a sign of the times. We raise fewer dollars but every dollar above expenses goes to The EIFG or the GCSANJ Foundation. We continue to give back on the national and local levels and this adds to the hundreds of thousands of dollars that have been donated by Metedeconk and the RTJ throughout the years. Metedeconk National and the RTJ have set a standard of giving that sets them apart and establishes a goal for all others to aspire to achieve.

Even though sponsorship was down, we still have a truly dedicated group of companies who join us in our commitment to continue and grow this important fundraiser. Our *Hole Sponsors* were **Bayer ES, Finch Services, Grass Roots, Morris Golf, The Sambol Family Foundation, Storr Tractor Co., Turf Equipment & Supply Co., and Vic Gerard Golf Cars.** In the group of *Patrons* we had **Aquatrols, Atlantic Irrigation, James Barrett Associates, Colonia CC, Manasquan River GC, Plant Food Co., Red Sky Associates, Spring Lake CC, Syngenta, and Wilfred MacDonald.**

In order to increase participation, our committee decided to allow affiliates to bring teams and they could compete in their own tournament. To register they had to be Hole Sponsors. In 2009 we had 2 teams do so and in 2010 we had 6 teams join us. That is part of the reason why we went from 16 teams last year to 25 teams this year. The companies who joined us were *Bayer ES, Grass Roots, Morris Golf, Plant Food, Syngenta and Vic Gerard Golf Cars.* In addition to this Bill Lynch and Jay Antonelli presented a \$2,000 check to the GCSANJ Foundation. This came from a program that they were running and they are still adding to that total.

The day surprised us with wonderful weather. It was raining hard as we approached the start of registration but soon it slowed down and then it stopped. This did prevent Ryan and his staff from grooming the course like he wanted to do but it allowed us players to think we were better than we are. Balls stopped on the greens and I didn't see anybody in our group putt off a green (but that could have been because I did close my eyes on a few putts). It was fun but I am sure Ryan was disappointed. I just hope he knows that it was still great and still remains one of those "can't miss it" functions on my schedule. It appears that others feel the same way because although some teams had changes, no team was without a complete foursome.

We moved the shotgun up one hour so people would have more daylight on their way home. We also listened to Lance Rogers and gave away a \$75 gift certificate to every player. We couldn't decide on an appropriate gift and this way they could pick what they wanted from the pro-shop. It seemed to be quite a hit. We might consider doing it again next year.

When prizes were given out, it appears that the host team enjoyed their home course knowledge. The team of Ryan Oliver, Bill Kennedy, Mario Pierro and John Rutecki gave Metedeconk first place (143) and the crystal in the gross competition. They edged out Mendham (144) whose team featured Chris Boyle, Joe DiChiara, Rob Finnesey and Matt Wirths. On the Net side Jim Cross, George Khlare, Coby Mattison and Andy Veasey played well together and gave Rumson (123) first place. They also walked away with the crystal. Our terrific friend Matt Ceplo once again brought a team from Rockland and they took second place (133). Completing his team were Ed Carpezzi, Bobby Everett and Tom Torpey. Matt and Bobby (67) however did win the Superintendent-Pro contest. Ryan Oliver (77) won superintendent low gross on a match of cards and Jim Cross (71) won superintendent low net.

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It didn't. I know that Mr Murray has played lots of links golf in Ireland and Scotland and he was used to playing in the wind. I felt he should be able to deal with it and he did but so did his partner Mr Boyle. They shot a net 64. They were the low team by 3 shots. That is not unusual because in the last 5 years they have been the low net team 3 times and second one of the other times. For the second year in a row only 4 teams were under par and, as in 2009, Wendell Beakley and his partner (Dennis Granahan - 2009 and Ian Kunesch - 2010) were one of those 4 teams. This year they shot a 67 for the second lowest net score. Without this stellar net play, NJ would not have been able to defend their title or win any of the previous events. Our gross teams played well but they needed help and they got it. There were some reports of people saying "sandbaggers" but they couldn't have been talking about our guys. They played to their handicaps but they were able to play well when their partner was having issues. When they were given a handicap stroke they made par or birdie. It won't always happen but I am glad that it has happened when it was needed.

NJ has played well in this event since its inception. I may be missing a victory or two but we won in 1983 and 1988. We really caught on fire starting with a win in 2001. Since then we won in 2002, 2006, 2009 and 2010. We have had individual winners starting with Angelo Petraglia moving on to Tom Grimac, John Farrell and Ian Kunesch.

Our team looks strong and may defend again, but if not, we will once again have open qualifying for a few spots. If that happens, try to qualify because it really is a wonderful event and every host has done a magnificent job preparing their courses for this tournament. We also need to thank Blake and Andy and their committee for running such a professional event. †

The RTJ Tradition Continues...from pg 8

The commercial competition as a group includes affiliates and all of the associations that participate. Once again the GCSANJ team played well (129) and won. This team consisted of Wendell Beakley, Tony DiBartolomeo III, Brad Simpkins and Frank Tichenor. As it turns out, Frank actually had the lowest gross score for a superintendent. This is the first time that this has happened and it was decided that only superintendents playing on teams from clubs could win but we will have to review this policy for next year. Frank had 3 birdies, putted beautifully and shot a 76. He understood our decision and I think the satisfaction of playing so well was enough for him.

We close this part of the report with the winners of our skills prizes. Jay Antonelli (11ft 4ins), Woody Garavente (11 ft) and Brian Minemier (6 ft) won the closest to the pin contests while John Harvey, Brian Minemier and Ryan Oliver took long drive honors. These fellows can really move that ball.

At dinner Cece was introduced and I got a chance to thank John Rutecki, Mike Feury and everyone at Metedeconk for being such wonderful hosts and for all that they have done through the years. Ryan spoke for the club and extended their thanks to us for being there and he thanked his staff for all that they do on a daily basis. I had Jim Cadott, Glenn Miller, Bill Murray, Ryan, Bruce Peeples, Lance Rogers and Fred Rapp stand and be acknowledged because as the members of the foundation it is their hard work that makes things happen from our end. John O'Keefe, CGCS was asked to say a few words as a board member of GCSAA. He did a nice job tying the history and future of this event to the history and future of GCSAA. Dr Jim Murphy was quite pleased to speak on behalf of the turfgrass program at Rutgers and to express their strong desire to keep working together with us as everyone searches for answers and improvements in the turfgrass industry and how we will do our jobs better in the future. Keith Kubik and Bill Murray were acknowledged as presidents of our local associations. It was very nice to see so many of their board members in attendance.

The evening ended on a high because it was such a successful day and that caused many people to linger and enjoy every moment. The extra hour that we saved starting early was spent visiting with the folks we missed before. It was casual and quite relaxing knowing that everyone had a great day. It should help us make some positive decisions as we start planning for next year. Hope to see you there. †

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2010 Crystal Conference Wrap Up

by Jim Cadott

It seems for the last couple of years, the weather has been kind to the Crystal Springs Conference, and this year was no exception. Sunshine on the first day, which of course, was the golf day, led to rain on day two as we sat inside listening to educational talks.

Day one began in the beautiful Cascades lodge as **Rick Fletcher** from the *Cleary Company* had the tough task of waking us all up and keeping our attention as we all thought about golf. Rick did a wonderful job as he explained how to use different chemistries of fungicides to best coordinate your spray program. He then gave the group an update on what alternatives are available now that PCNB is not, when trying to combat snow mold. If you can take even one useful piece of information from every talk that you hear, then consider that talk worth your time. Rick opened some eyes as the early morning speaker and gave us plenty of information to utilize.

Day two consisted of 5 speakers, lunch, 3 vendor breaks, the GCSANJ annual meeting, and an after seminar gathering at Kites restaurant. Definitely a busy schedule, and kudos to **Chris Boyle** and the education committee for keeping us on time.

Dr. Thom Nikolai from *Michigan State* began our day with a clear, concise, and witty talk on green speed and how it relates to your budget and turfgrass health. Eyes and ears were definitely open when Dr. Thom not only refuted the saying that “speed kills”, but proved it with his extensive research.

After a vendor break, the *USGA team* of **Dave Oatis** and **Adam Moeller** shared the floor and gave us their views on “why putting greens die”. After the 2010 weather, this talk was well attended. You can always count on the USGA to give you a professional presentation loaded with relevant information and pictures to hammer the point home. The pair discussed certain micro-climates, rootzone conditions, and surface management, and how any one of these can severely affect the health of the green.

After lunch is probably the toughest hour to give a talk, but fortunately **John Pope** from *The Andersons Company* was able to keep our attention for an hour long talk on granular fertilizers and how to best use

them in your program. John pointed out the fact that not all fertilizers are needed at each course, and that no matter what your budget dictates, you can formulate a successful program .

Dr. Gordon Kaufman III from the *Grigg Brothers Company* completed the technical talks as he explained how “agronomic solutions through innovation” can help you become a more resourceful turf manager. Certain products, formulations, and rates were just a few of the topics discussed and how you can stay current with the ever changing technologies that are available to our industry.

The last talk of the day was given by one our own, **Doug Vogel**. Doug is the GCSANJ historian and you could tell has a passion for it. Once again, Doug is an example of a member going above and beyond what is asked of him. He gave us some great information on certain websites that he uses, especially aerial photos, and links that I am sure nobody knew. After I returned to work, I went right to some of those sights. Definitely, an informative and humorous presentation.

With a long day complete and, if you were like me, an after seminar cocktail reception was the perfect ending to a very busy, yet informative educational day.

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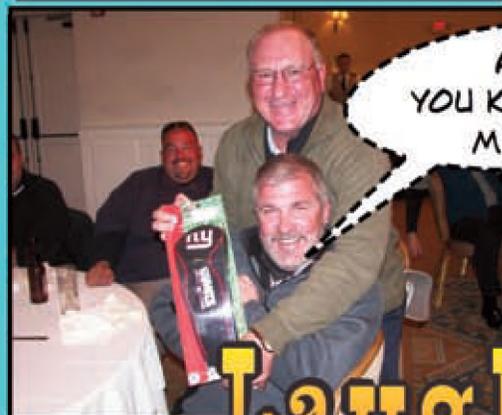
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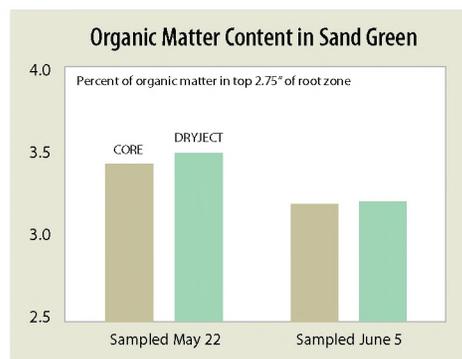
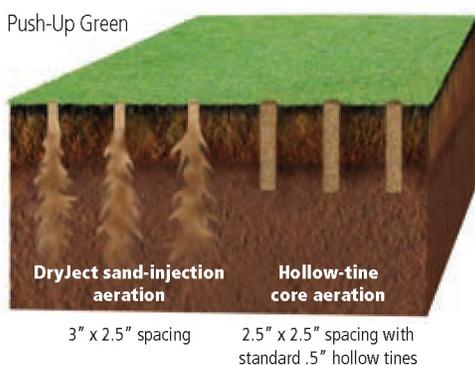
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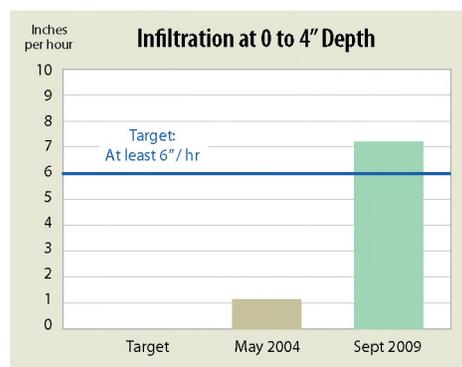


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Development of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Anthracnose Disease on Annual Bluegrass Putting Green Turf

2010 Executive Summary prepared for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey / Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey Foundation

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Objectives:

The multiple objectives of this research were initially organized into four field studies on annual bluegrass putting green turf that were designed to evaluate: 1) irrigation quantity; 2) lightweight rollers and mowing equipment operation; 3) topdressing and foot traffic and 4) nitrogen fertilization programming on anthracnose disease. Two additional studies have been initiated to further address objective 4.

Start date: 2008

Project Duration: three years

Total Funding: \$90,000

Executive Summary:

Anthracnose, caused by *Colletotrichum cereale*, is a destructive disease of annual bluegrass putting green turf throughout the United States. The frequency and severity of anthracnose outbreaks on putting greens has increased over the past two decades and management practices employed to improve playability (green speed) on putting greens have been observed to be partly responsible. This summary addresses the four research objectives listed above, three of which were completed in 2008.

Research completed in 2008 and 2009 has generated these major conclusions: 1) deficit irrigation (40% daily ETo replacement) causing wilt stress increased the severity of disease compared to greater irrigation quantities; 2) both sidewinder and triplex mounted vibratory rolling reduced disease severity compared to non-rolled turf under moderate disease pressure; 3) sand topdressing reduced disease severity regardless of foot traffic level; unexpectedly, foot traffic decreased anthracnose regardless of sand topdressing level; 4) frequent summer soluble-N fertilization applied at the highest rate (0.1 lb per 1000-ft²

every 7-days or 0.2 lb per 1000-ft² every 14-days) had the greatest reduction in anthracnose severity throughout all years in this study.

As a complement to the fourth conclusion listed above, a study was initiated in 2009 to identify the rate of soluble-N fertilization applied during the summer that would produce the greatest reduction in anthracnose severity. During the 1st half of the season, N fertilization of 0.4 lb per 1000-ft² every 7-days consistently produced the lowest anthracnose severity. During the last half of the season (mid-July to Mid-August), however, 0.4 and 0.5 lb per 1000-ft² every week increased disease and only 0.2 lb per 1000-ft² every week was needed for the greatest reduction in anthracnose severity. Integration of data over the entire season (AUDPC) indicated that 0.2 lb per 1000-ft² of N applied every week had the best overall reduction in disease severity.

A N programming study (initiated September 2008) examined spring and autumn N fertilization (granular) in combination with summer soluble-N fertilization. Spring granular-N fertilization reduced disease severity compared to autumn granular-N fertilization on all but two rating dates (26 Aug. 2009 and 21 May 2010). The rate of granular-N fertilization also affected disease severity; N applied at an annual rate of 4.5 lbs per 1000-ft² had less disease than plots that received N at 3.0, 1.5, and 0 lbs per 1000-ft². An interaction between season and granular-N rate (5 of 12 rating dates) indicated that spring N-fertilization in combination with greater granular-N rates had the greatest reduction in disease severity while autumn granular-N fertilization rate had little influence on disease severity. Soluble-N fertilization during the summer also influenced disease severity in both years of this trial; N applied at 0.375 lb per 1000-ft² per month had the greatest reduction in anthracnose severity compared to N fertilization at 0, 0.094, and 0.188 lb per 1000-ft² per month. Plots that received no summer soluble N fertilization had the greatest anthracnose severity regardless of the granular-N fertilization regime.

A study to determine the effect of soluble-N sources on anthracnose severity was initiated in the summer of 2010. Six soluble-N sources (ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate, calcium nitrate, potassium nitrate, urea, UMAXX 47-0-0) were applied at 0.1 lb per 1000-ft² every week or biweekly for 12 weeks. The first year of data indicated that N applied every week compared to biweekly reduced anthracnose severity on 2 out of the 4 sampling dates. The

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nitrogen source effect was also significant on 3 out of 4 rating dates; however, this response lacked consistency and requires further evaluation before conclusions can be drawn.

Summary Points:

1. Deficit irrigation (40% ETo) induced wilt stress and intensified anthracnose severity. Irrigation at 80% ETo often resulted in the lowest anthracnose severity and best turf quality.
2. Lightweight rolling every other day with either roller type (i.e., sidewinder or triplex mounted vibratory) increased ball-roll distance and decreased anthracnose severity under moderate disease pressure.
3. Sand topdressing reduced anthracnose severity under both foot- and non-trafficked conditions. Moreover, daily foot traffic decreased anthracnose severity regardless of sand topdressing level. The lowest disease severity and best turf quality occurred on plots receiving the combination of daily foot traffic with weekly sand topdressing.
4. From the short term perspective of early in the season (spring), anthracnose severity decreased linearly as the rate of N fertilization increased up to approximately 0.4 lb per 1000-ft² per week. Over the course of the entire growing season, however, anthracnose severity decreased linearly as the rate of N fertilization increased up to 0.2 lb per 1000-ft² per week, after which greater N rates increased disease severity.
5. Spring granular-N fertilization, particularly at greater N rates, contributed to the suppression of anthracnose severity more than autumn fertilization. Increasing the monthly soluble-N rate during the summer also decreased anthracnose severity regardless of the granular-N regime. †

The 2010 Crystal Conference Golf Results

by Shaun Barry

Anyone lucky enough to sign-up for golf at The Crystal Springs Conference got the chance to play the new Cascades nine and also nine holes at Wild Turkey. The club did a great job making this happen and never let us get lost which we would have done on our own. The courses were in great shape and they really are fun to play. I do say that knowing how much fun it would have been even if I hadn't played with *Paul Dotti*. When you have to hit your second shot on a 550 yard par 5 from 200 yards it does make things easier but when Paul hits an 8 iron for this shot and it lands pin high any macho ego that you have is gone. Thank goodness I lost that many years ago when *Kevin Driscoll* started outdriving me.

Our team did not win anything but that may have been because *Gary Arlio* wasn't able to join us. With him we could have picked up the 12 shots that we needed to win...:-). The team of *Mike Brunelle*, *Tony Hooks* and *Tom Weinert* needed no help as they won the scramble with a fine score of 58. They edged out the team of *Don McKay*, *Mike Paluzzi*, *Joe Sudol* and *Mike Wenning*. They obviously had a home course advantage because they know the courses but shooting a 59 is pretty remarkable. I doubt that any of these fellows have played much golf this year and I am not sure what their handicaps are but they really played well together as a team. Both teams were given prizes donated by **Grass Roots**. *Ken* and *Keith Kubik* also sponsored 3 closest to the pin contests and the long drive contest. The two other closest to the pins were sponsored by **John Deere Golf** and **The Terre Co**. *Ryan Burbridge* won the long drive contest with a massive drive. His weight loss doesn't seem to have caused him to lose any distance at all. *Les Carpenter*, *Pat Hickey*, *Joe Kinlin*, *Brad Sparta* and *Jim Swiatlowski* hit it closest to the pin on the selected holes. Jim however decided to be emphatic about his win and he made a hole-in-one. What a great shot. Now some people will tell you that making one of these requires lots of luck. That is true but it helps when you have lots of skill like Jim has. What takes luck however is making a hole-in-one when there is an open bar going on. I think Jim may have been happy that he was able to put his American Express card back into his wallet without too much damage. †

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I am originally from the Pittsburgh area where I earned a B.S. in Turfgrass Science from Pennsylvania State University. Spent a few years as an assistant superintendent there and my first superintendent position was at Brigantine Golf Links in the Atlantic City area. Soon afterwards I was transferred to the Seattle Washington area working at a public course there, after the course was sold, relocated back to NJ at Glenwood Country Club where I proved I could be highly effective at removing poa annua from a golf course (although I now realize one does not truly know how to grow turf until you kill turf). After which I took the job a South Shore Golf club in Staten Island owned by the NYC Parks Department and managed by American Golf Corporation where I have now been for five years.

I served on the GCSAA IPM Template Advisory Panel and have a wide range of experience from municipal golf to the pressures of private clubs. I have certified two courses as Audubon cooperative sanctuaries and am nearly complete with the third. I look forward to meeting other superintendents and assisting the association with all of their endeavors to progress in the future.



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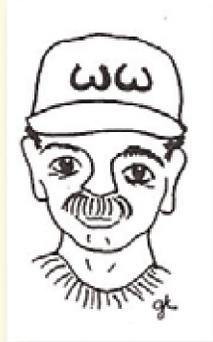
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Riding Mowers vs Walk-Behind Mowers: This seminar will concentrate on getting enough able-bodied employees to survive a full season of walk-behind mowers.

Pesticide Usage in the 1990's: This course should be very interesting since most companies can't afford to develop any new compounds, and those that do can't get them through the E.P.A.

Making Your Own Tee Markers: This hands -on course will explore some of the creative materials you make tee markers from, such as wood, pineapples, salt dough, bagels, paper mache, old golf cart tires, etc.

Golf Instruction: This seminar will be especially beneficial to the 25 plus handicap GCSANJ member who is tired of embarrassing himself at monthly meetings.

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And More Willet Wilt Says

Tis the season of football's Super Sunday. This brings to mind some events and awards with football connotations that could be related to the golf course area. So, during this period let's run through a few of these!

The "Best Interception Award" will be given to the GC Supt. This event will consist of a Supt. stationing himself between the 18th green and the Clubhouse. The winner will be declared as the one who intercepts the most complaints before they reach the Board level.

The "Golf Course Blitz Award: will be given to the greens crew which on a Friday afternoon completes all the rotary mower work before the weekend and survives to show up on Saturday morning.

The "Rushing Award" will be given to the golf crew who on payday is able to get their checks, get in their cars and on the road the fastest. This is truly a team event.

The "Holding the Crew Award" will be given to the Supt. who is able to retain his mechanic, assistant supt., greens chairman, and a minimum of four greens crew workers for the complete season.

The "Clippings Award" will be given to the Supt. who collects fairway clippings for the complete growing season and still has the sanity to talk about it.

The "Roughing the Golfer Award" will be given to the GC Supt. who is able to get his rough to the U.S. Open standards for the longest period without losing his job.

The "Illegal Procedure Award" will be given to the GC Supt. who loves the heat and humidity of summer and whose favorite days are rainy Fridays.

The final award is the "Scoring Champion." This will be given to the GC Supt. at the end of the year who has the happiest Greens Chairman, Ladies' Tournament Committee, Greens Crew, and Tennis Committee. This would be sort of a Mr. Congeniality Award.

If you would like to serve on the Awards Selection Committee, please send a self-addressed envelope to Willet Wilt, c/o Ken Kubik, Pasadena, CA.

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GCSANJ Member *news* Fran Owsik Wins Award

On November 6, 2010, Rutgers hosted its 21st Annual Turfgrass Student Awards banquet. During the banquet, the Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association annually selects a recipient of their Achievement Award. This honor was initiated in 1990 by the Association to recognize professionals who have made a significant contribution to the turfgrass industry. A very surprised winner this year was our own **Fran Owsik**. He was in attendance because he thought he was going to be there to honor his good friend Dennis DeSanctis Sr. The look on his face was wonderful. He suggested that he was 'snookered' by one of his long-time friends but that is what friends do sometimes. He is a great choice to receive this award and he made a very eloquent speech of thanks. ↓

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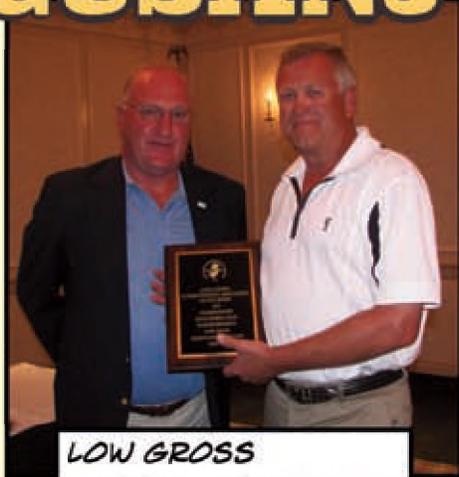


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Rock Spring Club Reaches the GCSANJ Championship Level

by Shaun Barry

Life for Michael Campbell changes every day as it does for all of us. His path of change however keeps moving upward and I have a feeling that is the direction his life will continue to move. We first met Michael when he was working for his father, Pat Campbell, CGCS at Panther Valley. Michael soon became a supt out in Michigan but NJ was where he wanted to be so he returned as an assistant at Rock Spring. This eventually led to him becoming supt there and now he is their CFO and General Manager. It is a job that he is well suited for and is doing a great job.

During his stint as supt at Rock Spring, he became an active and forceful member of the GCSANJ Board. Before he was aware of the change in his job at Rock Spring he arranged for us to have our Championship there in 2010. A date was selected and we agreed on a price and a format. A few months after this, Michael assumed the leadership role at the club and he got to review all of the meetings scheduled at the club. He soon realized that the former manager had actually double-booked the date we had for our meeting. We agreed to move it one week earlier even though we knew it would conflict with the aerification scheduled at some of the clubs. It wasn't a perfect decision but it was the one we were left with and we decided we would have the meeting on September 20th.

Michael hasn't lost touch with the decisions being made out on the course but he has the utmost confidence in Chad Pirnos. Chad had worked for Michael in the past and they were a great team. They remain so today. Into that mix they added Ken Kubik's favorite assistant supt. That is Joe Guanill who just happens to be Ken's son-in-law.

They were faced with the same oppressive summer stress that everyone else had and it made their lives and their jobs very difficult. It was not a good year to be a superintendent especially if this was your maiden year. They did find answers to the problems and were totally prepared for our meeting. It was a beautiful job and the course was in amazing shape. Lots of thanks and kudos go out to these gentlemen and to their talented and dedicated staff.

We had a great lunch and that gave us the strength to challenge this Donald Ross gem. You just have to hit it long and straight and then it becomes simple if you hit it below the hole and are blessed with the hands of a surgeon. I got the hit it part but that was it. **Tom Grimac** however had all parts of his game working and for a record 6th time he won the Sherwood Moore Cup. That goes to the supt with the lowest gross score. His 75 lead the field but **Tony Hooks** was close behind with his 77. **John Alexander** (69) was low net in the A Flight.

He edged **Jason Dorn** (71) by 2 shots. **Wendell Beakley** (68) and **Bill Murray** (73) took net honors in the B Flight but the big winner was in the C Flight. Just before **Michael Campbell** teed-off his golf professional teasingly said that he had zero chances of winning anything. Michael had a net 62 and not only was low net in the C Flight he was also low net superintendent. That gives him possession of the Dr Henry Indyk Trophy for the year. **John O'Keefe** played well with a 70 for a second place finish in this flight.

Jay Antonelli repeated as Low Gross Affiliate with a 76. It looks like the only chance any of our commercial guys will have in the future is if Jay doesn't play. At least now he can get his name added to the Dr. Paul Sartoretto Cup for both years because he forgot to do so last year. I guess he felt confident in repeating. On the net side **Tom Weinert** was low with a 70. **Shaun Barry** and **Peter VanDrumpt** were tied with 72.

Rob Finnesey and *Tree Tech* once again sponsored the long-drive contest to help fund the GCSANJ Foundation. Instead of having it before the competition it was now played during our round and all were eligible to participate. Rob gives \$100 to the winner of each flight and a like amount to the foundation. Every year for at least the last 11 years this is what happened and it will continue in 2011. **Tom Ashfield** (0-9 hdcps), **Chad Pirnos** (10-18 hdcps) and new member **Gabe Wochley** (19-40 hdcps) were the winners and just for the record Gabe actually hit it the furthest. Oh to be young and strong. We also had another contest sponsored by *E-Turf* and **Tom Grimac** won that one. Our skin winners were **John Alexander**, **Tom Bavero**, **Tom Grimac**, **John Knoll**, **Peter VanDrumpt** and **Jeff Weld**. They had one each.

Kevin Trainer was closest to the pin that was sponsored by *Aer-Core*. He hit it 3ft 1in. **Jay Antonelli** was at 10ft 11ins to win *Wilfred MacDonald's* contest and **Tom Weinert** won the hole sponsored by *Grass Roots* with a shot to 10ft.. In addition to these sponsors we had **Fred Rapp** from *Atlantic Irrigation* sponsor dinner. He chose wisely because the food was just wonderful and it didn't hurt having the great view of NYC's skyline to look at as you choose your food.

Many thanks to Cece, Kevin Driscoll, Bill Murray and Wendell for all of their help at registration and with the scoring. It just makes things move so smoothly having them take such an active role in the meeting. Our sincere thanks also go to Michael, Chad, Joe and everyone on their staffs for such wonderful treatment. It is a special place and we were very fortunate to have been able to be there for our Championship. ¶



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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

by Shaun Barry

Since 1986 the GCSANJ has selected a winner of their Distinguished Service Award. It is the highest award that we as an association decide upon each year. The selection committee is a council headed by the current president and any of our active past presidents. There is a proviso in the protocol which states that if there are no viable candidates no award will be presented. We have been fortunate that this has never happened. Each year the selection committee has many names that are worthy of consideration and each year more names get added to the list. It is truly one of the benefits of having so many active members who keep giving. Just look at the list of our previous winners and you will see what I mean. These are "giants of our industry" as well as the GCSANJ.

All nominees must be a GCSANJ member in good standing for a minimum of 15 years. Each nominee must have consistently made significant contributions to the GCSANJ throughout those years which have resulted in a stronger and more viable association. The 2010 selection completely follows those requirements.

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This 32 year GCSANJ Member served on the board of directors for many years and was elected president in 1991 and 1992. He followed Steve Finamore's presidency and in turn was followed in that position by his good friend Chris Carson who was last year's DSA winner. During his tenure as general manager of all the golf courses in the Monmouth County Park System, his courses have hosted 6 monthly meetings, one Invitational and one Class C Championship. He

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MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

by Shaun Barry

Unlike the DSA, this award does not cover a lifetime of commitment. A nominee has to be a member of GCSANJ in good standing and they must exemplify professional conduct through their service to GCSANJ and its members. There are many other criteria but in the final judgement of the committee the nominee has to have made a significant contribution in the last year that has resulted in a stronger and more viable GCSANJ.

As with the DSA there are many people who are considered every year. There are some who have won it and should win it again. **JIM CADOTT** will be one of those winners. He could have been chosen in previous years and should be considered in the future because he will keep giving his time and help to the GCSANJ.

Jim has been on the GCSANJ board for many years as a district III director. At the 2010 Crystal Springs Conference he was elected to the GCSANJ Executive board. He has also been and still serves on the foundation board as its secretary. He has been involved in every event that the foundation has hosted. He helps organize the Dist 3 Christmas party, he spearheads the Summer Social, he has put in many hours organizing the RTJ, and he took the communications chairmanship when Lance's responsibilities changed. That means he is responsible for getting all of the articles and ads into Cece's hands so you can have the Greenerside every three months.

Jim has never said no to helping any GCSANJ function and we, as any association, are very lucky he is able to maintain such a wonderful balance between his family, his job, his volunteer work with the GCSANJ and The GIANTS. He is a very worthy of this great honor. ↓

District IV Has Another Successful Meeting

by Shaun Barry

Our district meetings schedules were all over the board this year but with the summer that we had it could have been predicted. District meetings were the result of a long-ago August monthly meeting that had to be canceled because we had low attendance and we weren't able to meet the club's minimum requirement. It was also one of those terrible summers and people were not interested in straying too far from their courses. That led us to create the district meeting concept. I think it may have happened many years before this attempt but to us it was a new approach to what we realized would always be a potential problem. Our thought was that having a meeting close by should make attendance more attractive and easier to consider. For most years it works very well and although the 2010 meetings weren't all held in August we still had a substantial number of members and their guests attending these meetings.

District III was actually the only district with an August date. It was once again held at Toms River CC and there were 64 people there. The weather was still stressful but everyone took the opportunity to take a break. They needed to enjoy a day away from the rigors of trying to keep the turf in perfect condition. District I and II for the second year in a row did not have an event. Our southern most district (not counting Jeff Staeger being all by himself in district V) is district IV. They decided to wait out the weather and have their meeting in the fall. Doing so puts them into a position of trying to avoid our Championship and the RTJ. They weren't able to find anything between these events so they had it after them.

On October 25, 2010 they were hosted by *Shawn Reynolds* and Blue Heron Pines GC. Greeting everyone was *Linda Simpkins* who set the day up with *Wendell Beakley*. *Stephen Kay* designed this course and he was able to be there early on but he had to leave because he had a previous commitment that he couldn't break. Stephen loves this course so you know it was hard for him not to be able to be there and discuss one of his "babies."

As usual *Wendell* was very active in recruiting players and sponsors. He was very successful in both cases and then he, *Kevin Driscoll*, *Phil O'Brien* and *Ken Mathis* helped out with registration. We had 44 people register for the day. What a nice turn-out. It adds to the history of how active this district is when it comes to association activities.

Lunch was terrific and was sponsored by *Dave Mitchell* from Mitchell Products. When I thanked him for the sponsorship he said *Wendell* had just sent him an invoice

and told him he was sponsoring lunch. Dave did say this with a smile and a wink but *Wendell* is not afraid to ask for help when it comes to GCSANJ.

Our group wasn't large enough to take the entire course but we fit in nicely and play went very smoothly. When we looked at the totals *Bill Murray* appeared to have won low gross on a match of cards. His 78 was tied with *Phil Juhring* and *Andrew Bucceri*. Bill said that low gross should come from a member of district IV so Phil defeated Andrew on their match of cards. That however allowed Andrew to win low net with a 65. Bill allowed us to let his score (68) count in the net side and he took second place and *Wendell* earned second low gross with a 79.

All of the skill prizes were sponsored. *Agrium Advanced Technologies*, *Black Lagoon Pond Management*, *East Coast Sod & Seed* and *Harrell's* selected a closest to the pin sponsorship and *Helena* sponsored both long drive prizes. *Lou Pitcock* and *Kevin Reis* won their respective long drive contests. Kevin (who plays very little) also won a closest to the pin with a shot to 13 ins. The other winners were *Matt Paulina* (2ins), *Shaun Barry* (3ft 3ins) and *Mike Linkewich* (6ft 2ins). We also had a skins contest. *Andrew Bucceri* won two while *Phil Juhring* and *Brian Minemier* had one each.

Our Reception was sponsored by *Lawn & Golf* and *Plant Food*. It was originally going to be snacks but with the help of these fellows and their companies we had a great buffet dinner. Thanks guys and thanks to all of our sponsors. All of these meetings are greatly improved by your donations and help.

Shawn was introduced once again and presented with a plaque and a *John Deere Golf* sponsored GCSANJ flag. He was pleased by the applause and the accolades but it was well earned because the course was in wonderful shape. He and his staff should really be proud of the results. *Shawn* invited us back and I am sure we will return as soon as possible.

Before we called it an evening I had the pleasure of introducing one of the legends of our business. That fellow is *Jack Montecalvo*. Jack had a doctor's appointment so he had to miss golf but he accepted my invitation to attend dinner. What a pleasure to see his wonderful smile and to listen to all of his stories and insights. He is one of the reasons we have advanced as far as we have in this business.

Thanks to all for attending and Jack I look forward to seeing you at Expo. I will bring the M&M's. 🍬

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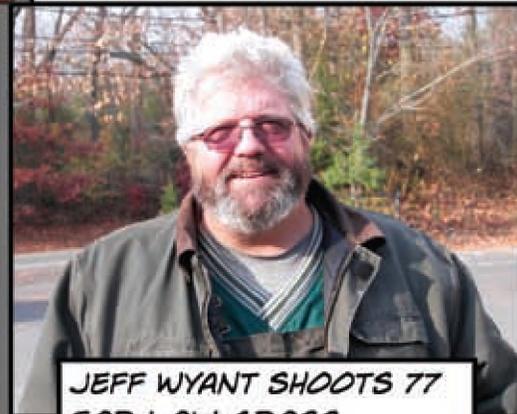
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Manasquan River Hosts the C Championship Again

by Shaun Barry

Cory Chicoine is the assistant liaison to the GCSANJ Board. He and his committee once again organized a terrific meeting open to any assistant golf course supt. from within our state. As in years past all GCSANJ members and their guests were also welcome but assistants did get preference if needed. We had a limit of 48 players but if the field had exceeded that number *Glenn Miller* would have found a way to accommodate everyone.

We ended up with a field of 38 players. They however were more than just players. Cory had asked Cece to try and get some credits for the education part of the day. She was successful and when *Sabrina Tirpak* started speaking the room was full and when she was finished the room was full. She is Rich Buckley's assistant so it was a natural for her to address the assistants. Her one hour presentation was on an increasingly important subject and that was annual bluegrass weevils on golf courses. With all of the problems some areas are having with resistance to this pest there wasn't a sound in the room as she spoke. She gave a very thorough explanation of how to deal with this insect and how we can attempt to avoid resistance. She is another example of the many talented people who make up the Rutgers Turfgrass faculty.

When she finished we were served a delicious lunch sponsored by *Mitchell Products and Plant Food*. There was a 50/50 in which we gave back most of the money to the winners. *Mike Uckar* against our protestations donated his money to the GCSANJ Foundation. Thanks Mike and it was nice of you to bring your father with you. :-).

When this part of the day was complete we immediately headed out to carts and were given our tee assignments. It was such a beautiful day that many of the club's members also wanted to play and we found gaps in-between their groups. *Glenn and Rodger Howe* got to play but *Phil Pratt* was away so he missed playing in his and Rodger's event. There was a nice wind as we started but it soon calmed down and the day could not have been any better. Everything was perfect but all I could get out of Glenn was that it was ok. He sure sets a high standard because I couldn't see any room for improvement. Everyone on the staff should really be proud of the results of their hard work.

The scores were a little bit high for such a beautiful day on a course that inspired people to play well. At times it played like a links course with many shots being hit short of the green so they would roll onto the putting service and there were lots of putters hit from 10 to 15 yards off of the

green. If however you chose to hit a high shot, they were receptive to ones that were struck well. Your main concern was that you wanted to be below the hole. The green speed was very quick but also very fair unless you have the "yips" which would have led to a very long day on the greens. I think Ian Kunesch had 23 putts but I am sure others had close to 40 putts.

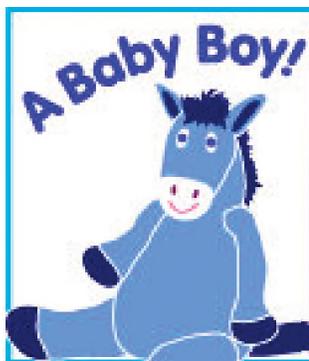
With the limited field we had fewer winners than usual but for the most part they are names that you might recognize. The assistant with the lowest gross score was Jeff Wyant from Shark River. He shot a 77 which was low for the entire field. He edged Matt Castagna from TPC @ Jasna Polana who shot an 83. Jeff is a one handicap and Matt is a 15. That gave Matt a net of 68 but he never recorded it on the net sheet so we never knew about it until I started writing this article. That omission allowed Paul Grabbe from North Jersey to win low net with a 77. On the non-assistant side Ian Kunesch won low gross with an 83 and Shaun Barry took low net honors with a 65. Playing with a restricted backswing because of a bad back sure seemed to help. He slipped past Matt Dobbie by 7 shots. Lawn & Golf sponsored the 2 longest drives and they were won by 2 assistants. They were Richard West from Bamm Hollow and Paul Grabbe. Black Lagoon Pond Management sponsored 2 of the closest to the pin contests and they were won by Jeff Wyant (14ft 4ins) and Matt Dobbie (9ft 1in). The last closest to the pin was sponsored by East Coast Sod & Seed Co, and that was won by Phil Scott with a shot to 9 ft 11 & 3/4 ins. The only problem was that Phil didn't play that day so the prize went to Harry Harsin who hit it 10ft away. There were 6 birdies made but 4 of them were on the same hole so that left Ian Kunesch and Jeff Wyant with the only skins. It was a good payday for them.

This is our last scheduled golf meeting of the year and it has been a great one. Our thanks and appreciation go out to Glenn, Phil, Rodger and all of our hosts in 2010 and to their staffs and to the clubs themselves. We are at the mercy of our members and every year they step-up and provide amazing locations to continue a tradition that started back in 1926.

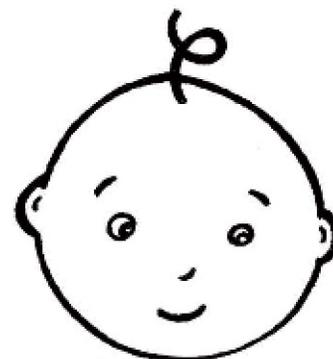
We are working on 2011 and it looks to be another can't miss year. We might even have 2 joint meetings with Philly if schedules and locations work.

As this goes to press we may have winners in The Bob Leslie Cup and The Terry Stanley Cup matches. Both competitions are at the final match stage. Wendell Beakley and Bill Murray won both of these events in 2009 and they

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has also found a way that all of his superintendents could become GCSANJ members as well as their assistants. He has been deeply involved in supporting education at all of our meetings and has been a dedicated member of our membership services committee. He is still currently very active with this committee. He was a founding father of the GCSANJ Foundation and has spoken at local and national conferences.

The list of accomplishments could go on but this should give you an idea why he was a unanimous choice for this year's award. He is a good friend and a great leader and has earned this honor by doing only what he thought was best for his association. 📌

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..are in the finals once again. In The Leslie Cup they go against Les and Scott Carpenter. In The Stanley Cup their opponents are John Alexander and Ian Kunesch. There seems to be a lot of "trash-talking" from John and Ian so maybe ESPN will send out a camera crew. No matter who wins these are great events and you should really enter in 2011. You won't be sorry if you do.

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Fall Means Crucial Evaluation Time

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by Jim Cadott
Pebble Creek Golf Club

With the onset of the Fall season, a certain special feeling comes over the golf course. For the most part, the course is breathing a sigh of relief after the summer heat. Shorter days and cooler nights simply puts the “cool season” turf in its proper environment, thus aiding in recovery of worn turf and germination of new seedlings.

The Summer of 2010, as we all well know, brought on certain challenges that golf courses have not faced in 3 or 4 decades. A very dry June led into a dry July with stifling daytime temperatures. In August, the trend continued. Even as we hit 90 plus degrees for days at a time, it was the nighttime temperatures that hovered near 80 degrees that really tested many Superintendents and their golf courses. Combine this certain weather with the “on edge how low can you go” management practices, and it adds up to certain trouble for the golf course.

September has brought more normal temperatures to the state, bringing also some wonderful weather for golf. And now is the time that the Superintendent begins formulating his or her Winter prep list. This may include overseeding, topdressing, winter disease prevention, and even greasing the snow plow. Larger projects such as tree work, bunker renovation, new construction, and irrigation updating may also begin at this time.

As we put the wraps on “the Summer from Hell”, many courses will be evaluating themselves with much more detail than ever before, even to the point of altering the capital project agenda. The Superintendent should have compiled a list of strengths and weaknesses that were evident throughout the golf course this season. Was the irrigation adequate? Did you have proper drainage to handle the July T-storms? Did the tree roots out compete the turf for moisture? Too much shade or too little shade? Are more cart paths needed? With the Superintendent and his or her staff on the course every day, questions like these should be answered quite easily.

Another area of evaluation for the Superintendent should be personnel. A knowledgeable, well-trained staff will perform their daily tasks efficiently, safely, and with expertise. And for the staff members hoping to advance their golf course careers, a “whatever it takes attitude” should be the norm. If your golf course maintenance crew had this type of attitude during and after this Summer, then congratulations! This would mean that the Superintendent still has the passion for the job and to motivate the crew, and as this passion filters down throughout the entire crew, the golf course can only benefit.

One final evaluation for the Superintendent may be the equipment used on the golf course. Is the equipment updated to the point where it matches the level of conditioning expected at your golf course? Did your mechanic spend too many hours repairing, and not sharpening? Answers to questions like these will decide for you how efficient your program was this Summer. In short, down time and dull blades translates into poor quality.

Now that the Superintendent has evaluated all the physical (and mental) aspects of the course, personnel, and equipment, how does he or she convey to the golfers what the needs of the golf course are? Depending on how your course fared this Summer, this can be very easy or very difficult. With little or no problems on the golf course, you can stick to whatever plan of action was obviously successful. If you had problems, big or small, you may have to

take a serious look at your evaluation and begin adjusting immediately.

This is the tricky part because your evaluation and the golfer’s evaluation may be quite different. When it comes to evaluation, remember that we are talking about a “performance review”, pertaining to the golf course, Superintendent, staff, and club officials. Whether we like or not, each round of golf played is a micro-evaluation. Similar to every meal served in the clubhouse, or every round of golf the Pro plays. But when it comes to the golf course, golfers become very passionate and this may at times cloud an objective analysis of the course as a whole. That is why whomever the Superintendent reports to must be in lock-step with him or her all season so they can present to the rest of the golfers updates on the condition of the course and be able to answer any questions pertaining to the conditioning.

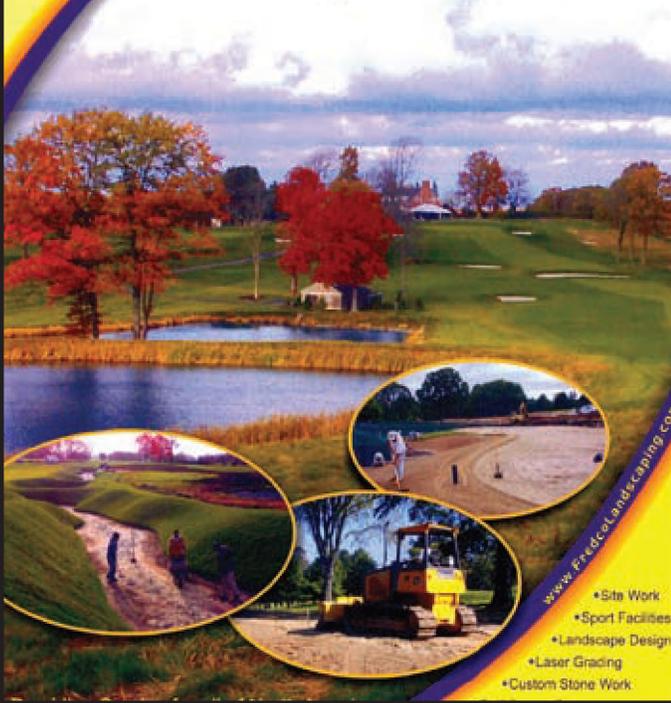
The decision makers, such as the owner, board of directors, or even general manager at any golf course must also evaluate themselves at this time of year. Is the relationship with the Superintendent strong, defined, open? Do you have regular meetings where conditioning, budgets, projects, personnel, and golfer’s opinions are not only discussed, but dealt with in a timely, decisive matter? When it comes to the level of conditioning at your golf club, is the course being given everything it needs to achieve this? If not, then are the reasons being conveyed to the membership properly? Communication is the key to any successful business, and your golf course and how it succeeds will depend on strong communication between employee, employer, and golfer.

The point is to make sure that the Superintendent can honestly evaluate the golf course and himself or herself, present this to his or her superiors, who should also evaluate themselves, and together formulate a plan of action that will make certain that next year and years beyond will be better than this one for the golf course and all who play it.

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Class SM: Applicants for membership within this classification shall be employed as a Golf Course Superintendent for less than three (3) years, or not otherwise qualified under Class A. Class SM members shall have all the privileges of this association, except of holding an elected position.

Class C: Applicants for membership within this classification shall be employed as an Assistant Golf Course Superintendent. Class C members shall have all the privileges of this association, except that of voting and holding an elected position, except voting for Assistant Superintendent Representative and holding the position for the same.

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**** Duties of the Class A Member: It is the Class A member's obligation to advise and keep a candidate informed of all requirements of the membership and the status of the candidate's application for membership.***

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