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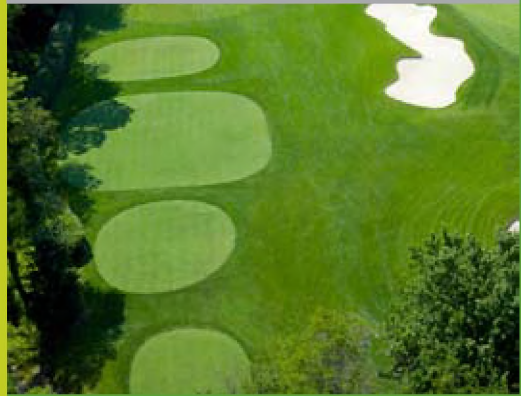
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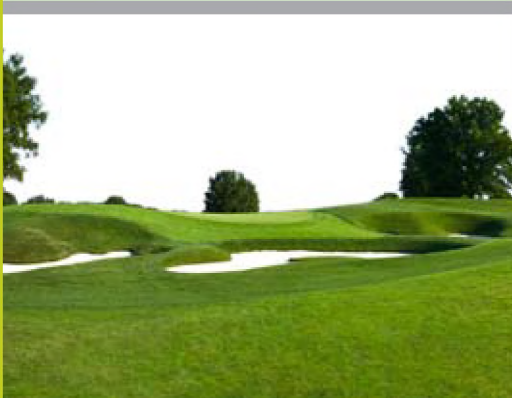
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Picture submitted by Chris Carson,
 Echo Lake Country Club, Hole 18



President's Message

Lance Rogers, CGCS, Colonia Country Club

It's only been a couple of weeks since Green Expo in Atlantic City and it's the perfect time to provide our membership my message. Spectacular, outstanding, and prominent; this covers everything that I observed at Green Expo. The education was superb and the speakers kept us alert and wanting more. The trade show was busy and the buzz was positive. The hospitalities were enjoyable and our social in the Revel was a great way to end on a positive note. GCSANJ members together in one location enjoying themselves..."Priceless".

Together, united, in concert; this is the direction our association needs to strive for if we want our industry to remain strong.

When you join our chapter, you gain **Education, Research Updates** in our *Greenerside* magazine and website, **Roundtable Events** to discuss today's issues, a voice in Trenton, a **website** that offers good information and job announcements, assistance from our **Member Services** committee (assist the superintendent with employers or on ethics matters concerning other members), a **Foundation** that gives money towards research, charity and scholarships to our members' children, **Golf meetings** throughout the state and last but not least, **support from 600 of your fellow members**. Each member has different needs and will utilize these benefits in their own way.

As President of the association, I want to put a challenge out to everyone:

- 1) go to at least one meeting and meet your peers; you may gain a valuable relationship and/or have some good conversation about today's challenges we all face...
- 2) volunteer for a committee on the GCSANJ board...
- 3) submit an article to the *Greenerside* publication...
- 4) call your director or another board member and give us ideas on how we can improve your membership experience...and last but not least,
- (5) make connections with golf course superintendents in your area. **United we can achieve anything!**

Hurricane Sandy has left a mark on everyone. Please go to gcsaa.org or eifg.org if you can give relief to our members in need or if you need assistance yourself. Our own Foundation is also offering assistance where needed, so please contact our office if you need assistance. We've had 3 catastrophic weather events in the last 15 months and Mother Nature has truly tested us all, but the most amazing thing of all is how golf course superintendents always seem

From Your Exec Director

Cece Peabody, MAT, CMP, Executive Director



DO YOU KNOW THESE LITTLE KNOWN NEW YEAR'S TRIVIA FACTS?

By the time you read this, New Year's Eve has already passed, but here are some little shared facts about New Year's Eve:

- **Why should you ring in the New Year with family and friends?** It is thought that the first visitors you see after ringing in the New Year would bring you good or bad luck, depending on who you keep as friends and enemies. Keep your friends close and your enemies far, far away.
- **Due to wartime restrictions, the New Year's Eve ball was not lowered in 1942 and 1943.**
- Throughout the year, visitors to Times Square in NYC write their New Year's wishes on pieces of official Times Square New Year's Eve confetti. At the end of the year, the wishes are collected and added to the one ton of confetti that showers the crowd gathered in Times Square in celebration of the New Year.
- **The top three destinations in the US to ring in the New Year are Las Vegas, Disney World, and New York City.**
- **In Italy, people wear red underwear on New Year's Day as a symbol of good luck for the upcoming year.**
- **40 to 45 percent of American adults make one or more resolutions each year.** Top of the list are: weight loss, exercise, quitting smoking, and better money management. By the second week of January, 25 percent have abandoned their resolutions.

So...just for the record, in 2013 I plan to exercise more, have more fun, play better golf, and spend more time with friends and family...how about you??

Wishing you and yours the very best in 2013.. *Cece*

to rise to the top and do whatever it takes to get the job done. A good quote from my owner was: "you always seem to get the ball in the end zone"! This is who we are! I believe this is why our profession is so successful. We all care for our course as if it were our own, we take ownership in our courses, and this is why we will continue to be the biggest asset at our clubs.

This is my first President's message, and I find it hard to stop writing because I'm so pumped up about our profession and our membership. I hope, even through tough times, that we all remember how great this business is and that someone always has your back. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Lance A. Rogers, CGCS

Canoe Brook Hosts a Wet But Wonderful Championship

September 19, 2012

by Shaun Barry

Jamie Devers must have asked himself, “What have I done?” when it became apparent that the weather wasn’t going to co-operate as he hosted the GCSANJ Championship. He was part of the field that got to eat lunch but not play at our May meeting (Forest Hill FC), and he sure didn’t want that to happen at his event. The forecast now included rain and with his course being wet already, that was bad news. We were in touch many times as we got closer. 16 hours before we were scheduled to tee off, Jamie said that the event should be able to go on if they only got an inch. They got 2 inches but he wasn’t willing to give up. He offered a later date in September but we all knew that would really hurt attendance (which included 2 members who were leaving the next day for 10 days in Ireland. Lucky guys).

Jamie and I spoke early in the day and he was waiting to get out on the course and see how it had fared. The major issue wasn’t a course under water. Their new drainage system would handle that and it did. His concern was the many wet areas that would be damaged by cart traffic. Once he got a look we spoke and he said we could play but no carts. Walking was fine but that was it. With that info Cece tried to contact everyone to give them the option of canceling. Several of our folks had to do so because of physical and medical concerns and also, with a limited number of caddies, most people were going to be carrying their own bag. As is usually the case, things worked out and everyone who wanted to and could play, got to play.

Carts were utilized to get people out to their starting hole and then we were off. With the cancellations it was a small field so play moved quickly. The course played beautifully even though most of us did not. Part of the reason is just because the course is an architectural gem. Conditions were excellent and although a few hole locations were challenging, nobody had anything other than praise for the job that **Jamie Devers, Robert Schipper, Jeff Truskowski** and their staff did getting the course ready for us. They should all be very proud of the standard of excellence. In addition to that, this course is just a ball to play. Bad golfers like myself had some issues but we have those issues anywhere we play. The course is extremely fair and is one of those mystical courses that people can play every day and enjoy. A true mark of a “Championship” course.

Too soon play was over and the groups returned to the clubhouse where everyone took advantage of the beautiful hors d’oeuvres and dinner that was waiting for us. As happens at most of our meetings, thanks go to any one of a dozen fellows who don’t get the chance to be there. In this case it was **Lance Seeton**. Lance owns **Seeton Turf Warehouse** and he asked to be a meeting sponsor. His generosity helped keep prices down. I am sure **Brian Bontemps** told you Lance how thankful we were, but your sponsorship along with our other sponsors, always allow us to run the best meetings that we can. Joining Lance as sponsors were **Atlantic Irrigation, Double “D” Turf** (twice), **Syngenta** (twice) and **Wilfred MacDonald** (twice). These were our closest to the pin and long drive sponsors.

Hitting it closest to the hole were **Chris Boyle** (6ft 1in), **Brad Jones** (29ft 5ins), **Brian Minemier** (8ft 10ins) and **Pat Quinlan** (16ft 11ins). Our long drive winners were **Lou Bosco** and **Tim McAvoy**. Tim won twice. One was in the 0-14 handicap group and the other was in the all handicaps group. Pretty impressive for a gentleman who probably doesn’t play more than 5 times a year.

Tim didn’t stop there. He also shot a 78. That was the lowest gross score of any superintendent and he became the **2012 winner of the Sherwood Moore Cup**. Lots of great names are on that trophy. **Rob Arnts** came in second with an 80 and **Ian Kunesch** took third on a match of cards with **Tom Grimac**. Both shot 81. New member **Alan Bean**, made his presence known with a net 71. That put him in 1st place in the A Flight and since this was the lowest net score of any supt, he gets to keep the **Dr. Henry Indyk Cup** for a year or longer if he can defend next year. Alan enjoyed the day so much he is investigating the possibility of hosting the Championship next year. It would be nice to go back to The Ridge at Back Brook. In 2nd place we had another match of cards and **Bill Murray’s** 72 edged out **Chris Boyle**. **Darrell Marcinek** (72) and **Fran Owsik** (76) won in the B Flight while **Pat Quinlan’s** 76 edged **Jim Cadott’s** 77 in the C Flight.

The affiliates compete both in a low gross and a low net competition. There was no surprise that **Jay Antonelli** won another **Dr. Paul Sartoretto Cup** with his 80. The only issue is that we have been looking for the trophy for 2 years to give it away. Hopefully we find it so Jay can add his name one more time. The only real surprise of the day may be that **Kevin Driscoll** had the lowest net score amongst the

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2012 Long Drive and Skills Contest

October 24, 2012

by Shaun Barry

The 4th edition of our annual Long Drive and Skills contest took place at Galloping Hill GC. It was held on October 24th and our host was **Russ Harris**. We tried to start at 2:00 pm, but with so many people being delayed by traffic and bad GPS directions, the first official swings started around 2:30 pm. The nice thing is that with the delayed start everyone was able to enjoy some hot dogs and burgers. They were donated by **Rob Johnson and Fisher & Son** and were cooked by 2 members of Russ's staff. Cece and Ed were able to meet and greet everyone and collect the small entrance fee.

We were on the end of the driving range hitting back to the stalls. With a distance of over 325 yards into the wind and using range balls, those golfers were never in trouble. Because it was an active driving range, we couldn't have someone out there measuring each shot. The professional staff however did have a solution. They would use a portable device that was able to read the clubhead speed, distance in the air, trajectory, distance the ball would roll, and how far left and right of the center each shot went. A great solution, because even though the range balls in actuality would not go as far as a normal ball, the monitor's calculations would tell us what each swing's data would translate to if it was a normal ball.

Wouldn't it be great if technology always worked the way that it was supposed to work? For some reason the machine wasn't able to read every shot accurately. Shots that went right were recorded as going left. Shots that were killed went 190 yards and some duck hooks went 260 yards. Sometimes it seemed to be accurate. **Paul Dotti**'s clubhead speed was almost 120 mph on a drive that registered 319 yards. Unfortunately we decided that we couldn't make a decision based on the machine's numbers. Russ was able to secure one of the carts used to pick-up balls. A volunteer was chosen and sent out onto the range. He would drive to each drive and we used **Joe Kinlin**'s range finder to record everyone's drives.

The numbers went down because this was now the actual distance of where the range balls went and not where a real ball would have gone. Even with that there were some great drives especially since the wind kicked up and the temperature moved down.

Ryan Oliver was delayed so he never had the chance to see what the monitor said about his distance. I will list everyone who participated and will show their computer distance. All of these fine gentlemen can really hit the ball.

Lance Rogers (259), **Joe Kinlin** (274), **Les Carpenter** (275), **Pat Quinlan** (275), **Jason Osterhoudt** (282), **Bill Murray** (286), **Matt Dobbie** (294), **Mike Weber** (294), **Rob Johnson** (294), **Russ Harris** (295), **Shaun Kennedy** (296) and **Paul Dotti** (319).

As I mentioned before, Ryan missed the first round. We were going to eliminate everyone from that round but the 4 longest participants. Those 4 would go forward to the final round but since the computer wasn't working at a 100% level everyone got into the finals. We tried to have everyone play in the order of their finish according to the computer. Ryan was the last to play because the trophy shows that he was the winner last year. **Bill Murray** officially won but he felt that wasn't right. One of Ryan's drives wasn't counted because the fairway we used wasn't long enough and Ryan's drive was up the middle of the fairway but it went into the rough. A classy decision on Bill's part. That gave Ryan the opportunity to see what his competition was doing. **Paul Dotti** was in the lead even though his towering drives didn't roll after they hit. His best was 267 yards. Bill Murray was next to last and he hit one that was lower (comes from playing in Ireland I believe) and he got it out to 274 yards. Ryan hit a few good ones but not good enough. He came down to his last drive and like Bill he got it lower and when it finished rolling he was the winner with a drive of 277 yards. What a great competition. Hopefully next year we can have it when the wind and cold won't make such a difference.

After this part of the day was over, most of the folks headed up with Russ to tour the new clubhouse. That left 6 guys to try the closest to the pin contest. It was about a 136 yard shot. Everyone got to hit 5 shots. The best that anyone hit was **Joe Kinlin**'s 8ft 0ins shot. That however does not include Ryan's 5 shots. He hit it to 3ft 10ins, 4ft 6ins and 5ft 8ins. I would say that Mr. Oliver has a pretty impressive game and he follows the example set by Bill Murray 2 years ago when this event was held at Bamm Hollow and Bill won both contests.

Many thanks to Russ Harris and his staff. They were well prepared and were able to handle the little computer glitch easily. Hopefully we will return for another opportunity to see who wins the longest drive in 2013. I might even break out the persimmon driver for that.

24 Years of Success for the RTJ Team Invitational Tournament

October 11, 2012

by Shaun Barry

I am not sure when **Steve Cadenelli CGCS** got the idea to host a fundraising tournament that would benefit the turfgrass industry, but in 1988 he hosted the first RTJ Tournament. Steve was blessed with great owners at Metedeconk National. The Sambol family treated Steve with amazing respect and they were in total agreement with Steve's wishes. This happened because they were great people but also because Steve earned that respect. In the early years this event raised an amazing amount of money. Teams came from VA, NY, MA and every state in between. It was a not-to-be-missed event. Steve was on the board of the GCSAA and he had made friends all over the country and they all wanted to be part of this tournament. He also had built a wonderful course under the watchful eye of Roger Rulewich. Metedeconk National's reputation was great, but the actual experience of playing there exceeded its reputation.

Fast forward to 2012, and once again Metedeconk hosted the event. Some of the things that have changed are that the GCSANJ Foundation now runs the event and **Ryan Oliver** is the host superintendent. The Sambol family no longer owns the course but their legacy remains. The course is just as amazing as it was in the beginning and the entire net revenue goes to fund turfgrass research. The EIFG and the GCSANJ Foundation share the funds, and research on a local and national level benefits.

Attendance has lessened through the years and that is a shame. Economic times are tough but the \$1,600 entry fee is just \$100 higher than it was in 1988. The goals of this tournament are still the same, and it does seem that any effort to help fund turfgrass research should be supported if possible. We now get a team from the EIFG and professors from the Rutgers turfgrass program. It is their way to show support and to say thanks. If we continue with this event in 2013, please consider being part of our effort to help you.

This year's event was held on a Thursday instead of our traditional Tuesday. The thought behind this change was to see if we might attract more teams. We had 21 teams and 8 of those teams were from our affiliates. Nine were from clubs and 4 were from associations. The affiliate teams pay \$2,000 for a team and that extra charge really helps make the event successful. Those teams were: **Atlantic Irrigation, Bayer, Fisher & Son, Grass Roots, Helena Chemical, Storr Tractor, Turf Equipment & Supply Co., and Vic Gerard Golf Cars.** Helping the cause by being hole sponsors were **Aquatrols, Morris Golf, Red Sky, Syngenta, and Wilfred MacDonald.**

The clubs who were in attendance are ones that have almost never missed an RTJ and 2 first time clubs from the Trump family of courses. Thanks go to **Canoe Brook, Eagle Oaks, Maplewood, Metedeconk, Mendham, Richmond County, Rockland, Trump National Bedminister, and Trump National Colts Neck.** Completing the field were teams from **GCSAA/EIFG, GCSANJ, GCSANJ Foundation and the NJTA.**

As it has done before, the team from Metedeconk National took low gross honors with a score of 144. This is the total of their 2 better ball scores on each hole. **Ryan Oliver, John Rutecki, Greg DeRosa** and former Mets pitcher **Pete Harnisch** showed how skill and local course knowledge makes for a winning team. The always competitive team from Rockland took second place with a score of 150. **Matt Ceplo** was joined by **Bobby Everett, Ed Carpezzi and John McFadden.** The Trump National Colts Neck team really used their handicap strokes beautifully. Their score of 131 was 10 strokes better than the second place team from Canoe Brook, and if you were playing that day you know both scores were terrific. **Jeremy Batz, Brian Bauer, Lance Redaelli, and Paul Kacandes** made up the team from Trump Colts Neck.

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Hurricane Sandy



So much more damage than shown in these pictures...water, trees down, debris. We are here to help any member who may need it.



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2013 CALENDAR

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February 19, 2013

2013 Maintenance Facility Tour

Heron Glen GC & The Ridge at Back Brook

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The Annual Class “C” Championship Enjoys Meeting at TPC Jasna Polana November 5, 2012

by Shaun Barry

Matt Castagna is the assistant superintendent at TPC Jasna Polana but he also represents all C members on the GCSANJ Board of Directors (BOD). He is the assistant liaison to the board. It is not a voting position but it shows that our BOD wants to understand what is important to assistants, and there is no better way than to hear from them on a monthly basis. Matt follows in a long line of great assistants who have served on the board and his comments are truly respected. His willingness to share his thoughts in a mature and professional manner are a good indication he understands this business.

We have an Annual Class “C” Championship every year and have done so for over 15 years. It is a big deal and it gets better every year. When Matt suggested Jasna Polana as a site everyone thought that this would be a great location. Matt had to get the club’s permission and that seemed to be very easy. Part of why it was so easy is because he asked his boss, **Tim Connolly**, if this could happen, and Tim was quite pleased to be able to host this meeting. At the time I didn’t know Tim and actually didn’t even know who was superintendent at the course. Getting to meet Tim on the day of the event explained a lot. He was forced to play with me and not once did he complain about his bad luck. He in fact showed off a very nice but slightly rusty game and never once did he lose his great smile. He pointed out the damage caused by Sandy and with pride showed how that damage had been repaired (I just hope they have been able to repair all of the damage that I did). It is obvious that Tim and Matt and their crew really worked hard and quickly to clear up the damage while maintaining great turf conditions.

Sandy not only affected Jasna Polana but probably every course in the state. Matt had arranged for **Lance Rogers and Russ Harris** to be the speakers at this meeting. They would give lots of good insights about being a long time supt and also a new supt. With their courses needing lots of additional clean up, both had to change their plans. Lance reached out to **Kevin Doyle** for help. Kevin is the GCSAA’s field staff rep

When Russ also had to cancel, Kevin just agreed to extend his presentation. We got started a few minutes late because of traffic issues but Kevin seemed to hold everyone’s interest and he received the best compliment that a speaker can get -- he was asked questions. These fellows are very interested in their industry and their passion came out in their questions.

After the presentation, everyone got to enjoy a great golf course in some pretty benign conditions. It was not a warm day, but for the guys who work outside all the time, it was a walk in the park. For some of the players it would have been too cold to play golf but they dressed warmly and headed out to their carts. The opportunity to play this course made the whole experience quite worthwhile. The course was set up so we played from the member tees and that was a nice distance. We also found that the hole locations were accessible to good shots but they in no way were easy. It is nice to see that our assistants treat their fellow assistants as they do everyone else.

After golf everyone assembled for a wonderful lunch sponsored by **Fisher & Son**. **Rob Johnson** and **Ralph Henninger** wanted to help in any way that they could. They also sponsored both long drive contests and a closest to the pin. Our other sponsors for the skills contests were **Turf Equipment & Supply Co**, **Syngenta**, and the **GCSANJ Plant Food Company** stepped up and they sponsored both of the low gross prizes while **Double “D” Turf** sponsored the lone low net prize.

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C Championship...

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Our winners were:

1st low gross: **Bob Morin** (76)
2nd low gross: **Robert Arnts** (77)
1st low net: **Chris DeSalvia** (70) on a match of cards with **Tony Espe**
Long drive C: **Tony Espe**
Long drive non-C: **Cote Keim**
Closest to Pin #2: **Robert Arnts** (20ins)
Closest to Pin #8: **Tim Connolly** (5ft 8ins)
Closest to Pin #11: **Larry Cunningham** (26ins)
Closest to Pin #17: **Jeff Smolha** (6ft 5ins)

Kevin Trainer won the 50/50, and we had 10 skins hold up. **Robert Arnts** had 3 and **Freddy Carmona** had 2. That meant 5 of the skins went to the fellows from Stanton Ridge. It looks like being able to play good golf is an important skill to have to work there or they just happen to be great golfers working at a really fine golf course. Maybe this could be the site for next year. The other winners were **Josh DeSalvia**, **Matt Decker**, **Kevin Doyle**, **Kevin Trainer** and **Teddy VanLarr**.

This was a great day. We only had 43 players even though this event is open to all of our members and guests. I am sure that clean up issues and some cool weather kept people away, but next year when you see this on the schedule, do yourself a favor and be a part of the day. You will be getting to meet lots of great assistants while you show support for all that they do.

**Thanks again Tim and Matt and
please extend our sincere
appreciation to everyone at the
TPC Jasna Polana.**

**We were treated great and we
knew that we were welcome.**

Meet Jeremy Hreben, New Board Member

I thank everyone for my nomination and vote to the Board of Directors of the GCSANJ. I would like to take this time to introduce myself to all my brothers and tell you a little bit about me. I have been married for 5 years to *Lauren*. We have been together a total of 13 years. She is a breast cancer survivor and we regularly participate in walks and golf tournaments. My daughter, *Jordan*, will be 5 in January. I am originally from Ocean County. I spent 4 years in the US Army, which I am very proud of. I served in Kentucky, Germany and performed a deployment in Bosnia for 6 months.

In the golf industry, I held positions all over NJ for 4 years following my military career. I spent another 5 years in sunny Southwest Florida as an assistant and then a construction superintendent. Upon the birth of my Jordan, we relocated back to New Jersey. We now live in Mercer County. My hobbies of course are golf, but also boating, fishing and my favorite, hunting.

I am looking forward to serving all of you. Please let me know how I may help you.

Good luck to everybody in the future.



Kevin shot a 73 which was one better than Tom Weinert's 74. Having played in Kevin's group, the surprise was not that he shot a great score but actually how well he played and how much better his score could have been. If he keeps improving with those new clubs of his, Jay's name may not go on the Dr. Paul Sartoretto Cup next year.

One last bit of business was the awarding of \$25 to each skin winner. For the first meeting all year there were no multiple winners. With one skin each were **Grover Alexander, Alan Bean, Lou Bosco, Jim Cadott, Joe Kinlin, Josh Kopera, Pat Quinlan and Tom Weinert.**

After the official part of the day was completed, I was struck by the number of people who did not rush home. Lots of people were in the pro shop cashing in their gift certificates but there were also 20 plus people who were just talking and laughing with their friends. This has always been an association of people who enjoy their work and the people who are in this industry, but in recent years everyone is long gone 5 minutes after prizes are given. This was a page out of how things used to be, and I hope it happens again.

Taking the time to visit with fellow members will strengthen this association in the long run and that is needed.

We have some truly wonderful members both young and old and they will discover all of their shared experiences and future goals by reaching out a hand to say hello and starting a conversation. It is what I saw Jamie do and it is a great path for all to follow.

Thanks again Jamie for volunteering to host and for your decision to find a way to make this happen in spite of the weather issues. Please extend our appreciation to everyone who had a part in making this day so wonderful.



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The gentlemen representing Canoe Brook were **Jamie Devers, George Deitz, Ken Margherini and Woody Garavente**. We had only one winning team in the non-club division which included associations and affiliate teams. The team from GCSANJ shot a net score of 130 to earn the prize. Three current executive board members and one past-president created this winning team. They were **Gary Arlio, Jim Cadott, Bill Murray, and Lance Rogers**. Maybe the fact that you had 3 Giants fans and only 1 Cowboys fan on this team was the key. Who knows how low their score would have been with 4 Giants fans on the team.... (sorry Lance).

We also gave out prizes to the Supt-Pro low net team. That went to **Jeremy Batz and Brian Bauer from Trump Colts Neck**. They shot a 68. Jeremy also took individual supt low net and **Ryan Oliver** won the prize for supt low gross. I believe that there were a couple other supt low net and low gross scores that were actually lower but only supts who were with a team from their club qualified, a good reason to consider bringing your own team in the future.

Completing the prize-giving competitions were the winners of our closest to the hole and long drive contests. To absolutely no one's surprise, **Bill Murray and Ryan Oliver** hit the longest drives. To everyone's surprise (but to our great delight) **Joe Kennedy** hit his shot to 3ft 8ins on the second hole, and he was joined by **Rob Finnesey's** win at the 26th hole with a shot that ended up 3ft 11ins away from the hole.

I am very proud of all of the efforts that the GCSANJ Foundation puts forth to make this event successful. Lots of meetings and hard work go into every edition of this tournament and it shows. We are also lucky to have such a wonderful group of people on the staff at Metedeconk. **Ryan and Jeremy Scannell** worked hard at preparing the course while working on a major project on the second nine. Their efforts are always complemented by the extremely professional team. **John Rutecki, Mike Feury, Mike Farrell** and their staff prepare everything for us and then hand us a list of winners when the golf is done. It really is a pleasure working with everyone at the club.

As this article is being written, we don't have a date for next year, but please consider joining us in 2013. It is a really nice time and if you aren't sure about it, just ask anyone who attended this year. Enjoy the fun of playing Metedeconk while knowing that you are supporting great turfgrass research.

ProFACT: Professional Fertilizer Applicator Certification and Training – What it means to you!

by Tim Walker, CGCS

On January 5, 2011 the state of New Jersey enacted NJ Act P.L.2010C.112 (C.58:10A-64), which establishes standards for fertilizer applications to turf, requires certification of professional applicators, and regulates labeling and sale of specialty fertilizers for turf. The training and testing materials were developed by the Rutgers Agricultural Experiment Station in consultation with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). (The ProFACT website is <http://profact.rutgers.edu>)

Beginning January 2012 as turf managers, we are required to have passed an exam and be licensed as Certified Fertilizer Applicators. Due to the scope of this law, golf courses are partially exempt from this act. This does not mean that golf course superintendents are exempt from the licensing and certification program. The law has been in the making for years and was originally setup to be far worse for the applicators than it became. This is due to the lobbying efforts and education of representatives in Trenton. As a whole it has been said that golf course superintendents are very educated, technically competent, environmental stewards, and most if not all were already doing what is in the bill as best management practices. So these lobbying efforts and education convinced the lawmakers to understand golf courses were unique in regards to this law and, in trade for partially exempting us from the law, we must be licensed and certified through the ProFACT program.

As I sat in a ProFACT session it became clear to me I was not the only one confused by the new law. We all should give Dr. Jim Murphy a round of applause for taking this program on and treat him with respect. He did not make the law, he is only the messenger.

The take home message of the program for us as golf course superintendents is as follows:

1. Golf courses are partially exempt from the law;
2. You must have a license to apply fertilizer for hire, either as a;
 - a. Certified Fertilizer Applicator – A supervisor/decision maker;
 - b. Trained Fertilizer Applicator – Under the supervision of a Certified Fertilizer Applicator a person can make fertilizer applications if voice contact can be maintained either through a radio or phone communication;
3. Municipalities are enforcing the law (They don't completely know this yet);

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News from the Northeast GCSAA Director

by Kevin Doyle

The fall is supposed to bring shorter days, more time with friends and family and the rigors of the end-of-the-season shutdown process. For many around the Northeast region this year, that was not the case.

As superintendents know all too well, one storm can change plans in a hurry. Hurricane Sandy accomplished that in a big way. The impact made by one of the largest and strongest storms ever to make landfall in this region will be felt by golf courses for years.

There is no Field Staff protocol for what to do in a situation such as this. I did what I thought was right, get out to see members, find out that they and their staffs were safe, and try and communicate to their colleagues the extent of the damage. While I was not able to visit every facility in New Jersey, I did get to five courses in various locations around the state. I saw and heard of damage and devastation. At the Green Expo in Atlantic City, I was fortunate to speak with many others who graciously shared their story as well. One theme has continued to dominate every visit and discussion -- we are working hard to clean up and get back to normal.

I want to reiterate a point that I had made at Expo:
If ANY GCSAA MEMBER has been personally affected by Hurricane Sandy, financial resources may be available to you:

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UPCOMING GCSAA DEADLINES:

- Winter time is education time! Upcoming webcasts:
 - o Jan. 10: Bolster Turf's Ability to Use Natural Defenses Against Stress
 - o Jan. 15: Dealing with Moss on Putting Greens

It has been a pleasure serving as your Field Staff this year. I hope I have been a benefit to you and the Chapter. If I can be of any service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season, and a New Year filled with green turf, no pests, and happy members. Cheers!

Kevin Doyle, GCSAA Field Staff
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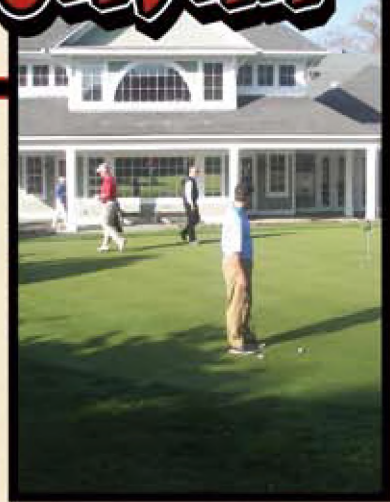
Curt & Brianna Chambers, Panther Valley GC, welcomed the birth of Landon Owen on 11/7/12.

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Linwood Country Club Hosts the District 4 Championship

by Shaun Barry

I am not sure if District 4 planned it this way, but they once again waited until October to have their August District meeting. Is it because they like being rebels? They are below the Mason-Dixon line if you extended that line east. That could be the answer or it could just be that life is too busy during the heat and stress of August. In the long run it doesn't seem to make any difference. They always find a willing host at a great course and people show up. I take that as a good reason to congratulate them on their success because this year was no exception.

Wendell Beakley is no longer one of the directors for district 4 but that doesn't mean anything has changed because he is still very involved with what happens in his part of the state. He was instrumental in making our April Joint meeting work and did the same thing getting Linwood CC to be the District Championship host this year.

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Rounds 4 Research Program -- What It is and How It Works

by Kevin Doyle, GCSAA NE Director

I am pleased to announce that GCSANJ will be participating in the **Rounds 4 Research** program. You might remember that earlier this summer the Environmental Institute for Golf (GCSAA's philanthropic organization) announced that it would be conducting Rounds 4 Research after the Carolinas GCSA administered it on a smaller scale for three years. This initiative taps a segment of the market that superintendents have never had financial support from -- the golfer!

Working with a handful of chapters, the Carolinas GCSA generated nearly \$350,000 in three years to support local research and advocacy efforts. Noting that the program had grown beyond its administrative capacity, the Carolinas approached GCSAA with the challenge to take it national and share this wonderful opportunity with others.

Rounds 4 Research is based on the practice of securing donated rounds of golf and putting them up for public auction. The EIFG is working with the Bidding for Good website to auction the rounds and administer the various notification and revenue collection activities. At least 80 percent of the proceeds will be distributed to participating chapters or turfgrass organizations for use on research based programs such as education, scholarships, advocacy, and agronomic research. With more than 650,000 registrants, the site supports non-profit organizations with the most highly sought item -- golf rounds.

It will take a committed effort from all of us to make this program a success. You will be asked to solicit rounds of golf from your facilities (and perhaps others) to be placed for auction. The more rounds we secure, the greater the revenue we can generate in support of our members and chapters....*continued on next page.*



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In the near future, we will be providing more information about the program, and support documentation that you can share with others at your facility in soliciting rounds. From that perspective, it is important to remember that this program is for the benefit of all aspects of golf. This is not a program that will only benefit golf course superintendents.

The GCSANJ Foundation stands to benefit tremendously from this program, but it cannot happen without your support. Preakness Hills and TPC Jasna Polana have ALREADY donated rounds.....have you???

Sincerely,

Kevin Doyle
Field Staff
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4. This certification will be much like the Pesticide Control Program – you will need to recertify through the accrual of continuing education credits (this process has not yet been determined).

For more information, please contact ProFACT at profact@aesop.rutgers.edu or by phone at (848) 932-6373. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the program and law by visiting the website for ProFACT at <http://profact.rutgers.edu> if you have not already become certified. This website is also where you will be able to manage your continuing education requirements as that program is developed.

On a final note, keep in mind this act was planned to be much stricter than it became, and we should all thank the New Jersey Green Industry Council for their lobbying efforts as well as Dr. Murphy and the staff for running this program.

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A LOCAL'S TAKE ON SUPERSTORM SANDY

by Jim Cadott

When Superstorm Sandy struck the Jersey shore in late October, not one local could imagine the ferocity that was going to be unleashed by what is now called “one of the most unique weather phenomenoms” in recorded history.

The Jersey shore has been brushed by hurricanes in the past, some coming very close to a direct hit, but mainly staying just far enough off shore that catastrophic damage was avoided. In fact, any locals will tell you that the worst weather always has come in the winter, in the form of a Nor’easter. These storms always last three days and push incredible amounts of water inland through the back bays and creeks. When no retreat of water is possible and the winds sustain, major flooding occurs. Combine this flooding with downed power lines, some trees falling, and heavy snow, and you have one helluva storm.

As Sandy approached, most people figured it would lose strength and veer off and out to sea. As the Weather Channel began to explain what “could” occur, most local emergency management officials began to prep. Evacuation plans were finalized.

Some locals, this one included, were still a bit skeptical. An October hurricane? A Nor’easter in October? A storm more powerful than the December 11, 1992, Nor’easter? It just did not make sense. We were in between “storm” seasons here on the shore.

If you were born and grew up at the shore, you know all too well what a strong coastal storm could do to the beaches and homes on the ocean. If you were around in 1962 for the Ash Wednesday storm, that was the benchmark for all Nor’easters....until 1992. So my generation speaks of the December 11, 1992, storm as “it could never go that high again.” That storm, which still was not named, had a storm surge of 9.5 feet. The predicted storm surge for Sandy was 10.5 feet for the Manasquan Inlet. Now we could begin comparing the scenerios.

The major difference between 1962, 1992, and 2012 at the Jersey shore has not been the storms, but the year round population surge of residents. Fifty years ago, these towns consisted of year round residents “inland” and just a sprinkle of people who lived on the beaches

after Labor day. As time went on, the value of the beachfront properties exploded and the renovation era began. Soon, most beachfront homes were full year round. It is not the storms that have changed, but the population that has targeted itself by living too close to the most powerful form of energy on earth. The beaches were expanded by an aggressive Army Corps of Engineers replenishment program and dunes (some controversial) were constructed.. People at the shore felt good about their big beaches, new homes, and protected dunes.

Sandy crept up the eastern seaboard and was predicted to take a hard left turn into land anywhere between Virginia and New York City. By Sunday, Sandy zeroed in on the Jersey shore just north of Atlantic City. This was to become the worst case scenario for Manasquan. Not much rain, but a storm surge and massive beach erosion was expected. Would the dunes hold ?

When Sandy picked up speed and slammed ashore, the devastation was just beginning. A full moon high tide was to occur at 8 pm that night. This was a triple dose ingredient of the worst case scenario.

In the hours between 6 pm and 9 pm a wall of water surged inland and blew away any high water mark records that have ever been recorded in Manasquan. Along with winds topping 100 miles per hour, a life threatening catastrophic scene was playing out. Residents evacuated to higher ground, trees toppled, and electric poles splintered like toothpicks.

When the storm subsided, residents attempted to return to their homes. Not quite. Between the trees and poles down, travel was impossible. I attempted, like most superintendents, to reach my golf course, but was turned away by blocked roads and the police.

On the beachfront, to say that Sandy had her way with us, is a gigantic understatement. Never has devastation been seen on this level. But to me, the most amazing evidence of this storm’s ferocity was where the floods reached inland. Any home near any creek, back bay, or lagoon was affected to the point of being inhabitable or complete condemnation.

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In the days following, homes were gutted, power was still lost, and many people's possessions were piled high on the curb, waiting to be hauled away. Everywhere you looked, people shook their heads in disbelief saying "it has never been this bad". As many people as were affected, it seemed there were many more ready to volunteer and help where needed. New mottos like "Jersey Strong" and "Restore the Shore" seem to motivate residents and volunteers who came from all over the country to do whatever they could do.

Massive amounts of earth moving equipment, the National Guard, and the Red Cross could be seen everywhere doing their work that I have only viewed on the nightly news, never live.

As the days went on, normalcy began to return for most residents. For some, they would never return to the same home. And certainly, nobody in Manasquan will ever forget Sandy and the catastrophic damage that it brought to this town, and hopefully we will learn that no matter how protected we think we are, the weather will always have the final say.

A couple of months have passed and the town of Manasquan has experienced a catastrophe, and survived. Rebuilding and restoring will happen and the summer season will return -- it just may look a little different.

NOTE: This article qualifies for consideration for the 2013 Ed Walsh Award.



Meet Rob Johnson, New Board Member



Rob Johnson was voted to join the GCSANJ Board of Directors as an Affiliate in December. Rob and his wife, Missi, reside in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, with their four-year-old daughter Riley and are expecting their second daughter, Piper, in the coming days.

Rob grew up in a golf oriented family that spans back five generations of Superintendents and Golf Professionals in this industry. He started his career working for his father in Philadelphia and pursued his Turf degree at Rutgers University. Following school, he spent five years as an Assistant Superintendent at Hamilton Farm Golf Club in Gladstone, New Jersey.

Opportunity brought Rob back as the Superintendent of the Militia Hill Golf Course at The Philadelphia Cricket Club where he was fortunate enough to stay for over five years before ultimately accepting the position as North New Jersey Sales Consultant at Fisher and Son Company. He has enjoyed the past three years at Fisher and is looking forward to what the future has to offer.

Rob is honored to have been elected to the Board and is looking forward to serving the GCSANJ chapter in 2013.

New Jersey Green Industry Council:

Who They Are and What They Do

by Tim Walker, CGCS
The Meadows Golf Club

As a new member of the GCSANJ Board of Directors, I am your Government Relations Chair. With that responsibility I was asked to be the golf course superintendent representative to the New Jersey Green Industry Council (NJGIC) as a board member. What a fascinating group of people who are passionate about government advocacy for the green industry as a whole! Prior to my involvement on the GCSANJ board, I was really unaware of this group and so I thought it would be appropriate to write about them.

The **New Jersey Green industry Council** represents, promotes, and defends the interests of our green industry partners through legislative advocacy, public relations, and education at both the local and state level. For more information on the NJGIC, please visit their website at www.njgic.org where you can learn more about what it is they do. This group is our voice for legislative matters through the State Streets Associates who is their contract lobbyist in Trenton.

Currently the NJGIC is seeking the involvement of the Golf Course Owners Association. This is being requested to come through the golf course superintendents. The request makes sense to me because, as golf course owners, they have a vested interest in green industry matters because at the end of the day it is their business which will be affected. For instance, if New Jersey bans pesticides and a neighboring state does not and the conditions at New Jersey golf courses deteriorate, where do you think golfers will go to play? The bottom line of their businesses will be affected and we as golf course superintendents will have our jobs at risk and our business as a whole.

Right now the group is working on defending against the *Safe Playing Fields Act* (A.3782/A.3621-Amended). This bill seeks to ban pesticide usage on areas where children are present. Currently this is limited to schools (K-8), playgrounds, and daycares.



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At one time it included ALL places where children are present which included junior golf programs and high school golf teams. If this bill is passed, it will not immediately impact golf, but it will be the opening of Pandora's Box for golf and other venues. A common tactic of the activist opponents is to start small in one sector (such as schools) and then expand to other areas. As *Nancy Sadlon, Executive Director of NJGIC* says, "We refer to this as 'death by a thousand cuts'. Priorities of NJGIC are to keep the industry unified and garner support from all sectors to defend the current group (such as schools) that is under attack knowing that another sector (such as golf) will be next". From what I gather, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) seems to be getting put on the back burner, which is what a complete ban of pesticides would equate.

Previously the NJGIC was heavily involved with the current fertilizer law that we are now faced with. Their work started in 2003 and included meetings with the DEP watershed management department to discuss a volunteer effort by fertilizer manufacturers

to reduce phosphorous in all retail fertilizers a program referenced as Healthy Lawns Healthy Environment. Activists exaggerated perception that nitrogen and phosphorous fertilizer runoff was the primary contributor to water pollution at Barnegat Bay played a key role in the fertilizer bill movement. The NJGIC negotiated, testified, and educated lawmakers to aid in the creation of the law that is currently in place. Golf was the benefactor of their lobbying efforts. The tradeoff for relaxed restrictions on golf course fertilizer usage was that golf course superintendents would be required to prove competency on fertilizer applications via passing the applicator certification exam.

The New Jersey Green Industry Council is full of energy and passion. I am happy to serve as the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey's representative on the NJGIC's Board of Directors. I encourage you to visit their website and get involved with all things legislative in the green industry. If there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

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To be honest I don't think it required a lot of work or pressure. **Rolf Strobel** spoke to **Alan Beck** and **Ed Casteen**. They spoke to the club and soon they had a menu to discuss. Rolf sent it to Wendell for his input. Wendell wanted some changes to the menu and after some brief discussion that was it. They picked a date, established a price and the meeting was set. Soon the both of them started finding sponsors. Within days they had more sponsors than a normal monthly meeting. Our affiliates must not have caller ID on their phones or they just like to help. Whatever the reason they answered the call.

Lance Seeton asked to have **Seeton Turf Warehouse** be the event sponsor. Not only did he want to help but he offered twice as much as Wendell was asking. Being the gentleman that he is, Wendell would only take what he had asked for. Another fellow who is always giving is **Dave Mitchell**. When Wendell called, Dave and his son Kevin responded. They chose to make **Mitchell Products** the Dinner Sponsor. Once these 2 sponsors committed, Wendell knew he could lower the cost and still have a great lunch and dinner menu. The next goal was to get some sponsors for the awards and skill prizes. In alphabetical order the sponsors were **Agrium Advanced Technologies, East Coast Sod & Seed Co., Fisher & Son, Harrells LLC, Helena Chemical Co., Plant Food Co., Turf Equipment & Supply Co., and Turf Trade**. This is an impressive list especially since most of these companies do this for every meeting. Thank you gentlemen for your generosity. We all know that none of you have to help but you recognize the opportunity to say thanks by giving back.

After having 4 folks drop out on the day of the meeting we had 42 golfers head out to enjoy the day and the course. For many of our members this was a first time experience. For others, like myself, it was a great chance to return and it didn't disappoint. There are longer and tougher courses but seldom will you ever enjoy your round more than playing here. You have a chance for a good score on every hole but unless you are hitting the ball well that chance becomes a missed opportunity. The conditions were great but the greens always found a way to be confusing. If however you

read the break properly and if you then hit the ball properly, you made the putt. I unfortunately need to go back to school for remedial reading.

Many of our members did exactly what they wanted to do and they were rewarded. **Tom Grimac** had the lowest gross score with a fine 71. In second place was **Brian Lescrinier** with a 75. **Paul Brandon** shot a gross 72 and with his 9 handicap he ended up with a winning net score of 63. In second place was **Jay Parisien** with a 75. For those of you who do not know Jay, he is the President of PAGCS. It was quite a treat to have him join our district meeting. However since Wendell put him in a group with Barry and Driscoll we may not see Jay again...:-)

John Garger and **Jeff Sutphen** hit the longest drives in their handicap group and **Tom Grimac** (6ft 0ins), **Rich Hill** (11ft 4ins), **Brian Lescrinier** (6ft 9ins) and **Clark Weld** (10ft 0ins) won a prize for hitting it closest to the pin. **Tom Grimac, Rick Hill** and **Louis Pitcock** had 2 skins each while **Paul Brandon, Andrew Bucceri, Bill Murray, and Dave Santana** had to settle for one but that was better than the rest of us who had none.

Rolf and Wendell shared the announcements and prize giving. In addition to our normal plaque and flag presentation to Alan and Ed there was an extra plaque given out. That went to a surprised **Scott McBane** from Galloway National. He was one of three NJ courses to host a national event in 2012. His event was the USGA Mens State Team Championship. The course got rave reviews as it should and Scott was appreciative of receiving the plaque in front of his peers. He acknowledged his staff and thanked all of the volunteers who had provided assistance.

Wendell and Rolf thanked **John Clement** from Golf & Tennis World for donating 2 wedges for us to raffle off. They were won by **Tom Grimac** and **Ralph Henninger**. In addition to that, head pro **Jeff Lefevre** donated a round of golf for 4 people. That was won by **Brian Lescrinier**.

Rolf, Wendell and everyone there made a point of getting to speak to Alan and Ed just to tell them how much they enjoyed the course. The praise was well deserved and I hope they will invite us back again.

Meet Tim Walker, CGCS, New Board Member

Tim Walker, CGCS, of The Meadows Golf Club is a new member of the Board of Directors for 2013. He will also be representing the GCSANJ by serving on the New Jersey Green Industry Council Board of Directors. Prior to the Meadows Golf Club, Tim was at several clubs in the Philadelphia market where he was a superintendent since 2002.

Tim grew up playing golf and knew for a long time that his career would involve working around golf. Having attended Penn State he enjoys watching college football. He has been married to his wife, Debbie, for 9 years and they have 2 children -- Ashley (4 ½ years) and Eric (2 years). Tim says, *"I used to play a lot more golf before our children that is one thing I don't get to do much of that I will hopefully get back as the children get older and gain interest in the game"*. He is excited to be on the board and looks forward to working for the membership.



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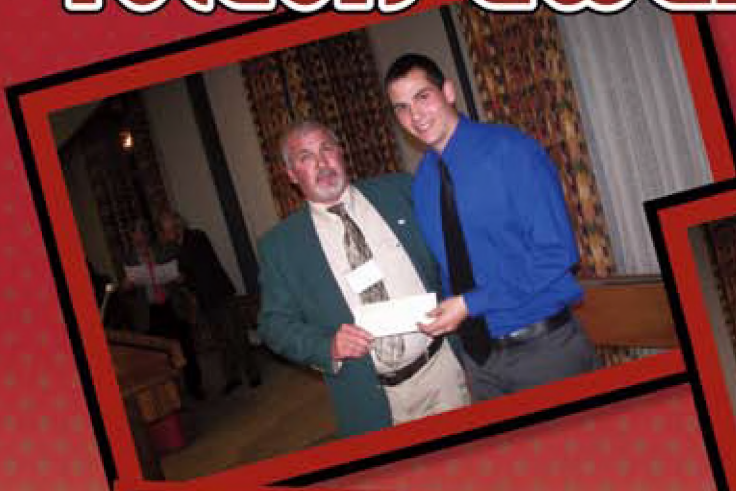
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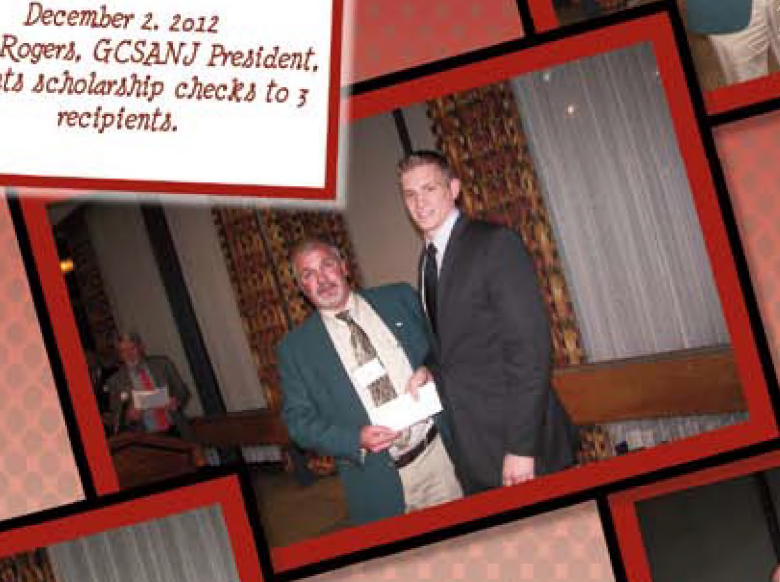
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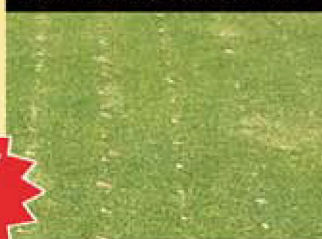
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1. A member should always contact a fellow superintendent prior to visiting his/her course, regardless of the reason for the visit.
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