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Scholarships

Scholarships are an investment in the future of the game. They are a commitment to the people who will directly impact the game, supporting the educational pursuits of future golf course managers.

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Environmental Programs

The EIFG is focused on providing golf courses with resources that enhance their social, economic and environmental value to communities. Resources for golf course managers include case studies, the GCSAA Values document, best management practices and the IPM Planning Guide.

Help us keep the future of our game green. Support the EIFG's Rounds 4 Research program.

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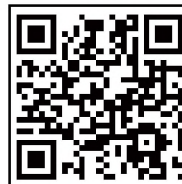
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 Clubhouse at
 Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth NJ



President's Message

Lance Rogers, CGCS, Colonia Country Club

Let me first say, this President's message may be short and sweet. Cece has just reminded me that I had not written it yet and I'm typing this on my iPad now while I'm out on the course. Funny how I totally rely on my electronic devices like my iPad and iPhone. How did we survive all those years without? Do you remember the fax machine?...I thought that was cool. The GCSANJ board has adapted to these devices as well. Our board meetings are almost paperless because we conduct our meetings using these devices instead of a whole bunch of paper that only goes in the garbage eventually.

The GCSANJ board has gone through some changes. We have a wide range of hard working and committed individuals serving you, our members! Wendell Beakley has resigned as Secretary due to challenging times. Wendell's wife has been fighting cancer and this will take some time to beat. Wendell is the strongest person I know and they will prevail! We miss Wendell on the board very much. Please say a prayer for our friend and his family. Frank Tichenor has moved up to Secretary and he is committed to making our association even better. Frank, with all of our other board members, has new ideas and will continue to improve the membership experience.

We had our first nine and dine at Galloping Hill Golf Course in May and it proved to be a winning concept. Most participants enjoyed the early evening golf and especially the conditions Russ Harris had the course in. We anticipate more of these events this year and we hope you can make it.

I want to wish everyone continued success through the summer months and always make time for yourself and your family. If you're in a place in life where you have some extra time, I would highly recommend serving on a GCSANJ committee or as a board member. It has been a valuable experience for me and, more importantly, I have met some of the finest people in our industry and in life itself. See you at Field Day on Tuesday, July 30th!

Lance A. Rogers, CGCS

From Your Exec Director

Cece Peabody, MAT, CMP, Executive Director



ALLERGIES are inconvenient and affect two out of every ten Americans. Those who have allergies have an immune system that reacts to a usually harmless substance in the environment. This substance (pollen, mold, grass cuttings, outdoor plants and weeds, and animal dander, for example) is called an allergen.

What happens during an allergic reaction? First you are exposed to it by inhaling it, swallowing it, or getting it on or under your skin. Then, the body produces an antibody, which attaches to a blood cell group, which releases chemicals into the blood. If you have itchy, watery eyes, sneezing, itchy, runny nose, rashes, feel tired or ill, or even have hives, you more than likely are having an allergic reaction. In severe allergic reactions, you could suffer anaphylaxis...hives and itching all over, wheezing or shortness of breath, hoarseness or tightness in the throat, or tingling in the hands, feet, lips or scalp. If you have this severe a reaction, a trip to the doctor or emergency room should be your action.

Allergies can clog your sinuses and if not cleaned out, can develop into a sinus infection within 12 hours.

What are some common preventive treatments?

- Spray over the counter saline solution in your nose both in the morning and at night.
- If you get an infection, then you now may have to treat it with a doctor prescribed medicated nasal spray.
- If your infection travels to your lungs, you could develop bronchitis or even pneumonia, and you more than likely will need medication to clear it up.

I have just come through a bout of a sinus infection caused by allergens, and thankfully only developed bronchitis rather than pneumonia. Once the infection is cleared up, you can be sure I'll start using a daily dose of saline solution.

If there are other preventive and successful treatments that you care to share, send me an email: execdirector@gcsanj.org

Hope you have an allergy-free summer!

Cece Peabody, Executive Director

Stone Harbor Hosts the Annual GCSANJ/PAGCS Joint Meeting

April 25, 2013

by Shaun Barry

There has been one constant with the last few “War at the Shore” joint meetings and that is Wendell Beakley. As most everyone knows Wendell has been occupied with family issues that nobody should ever have to deal with. He and A.J. are going to keep fighting until they win their battle. While dealing with this, Wendell has managed to keep his golf course in good shape and he has also been instrumental in choosing a site for our meetings when they get into District 4. We had a few courses to consider but Wendell thought we should give Dean Ferguson the opportunity if he was interested. If Dean had said no, Rolf Strobel at Sea Oaks was ready to make his club available, so we felt pretty comfortable we would have a great course to share with our good friends from PAGCS.

I left a message with Dean and his assistant Kevin Tansey, just to be sure they did get my request. Dean had been away but he called the next day and was thrilled to be considered. We discussed our price-point and he went to speak with the folks in the clubhouse. It turns out that everyone thought it was a great idea which is a nice indication of the respect each department has for each other. Matthew Crowley is their head professional and he called and never had an issue with anything that we needed. A menu was decided on and a contract followed immediately. We adjusted the times on the contract according to our needs and as sponsor dollars came rolling in we kept adding things to the menu. Simple hors D'Oeuvres got to be heavy hors D'Oeuvres very quickly.

Lance Ernst and Kevin Monaco from Turf Equipment & Supply Co. once again chose to be our meeting sponsor. That means that they gave us \$1,200 to do what needed to be done to make the meeting better. We decided to allocate dollars so they helped sponsor some skill prizes, the low gross prize and this also allows us to lower our meeting costs for everyone. In addition to this large donation which they have been doing for 6 years they purchased the Challenge Cup in 2008 and every year they present the trophy to the winning association's president. The only request from Lance was that we actually have the trophy at the meeting. At one meeting a president forgot the trophy and last year the president's son was rushed to the hospital the day of the event and the president and the trophy never made it to the meeting.

Lou Bosco and I located the trophy at Wendell's clubhouse. Lou had gotten the winning association's name inscribed onto the cup and had given it to Wendell so he could give it to Paul Dotti. As I mentioned before, Wendell has been dealing with issues so he never made it to a board meeting to make the transfer. Lou picked-up the trophy, got it

cleaned-up and assured me that it would be at Stone Harbor. If you know Lou, you will understand I was relieved because I knew it would be there as promised. It was.

Before the notice was sent out we received word from Fisher & Son that not only were they bringing 10 people to the meeting they also wanted to be sole sponsors of our dinner. That option is available to anyone at any of our meetings. It just requires a donation of \$1,000. This sponsorship along with their 10 registrations shows you how much of an impact Ralph Henninger and Rob Johnson made on the meeting. Between Turf Equipment & Supply Co (who brought 7 people) and Fisher & Son we lowered costs by \$20 a person. It may be one of the major reasons that we had 118 attend the meeting. Many thanks to both companies for their wonderful generosity.

Kristen Liebsch, Charlie Miller and Jay Parisien worked the PAGCS registration table while we had Cece, Kevin Driscoll, Phil O'Brien, Jeremy Hreben and Ed Potosnak. You can see why registration went so well. Adam Moeller from the USGA gave a detailed presentation on the preparations for the US Open at Merion. He did a great job and if I hadn't stopped the questions we might still be there. Cece gave a meetings schedule update so everyone would be aware of our upcoming events and Nancy Sadlon from the NJGIC took a few moments to make people aware of what they are dealing with and why these issues are of importance to us and why we need to be aware and involved.

Lunch started immediately after our speakers were done and everyone seemed to enjoy their meal. I did get the chance to have a bite and it was delicious. Many thanks to Rich Hendrickson and Will McIlvaine from Primos along with Steve Rudich and Mike Linkewich from Seeton Turf Warehouse for their sponsorship of this meal. Before everyone was finished with lunch there was a brief presentation of a cupcake with a candle to Lance Rogers. It wasn't because he is a cupcake but because he was celebrating his special birthday with us when I know he wanted to be at home with his wonderful family. Congratulations Lance and it was great to see that you could still blow out the candle..... :-)

As it turns out we picked a bad day for many of the guys from PAGCS. Lots of conflicts came-up so they had a smaller field than usual. The slow start to the year and the long drive probably didn't help also. With a couple cancellations the day of the event their numbers went down to about 38 players. This still allowed for a great “War at

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Stone Harbor Event

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the Shore” competition. Not everyone was able to participate from PAGCS because they didn’t have an official handicap. We have the same policy but we had more than enough people with an official handicap but unfortunately some of our guys who really wanted to compete ended up not playing a match (Sorry guys.). When everyone entered their individual match results it showed that the GCSANJ had won for the 4th year in a row. Nice going team but I am sure that the PAGCS will be ready for a rematch in 2014 and they will bring their best team possible. Lets start practicing now.

Many thanks to Dean, Kevin, Matt and everyone at the club. It was a great day and the course was in wonderful shape. Our thanks also go to our sponsors for all that they did and have done for this meeting. Your help has truly made this a not-to-be-missed event for many people. I just wish that I could say thank-you many more times because you deserve it but I also know that a simple thank-you is more than enough.

You will see all of the results listed below. There were many great scores but I think they played a different course than the one that I played. It couldn’t be that they are good players and I am not... because that would make Driscoll and O’Brien correct. Well I guess there is a first time for that to happen and this would be that first time.

2013 PAGCS vs GCSANJ Tournament Results:

Closest to the Pin:

- 4. (A.C. Schultes Inc.) Tom Currie- 5 ft 9 ins
- 7. (Harrell’s) John Garger- 2 ft 1 in
- 12 (Arader Tree Service Inc.) John Garger- 2 ft 0 ins
- 17 (Syngenta) Mark Miedler- 8 ft 5 ins

Longest Drive:

- 2 (A.C. Schultes Inc) All Handicaps- Jon Urbanski
- 5 (Double “D” Turf LLC) All Handicaps- Tom Currie
- 8 (Fisher & Son Inc) 0-14 Handicaps- Jim Cross
15-40 Handicaps- Charlie Konnecker
- 11 (Turf Equipment & Supply Co)
0-14 Handicaps- Rob Johnson
15-40 Handicaps- Russ Harris
- 14 (Syngenta) All Handicaps - Louis Pitcock

Low Gross:

- 1st (Turf Equipment & Supply Co) John Garger- 77
- 2nd: (Seeton Turf Warehouse) Sean Remington- 78
- 3rd: Tom Fordham- 79

Low Net:

- 1st (Fisher & Son Inc)- Kevin Driscoll - 69
- 2nd: (Seeton Turf Warehouse) Joe Kinlin- 75
- 3rd: Bill Murray- 76

Skins: 0-14

- 2. Joe Kinlin
- 3. John Gosselin
- 4. Brian Minemier
- 6. Rich Hill
- 13. Frank Tichenor
- 18. Mike Weber

Skins 15-40

- 5. Glenn Miller
- 12. Kevin Driscoll
- 15. Jeff Weld

PAGCS- 5.5 points

GCSANJ- 8.5 points

(Won the Challenge Cup donated by Turf Equipment & Supply Co)

Skins:

- 1st-Dean Ferguson
- 2nd- Jim Cross
- 3rd- John Barrow

Meeting Sponsor: Turf Equipment & Supply Co.

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Partial Lunch Sponsor: Seeton Turf Warehouse

Scholarship Winner Update: Dana Pompei

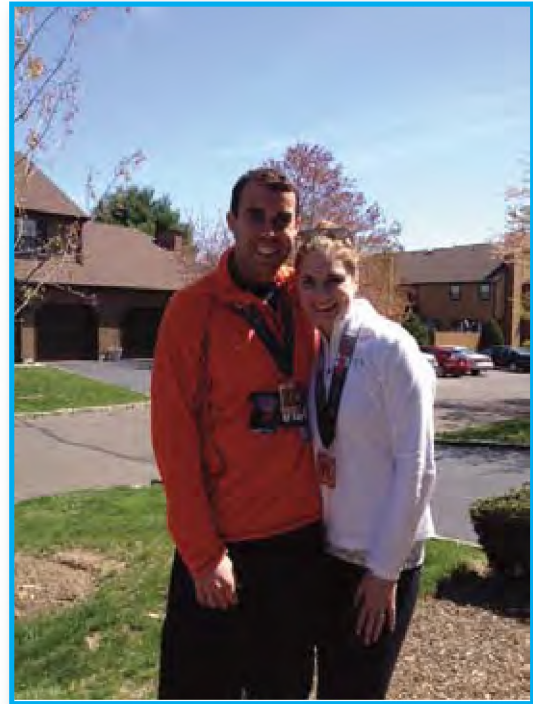
by Marie Pompei

Dana Pompei received the award in 2005 and 2006 when she was a student at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. She graduated in 2008 with a degree in special education with honors and is continuing her education at Rutgers University pursuing an advanced degree as a Reading Specialist.

Dana is presently a fifth grade resource teacher in the Flemington Raritan School District and loves what she is doing. She is pictured after just finishing the 2013 Rutgers Half Marathon with her boyfriend, Kevin, on April 25th.

Thank you for the support and vote of confidence from the board of directors! It certainly helped Dana in her career path.

Good luck to this years recipients!
Marie Pompei



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*Organic matter content would be determined by loss-on-ignition for golf course greens, as described by USGA guidelines.

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For years Jim Cadott, Lance Rogers and others have suggested we try a nine & dine format and see if that works. For years I have resisted because I wanted to offer our guys the chance to spend more time away from their clubs. They work long hours and they needed a long break. It turns out that for those that attended our Gallop Hill meeting there may be room for both choices to be successful. We will let the results speak, but this meeting was an unqualified success. There were 34 people in attendance and when Lance asked them if they wanted to see this format more often there was an emphatic yes response. With that as our mandate *Joe Kinlin* is looking for a location in central NJ for a June meeting and *Rob Johnson* is looking for a site for July. We haven't had a meeting in July for years other than roundtable meetings and the last June meetings were both held at Mendham where attendance was good but not great. Maybe we were offering too much of a good thing when nine holes is all that is needed. Your response by your attendance will give us an answer.

The Gallop Hill meeting came from a discussion at the board level and *Russ Harris* said that he would love to host a nine & dine. It would give us an idea about everyone's interest and our members could get the chance to see the new clubhouse where we might have a presence in the future. *Joe Kinlin* has such a good relationship with *Herb Stevens* he immediately suggested that he thought Herb would love to speak to our group. Within days everything was set and a notice was posted on our website.

When we arrived at the course nobody had an idea what to expect. We were playing on the Learning Center Nine which is not part of the course that will host the State Open in 2016. We knew that it would be short because par was 33 and it played at 2,348 yards. As it turns out it was a great experience. The hill part of the name of the course is there for a reason. Only a couple holes were relatively flat and the holes up hill played longer and very seldom did you get a flat lie. The long drive hole was downhill slightly and our winner almost drove the green. Our speaker has played all over the world and is a very accomplished player. He was in awe of the conditions. He may have expected ok conditions and he got country club

conditions. Russ and his staff did a wonderful job and when he invites us back to play the other 18, I will be there.

Russ was also able to get three meeting sponsors and their money went towards prizes and the cost of food. **Fisher & Son** (Rob Johnson), **Helena Chemical** (Shaun Kennedy) and **Seeton Turf Warehouse** (Brian Gjelsvik) responded to Russ's request and we also had a father and son each donating a skill prize. **Double "D" Turf** and **Syngenta** completed our list of sponsors. Many thanks gentlemen. I know you have many other ways to spend your money but this really helped make it a successful meeting.

Herb Stevens spoke during dinner and he gave a very fine presentation. Most of us had seen his photos from Super Storm Sandy and while it brought back a lot of bad memories, it still is nice to know how much has been done in the rebuilding efforts. He also had lots of historical data on hurricanes and what we can expect. I won't be surprised by anything because the unexpected has always been the norm.

Herb Stevens was our speaker but he also was our low gross winner. He shot a 1 under 32 but he easily could have had a 30. He really hit the ball nicely. *Tom Weinert* had the second low score with a 36 and only 5 other scores were in the 30s. It was fun but it wasn't easy. *Fred Rapp* won low net with a 29 edging out *Jeff Weld's* 29.5. Our long drive winner was *Shaun Kennedy* and our closet to the pin winners were #5-*Tom Weinert* (9ft 2ins,), #7- *Mike Ross* (13ft 9ins) and #9-*Tom Weinert* (6ft 5ins). *Mark Miedler* won the 50/50 and *Todd Raisch*, *Herb Stevens* and *Tom Weinert* won a skin each.

Russ, please thank everyone who played a part in making this such a nice event. This was a first class experience. I hope to see everyone at our next meeting and thank you Todd and Mark for your generous individual donations. Those dollars will go towards payment for our team in the MET Team Championship. Hopefully both of you will qualify and play at Mountain Ridge on September 30, 2013. A qualifying date and site will be announced soon.

2013 CALENDAR

Check calendar for updates and signup info.

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Tuesday, July 30 &

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Rutgers Turfgrass Research Field Days

Hort Farm II, New Brunswick

Golf & Fine Turf - July 30th

Lawn, Landscape, & Sports Fields - July 31st

Wednesday, August 14

Golf Event

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Australia 2013

by Todd Raisch
Superintendent: Ridgewood Country Club

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

– Mark Twain

I am the son of a school administrator. We were far from poor, but we did not have much money for travel when I was young. I remember only two trips with my parents while growing up. Both lasted three days. One was to Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The other was to our nation's capital. One might think that given my upbringing I would be a homebody. A big summer for me in Ohio was going to the local pool every day or playing golf on a course with less grass on the greens than I have hair on my head. Despite this, I have been curious about the world from day one. I enjoy maps, airplanes and hotels. I revel in the mindless walking through foreign lands along the twists and turns and around corners unknown. I love the actual moment when fear of travel turns to recognition, when you've wandered far out of your comfort zone only to recognize things for what they really are, just fears. The people are not out to harm you. The food does not taste awful. Language barriers can be overcome and most people don't actually hate the United States...meaning I could stop telling people that I'm from Toronto.

At first it started like most people's first foray into international travel. Trips were made to the U.K., France and Italy...Travel 101 as I like to call it. Asia followed with stops in Hong Kong, Thailand and Malaysia. As the years have gone by, my usual travel partner, Eban Ross, the club manager at Ridgewood Country Club and I began to push our comfort zone a bit more and more each year. India was a cacophony of smells, color and abject poverty. The first time you hear the Muslim call to prayer echoing from the minarets of a mosque can be unnerving. That happened while we were visiting a graveyard in Istanbul. Walking past bomb-shelled ruins in Beirut is both sobering and exhilarating at the same time.

We have had amazing experiences along the way. We've ridden camelback around the Egyptian Pyramids.

Thai monks near the Burma border have walked us hand in hand through a tiger den and let us pet them. Hundreds of garra rufa fish have sucked the dead skin off my feet, a massage of sorts in Kuala Lumpur. Late night discussions with a college student about how the youth of Turkey view the worldwide role of the United States was enlightening to say the least. Grasshoppers are tastelessly crunchy, the only creature I braved on a late night food tour of Bangkok. We've marched along with hundreds of Muslims in the back alleys of Mumbai during a parade celebrating the birth of Mohammad. Most people enjoy strolls along the canals of Amsterdam. We avoided the foot traffic and ever present Dutch bicycles on the sidewalks by walking on the canals, while frozen. The best midnight street pizza in the world may be in Damascus, Syria and if you put a \$1 bill on the table in a Hanoi bar, you are almost assured to awake with a hangover, not because of the quality of the beer, but because of the number of beers one single dollar can buy.

These trips have all been incredible and more will be planned in the near future. In a continued effort to push our comfort zone and to live up to the spirit of Twain's quote above, we soon hope to visit Pakistan, climb Mt. Kilimanjaro and I plan to take my family to the Holy Land before the kids are out of high school.

With that said, there has been a trip that I have dreamed of almost since the day that I first took up golf. Golfing the sand belt of Australia has held a special place at the top of my bucket list since reading about Royal Melbourne Golf Club in a magazine while in high school. Several local Met area superintendents and I have threatened to make the long trek across the Pacific on more than one occasion, but for one reason or another it just did not work out in the past. However, with the GIS show in San Diego this past year, Jamie Devers of Canoe Brook C.C., Tom Ashfield of Quaker Ridge C.C. and I decided the time was right to try again, considering that by being on the west coast we were already six hours into the twenty hour flight to Sydney.

We began with a warm up round the Friday of GIS week to shake off the winter rust compliments of superintendent Russ Myers at The Los Angeles Country Club.

NINE & DINE - 5/13/13



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Thanks Russ Harris, Superintendent



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If you have not been to LACC since the recent Gil Hanse/Geoff Shackelford restoration, making the trip west is well worth the effort. This George Thomas original is easily one of this country's twenty best courses and Russ is a gracious host to say the least.

Later that night we left on a thirteen-hour overnight flight to New Zealand. With a seventeen-hour time zone difference, we landed in Auckland two days after we left, tired and stiff, but eager to begin our adventure. After clearing a stubborn customs patrol, where every single blade of grass needed to be removed from our clubs and shoes before we entered the country, we were quickly off to our connecting flight to Napier and Cape Kidnapper's Golf Club. Surprisingly, there was not any security at all for flights inside of New Zealand. Anyone off the street could go straight to the plane so long as a ticket was in hand.

Part Pebble Beach, part Old Head and 100% spectacular, Cape Kidnapper's sits along Hawkes Bay on the south east coast of the north island of New Zealand. The course, designed by Tom Doak and opened in 2004 lies on several finger-like strips of land with cliffs falling down some 500 feet to the Pacific below. Owned by American businessman Julian Robertson, Kidnappers recently hired Brad Sim as its new superintendent but we were unable to meet him. Fresh off the plane with little sleep, carrying our own bag maybe wasn't the best choice on this rolling course. Although Doak is a master of strategic golf, full of deception, I always seem to find myself exhausted after playing one of his courses, and this course was no exception. From here on out it would be pull carts for the rest of the trip.

The following day was a real treat at Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club. Considered by many as the best links course in the southern hemisphere, we spent a great day playing amongst its many knobs, bumps and swales. The first of several courses we played where creativity around the greens is encouraged, I could play PB, as the locals call it, everyday of my life. The course is financially challenged, but Leo Barber, both the superintendent and general manager is producing a world-class golfing experience on very little money.

We were fortunate to have dinner with Leo where we not only dined on Kiwi Italian as good as anything that I've ever had in Rome, but we all quickly bonded over our mutual appreciation of classic golf course architecture. While we did not get to spend nearly as much time with the other superintendents on the trip as we did with Leo, our dinner that night was the first of several new friendships we developed over the course of our trip and one of the lasting memories of our time down under.

Although the first three courses were all world top 100 ranked and each a special thrill in their own right, after spending the next day touring the New Zealand capital of Wellington, we were now on to the red meat of the trip and the reason we travelled this far...the sandbelt and the rest of Australia.

There are not enough pages available to explain how amazing golf is in this corner of the world or to comment in detail on all of the courses we visited in Melbourne, Tasmania and Sydney. Simply put, the courses are fantastic! Royal Melbourne is big and grand with wide fairways and bold features. Victoria and Kingston Heath are full of amazing par threes and sophisticated green complexes. Metropolitan is impeccably groomed and doesn't give away the fact one bit that half of this sand belt course actually sits on clay rather than sand. Excellent restoration work is being completed by Australian architect Mike Clayton at Commonwealth. Some may argue that Barnbougle Dunes has the best front 9 in all of golf. All of the courses have incredible bunkering, many which sport deep, sharp edges protruding right into the greens without so much as a collar let alone rough between the bunker edge and green surface. The ocean views at New South Wales rival those at Cypress Point or Ballybunion. Short, mind-challenging par 4's abound around every corner with none better than Coore and Crenshaw's 14th at Barnbougle Lost Farm.

Australian golf doesn't have a fascination with par, with long rough, with narrow fairways, with distance, with making things difficult, things most of us can relate to at our own courses. Sure, there were hard holes, but golf down under is about options, about width, about imagination, about speed of play, about

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firm and fast....about fun. This type of golf never gets old.

You immediately notice the firmness of the playing surfaces in Australia. Water comes at a premium in this part of the world and it is diligently managed. The entire course has the most beautiful brown tinge to it with only a dab of green, a color combination that most of us can only dream about in the U.S. Despite the dryness, not once did I have a questionable lie at any course. The main playing surfaces are excellently prepared. It is golf as it was meant to be played. While the greens were either bent or Poa, the fairways are played on couch (as in Matt Kuchar) which is similar to bermudagrass. Generally speaking there are two main varieties of couch being used on the courses in and around Melbourne. One is more narrow and runs out, the other much more coarse and a shade slower. There was a noticeable difference in the

resistance each provided when either pulling or pushing the trolley over the fairways. On a funny note, we were shocked during our first round in Melbourne when at Victoria Golf Club, superintendent Ian Todd, approached us not in his golf cart or utility vehicle, but by driving his pickup truck right down the middle of the fairway...not something you see everyday in the States. Apparently, this is common practice in Australia.

Despite both being on the southeast coast of Australia, the weather difference between Melbourne and Sydney is also worth mentioning. Although closer to the equator by some 300 miles Sydney is on average 20 degrees cooler than Melbourne in the summer months. Melbourne is hot and very dry, averaging nearly 95 everyday in February while Sydney is much more humid but a very comfortable 75 degrees on average during the same month.

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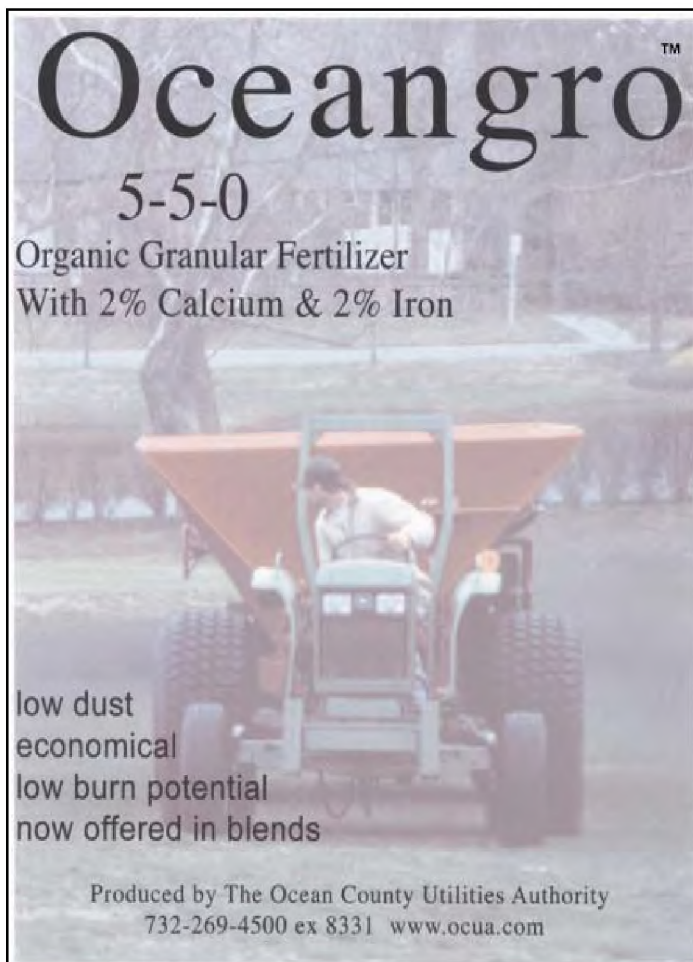
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It did not take us long to forget about all of the “service” we are so used to in the states. Within the first couple of days during that first week of the trip an appreciation began to develop in all of us for the simplicity of Australian golf. Royal Melbourne, Kingston Heath, Royal Sydney and Victoria are some of most high-end clubs, both in membership status and golf course wise in the world. However, trunk slamming is embraced at all. Nobody is waiting to take your clubs and to hold your hand from car to locker room to golf course. Bunker maintenance is minimal at best, but I rarely had a poor lie. Assistant golf professionals man the halfway house, which is located in the golf shop itself. There are not \$80 caddies to pay. Pull carts (trolleys) are a way of life and are everywhere. At no club was the use of a pull cart considered too “muni” as some would say here. Divot buckets latch right onto the trolley. By the time I came home even I was ready to allow pull carts to be taken right across Ridgewood’s greens as they are in Australia. Color from nitrogen is shunned for large amounts of magnesium and other minor nutrients.

While “plantations” of native plants and grasses are maintained in many of the out of play areas, nowhere do you see the many flowering shrubs and flowers that dot our course landscapes. Buggies, I mean golf carts? Yeah, right. You better have a really good excuse. We only saw a hand full in twelve days.


If we heard it once, we heard it at least a half a dozen times. Several superintendents expressed amazement at how few of their American counterparts come to their part of the world to visit. I know that sounds somewhat comical given that its 8,000 miles and almost as many dollar bills away from home, but they all practice what they preach. Many of the superintendents that we met along the way not only travel regularly (usually yearly) to the U.K., Ireland, the United States, to continental Europe and Asia, but their clubs actively encourage the practice and some help defray the costs. Most of them have already been to Pebble Beach, Merion, Brookline, Ballybunion and Muirfield. Two of our hosts will once again be in our neck of the woods later this spring for another round



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of the classics in the northeastern United States. That is a long way from home for them as well.

So please, allow myself, Tom and Jamie to vouch for the experience. If you have the means, the tolerance for a long plane ride (ambien helps) and an understanding wife, you will not be disappointed.

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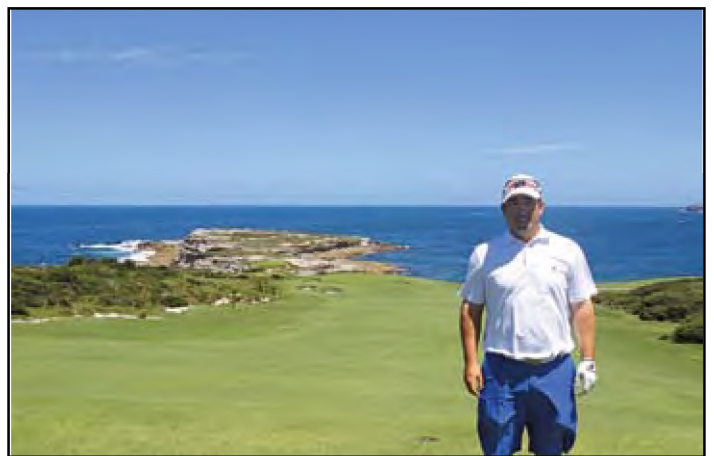
Todd Raisch atop Sidney Harbor Bridge



18th Hole at Royal Sydney



Todd Raisch at the Pyramids



*Jamie Devers at the 5th hole -
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5th Hole at Paraparaumu



Tom Ashfield on the 13th hole at Barnbougle Dunes

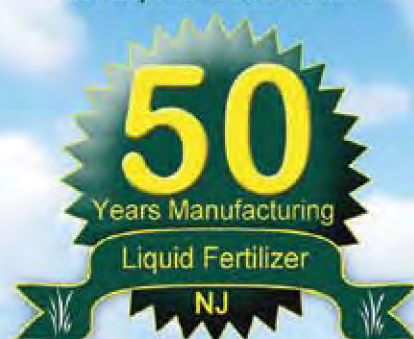


Left: Tom Ashfield on the 15th hole at Victoria Golf Club



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Preparing for the Storm - Advance Preparations Key to Minimizing Impact in Trenton

by Nancy Sadlon, Executive Director
New Jersey Green Industry Council

At the recent 'GCSANJ Nine and Dine Golf Event', President Lance Rogers gave recognition to the valuable work of the New Jersey Green Industry Council (NJGIC)– commenting on how the ongoing work of the council is critical to protection of our industry -very much like preparing for impending storms. His comments followed the presentation of Herb Stevens, meteorologist of Grass Roots Weather. As you might expect this speaker's presentation focused on the damages storms can cause and the importance of advance preparations for both impending storms and future storms that are sure to come! I had never thought of the similarities before, but I had to agree with his comparison. NJGIC does a lot of advance preparations in the world of legislation and regulation that significantly minimize and/or avoid potential negative impacts.

To be more specific - our advance preparations to protect the golf sector and all others in the green industry from negative legislative impacts begins with developing relationships with legislators and regulators. It includes setting up meetings at district offices, participating in and getting support for key legislative fundraiser events, giving testimony at committee hearings and on the floor of the Senate and Assembly, responding to questions from all –legislators, regulators, advisories, members, the public and most importantly having a strong presence in Trenton via our contract lobbyist- State Street Associates. Like the preparations for a hurricane, the need to be active ahead of the storm or crisis of unfavorable legislation is critical to surviving. It is NJGIC membership support, contributions to the NJGIC legislative Initiative, and volunteers (board members, committee members, NJ Legislative District Representatives, that make possible all of these critical advance preparation initiatives.

Storms in Trenton: As an overview, the most damaging winds/ potential impacts we face in Trenton originate from the emotionally charged anti- pesticide movement. There is fear expressed and unsubstantiated claims that pesticides are the source of all evil. These activists preach the cause for health issues of asthma and cancer are pesticides and their ultimate goal is to see pesticides banned. Another new threat is the 'Vegetation Management act'- a response to the power outages of storm Sandy.

Current (2013) Legislative Concerns to the golf sector and other green industry sectors:

- Proposed Legislation that seeks to ban pesticides anywhere children play; trumps existing School IPM law; disregards the value of pesticides in IPM program: (Safe Playing Fields Act – S.1143/ A. 2412). This legislation is the initiative of both national and state anti-pesticide activists. It is also promoted by The Junior League (a well-meaning women's group that has adopted the ban of pesticides where children play as a priority issue). This bill poses a threat to the golf industry as if it were passed, all golf programs that include children are at risk such as the 1st tee program, clinics for kids, HS golf, etc. Elimination of all traditional pesticides where children might golf would not be feasible or desirable. In addition disregarding the value of sound IPM programs would be detrimental to all turfgrass management programs.
- Proposed Legislation that seeks to recognize pesticide free areas: (Pesticide Reduction and Recognition Act: A. 1447) This legislation seeks to recognize both businesses and individuals **for both being pesticide free & for adopting IPM.** It promotes the perception that 'pesticide free' is the goal and rewards through recognition the choice to not use pesticides. The negative to the golf sector and the entire industry is the perception that pesticide free areas are better and safer for all. The bill confuses IPM with pesticide free.
- New pro-utility bills utility line clearing bills are anti-tree bills. In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, these bills seek to expedite line clearing, giving utilities wide authority, eliminating the valuable process of local permission/consultation with local Shade Tree Commissions. **(Vegetation Management bills (A.3736/A.3654).** Definition of "dangerous trees" gives opportunity to include any tree that can impact utility wires, including pruning, removal or destruction of trees. Scarily it allows private tree removals, far reaching interpretations.

Golf Course Superintendent's Important Role: We have learned over the years that politics are local and the voice of a voting constituent is very important. This is why NJGIC is often asking and encouraging all in the industry to meet with your local assembly and senate people in your district.

Preparing for the Storm...

An added advantage that many superintendents have compared with other professionals of our industry is that their Assembly representative or Senator may actually belong to their club! Legislators that are golf enthusiasts are more likely to be engaged in green industry issues and able to better understand the value of pesticides, fertilizers and professional knowledge in managing the golf environment. As a first step, find out your NJ Legislative District, who are your (2) representatives in the Assembly and (1) in the Senate, and consider asking for a meet and greet with them in your district. It's easy and NJGIC wants to help. We can attend with you, help set up the meeting and give you talking points if desired. (Watch for more information about the 'NJGIC NJ Legislation District Leadership Initiative'). Contact Nancy Sadlon – 908/334-336 or nancy.sadlon@NJGIC.org

GSCANJ long standing support: The golf sector (GCSANJ) have been active supporters of NJGIC since its inception back in 1981 when a bill known as the Lesniak bill threatened to severely restrict pesticide uses. NJGIC thanks GCSANJ for their long standing allied Association membership support and for the superintendents and clubs that further support NJGIC with individual memberships. We also want to recognize and thank the golf representatives that have served on the NJGIC Board over the years. We look forward to continued collaborative work efforts with GCSANJ.

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The First Green Day at Forest Hill

by Frank Tichenor

I recently had one of the most enjoyable days ever on a golf course. No I didn't get that 8 am starting time at Augusta National, but I did have a smile from ear to ear all day. I hosted, through The First Green Organization, 40 local school children at FHFC.



For those of you unaware of the program The First Green is an innovative, environmental, and educational outreach program using golf courses as environmental learning labs. Golf course superintendents host students on field trips where they test water quality, collect soil samples, identify plants, design plantings, assist in stream bed restoration and are involved in the ecology and environmental aspects of the golf course. The students are also introduced to many other aspects of golf.

There are five main focuses in the curriculum: *Golf and the Environment*, *Golf Course Operations*, *Plants and the Environment*, *Water Quality Management*, *Wildlife and Habitat Management*. I naturally, also added *Technology on the Golf Course*.

For *Golf and the Environment* we touched on mulching leaves instead of hauling them away, IPM, and how golf courses can provide a community green space. For *golf course operations* we toured the maintenance facility and showed the kids the various pieces of equipment that we use. We also toured the clubhouse, kitchen, and pro shop. The *plants and the environment* section consisted of showing the benefits of aerification, taking soil samples, and identifying different types of plants. When we talked about *water quality management* we stressed how we conserve water through the use of wetting agents, modern irrigation systems, buffer plantings around ponds, and low maintenance areas. *Wildlife and habitat management* touched on different animals and aquatic species that can be found throughout the course. Finally, we touched on *technology* and the golf course where we showed the students how we run the irrigation system through an iPad, several apps that I use for work, our weather station and how we use it, and finally the AR Drone. I can hear parents all over



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Clifton cursing me because all the kids wanted one. After the tour of the course the kids were able to hit a few balls and stroke a few putts.

At a time when golf is struggling with dwindling numbers this program goes right to golf's future in the youngsters who may someday grow up to be participants in this game we all love. First Green is a catalyst for the game of golf through its ability to engage schools and future golfers, as well as promoting strong environmental messages. Through the years, they have determined what they call the "First Green multiplier." That is, every twenty five students who come to the golf course result in 230 new messages about golf. On average, over 80 percent of the students have never been on a golf course. Thousands of students each year are introduced to golf and the environmental value of golf courses.

The most rewarding part of the day was seeing the kid's faces, whether it was the amazement of the little girl who figured out why the plant is called a bleeding heart, the twinkle in the eye of several kids when my dog gave them a kiss, the smile of the student who knew that .125" is the same as 1/8", or the laughter of the group of boys who played an impromptu game of "King of the Hill" on our topdressing pile, they all are what made up a great day. While I may never get that 8 AM starting time at Augusta I did get something that even that elusive invite couldn't give me, the great feeling of giving back to the community. We are already planning our next visit!

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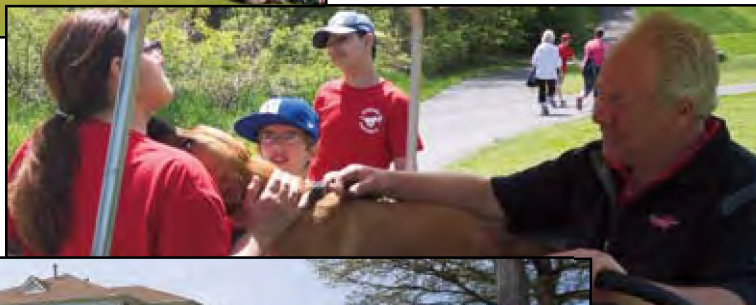
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18th Annual Rutgers Turfgrass Classic is Another Success

by Shaun Barry

As I was writing the title for this article I realized that I could have used the same title for the last 17 years. It is true that the early events raised fewer dollars and had far fewer golfers but they were all successful in their own right. The original planners had a dream and they made that dream happen. Their initial foray into running a fundraiser was uncharted territory. They were experiencing what the crew of the Starship Enterprise felt. They were “boldly going where no man had gone before.” Everyone knew that fundraisers for great causes were often successful. The question was, is this a cause that the industry would support? That question has been answered with an emphatic YES. The goal for the first event was in the \$5,000 range and that was easily exceeded. That success has blossomed to where we are now. We use 3 golf courses with over 320 golfers and a 1.3 million total from those 18 years that keeps growing.

In my mind this is the biggest single day fundraiser for turfgrass research in the world. If I am incorrect I hope somebody will correct me but I don't expect to get any calls. Why is this so successful? The immediate answer is the wonderful program at Rutgers. They are blessed with some incredible scientists who keep raising the bar in their field of expertise. This is a great team. They tackle any problem and come up with solutions and recommendations. If the data comes from Rutgers you know it can be trusted.

In addition to that part of the equation there is that friendly little competition between Dr Clarke and Dr Meyer. Bragging rights (and a nice steak dinner.) go to the one who is most fortunate in recruiting sponsors for this event. Bruce broke a 5 year drought with a win in 2011 when the seed industry was struggling and last year it was called a draw. This year Bill decided enough is enough and he put on a full-court press. By the time his phone's overused battery was replaced he had an insurmountable lead and Bruce surrendered. Since both are already thinking about next year, it looks like we will have another successful tournament.

When you look at the list of wonderful companies that respond you will see names that have been Premier Sponsors of this event since the beginning and others that have moved up to that level because they just wanted to do more. We have had as many as 15 Premier Sponsors and this year we had 10. That is one more than last year and reflects the changes within the industry.

Consolidation and market focus adjustments have reduced the number of companies who are able to support this event. Our 2013 Premier Sponsors were BASF, Bayer, Grass Roots, John Deere Golf/ Finch Services/John Deere Landscapes, Landmark Turf & Native Seed (new in 2013) , Lebanon Turf, Mountain View Seeds, ProSeeds Marketing Inc/Alliance Seed Co, Storr Tractor-Toro and Syngenta Professional Products.. In addition to their support as Premier Sponsors, Mountain View asked to once again be the dinner sponsor. That extra \$4,000 went towards Bill's total but more importantly it goes directly to the bottom-line.

You may not know all of the Premier Sponsors but these companies represent the financial foundation that allows us to be successful every year. In addition to them we had 2 Eagle Sponsors. They were Paige Electric and Pickseed/ Seed Research. It is from this level that 5 of our current Premiers had achieved before they moved-up. Just below them in the Par Category were Burlingham Seed Co., The GCSANJ/ GCSANJ Foundation, The NJTA/ NJTA Foundation, Quali-Pro and Rutgers Center For Turfgrass Science.

The companies and associations listed above are really important to the event's success but they alone are not enough. Every past Classics needed you and your support. Whether it came by bringing a team, being part of a team, being a Hole Sponsor, donating an item to the Silent Auction or bidding on items at the Silent Auction. Your contribution was important and will remain so as the Classic continues to grow. Where would we be without the 81 golf course superintendents who played or the 58 people from our seed companies. We had people from every part of our industry. Turfgrass professionals from other wonderful universities, cemetery people, landscape contractors, lawn care representatives, Irrigation companies, tree service attendees, sports field managers, manufacturers, distributors and as many of the folks from the turfgrass program who could get away from their work and research. I hope this summary gives you an idea about the universal respect your industry has for The Rutgers Turfgrass Program. Hopefully it will inspire you to join us in 2014 as we aspire to support our best chance at finding the answers to our turfgrass problems.

Before we get to the winners on the golf course, I need to thank every volunteer who took time from their busy schedule to help. We have a committee of 16 people who met many times during the year so we would be prepared.

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Cece Peabody and her terrific staff gathered all of the incoming info and presented the final list in a way that was easily understood by our volunteers and the club. We also had several Rutgers students and educators (Sabrina & Lisa) who found a way to the course early enough to make registration go smoothly. What a relief to have such talented assistance.

Darrell Marcinek and Rick Krok have been co-chairmen of this event and they always help with every part of the day but specifically with the Silent Auction. Matt Sweatlock and Jim Snow once again brought their cameras to capture photos of as many people as possible especially Ken Karamichael's friend (?) the Scarlet Knight. Karen Plumley and Ron Luepke joined in with registration and Karen seemed quite delighted giving out the martini glasses to each registrant. I wonder why??? Ken Krausz CGCS met every vehicle that came onto the property and directed them to the best registration area. The last of our volunteers are names that you will recognize. They are Dr Clarke, Dr Meyer and Dr Murphy. These gentlemen give up the opportunity to play some golf so they can station themselves on one hole so they get to meet everyone playing that course. They do get to hit one shot per group. Whatever type of shot they choose, the team can use it hopefully to lower their team score. This gives them the opportunity to have some fun and also the chance to personally thank everyone for their attendance and support of the program. It is always a thrill for the players and the professors to meet and say hello.

Fiddler's Elbow has gone through some changes both on the course and to their staff. They however did not miss a beat. Everything was great. Tom Hurley continues to build on the legacy left by Dave McGhee and Chef Michael brings his passion and skills to our menu. Matt Willigan, along with Mark Luce, Steve Sax and Chris Sherrington have taken the gems left by Tom Breiner and with lots of vision and hard work have continued to make the courses better. Joe Galan and his professional staff came out of the pro-shop and pitched in doing whatever is necessary. Chris Brown was our contact at the club. This was a recent change for him and we were his first big outing. He did scare me during the registration process but that may have just been his way of keeping me on my toes. He did a great job and was always heard saying "no problem" and he meant it. They have a great team at the club and I look forward to working with them again in 2014 and everyone who was part of putting this Classic together hopes that we will see you in 2014 and perhaps with a friend or two.

Rutgers Cup 1st place:: Finch Services:- (69)
Paul Brandon, Jeremy Batz, Charlie McGill, Mike Ross

Association 1st Place: TRI STATE- -8
Tony Girardi, Les Kennedy, Scott Niven, Matt Topazzio

Association Last Place: PAGCS- -4
Bill Cimichowski, Ron Gorniak, Warren Savini, Jim Stauring

Forest 1st Place Team: Bayer- 61
John Carpinelli, Tom Grimaldi, Brian Minemier, Bob Prickett

Forest 2nd Place Team: Syngenta- 63
Dennis DeSanctis Jr, Joe Gardner, Tyler Otero, Dave Pughe

Forest 3rd Place Team; Grass Roots- 64
Paul Dotti, Keith Kubik, Rich Lane, Lance Rogers

Meadow 1st Place Team: Rutgers University, Continuing Services- 63
Mike Green, Gary Huntzinger, Ken Karamichael, Lou Vetere

Meadow 2nd Place Team: Pickseed/ Seed Research- 63
Robert Clark, Larry Dodge, Byron Johnson

Meadow 3rd Place Team: Tee-2-Green- 63
Melodee Fraser, Jed Hemenway, Andrew Mottei, Lewis Sharp

River 1st Place Team: Grass Roots- 62
Pat Dolan, Ken Kubik, Tim McAvoy, Mark Miedler

River 2nd Place Team: Syngenta- 64
Mike Agnew, Rick Grala, Steve McDonald, Lane Tredway

River 3rd Place Team: Aquatrols- 64
Scott Apgar, Todd Apgar, Andy Moore, Lou Quick

Closest to the Pin:
Forest #8- Tom Grimaldi- 6ft 8ins
Forest #13- Dennis DeSanctis Jr- 2ft 4ins
Forest #17- Blake Halderman- 4ft
River #8- Ryan Davidheiser- 3ft
River #14- Brian O'Malley- 2ft 3ins
River #17- TJ Hart- 2ft 3ins
Meadow #2- Jay McKenna- 7ft 4ins
Meadow #11- Kenny Green- 14ft 9ins
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Men's Longest Drive
Forest #9- Jim Devane
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2:00 PM		Field Day Ends • NJTA BOD Mtg • Rutgers Advisory Mtg
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7:30 AM	Visit Vendors	Registration & SFMANJ Trade Show Opens
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9:00 AM - 9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM		CORE Session Fertilizer Law Updates
1:00 PM		Tours End
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Top: L to R: Frank Tichenor, Lance Rogers, Jim Cadott, Fred Parcells, Gary Arlio

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The GCSANJ Supports the NJSGA Golf Summit

by Shaun Barry

On March 21, 2013, the NJSGA hosted their annual Golf Summit. This event attracted 150 people from throughout the state. They came from different associations and golf clubs.

These folks were there to listen and learn and to take away something that could be helpful in making the game more accessible and welcoming to new and existing golfers.

A strong emphasis was put on attracting women to the game while getting current golfers to enjoy the whole experience even more every year.

The speakers were very good and everyone took away many ideas that could be used at their course.

The GCSANJ was represented by *Gary Arlio, Shaun Barry, Jim Cadott, Paul Dotti, Joe Kinlin, Fred Parcells, Lance Rogers, Ben Stover, and Frank Tichenor*. Their attendance was acknowledged and the NJSGA was very appreciative that they were there to show support but also because they know that the success of golf clubs depends upon the golf course.

Teamwork does make a difference and we will continue to reach out to strengthen the health and future of our clubs.

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Lebanon Turf's Dog Days of Golf Calendar will be delivered with the November issue of *GCM*.

Email a high resolution photo to lebturfdogcalendar@gcsaa.org.

The deadline is August 1, 2013.

Link to submit entry is:

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Some Email Etiquette Tips

by Don Hearn, Association Manager, GCSANE

Take Another Look Before You Send a Message

One strategy to avoid misinterpretations is to allow every message at least some minutes of rest after you have finished it. But before you press the "Send" button reread and reconsider the whole message when you return to it, possibly from the recipient's perspective.

It never fails to amaze me how many ambiguities I manage to work into short and simple emails.

Do Not Default to "Reply All"

Use your email program's Reply to All feature only when your reply will be necessary to know for the original sender and all people in the original email's To: and Cc: field.

If your comments will be crucial to know for the original sender and a few other recipients, use Reply and add the other recipients manually. You can copy their addresses from the original email. If you have been a Bcc: recipient in the original message if you reply to all as a Bcc: recipient, you reveal yourself as a recipient.

Keep Emails Short

Keep emails as short as possible. Of course, this is not to mean that you should cut your messages at any price. Write as long and as much as is necessary and appropriate. It is more important for business emails to be succinct.

Personal emails can be flowery and long-winded. For clarity, fewer and simpler words are still better.

Use Bullet Points if you do have much to write:

- Break your message into bullet points.
- Begin each point with a concise summary or the action you want taken.
- Make sure important information is not hidden in your message's or bullet point's meat.

One Action per Message

Do not lump together anything you need or want to tell a recipient into one message. In particular: Start a new message for each major action you request from the recipient.

This makes it easier for the recipient to get their email handled and the necessary actions done. By setting a precedent, chances are they'll adopt the same method for messages to you — and you'll have an easier time ticking off emails, too.

Don't Forward Hoaxes

This is why you should not forward such a story unless you've investigated it yourself. You'll irritate those who do not spot the hoax and they'll probably pass it on, causing more irritation.

Those who identify the hoax will likely send you a message notifying you that you passed on an urban legend. If you know a message is a hoax but have a specific reason to forward it nevertheless, you might want to include your reason with the message.

Let People Know Their Mail Has Been Received

Sometimes, emails get lost or fall prey to overeager spam filtering. If it's not obvious to the sender that you've gotten their message (because you move forward a project in which they are also involved, for example), do send a quick note back, possibly involving an informal thank-you, to acknowledge receipt even if no reply is necessary otherwise.

Even if you do plan to reply later, an email acknowledging receipt and letting the sender know when you will get back to them can be welcome.

Be Careful with Irony in Emails

Because it is so difficult to convey via email that something was meant ironically, misunderstandings are common and can lead to hard feelings. As a general rule, you should assume what can be misunderstood in an email message will in fact be misunderstood.

Avoid Embarrassing Emails

Sometimes, I hit Send accidentally when a message was not yet ready for prime time. This can be quite embarrassing, especially if I thought that I could always change the text later — before sending the mail.

How do you avoid such embarrassment? Since it's difficult to disable the Send button, you should make sure the message does no harm even if you hit that button accidentally. Either leave the address field empty or address the message to yourself while you are still composing it. Only enter the final recipient when you are ready to send the mail. •

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“The FedExCup comes back to Liberty National”

Liberty National will be host to the Barclays Tournament in late August 2013. We are seeking volunteers to help prepare the golf course for the week of the tournament.

A volunteer form will be going out in April, 2013. If anyone is interested please contact my secretary, Jessica Santiago at 201-332-4333 or email her at jessica.santiago@libertynationalgc.com.

The 2013 BARCLAYS GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE TENT AUGUST 18th-25th 2013

The Liberty National Grounds Department will host a Hospitality Tent available to all visiting superintendents and volunteers for the upcoming Barclays Tournament. We are looking for sponsors to help support this event.

Your support will provide breakfast, lunch, dinner as well as beverages and snacks. All sponsors will be recognized throughout the week of the event in a professional manner within the hospitality tent and throughout the golf course maintenance complex.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please do not hesitate to call Brian Gjelsvik for any information at the contact number listed below.



Sincerely,

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Rounds 4 Research FAQ Sheet

Auction dates: June 6 -16, 2013 & August 1-11, 2013

The Environmental Institute for Golf is the philanthropic organization of GCSAA.

What is the Environmental Institute for Golf?

The Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG) fosters sustainability by providing funding for research grants, education programs, scholarships and awareness of golf's environmental efforts. Founded in 1955 as the GCSAA Scholarship & Research Fund for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), the EIFG serves as the association's philanthropic organization. The purposes of the EIFG include the advancement of education and research in the field of turfgrass improvement and management, the collection and dissemination of information, environmental protection and the promotion of public awareness and safety.

What is Rounds 4 Research?

Rounds 4 Research is a fundraising program conducted by the EIFG whereby a round of golf (defined as a tee time with green fees for two or four players) is made available to be bid on by the public through an online auction.

This is an expansion of the program that was introduced by the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association. The scope had grown beyond what the Carolinas GCSA could administer; and in 2012 the EIFG took over the program to elevate it to a national level. GCSAA and the EIFG support this program, which helps ensure the future of the game, due to increasing challenges that threaten the golf industry's ability to do business.

Who receives the funding, and what does it support?

The EIFG will collect all proceeds from the auction and grant the monies to participating chapters or turfgrass foundations to support the areas of research grants, education programs, scholarships and awareness of golf's environmental efforts within their local or regional areas.

Why should golf facilities donate?

Golfers and golf facilities are the ultimate beneficiaries from the investment of these funds. Operators have already benefited from increased efficiencies through new golf course management programs; new turfgrasses that fight disease pressures, wear and tear and extreme weather conditions; and products that are more effective and safer for the environment. Increasing regulation, rising costs and environmental concerns must be addressed if golf is to sustain itself as a viable industry and recreational activity for people to enjoy. Without such funds, the innovation that has helped facilities to operate more efficiently, enhance environmental performance and provide more enjoyable playing conditions would come to a standstill.

How will the rounds be made available for auction?

Utilizing the online auction platform (i.e. Ebay Bidding for Good, etc.), the public will be able to participate in the Rounds 4 Research auction. Tee times from a variety of courses and locations will be open for bids for a designated time. The specifics regarding the particular tee time will be detailed for bidders on the site.

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