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Superintendent of
Liberty National Golf Club
prepares for The Barclays

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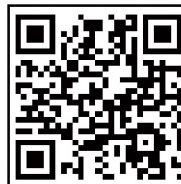
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President's Message - Liberty National & More

Lance Rogers, CGCS, Colonia Country Club

I'm exhausted! That is because I just got done volunteering for the Barclays at Liberty National. Views, condition and

experience; spectacular! This was my 4th Barclays that I've volunteered for. I believe everyone should enjoy this experience. This one was very special because I volunteered with my son, *Clayton*. Clayton decided a year ago that he wanted to get in this business (really?). This particular week, he would work all day at my course then go to Liberty National at night. He endured 16 hour days very well and loves the business even more. There is a lot to be said for this and I have a big thanks to *Greg James* and *Jesse Dowdy*. They understand the role of the volunteers and while they get the most out of you, they believe its important for you to enjoy the experience and network with other volunteers. I would also like to thank *Brian Gjelsvik* for organizing the hospitality area and gathering the sponsors needed to give the volunteers a place to gather, relax and get the necessary protein to keep moving on. Last but not least, I would be remiss if I didn't mention *Jessica Santiago*. Jessica is Greg's Administrative Assistant and she kept things running smooth with the volunteers from start to finish. While doing all this, she always had a smile on her face.

We just had another successful nine and dine, well sort of, at the Hickory Course. This is one of the most magnificent 18 hole par 3 courses in the world. This course supplements the other wonderful 18 holes at Hamilton Farm Golf Club. A big thanks to *Paul Ramina* for hosting the event and for treating us so well. The club went over the top and provided us with phenomenal service, food and cheer. The field was full with a waiting list and I can see why. I believe this nine and dine format will be the wave of the future. If the GCSANJ can provide an event that will take less time out of your day with a lower registration cost and it remains successful, then you can anticipate seeing more of these events.

Its almost September as I write this and I can't wait till Green Expo in Atlantic City. There is excellent education on the slate and we are already organizing

our GCSANJ Hospitality for that Wednesday night. Last year's inaugural event was a success and this one will surely be better, guaranteed! You won't want to miss it.

Special note to all members: October 24th, Pebble Creek Golf Club and Jim Cadott (Future President), will host the Wendell Beakley Family Benefit Golf Event. Wendell and his family are dealing with tough times and you wouldn't wish this on your worst enemy. Wendell's wife, A.J., has cancer and the fight is tough, tiring and painful. If you know Wendell, he is always upbeat and positive. Even if you don't know Wendell, we need to be there to support his family in any way possible. This is what we do and that's why I love our association and its members so much. Stay tuned for more updates on this event and please try to attend or if not, maybe be a sponsor or even a volunteer that day.

On a final note, I think this may be my final President's message. It was a good year, I think I reached most of my goals but not all. I've served on the board for 8 years or so and I'm glad I did. I have met some great people and made some wonderful friendships.

Looking back, I did some things right and some things I may have done different. I believe, I did go on the board at the right time. I was comfortable at my job and I wanted to do more for our profession. Most of you know, I'm either all in or not. Sometimes this mentality can be negative. When I say this, I believe I may have missed some family time that I can never get back. There were times, even when I was home, that I would be on my computer all night. The only reason I mention this is because I believe anyone can serve on the board if they're committed to improving our profession. Just do it to your fullest ability while still making time for your family.

Thank you and may you all be successful in life!

Lance A. Rogers, CGCS

Nine and Dine at The Ridge July 10, 2013

by Shaun Barry

Anyone who has been keeping up with the GCSANJ's meeting schedule has seen a major change in what is being offered. Gone are most of our usual meetings that offer lunch, 18 holes of golf and dinner. Even our district meetings might go that way since the annual District 3 meeting at Toms River will try the nine and dine format.

This type of meeting has become quite common for our neighboring associations. The reason for it is obvious. A later start to the meeting means every superintendent gets to spend a few more hours at work before heading out to the meeting. I, however, have always believed that members needed more time away from work and not less. Their job is so stressful that the more opportunities that they can get away to share concerns and discuss issues with other superintendents while re-charging their batteries is a good thing. I also recognize the fact that the level of conditioning must be perfect and the loss of some turf is not acceptable. With this type of pressure, leaving the course for an extended period can be problematic, and each superintendent is the only one who understands what they can do.

We will offer the nine and dine format and see how it is received. So far everyone has raved about the concept but the attendance numbers are still fairly small. Of course that may mean everyone is too busy to leave or that just reflects a lack of interest in our meetings and associations in general. Hopefully that is not the case, but you as a member will let us know by your attendance. You can also do what Matt Dobbie did and call to let us know what he thought. An active and passionate member like Matt really helps the association know what its members are thinking. Thanks Matt.

That brings us to the real reason for this article. We did have a nine and dine at The Ridge at Back Brook and it was a wonderful experience. GCSANJ BOD AF member Rob Johnson spoke to superintendent *Alan Bean* about the possibility of having a meeting at The Ridge. Alan is relatively new to our association but he has opened the doors to the GCSANJ. He hosted one of the stops on our 2013 Maintenance Shop Tour and he immediately told Rob that he would love to host a golf meeting. He would speak with Mr. Moore and would have a quick response. Within days we had a date and a price and it was approved by the board.

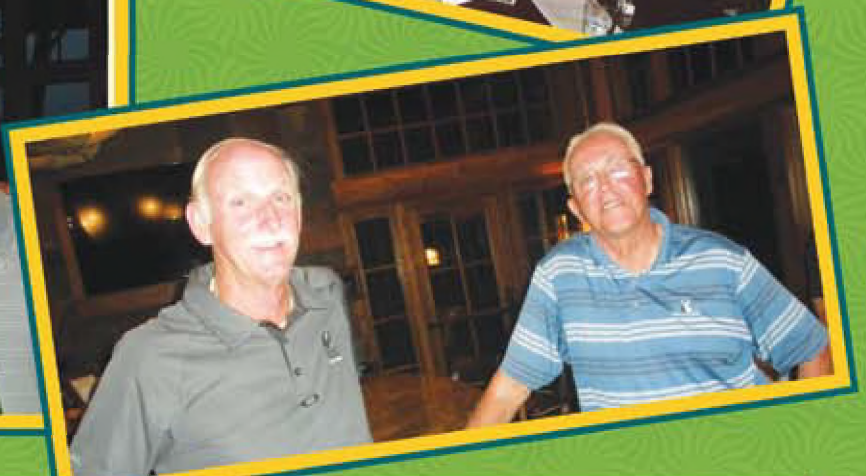
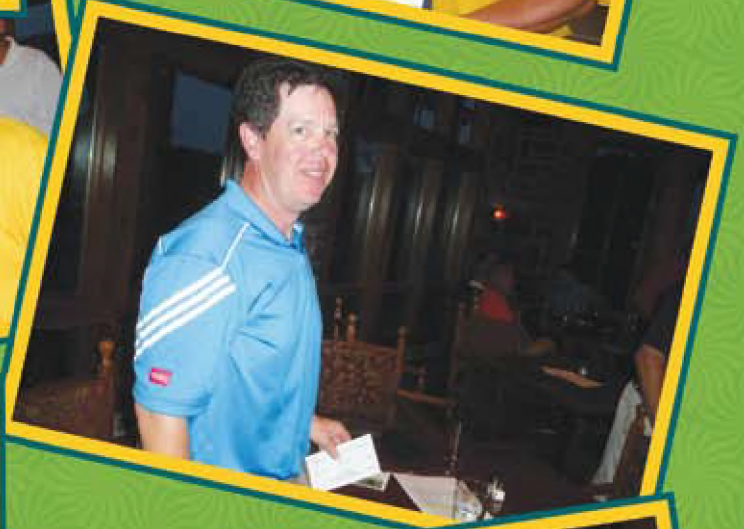
Alan reached out to two more of his suppliers and when *Mike Linkewich from Seeton Turf Warehouse* and *Greg Hufner from Total Turf Golf Services* joined *Rob and Fisher & Son* as sponsors we were set. We were able to lower the cost of the day and also cover our prizes. Many thanks gentlemen to you and your companies for supporting Alan and our association.

As noted earlier, our field was smaller than expected. We had a limit of 48 players and we ended up with 44 players but 5 of those came from Alan's staff. It still was a nice group considering that Mother Nature forgot to turn off the oven. It was a real nasty day and as a result we did have a few players cancel. The ones who did get to stay and play could not have been more impressed. This is truly one of the greatest golf courses in the world and the conditions were impeccable. Without a doubt, any PGA Tour event could have been played here including a major. Mike Scott was here during the construction phase and he accepted Alan's invitation to play as part of Alan's group. Mike was Alan's boss for several years and he had to have been impressed and proud of what Alan and his staff have done. For many of the people playing that day this was the best conditioned course that they had ever played. The quality of the course also matches the conditions. Every hole was memorable and even though we did not play all of the way back it was too much of a course for most of our games.

Rob Arnts however did not have any problems at all. He shot an even par 36 and was the low gross winner sponsored by *Fisher & Son*. *Seeton Turf Warehouse* sponsored the low net prize and that was won on a match of cards by *Dennis Granahan's* 35. He edged out *Jeff Weld*. The closest to the pins and long drives were also sponsored by Fisher and Seeton. The Closest to Pin winners were *Shaun Barry* (10 ft 11 ins) and *Jeff Sutphen* (12 ft 2 ins) and *Justin Adams* and *Kevin Doyle* took the Longest Drive prizes. Total Turf sponsored the 4 prizes for the winning net team. Teams were created by using a blind pick and the winners were *Justin Adams*, *Larry Dodge*, *Barry Kronman* and *Jeff Weld*. Skins were worth \$85 each and they went to *Rob Arnts* and *Jeff Sutphen*.

Thanks again to Alan and his staff and to *Joel and Pam Moore* for letting our group enjoy his amazing "dream come true." I would be remiss if I didn't thank my right hand man at registration and that is *Kevin Driscoll*. He always jumps in to help along with *Cece*, *Ed Potosnak* and new golf co-chairman *Jamie Devers*.

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The Rutgers Golf Field Day Attracts 350 Attendees

by Shaun Barry

July 30, 2013

The actual number of attendees may be a little bit higher than 350 but whatever the number is, it reflects the great interest and respect that our industry has for the research done at Rutgers. It seems that no matter what your issues or concerns are, you will see something that is helpful. Below are some of the highlights listed in the Field Day Program and they are definitely trials that interest every superintendent.

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Dr. Bruce Clarke will tell you that answers to turf questions never fall into place easily and that good research often generates more questions than answers. While the search for the answers continues, every attendee at this field day was able to glean some information that could be taken back to the course and put to use.

In addition to the valuable research, people also had an opportunity to earn some core credits before the tours started. Pesticide recertification credits were given out at the end of the tours. In addition to these benefits, basic training for the Professional Fertilizer Applicator Certification Exam was offered at the end of the day. Dr. Jim Murphy conducted this training.

This is a day not to be missed and every year the number of superintendents in attendance seems to increase. People from MD and Canada and everywhere in-between make this an annual trip because they know they will get information here that they won't find anywhere else. It is a day not to be missed even though it occurs in the middle of our stressful Summers. Put it on your calendar for next year and if you can't make it, consider sending your assistant. You won't be disappointed.

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Monday, October 7

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GCSANJ Member Annual Meeting

Galloping Hill Golf Course

Kenilworth, NJ

Thursday, October 24

Beakley Family Benefit

Pebble Creek Golf Course

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Monday, November 4

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Summer Gets Social at The Millstone Elks

August 3, 2013

by Shaun Barry

Your GCSANJ Foundation is always trying to be helpful. Sometimes it is a fundraiser or GCSANJ Scholarships or supporting research trials. Sometimes, however, the Foundation just wants to help everyone relax and kick-back. We have had a cruise and a beach party. Both events were great and everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Unfortunately both events started off great and 2 years later both struggled to get enough support to break even. Apparently the novelty wore off pretty quickly.

After a three year break, it was decided that we should try again. We knew that failure was an option but the chance to give people a night out with friends was too appealing to ignore. *Mark Peterson* and *Dave Mishkin* are members of the Millstone Elks and they suggested a good old-fashioned pig roast. We would keep the costs down but we would offer a live band, lots of great food, four hours of open bar, and the challenge to find the best horseshoe players in the association.

How could we not be successful? It turned out to be easy. We picked a date that may have been too early in the season for some people to think about staying out late on a Saturday night when they had to get up early for work on Sunday. It also turned out to be a date that everyone seemed to have previous commitments. It soon became evident that we were not getting the 75 people we needed to break even. We decided to have the social anyway, and deal with any losses if that is how it turned out. That changed when Mark and Dave got involved and the cost to us from the Elks was reduced as was the cost of the band. Because of some late arrivals we actually made a few dollars.

That was a great conclusion to a really fun event. Nobody ever won the horseshoe trophy but I believe Mark and Dave only lost one game so they may be the team to beat next year if we do this again, and I do think we will do it again. Watching 6 games going on at the same time and listening to all of the chatter and laughter was great to see and hear.

Everyone that was there this year probably will return again next year. We got to meet wives and fiancées and people that we hadn't seen in many years. It felt like a party and a reunion at the same time. The only stress that I saw was during a couple close horseshoe matches and I know the normal stress of the job was forgotten for the evening. That made our social a success and worth the chance to try it again

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GCSANJ Member *news*

Since the last issue of the Greenerside, there has been a lot going on in *Darrell Marcinek's* life.

On June 16th he and his family attended a Somerset Patriots baseball game. They had a Father's Day promotion. The father who threw the fastest pitch would get to meet and greet former Yankees player Shane Spencer, receive an autographed baseball and get a box seat for any game of their choice. Since you are reading this you have probably guessed that Darrell won. He threw the ball 81 MPH. That is pretty amazing for a fellow who never played organized baseball. Maybe there is still time.

The following day Neshanic hosted the local qualifying for the National Drive, Chip and Putt Contest. Everybody gets three chances for each event. They take the best results and add them together. Darrell tried to enter but he couldn't (something about being way too old..) so his daughter **Josie** competed in the group for 8 year olds. **She won the chipping event and placed 3rd in driving and putting and was the overall winner.** That qualified her to compete in the regional finals that were held on August 17th at Eisenhower Park on Long Island. She was competing against 19 other 8 year old golfers.

The winners from each flight would then head to Augusta during The Masters and compete in the finals. Josie did not win but she did come in second. She made the 6 ft putt and the 15 ft putt but left the 30 ft putt 2 inches short right in the heart. That was the difference.

What a great accomplishment. I am sure Josie and the Marcinek family enjoyed every moment of the competition and I know her GCSANJ family is very proud of her.



Josie in the middle picture above and next to the flag in picture below.

Congratulations! Job well done.



More News:

Aaron McCurdy is the new superintendent at Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson NJ.

We are sorry to report that **Andrew Kiszona**, 74, passed away. He designed and built Apple Mountain Golf Course, and worked at Harkers Hollow Golf and Country Club. He was a founding member of the GCSANJ.

Golden Cup Cutter at Wallkill Country Club

August 7, 2013

by Les Carpenter Jr.

On Wednesday August 7th, the 18th annual **Golden Cup Cutter** was held at Wallkill Country Club.

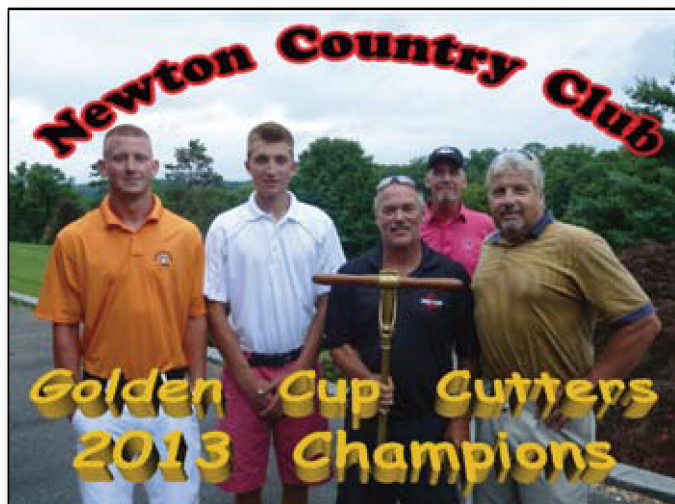
This tournament started in 1996 by Eric Carlson and Dave Mayer, invites all the Maintenance Staffers from the Sussex County clubs.

This year the event was again well attended with over 60 golfers participating in the 9-hole team tournament. Clubs being represented this year included Lake Mowhawk, Ballyowen, Great Gorge, High Point, Wallkill, Newton CC, Crystal Springs, Wild Turkey and Black Bear. This event has been graciously hosted by Wallkill Country Club every year since the second year of the event.

Course Superintendent *Rich Fodor* had the course in great condition again and general manager/pro/go to guy *Frank Vnuk* and *Dot* did a fantastic job at organizing the event. They did the scoring and provided a great meal after play along with some of the best brownies to ever have been baked. *Wilfred MacDonald* provided the dinner refreshments and *Grass Roots* provided the on course refreshments.

The weather was perfect for this year's event, which is not usually the case. It has normally been the most humid or wettest day of the year, but a great time was had by all.

This year's winners - **Newton Country Club** - secured the Golden Cup Cutter for the second time in the history of the tourney. It will be prominently displayed in their maintenance facility until someone tries to take it away next August.



Dave Mishkin Weds!

by Shaun Barry



August 21, 2013, is a day that Dave and Donna will never forget. It is the day they went from being just best friends to becoming **Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mishkin**.

The marital status may have changed but they will always remain best friends. Dave and Donna were just going to have a dozen people attend the wedding but somehow it got to be around 50 people who gathered to celebrate this special day. Celebrating with Dave were several GCSANJ members. In attendance were: Shaun Barry, John Hutchison, Bill Murray, Mark Peterson, and Jeremy Schaefer.

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LPGA Event at Stockton Seaview

May 26 - June 2, 2013

by Brad Simpkins

The LPGA was hosted this Spring on the Bay course at **Stockton Seaview**. The weather was perfect and the course conditions excellent. The wind blowing off the bay added some additional challenges, and the fine fescue swallowed up their golf ball with just the slightest mistake.

Mike Bair, director of Agronomy and *Donovan Maguigan*, superintendent of the Bay course, worked for months preparing for the event. As most of you know, Sandy, last Fall, caused a lot of damage to the Jersey shore, but hard work prevailed, and the course played excellent.

Even with it being a par 71, the Ladies had their challenges. The greens putted fast and true, and the fairways were in great shape. Many compliments were received regarding the playing conditions.

Several superintendents, assistants, and commercial representatives showed up throughout the week to volunteer. Their help was greatly appreciated by Mike and Donovan.

If all goes well, the event will be back next year. Mike says he could use all the help any can give. It is also a great event to view. Plan on attending next year if possible.

Thanks to these volunteers:

Carey Baily, Fieldstone Golf Club

Lou Bosco, Turf Equipment & Supply Co.

Jim Byrne, Turf Trade

Joe Kinlin, Bey Lea Golf Course

Tim Kwiat, Natures Wonder

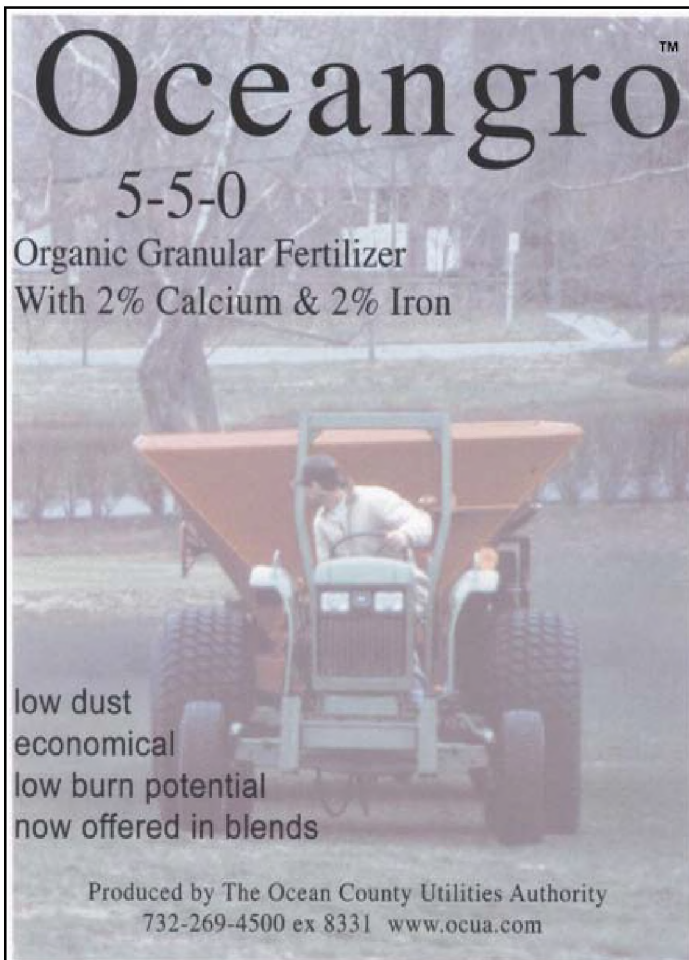
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Where Are They Now?

When one of our members retires from the golf industry, we don't always know how they are spending their retirement....well, **Dave Pease** retired near the end of 2012 from his many years of service with the Monmouth County Park System, and headed back up to his native Massachusetts.

He's not sitting in the sun idly, or travelling the world. He is working in the family business, **PEASE ORCHARD**...and seems to be back in the 'digging and improving' mode.

Cheers to Dave! Don't forget to come back and visit us in New Jersey when you have some free time!



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In June of this year, the American Littoral Society certified **Bey Lea Municipal Golf Course** as a Barnegat Bay Friendly business. The certification was developed by Helen Henderson, the Atlantic Coast Programs Manager and Barnegat Bay Projects Director for the American Littoral Society. The certification involves filling out a survey, documentation, and maintaining a commitment to the environment, water quality, and conservation. It also involves providing some technical information about your golf course such as soil tests. The certification program is being funded by a Clean Water Grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

The watershed Bey Lea is located in encompasses 660-square miles and includes over 40 golf courses. Helen Henderson said it was a “monumental day” for a golf course to make such a commitment to the watershed. She also stated that she learned a great deal about how well educated and professional golf course superintendents are during the process of developing the new fertilizer laws.

Later this year the Littoral Society will be hosting a workshop designed to educate golf course superintendents and managers throughout the watershed about how they can become certified. The workshop will be free of charge and will be assigned GCSAA CEU's. If you are in the watershed I hope you can attend, but even if you are not there will be some great information there.

Submitted by: Joe Kinlin, Golf Course Superintendent, Bey Lea Golf Course



Bey Lea Golf Course Superintendent Joe Kinlin and Kathleen Gasienica, president of the board for the American Littoral Society.

Credit: Gregory Kyriakakis, Toms River Patch



Toms River Councilman Al Manforti (l), Joe Kinlin, and Helen Henderson from American Littoral Society





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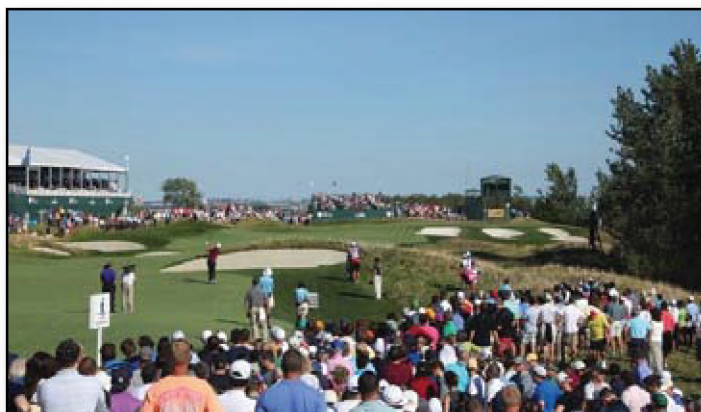
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Since September 23, 2012, Wendell and his wife, A.J., and their daughter Brooke, have been struggling to maintain a sense of normalcy under the heavy strain of AJ's dealing with cancer, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

You can help by attending this golf event, by being a sponsor, by playing in a foursome, or by donating an item to the silent auction or gift baskets. All support is appreciated. Thank you.



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Beakley Family Benefit

by Celeste Straub,
A.J.'s Sister & Wendell's Sister-in-Law

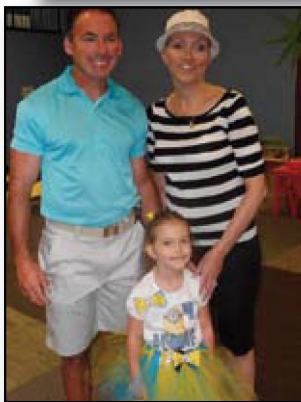
On September 23, 2012, she woke with severe abdominal pains. Thinking she had kidney stones, she went to the nearest emergency room. There were no kidney stones. There was an enlarged lymph node. A subsequent biopsy revealed that she had Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. That was on October 26, 2012. Her name is Augusta Joy (A.J.) Pistilli-Beakley. She is the loving wife of nine years to Wendell and an amazing mother to their four year old daughter Brooke. She's a daughter, she's a youngest sibling and she's an incredible friend. She's an attorney and municipal court prosecutor. Wendell, a former Board Member of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association (GCSANJ), resigned his position shortly after A.J.'s diagnosis so that he could care for his wife and daughter.

A.J. has served as a Board Member with the local American Red Cross Chapter, as well as being a Member on the Executive Board of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. A.J. formed and chaired an annual family walk team "Wendell's Walkers" for her husband Wendell (a Type 1 Diabetic) to help raise money for the Type 1 cure. She never thought she would have a charity of her own. She is a former President and Trustee of the Bar Foundation, (which is the charitable arm of the Gloucester County Bar Association) and has worked on numerous foundation fundraisers, including local high school scholarship awards and breakfasts for children of foster families. For many years she has sponsored families with children affected by cancer through the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. In May 2013, A.J. was awarded the Martin F. Caulfield Distinguished Service Award; an honor given to those who go above and beyond to serve the legal profession and community.

Since being diagnosed, A.J.'s treatments have been very invasive chemotherapy; eight rounds of five days on followed by two and a half weeks off. Initially the chemo appeared to be doing its job; a tumor on her

kidney was removed and found to be benign and other tumors were shrinking. However, the one in her belly was not and is not responding. She has since endured several rounds of three additional types of chemotherapy, but the tumor has become chemo resistant and continues to grow. At this writing she has begun a regiment of radiation for five days a week for the next thirty days in an attempt to gain control of the tumor.

While A.J. fights this battle literally every day, she is hoping to be accepted into a clinical trial in the fall to be part of the Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma cure.



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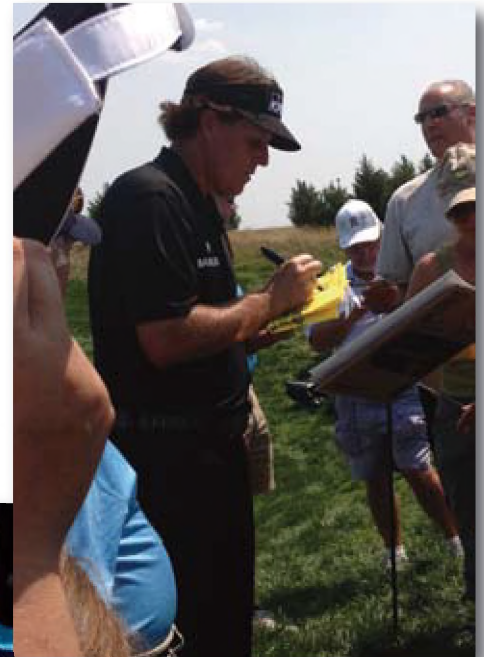
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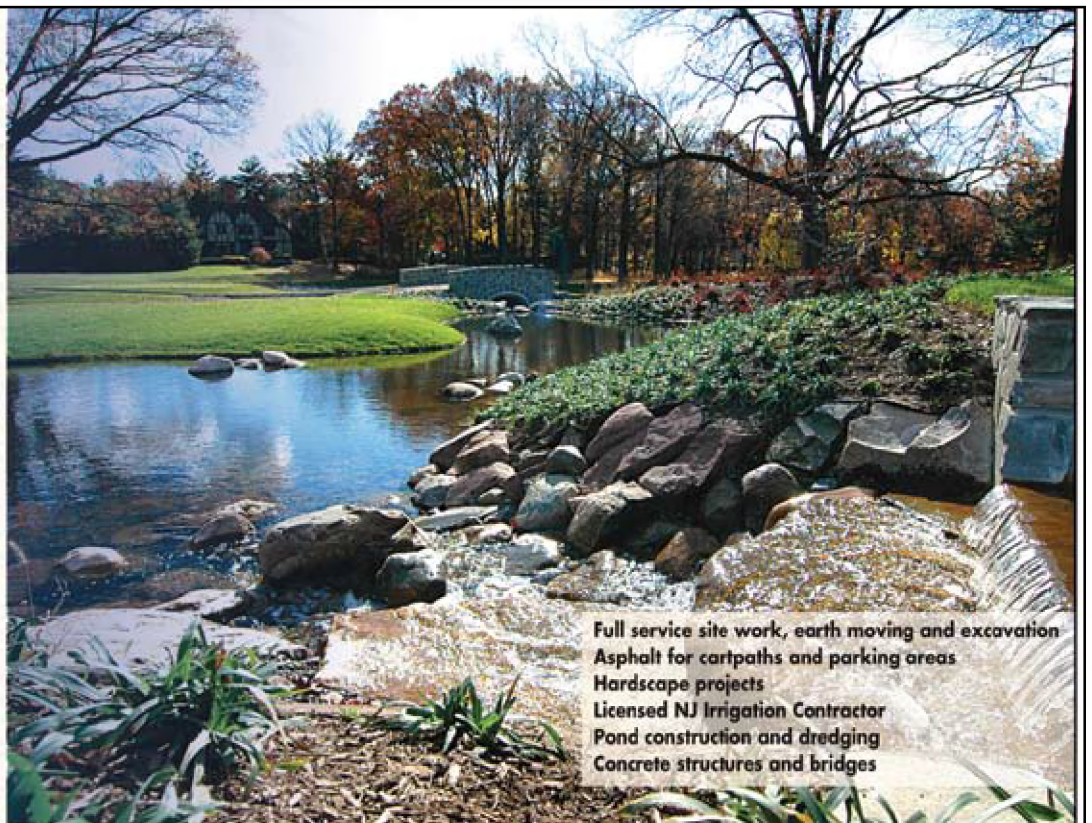
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Districts 1 & 2 Gather at Rolling Greens Golf Club

by Shaun Barry

For the third straight year *Ian Kunesch* has hosted this joint district meeting. He is the perfect host and tries to make sure all of our needs are met. This is always an August meeting so conditions reflect the severity of the summer and the amount of help and plant protectants he had available. The greens are always great and this year they were terrific as was the whole course.

After the downpour and stories about the course on the porch from *Ken Kubik* and *Steve Kopach*, we walked to the tent for our lunch that was sponsored by *Jeff Weld* of *Bayer*. Thank you sir. The rain finally tapered off but we could see several small lakes on the 9th fairway. The whole course had to look like this. It appeared that we might not get to play but Ian wouldn't hear about us not playing.

Once we did get out onto the course, there were a few fairways that needed to be avoided but even they cleared-up quickly. Having 8 par threes (although one group decided to only play 6 of them) allowed us to stay on the cart paths and that helped also.

The weather kept Ian's regular golfers away so we had an empty course to work with. There was an open hole between every group and play moved beautifully. One group played so fast it was almost like they only played 16 holes. Perhaps they were inspired to get back to the first tee where *Victoria*, Ian's daughter, was giving away free refreshments. She is the only non-golfer in the family but you can see how proud Ian is of her. Part of that may be because she knows how to bake some great cookies.

Finishing early gave us a chance to actually complete our scoring and prize-giving before dinner was ready. *Les Carpenter* represented the GCSANJ BOD by presenting a GCSANJ flag to Ian. This is a practice we do at every meeting and for years they have been donated by *John Deere Golf*. Ian spoke briefly, thanking everyone for attending. If he hosts this again I hope you join us for a fun day.

Ian decided on a *Shamble*. It is a fun way of playing and having the best players on your team is a smart thing. Ian was joined by *John Alexander* and *Dave Dudones*, *Grover Alexander* had to drop out and he was replaced by *Jim Swiatlowski* who also had to drop out.

Do you see a trend here with the quality of players? They eventually were joined by *Rob Johnson* who also just happens to be another A player. With this info it should be no surprise to you that this team easily won the event. On the other end of the spectrum we had to find the team with the highest score because Ian had donated 4 dozen golf balls to the most honest team. That immediately eliminated the team that only played 16 holes and so the winners were *Jay McKenna*, *Cece Peabody*, *Andy Schuckers* and *Jeff Weld*.



Syngenta sponsored both closest to the pin contests and they were won by *Ian Kunesch* (7 ft 5 ins) and *Ed Potosnak* who came with a few inches of making a hole-in-one. The Long Drive was sponsored by *Wilfred MacDonald* and was won by *Rob Johnson*. He hit a bomb and it was right in the middle of the fairway. *Andy Schuckers* was several yards longer but the fairway needed to be just a few feet wider.

There were several skins winners that went to the team and not the individual because of the format. *Jeff Weld's* team (the one that won the most honest award) had 2 skins while *Chris Boyle*, *Scott Braen*, *Ed Potosnak*, *Dave Schell* and *Jeff Smolha's* teams walked away with one. Scott may not be a name that you know but it was his company, *Braen Aggregates LLC* that sponsored dinner. What a nice way to introduce yourself to our association especially since dinner was so good.

Before everyone headed home, *Mark Kuhns CGCS* told the group about his efforts with the GCSANJ Foundation and The GCSAA/EIFG to have a new and improved version of The RTJ. If things work out, the first edition will be held at Baltusrol in 2014. This will be a first class event that will get national attention. I hope it happens and is successful. Another event that is in the making. On October 24th the GCSANJ Foundation will be running the Beakley Family Benefit. It will be at Pebble Creek and it will be our

small but sincere way of trying to help Wendell's family during their trying time. That will happen so put it on your calendar and please help in any way that you can.



Professionalism Reigns

I'm hoping that like most GCSANJ members and industry friends, you read the *Greenside* from cover to cover. We do our best to capture all the recent events and share the best part of each of the days, including the prize winners and the sponsors. We can't thank you enough for your support of our chapter.

Two important pieces are often on the inside front and back covers:

- GCSAA Professional Conduct Guidelines and
- GCSAA Member Code of Ethics.

Being a professional in any industry means always taking the high road and doing and acting in the best possible manner. In fact, the dictionary defines a *PROFESSIONAL* as "characterized by or conforming to the technical and ethical standards of a profession" and "exhibiting a courteous, conscientious, and generally businesslike manner in the workplace."

Ours is as tough a business as every other one, perhaps tougher, as there are bosses, management, owners, and golfers who judge performances. There are guidelines and ethics in our industry to encourage the best practices from everyone in the industry.

The very first guideline is that "a member should always contact a fellow superintendent prior to visiting his/her course, regardless of the reason for the visit." This one is important because it is just plain common courtesy...and the cornerstone of being a professional. There are more guidelines and ethics and it always pays off to know them.

So, please take the time to read or re-read all the Guidelines and the Code of Ethics. Be the best you can be in your job and in how you present yourself to other GCSANJ members and others in the industry. You can make a *professional* difference, and it will be appreciated.

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Rounds 4 Research Update

by Cece Peabody, Executive Director

The first Rounds 4 Research auction was open from June 6 - June 16, and the second auction was held from August 1 - August 11th.

First of all, we'd like to thank all the courses who offered rounds of golf to auction off. Our involvement was decent for our first year involved with this initiative. And the public bidders seemed to enjoy the opportunity as well.

We had one foursome won in the June Auction and eleven foursomes won in the August auction. So what does this mean? The GCSANJ Foundation receives 80% of the proceeds from the auctions..that translates to a check for \$2563.00 coming our way.

The Foundation is our philanthropic arm that supports research projects, members in need, and annual scholarships. We will repeat our involvement in 2014 and hope you will donate a round for the auction.

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GCSANJ Member Code of Ethics

GCSAA's bylaws, article III, sections 2 and 3, authorize the board of directors to enforce this code by procedures established through standing rules for the conduct of such proceedings.

This code is established to promote and maintain the highest professional standards of service and conduct among the membership of GCSAA. Steadfastly maintaining these principles will accrue to the membership a level of justly deserved recognition and respect from those who come into contact with any member.

Through high regard for, and strong enforcement of, the code, membership in this association will be deemed a significant indicator of individual responsibility, character and professionalism.

Professional courtesies or conduct are set forth in the Professional Conduct Guidelines and should be adhered to by all GCSAA members. As a professional courtesy, a member should always contact a fellow superintendent before visiting that superintendent's golf course.

As a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, I accept and fully agree to abide by this code and pledge myself to:

1. Recognize and discharge all of my responsibilities and duties in such a fashion as to enhance this Association and my profession.
2. Practice and insist upon sound business and turf management principles in exercising the responsibilities of my position.>
3. Utilize frequent opportunities to expand my professional knowledge, thereby improving myself and my profession.
4. Refrain from any unethical act tending to promote my own interest at the expense of the dignity and integrity of the profession.
5. Base endorsements, whether written, verbal, or through any other medium strictly upon satisfactory personal experiences with the product, item or service endorsed.
6. Refrain from encouraging or accepting considerations of any value without the express understanding of all parties that said consideration is available to all persons in similar circumstances, and no gift or consideration is for personal gain to the detriment of the course, my employer or the profession.
7. Recognize and observe the highest standards of integrity in my relationships with fellow golf course superintendents and others associated with this profession and industry>
8. Assist my fellow superintendents in all ways consistent with my abilities.
9. Abstain from making false or untrue statements concerning another superintendent that causes public embarrassment to another superintendent.
10. Lend my support to, and actively participate in, the efforts of my local chapter and National Association to improve public understanding and recognition of the profession of golf course management.
11. Promptly report all known or suspected violations of the Code of Ethics and voluntarily participate as a witness and present information in all proceedings to determine the possibility of a violation of this Code of Ethics.
12. Abstain from applying for or otherwise seeking employment in a dishonest manner. For the purpose of this section of the Code, a member seeks employment in a dishonest manner if he or she does one or more of the following in connection with the prospective employment:
 - (a) provides false or misleading information to a prospective employer;
 - (b) makes false, slanderous or defamatory statements concerning a fellow superintendent;
 - (c) attempts to undermine or improperly influence the staff of a fellow superintendent;
 - (d) attempts to deceive, mislead or misinform a fellow superintendent's employer, supervisor or fellow employees;
 - (e) makes misleading, deceptive or false statements or claims about his or her professional qualifications, experience or performance; or
 - (f) makes misleading, deceptive or false statements or claims about a member superintendent's professional qualifications, experience or performance.
13. Refrain from accepting employment, as a consultant, in a dishonest manner. For the purposes of this section of the Code, a consultant accepts employment in a dishonest manner if he or she does one or more of the following in connection with such consulting:
 - (a) provides false or misleading information to a prospective employer;
 - (b) makes false, slanderous or defamatory statements concerning a fellow superintendent;
 - (c) attempts to undermine or improperly influence the staff of a fellow superintendent;
 - (d) attempts to deceive, mislead or misinform a fellow superintendent's employer, supervisor or fellow employees;
 - (e) makes misleading, deceptive or false statements or claims about his or her professional qualifications, experience or performance; or
 - (f) makes misleading, deceptive or false statements or claims about a fellow superintendent's professional qualifications, experience or performance.
14. Abstain from conduct constituting a crime under federal, state or local law, the penalty for which is, or may be, imprisonment, including but not limited to crimes of moral turpitude and dishonesty. A member's conviction of a crime will be considered conclusive evidence that the member committed that crime for the purposes of this Code.
15. Abstain from knowingly making false statements or knowingly failing to disclose a material fact requested in connection with application or renewal for GCSAA membership or for membership in an affiliated chapter.
16. Express professional opinions on technical subjects publicly only when that opinion is founded upon adequate knowledge of the facts and competence in the subject matter.

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