

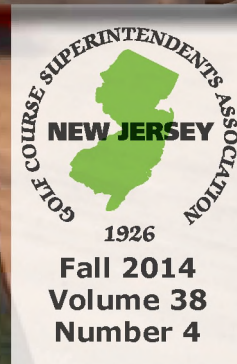
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President's Message

Jim Cadott, Pebble Creek Golf Club



I sit here on the first Monday in January and it seems to be a good time to reflect on the Christmas season, the 2014 golf season, and even look ahead to the 2015 golf season.

One of my favorite quotes is...*"Be thankful for what you have....and be more thankful for what you don't have"*. We have all heard this saying many times, especially the first part. But I like the second half even better, and as you get older, it seems to have just as much meaning, if not more. When I say this quote to my 8 year old, he obviously looks at me funny and I try to explain what it means, but I am not really expecting much of a response. My teenager knows what I am saying but it is still a tough sell. Our oldest son, who is now paying his own bills, knows exactly what my favorite quote means.

I am thankful that my family has good health and are happy (last time I checked). And I am more thankful for what my family does not have. Healthy and happy are boring and not important for kids, but as a parent it is most important.

We are having a blood drive in Brielle for a young boy who has been stricken with a rare form of cancer. So far, the battle is being won. If your children are healthy, be thankful. Over the holidays we had a member of our association recently have his hip replaced. Many of our members have had this procedure done, and as simple as it may seem, it is still major surgery. Be thankful if your parts are in good working order. We have a member who was recently diagnosed with cancer and has now begun chemo treatments -- things look good so stay strong Harry!

As you "reflect" over the Christmas season, please be thankful for what you have, and more thankful for what you do not have.

You can even drag this quote into your professional life. I am thankful for many of the modern technological advances that help do my job better, and I am thankful that the golf course where I work is in sound financial shape.

There are golf courses that have closed throughout the state and the land is being developed. When you do not get all of what you asked for in your budget this year, think of the fellow member who is having his course bulldozed for housing.

Year over year, you cannot stay the same. You are either better or worse, depending on your record and stats. Yes, this is a sports analogy but it can be applied to the GCSANJ. The GCSANJ board of directors has had a tremendous year serving the association while truly having a lot of fun. It is fun when you win, and with all the successful events held in 2014, we have had one hell of a season! It all started with a strong showing and reception at the GIS show in Orlando in February and ended with an even stronger showing at the NJ Turfgrass Expo in December. Oh yeah, and a pretty good party at the Borgata

Water Club just to say thank you to all of our members.

In between, golf meetings (we keep the War at the Shore cup) brought us to all parts of the state. An educational seminar at Galloping Hill last March taught us a few things, and a Foundation fundraiser in October at Trump Colts Neck was very well supported. Hopefully, you attended at least one event in 2014 and are planning on supporting the association and yourself even more in 2015. Some of the other GCSANJ business that you do not see is the day to day logistics that are being handled by our executive director Cece. From the daily finances (i.e chasing account receivables) to organizing the Greenerside, Cece keeps herself very busy with our business, and in my opinion she is one of the main reasons that our team remains strong. Another exciting development that you may not be aware of is the strong relationship we are developing with the NJSGA. Kevin Purcell, the new executive director, and NJSGA past president Tom McGovern, both have worked with and continue to be close with Gary Arlio, GCSANJ future president. I believe these men will open up new channels of communication for our association with the most powerful voice in golf throughout the state, the NJSGA.

Looking past our state, we continue to have close ties with the USGA and the USGA Green Section. So much that David Oatis, the longtime Northeast agronomist, has been awarded the 2014 Distinguished Service Award. This shows that while representing the USGA, David has gone above and beyond his job description in support of superintendents throughout the state. A professional that you want as a friend is how I would describe David Oatis.

The GCSAA is gearing up for San Antonio, and with that New Jersey's own John O'Keefe will be elected president for 2015. We wish John all good luck for a successful term! And do not forget to keep an eye for the GCSANJ gathering down in Texas, as the time and date will be emailed to you soon.

The working relationship we have with the NJPGA received a big boost from Ridgewood CC head superintendent Todd Raisch and head pro Dave Reasoner. All these two gentlemen did was raise thousands of dollars for their own association's foundation by playing 100 holes of continuous golf. Ridgewood members pledged a certain dollar amount for each hole played, and it seemed to add up quickly as all 100 holes were completed on a cold and windy day. Thank you Todd and Dave for starting a very thoughtful idea that we hope continues to grow!

Looking ahead to 2015, the GCSANJ will give you, the member, opportunities to attend educational seminars, golf meetings, and social network gatherings. Not everything is set in stone yet, but the schedule of events for the year looks to be promising. We will do our best to give you proper and early notice of all events, all the while keeping costs as low as possible. All you have to do is show up....see you there!

Spring Lakes Hosts 2014 GCSANJ Championship

by Jim Cadott

Josh Reiger and the Spring Lake Golf Club, located one mile from the Atlantic ocean, in Spring lake Heights, played host to the 2014 GCSANJ Championship in late September. The golf course, known for it's tiny and slick greens with a Tillinghast touch, greeted all of us on a cool and cloudy day. Located in a very central part of our state, Spring Lake attracted members from north and south jersey who have been looking forward to this day to see who would take home some metal.

We were greeted by the GCSANJ golf committee at the welcoming table, and also given a gift bag compliments of **Vic Gerard Club Car**, who was the Championship sponsor. Demonstrations of Club Car vehicles were available during lunch, as was a demonstration from the **Helena Company** showing off its new tow behind soil probe machine. Lunch followed and thanks to Spring Lake's own grill master, Zak, we were treated to some wonderful food.

The golf course was in fine shape and what little rain was in the area stayed away from Spring Lake, making the afternoon on this very "member friendly" golf course totally enjoyable. I say "member friendly" because Spring Lake is one of those classic courses where local knowledge plays a huge part in determining your score. What to hit off the tee, placement, and especially hidden and subtle breaks on the greens are what you need to know as you challenge these links. Although the course will not overwhelm you with yardage, it has withstood the test of time without any major renovations, and still today will jump up and bite you in the rear if you are not careful. As a matter of fact, Josh and Spring Lake are in the midst of a renovation that will return the course to the look it had some 100 years ago. Misplanted trees are being removed, along with some larger oaks. But a fine fescue look will replace these areas, so the challenge will be just as great if you sway off the fairway too far. A couple of greens are also being expanded, and some bunkers are being repositioned, but just enough to hopefully enhance this Tillinghast gem.

Josh is no longer a rookie here at Spring Lake, and we thank him for having the confidence to host such an important day for his fellow members while renovations are ongoing. But then again, this group would actually enjoy seeing such work being done !

After golf, a fine dinner buffet was served and prizes were awarded. It is only fitting that **Tom Grimal**, who seems to be playing his best golf since he retired (coincidence??), took home the Sherwood Moore Trophy for low gross superintendent as he fired a 78. That was not the lowest score on the course that day, as Spring Lake's own and Club Car owner **Bill Lynch** fired a 74 to win the Dr.Paul Sartoretto Cup for low gross affiliate. Once again, thank you to **Bill Lynch**, **Vince Giunco**, and all the staff at Vic Gerard Club car for being the Championship sponsor. The low net superintendent is awarded the Dr.Henry Indyk Cup and this year **Jeremy Hreben** carded a net 64 after a fine round of golf. And yes, we trust Jeremy, but we did verify his handicap!

Other winners of the day were:

- A flight low net **John Alexander** with a net 70, and the
- B flight low net was won by **Cliff Moore** with a net 65.
- The closest to the pin on #6 was sponsored by **Double "D" Turf** and **Matt Anasiewicz** drew to 15 feet of the pin.
- Number 8 was sponsored by **Harrell's** and **Pat O'Neill** somehow got it to within 4 feet. **Grant Platz** stuck it 4 feet on #10, and **Shawn Ross** cozied the ball to within 2 feet on #16. The 16th was sponsored by **Syngenta**.
- Long drive winners were **Frank Tichenor** (0-14), **Russ Harris** (15+), **Tom Weinert** (all handicaps), and of course **Bob Prickett** (55 plus).

Skins Winners- 2 skins

Jeremy Hreben (Eagle)

Skins Winners- 1 skin each

John Alexander

Lorne Colin

Tom Grimal

Jeremy Hreben

Joe Kinlin

Bob Marsh

Fran Owsik

Grant Platz

Shawn Ross

Ron Simpson Jr

Brad Simpkins

Forest Hill Field Club Hosts the Class "C"

Chris DeSalvia is Frank Tichenor's assistant at Forest Hill Field Club and since he has replaced Matt Castagna as the assistant's liaison to the GCSANJ BOD, both Frank and Chris offered to host the Assistants' Championship.

It was a great idea but for some reason attendance was low. This event has moved around the state trying to find a location that is accessible to the largest number of assistants. Forest Hill should have worked but only 29 people (21 assistants) showed up for the day. Was the October 21st date too early? Do superintendents need to have their team together 24/7? Do assistants just not want to attend or maybe they feel they don't know anybody and they will be uncomfortable? Since most are not members are they just not aware of the event or are they afraid to ask? Hopefully when everyone gets to read this you will reach out to Chris or somebody on the board and share your opinions.

I don't know the answers but it really is a shame that attendance was so low. Frank and Chris and their staff had the course ready to go. The cost for the assistants was reduced and Greg Wojick from Playbooks for Golf had a great presentation prepared for them. It should have been standing room only and hopefully that will be the case in the upcoming years.

Due to a small surgery I wasn't able to play and that is a shame because this course will challenge everyone. **Freddy Carmona** (Stanton Ridge) is a single digit handicap player and he shot 83 to win low gross honors but that score is well above his normal score. **Kurt Lipari** (Galloping Hill) won low net with a 75. He won on a match of cards with **Elder Mackai** (Stanton Ridge) and **Corey Risedorph** (Mansion Ridge).

Kyle DeNuys (North Jersey), **Josh DeSalvia** (Glen Ridge) and **Frank Tichenor** won closest to the pin prizes. **Steve Benally** (Maplewood) and **Freddy Carmona** had the longest drives.

Many thanks to Frank and Chris and the club for offering to help. Frank always steps up and hopefully he will try again in 2015. If he does, please remember that this event is open to superintendents and affiliates also. The more we expose our assistants to our association and what it has to offer can only help strengthen every superintendent-assistant team.

Written by Shaun Barry

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CHRIS DESALVIA

Where were you born and raised?

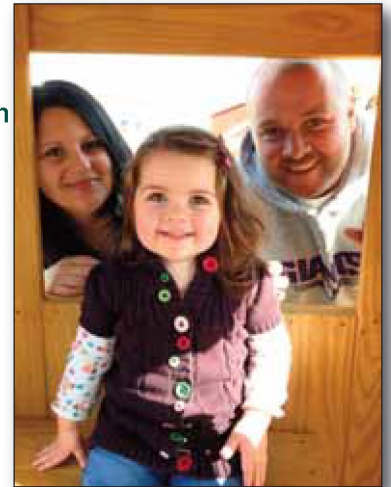
I grew up in Montague, NJ and moved to Ogdensburg, NJ when I was 16.

Where did you go to turf school?

I earned my turf certificate from Rutgers University and I am currently the assistant superintendent at Forest Hill Field Club.

What made you get into turf?

I started playing golf when I was around 10 with my brother and our buddies. I just really enjoyed the game and then took a summer job at Crystal Springs when I was 17 and have been in the business ever since. I always liked working outside and that is just one of the many benefits of working in this industry.



What are your goals?

To be the best father and husband I can be and to set a good, positive example for my kids. I have been working in the industry for 16 years and in the near future I want to take the next step and become a superintendent.

Share your background.

I met my wife, **Ruthie**, through a mutual friend back in 2007 and we were married in November of 2011. We currently live in Sparta with our 2 year old daughter **Sophia**. My wife is pregnant with our second child, a boy, and is due in February. I can honestly say that these two have been the greatest things to ever happen to me and I wouldn't change it for the world.

Do you have any hobbies?

I play in a few softball leagues during the week, play golf when I get the chance, and when I'm not working on the weekends I like to spend time with my family.

Any animals?

No animals at this point

What sports do you like to watch?

I'll basically watch any sport on t.v., probably way too much if you ask my wife. I like the Giants, Mets, Knicks, and Islanders, except for the Giants recently its been pretty rough being a fan of these teams in recent years.

Oceanaire Golf & Country Club Introduces Itself to the GCSANJ

by Shaun Barry

The title might sound strange but it actually is quite accurate. We had 40 players at this site for the 2014 District IV meeting and I don't think there were more than 4 people there that day who had played the course. In our little part of the world that is very unusual. Perhaps it may be because this is a retirement village course. How good can any age-restricted course be? If that was what you thought going into the day, that is not how you felt at the end of the day.

This course does have several tees that can make it play like we expected but these weren't the tees we played. We played a real man-sized course and most of us couldn't handle it. Thank goodness **Kevin Driscoll**, **Tom Dale** and I played as a threesome or else we would have finished in the dark. Yes ... even with all of our golfing skills (LOL) the course beat us badly.

The layout does meander back and forth across the community's roads but the holes are straightforward. You saw what you had to do and it wasn't easy to succeed. The course was in great condition. **Mike Tardogno** and his crew do a great job for their members, and we could see why everyone is so happy with their efforts.

This meeting had lots of affiliate sponsorship. **John Deere Landscapes** and **Plant Food** were partial sponsors for lunch while **Fisher & Son**, **Harrell's** and **Seeton Turf Warehouse** generously shared full sponsorship of dinner. There is just no way to accurately thank these companies for their constant support but I know they are glad to help.

On our list of players we had the names of 2 long-time members who chose 2014 to retire. **Mike Hocko** came up from DE. to be with his friends **Dobbie**, **Kennedy** and **O'Neill** and **Tom Grimac** may have used this round as a practice round for our Championship. He didn't win low gross honors this day but he did win the Sherwood Moore Cup once again at Spring Lake. His golf game remains superb.

In addition to our lunch and dinner sponsors, we also had sponsors for all of our skill prizes. The Long Drive sponsors were **Black Lagoon** and **Seeton Turf Warehouse**. Our Closest to the Pin sponsors were **A.C.Schultes**, **Black Lagoon**, **Harrell's** and **John Deere Landscapes**. Low net was sponsored by **Harrell's** and low gross was sponsored by **Fisher & Son**.

The closest to the pin winners were **Kevin Driscoll**, **Mike Hocko**, **Pat O'Neill** and **Brad Simpkins** while **Jeremy Hreben** (68) took low net honors and **Steve Loughran** (76), a guest of Seeton Turf, was our low gross winner. There were 5 skins. **Steve Loughran** had 2 and **John Hutchinson**, **Joe Kinlin** and **Shawn Reynolds** had 1 each.

This really was a wonderful day. Everyone at the club made us feel welcome. **Rolf Strobel** brought refreshments for the course, Cece took all of the photos and people got to meet Mike Tardogno. He is a fine young superintendent and he has offered his club for another meeting. The future of the GCSANJ looks stronger all of the time.

LESLIE CUP FINALS



The finals of the 2014 Leslie Cup were held at Forsgate Country Club. **Bill Murray** and **Wendell Beakley** (on the left) had won in the south and **Chris Boyle** and **Ian Kunesch** (on the right) were victorious in the north.

It was a beautiful day played on the "Banks Course" and it was a very good match. A couple missed putts at the end of the round were the difference, and Chris and Ian won on the 18th hole.

Expect these two teams to be in the mix in 2015.

Congratulations to the victorious team on their maiden victory in this competition!

2015 CALENDAR

Check calendar for updates and signup info.

www.gcsanj.org

Tuesday, February 17

Maintenance Tour & Presentation
Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield NJ

Week of February 23

Golf Industry Show
San Antonio, TX

Weds, Feb 25 - NJ Chapter Hospitality

Thursday, March 19

Spring Education Day
Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth NJ

Wednesday, April 22

War at the Show with Philly Assn
Atlantic City Country Club, Northfield NJ

Monday, May 4

Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classic
Fiddler's Elbow Country Club, Far Hills NJ

Tuesday, July 28

Rutgers Turfgrass Field Day, Golf & Fine Turf
Hort Farm II, New Brunswick NJ

Wednesday, October 14

Chapter Championship
Roxiticus Golf Club, Mendham NJ

Tuesday - Thursday

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From Your Exec Director

Cece Peabody, M.A.T., C.M.P., Executive Director

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These by-laws guide how the board of directors 'manage' the affairs of the association, the different classifications of members, who can vote, how to assess dues, and what the duties of the officers and committees are. The by-laws also share the code of ethics, how the state is divided into the 4 districts, and how to handle elections. From time to time, the Code of Ethics from GCSAA and the Professional Guidelines of Members are printed in the *Greenerside*.

As one of the 91 chapters of the GCSAA, NJ has a Chapter Delegate, *Bill Murray*, who travels to the national headquarters in Kansas at least once a year, represents the membership in NJ, votes for NJ members at the GIS, and keeps us apprised of current news and issues.

We are proud to have one of our own, *John O'Keefe*, CGCS, Preakness Hills Country Club, as the new President of GCSAA. Congratulations John! *Mark Kuhns*, CGCS, of Baltusrol was the GCSAA President a few years ago. Their dedication to the association, both local and national, shows the depth of their involvement in the betterment of the association.

As a member of the NJ chapter, you too have an opportunity to become involved -- from helping at an event, to joining a committee, to becoming a part of the board of directors.

If you have never read the by-laws of the Association, you can find them in the back section of the member directory. Article II, Government, Section 3, Committees lists the various committees. Just pick up the phone and call me or tell one of the current board members that you want to help. We need and want you!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

KEITH BENNETT

Keith Bennett was born in the Netherlands and grew up in Belle Mead, NJ. While working as the assistant manager of the Pro Shop at Mattawang Golf Club, the superintendent talked him into coming to work for the maintenance department. After graduating from Penn State with a BS in Turfgrass and a Minor in Business, Keith interned at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, NJ where he met Rutgers Turf grad, Lauren Giordano, whom he would later marry. He left Baltusrol for an Assistant Superintendent position at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, NJ, and then made the move to the Monmouth County Park System as the Assistant Superintendent at Hominy Hill Golf Course. Still working for the Park System, Keith has been the Superintendent on the South Course at Charleston Springs Golf Course for over four years.

In 2013 Keith and Lauren welcomed their first daughter, Briana, and in 2014 Keith completed a Masters of Business Administration degree with a concentration in accounting from Monmouth University.

Also in 2014, Keith completed a personal and professional goal of achieving certification through the GCSAA.



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GOLF QUOTES

Submitted by
Andy Schuckers, CGCS

These greens are so fast I have to hold my putter over the ball and hit it with the shadow.

-- PGA Hall of Famer Sam Snead

The only sure rule in golf is -- he who has the fastest cart never has to play the bad lie.

-- Baseball Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle

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GOLF COURSE BUNKER RENOVATION

Bunkers are having an impact on the golf course industry as never before. They tend to be the most striking visible aspect, and form a large part of the character, of most golf courses. Golfers have come to expect consistent quality in bunker conditions and rarely accept the conditions they find in bunkers as punishment for being in a hazard. Maintaining bunkers at a high level can have a significant impact on the golf course superintendent's time and resources.

Achieving consistency in bunkers can be a challenge. Bunker conditions are controlled by a number of factors including the type, quality and cleanliness of sand, bunker slopes, the depth of sand and the moisture content of sand.

We see bunker renovation as the major trend going forward. Most golf course components have a lifespan. Irrigation and drainage projects are valuable and necessary, but they often need to be sold alongside bunker improvements to give golfers the visual impact that new bunkers provide. Bunker renovation projects are an opportunity to rejuvenate and unify the character of a golf course that shouldn't be underestimated.

Proper bunker renovation is the way to achieve the four most important requirements of bunkers: Strategic, Visual, Playability and Sustainability.

Bunkers aren't inexpensive to build or maintain. Each bunker should be evaluated to be sure that it serves either a strategic or visual purpose. The only reason to keep a bunker that doesn't serve either purpose would be for its historic value. We recommend evaluating the size, shape and location of each bunker prior to renovation. It may be preferable to shift, reduce the size of, or even eliminate a bunker altogether rather than spend money to renovate an ineffective one. We recommend that the golf course superintendent implement these changes as part of a comprehensive master plan to be sure the work is done in the proper sequence and conforms to the architect's principles.

We recommend that the golf course superintendent avoid renovating only the interior of existing bunkers. Removing and replacing contaminated sand is a short term fix. Adding new drainage and liner is

important, but reshaping the floors and perimeters of bunkers can solve many underlying issues.

As part of the bunker renovation, it is worthwhile to strip and replace the turf around the perimeter of the bunker. Sand tends to build up over time causing weak and erodible turf conditions. This occurs on greenside faces of bunkers, but it is also common on the low side of bunkers where the mechanical sand rake enters and exits. The bunker perimeters can be reestablished and built-up sand removed for good soil conditions. This is also the time to redirect water from the surroundings that may be draining into the bunker. Modifying the perimeters of the bunkers also allows improvements to the accessibility into the bunkers both for golfers and maintenance equipment.

In conjunction with reshaping the bunker perimeter, the bunker interiors nearly always need some amount of reshaping to reestablish a proper floor and most importantly, a proper depth to the bunker edge. Bunker edges should be made a consistent depth to achieve sand consistency and to make them tie properly to the perimeter turf. The depth of the bunker sand at the edge around the perimeter of the bunker should rarely be more than 4 inches and the depth of the edge above the sand should be minimal. Sand depth is one of the controlling factors of bunker sand moisture content. Overly deep sand, particularly in the faces of bunkers, will result in very dry, loose sand. The USGA recommends a maximum of four to six inches of sand in the floors of bunkers and less in the faces.

Subsurface drainage is essential. Removing storm water as quickly as possible from bunker interiors minimizes erosion and every bunker should have perforated pipe in gravel leading to an outfall. The amount of tile drainage necessary depends on the type of bunker but can generally be assumed to be 100 linear feet of pipe per 1000 square feet of bunker.

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We implement a variety of bunker shapes and styles to maintain the design style and pedigree of a particular golf course. Particularly for bunkers with flashed sand faces, we recommend the installation of bunker liner as part of the renovation process. We have worked with a number of different methods, each with its own attributes. In New Jersey, the two most common liner methods are fabric liners and the more recent Better Billy Bunker polymer. For any liner, proper installation is key. Fabric liners, for example, should be installed with the proper quantity and spacing of trident staples. The seams and perimeters should have a double row of trident staples. All seams and staple heads should be sealed with construction adhesive. The Better Billy Bunker method involves covering the floor of each bunker with two inches of lab approved gravel. The gravel must be clean and dry for the application of the BBB polymer. Recently installed sand takes time to achieve proper firmness. This is one of the reasons that liners can be valuable. Not only do liners preserve the floor of the bunker and prevent contamination, they reduce the movement of sand. Bunker sand that washes down must be put back, thus affecting consistency.

The bunker sand itself is a source of constant discussion among golfers and green committees. Golf course superintendents know there are a number of sources for sand and widely varying costs. Obtaining a clean, angular sand that conforms to USGA recommendations is the most important goal. Bunker sands with rounded particles may drain well but won't firm up. The key issue for superintendents is managing consistency. In greenside bunkers, golfers prefer sand that is not too firm and not too soft. Golfers rarely complain of fairway bunkers that are too firm. Bunker sand firmness is greatly affected by moisture content. Maintaining consistent bunker sand moisture through the course of a day can be a real challenge. Proper drainage and bunker sand can prevent standing water in bunkers but also can lead to sand that is too dry. Certain bunkers may require periodic irrigation to keep them firm and raking practices will need to be adjusted based on seasonal conditions.

A long range master plan is a comprehensive road map that keeps projects on track, manages budgets and gets projects done in the right order. We recommend developing a prioritization program for bunker renovation incorporated into the master plan. This method is the best way to produce long term solutions for providing golfers with playing conditions that consistently meet and exceed their expectations.

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ABOVE: Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth NJ - Hole # 1 BEFORE

BELOW: Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth NJ - Hole # 1 - AFTER



Volunteering at The Barclays

By Richard Krok

In the spring before the Barclays, I had gone to work with my Dad [Rick Krok] visiting golf courses and meeting with customers. One of the golf courses we stopped at was The Ridgewood Country Club. My Dad and I saw Mr. Raisch and I asked him if I could work the Barclays tournament and he said yes.



Fast forward a couple months and the day of the tournament I felt pumped to be working at the Barclays. My Dad and I were part of the "divot bombing" crew seeding ryegrass in the rough and all the other guys were on the bent grass crew seeding fairways. There were other jobs like cutting fairways, tees and greens, spraying

greens, blowing fairways, putting lights out and blowing tees.

It was neat because when we worked during the practice rounds, we saw a few of the golfers still on the course. On Wednesday, my Dad had taken me a little earlier before we started the night shift, so we walked around and got autographs.

One of the golfers I saw was Jason Day. I walked up to where Jason Day was playing and waited for his autograph, and as he approached me he said I did a good job filling in the fairways the day earlier. I got other autographs including Ernie Els and Ozzie Smith also Ian Poulter.



I hope to work the next Barclays tournament this summer at Plainfield Country Club.

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The Barclays 2014: A Celebration of the Turfgrass Industry

by Todd Raisch, CGCS, Superintendent, The Ridgewood Country Club

Several years ago, our PGA Tour agronomist told me that there exists a map at the Tour Headquarters in Florida that shows all of the Tour's events with the relevant statistics about each course. Two events are circled on the map, both representing courses where the climate, grass type and the time of year the event is held put the condition of the course at risk. Although I can only speculate what the other course may be, it doesn't take a genius to figure out that The Barclays is the other event circled. Poa annua, during the middle of August, in the Metropolitan area is a recipe for disaster.

It would take a poet, which I am not, to adequately describe the pressure one feels with that threat constantly hanging over your head for well over a year. When the roots in the greens have shrunk to 1/2", the turf is tired and most are getting ready to aerate after a long summer, we instead are expected to be in peak, world-class condition. It's for that reason that I would never want to host a professional tournament every year. Any realist would recognize

that by hosting a tournament yearly, especially in August, it is just a matter of time before Mother Nature bites back with a tough summer that can show itself in any number of ways, with the end result being thin greens, the white paint of ground under repair, unhappy players and ultimately, bad press.

Luckily, we don't host The Barclays every year, but every fourth year instead. Therefore, it is completely logical to believe (mostly hope) that your year hosting can and will be the year that we have a cooler summer with timely rainfall. My assistant, *Andrew Shaul*, and I regularly discussed throughout the season that the law of averages was in our favor for a great year after so many less than ideal summers over the last five years. We firmly believed that the summer of 2014 was going to be on our side. With that said, I'm sure that I set the record for most times looking at the AccuWeather monthly forecast in June, July and August...no joke, it was at least ten times per day.

Of course, we wanted to present the course in the

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best condition possible for the players and after the tournament for our membership, but there was another ulterior motive at work. From the moment we began planning for this event last fall, we desperately wanted all involved with our team this year, from the staff to the volunteers, some from as far away as the South Pacific, to have fun and think of their time at The Barclays as one of their best experiences ever in the golf industry. We didn't want it to just be a grind of long hours and tired backs. In the weeks leading up to the tournament I spoke often that a good summer and decent weather during tournament week, with the result being a well-conditioned course, would allow us all to not just look to get through the week in one piece, but to turn our week into a "celebration of the turfgrass industry."

And a celebration it was...

In my wildest dreams, we could not have asked for a better week. Not only did Mother Nature cooperate with jacket wearing weather in the mornings, but the temperatures never went above 84 degrees after an already cooler than normal summer. The famous Paramus Dome also lived up to its reputation as bucket fulls of rain fell everywhere in the area during the middle of the week except on our little sliver of northeastern New Jersey.

Our pool of volunteers graciously giving their time for the event came from almost 90 different clubs/companies from 10 states and 6 different countries. They were recognized with four directional poles outside our hospitality area with their club's name and how far away they were from Ridgewood. They ranged from *Pete Evans* at Orchard Hills, adjacent to our property, just 2 miles away to *Michael Taylor* from New South Wales Golf Club in Sydney some 9,928 miles away. These poles ended up being quite the talking point throughout the week and were a constant reminder of the effort and sacrifice that people gave for an unpaid volunteer endeavor.

The turnout was phenomenal. The Tour had requested some extra things this year making it necessary to have an additional 8-10 volunteers. By early summer though, the volunteer applications being received were short of what we needed. However, *Ken Kubik*, our hospitality chairman extraordinaire, along with his staff at Grass Roots,

rattled the cages and one by one, the forms began to show up, so many so that sadly we had to turn some people away for the early competition rounds.

One change we hoped to make this season to show our appreciation to the volunteers was to make our hospitality area as good as it could be. As always, the food was plentiful and outstanding (cheesy potatoes, anyone?), but we also tried to make the area as comfortable as possible. We confiscated every unused leather sofa in the clubhouse creating multiple lounge areas, borrowed two ping pong tables (a big hit), designed a separate sleeping area with several air mattress and pool chaises, made a dedicated locker room area, and most importantly to many...enlarged the size of the after hours adult beverage refrigerator.

We also wanted to upgrade the swag bag that all the volunteers received in appreciation of their time. This year, everyone found a Fairway & Greene pullover sweater and vest in their bag along with the standard shirts and hat.

It wasn't too long ago that many of the tournaments that we volunteered at only gave away coffee and donuts in the morning and a hearty handshake at the end of the day. While we all enjoy the tournament experience, hot meals or not, we've come a long way over the years and none of it would have been possible without the generous corporate support we receive. Between our 29 corporate partners and the PGA Tour, over \$90,000 was raised to feed, dress and entertain our volunteers and staff. Many thanks to all!

Back to the fun stuff...the Sunday night before any big event is one of my favorite times of tournament week. The course will never look better, the volunteer anticipation is high and for those who arrive early we normally have a pretournament party in the early evening. We are lucky to have a hotel next door to our 2nd hole and as the full week volunteers began to arrive and check in, many of them came over to look around and get a feel for the course. As would become a nightly ritual throughout the week, that first night, many of my closest friends *Mike Brunelle*, *Jamie Devers*, *Joe Kinlin*, *Josh Kopera*, *Greg Moran*, *Tyler Otero*, *Travis Pauley*, *Lance Rogers*, *Jeff Sutphen*, and *Chris Walick* joined several others

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along with our new friends *Leo Barber, Grant Saunders and Brett Smith* from New Zealand for a late evening travelling fiesta throughout the course. We toured the property, sat in the hospitality structures, even putted on a few greens under the lights, all while bonding and reveling in the excitement of the upcoming week.

Throughout the week, several others in the industry...*Tom Ashfield, Shaun Barry, Jim Cadott, Kevin Doyle, Cliff Moore, John O'Keefe, Mike O'Keefe, Cece Peabody, Andy Shuckers and Doug Vogel* came by to visit and offer their well wishes. Everyone was welcome and it was good to see such a turnout of support from the industry.

Little did we know that by the weekend, some of us would be involved in coining a meme from a picture that went viral in the golf world. After *Phil Mickelson* played from a hospitality deck left of the 5th hole on Friday, the Tour's agronomist suggested that we mark the spot on the carpet. *Tyler Otero, Jeff Sutphen* and assistant *Caleb Wade* then joined me on the deck just after 6 AM on Saturday as we spray painted "Phil Was Here". We posted a picture of the spot on the RCC Twitter page and within hours it was off to the races. The picture was re-tweeted hundreds of times, showed up on Golf Channel and by the end of the day it had spawned a meme, #philwashere, showing Mickelson in all kinds of different and crazy places, from the moon to Muhammad Ali's famous knockout of Sonny Liston.

While this superintendent often found his way to bed at a reasonable hour, it was hard for many of the 42 others staying at the hotel to do the same. Our volunteer hotel is strategically placed, actually connected, to a Hooters and despite our after work bull sessions each night, many of the volunteers found their way there for an after party and an extra pint or two. Many of these sessions went late into the night (I heard) and while maybe not feeling their best the next morning, everyone was up to the task come 4:30 A.M.

By the weekend, we were all tired and despite this, attitudes were peaking and the fun continued. Several new friendships had been made. Many spoke of one-on-one encounters with the best golfers in the world. Some were lucky enough to spend some time with Jim Nantz of CBS Sports just after his

ice bucket challenge.

Perhaps the highlight for many was the final post work session on Saturday night, this time held on the patio left of the short 5th hole. A couple dozen volunteers joined several from my staff and me for a post-op of tournament week. For me, it was certainly a bonding experience that I'll never forget. At one point, I spoke for nearly thirty minutes about some of the ebbs and flows of being a host superintendent. We all told our stories from the week...we laughed...we joked...we celebrated.

Volunteering for tournament preparation is not just a box you tick off on the your resume. It is a time to come together, make new friends, learn new ideas, support one another and show the world how great and professional an industry we are. New Jersey has a proud championship history and the success these tournaments enjoy is due in large part to the volunteer efforts of the members of the GCSANJ. If you have not been part of such an event, I strongly encourage you to take part in The Barclays next year at Plainfield Country Club where the celebration will continue.

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ROCK CHALK JAYHAWK: Chapter Delegate Report

by Bill Murray

Everyone is probably wondering what the heck does “Rock Chalk Jayhawk” have to do with this article. Well I’m about to tell you what a trip to the GCSAA headquarters for the annual chapter delegate meetings is all about. These meeting are held out in Lawrence, Kansas, which also is the home of the University of Kansas and our national headquarters. If any of you have ever watched a UK sporting event or know an alumni, you have heard of this saying. I am still a little confused about it myself (I think but am still not sure if it is some kind of rock that is local to the area) but it is a great rallying cry heard everywhere in Lawrence for the university.

Upon our arrival at the Kansas City airport, we were met by the various Field Reps and escorted to the waiting shuttles for the hour trip to Lawrence. On the shuttles we meet new delegates and see old friends we have made over the years and talk about all of the issues we face across this great country. In all there are about one hundred chapters in the association and all but a few send a representative to talk about new and old issues that the Board of the GCSAA must act upon in the next couple of years. In this article I will try to explain each issue that was brought before the delegates and give you some type of meaning to each.

Talking an early flight out of Philadelphia got me into KC then to Lawrence with plenty of time to check into the hotel and walk around the beautiful campus of the University of Kansas before afternoon meetings and dinner with all the delegates and staff of the GCSAA. All of the meetings are conducted in a professional manner and all of the attendees and staff were just as professional.

After listening to *Pat Finlen* (filling in for our President *Keith Ames* who had a personal matter) describe what we would be discussing and reporting back to our membership, our CEO, *Rhett Evans*, talked about the state of the association. I think it would be great if all members could meet and hear Rhett some time during their careers talk about our association and feel the passion he has for all of the great people who are members of the GCSAA.

The first piece of business was the Affiliation Agreement that the GCSAA has with each of the local associations. This agreement will be extended through December 31, 2015 due to the fact that the GCSAA is involved in a multi-year review of the member standards and classifications which would cause local associations to keep changing their by-laws.

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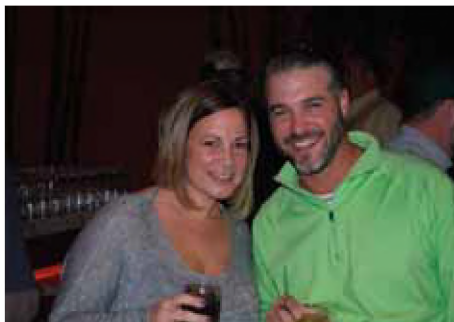
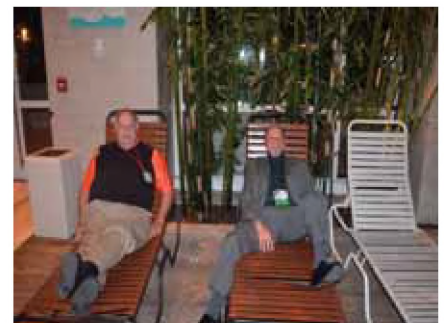


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The next topic of discussion was the reduction of the GCSAA Board of Directors by one. This would make all directors reach out to the locals more and curtail traveling expenses. This would make the board a total of eight directors counting the executive board with the president only voting to break any ties. This would also curtail the past president's role such as voting and travel within the association. It is something I believe would be a good improvement.

During the past year, our board has been in contact with the Equipment Managers board about a possible new classification in GCSAA. IGCEAM, as the equipment managers are known, would be willing to dissolve their association and become part of the GCSAA. More discussions will be taking place throughout the fall months concerning dues and the role of equipment managers within our association. This matter could possibly come up for a vote this year in San Antonio so I would like to hear from our local members about this issue and have you inform me of your thoughts.

Most of our time during these meetings was probably spent on the new "Member Standards Proposals." The Board of Directors would like to change the number of membership classifications from the current thirteen classifications to five classifications. The new classifications would be Class A, Class B, Assistant Superintendent, Equipment Manager and Member. With these new classifications the current service cycle of five points every five years would go by the boards but you would still need to have a pesticide license. The old standards of superintendent experience would come back into play when voted on. Possibly in the next two years. If you are a certified superintendent you will still have to attain all service points associated with keeping your status. One of the main reasons for this approach is it will give us a stronger voice in Washington DC where we are getting pounded on from all sides and it will reduce potential confusion with so many classifications. The GCSAA would like to restart a program they used to have with certificates in areas such as irrigation, fertilization and environmental programs. The GCSAA also thinks these certificates, which could be handled by local education seminars, will help more superintendents and assistant superintendents achieve Certification. Your feedback on this issue is very important for you and all members so please contact me or one of our local board members and we will vote accordingly with your concerns.

Membership dues increases are always a hot topic out in Kansas when it is brought to the delegates and this year was no different. In 2006 the membership of GCSAA voted for a dues increase and all future increases tied to the Consumer Price Index. This past year the CPI was 3.3% which translates into a \$10 increase for all Class A and SM with a \$5 increase for all Class C. This would make your dues for next year \$375 and \$190 respectfully. Once again contact your local Board with your thoughts.

This year's Golf Industry Show will be held in San Antonio, Texas. I would like to tell all members that you may be allowed one free registration to a GIS depending upon your recent history of attendance at a National Show. You can contact the GCSAA to see if you can use that option. Once in San Antonio you will find that all hotels will be within a four to five block walk thus eliminating all shuttle busses between hotels and conference center. If you plan on attending, please remember that GCSANJ will once again be hosting another Social Event which is open to all members and families and freinds. The place and time will be announced by your GCSANJ board.

One important issue that we spent time on is the work the GCSAA Government Committee does for us. Our Associate Director of Government Relation, *Chava McKeel*, has done some outstanding work for us mostly in Washington DC, and should be commended when you meet her. This year the most important issue for our industry was the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers proposal titled "Waters of the U.S." or WOTUS. This piece of legislation would give these two entities control of all waterways in the United States. What that would mean to you is that you would be regulated on any waterway on your property such as drainage, swales and ditches. We have won the first battle with the House Of Representatives passing H.R. 5078, but now we need the new Senate to also pass it. This will be an ongoing fight so please talk to your Representatives about this issue and what it would do to our industry.

There were many additional topics brought to our attention but I look forward to discussing them with you in person. The GCSAA would like you to know that a website update will take place with additional applications specific to the profession. The EIFG has eight new Research Projects ongoing, twenty five free webcasts, three hundred scholarships and grants and seventy five environmentally based programs this year. We also got to meet the members that will be on the slate at this year's annual meeting. I have not decided how I will cast our votes, but once again, you can talk with me anytime about all candidates.

The Birth of a New Tradition

The Inaugural GCSANJ Foundation Scholarship & Research Shootout by Tyler Otero

In 2013 the GCSANJ Foundation was at a crossroad. The once thriving Robert Trent Jones Invitational, the Foundation's biggest annual fundraising event, had been slowly losing its luster and was barely raising enough money to match the Foundation's yearly output. The members of the Foundation needed a way to revive this important event. The RTJ survived as long as it did due to the hard work and dedication of so many GCSANJ members, industry partners, and the people at Metedeconk National Golf Club. Without them, it's hard to say if the GCSANJ Foundation would even exist in the same capacity as it is today. Looking to restore the event didn't mean that the members of the Foundation were forgetting the past and the great success that the RTJ Invitational was for years, but rather find a way to strengthen and build on the idea of raising money for scholarship and turf research.

With this idea in hand, the members of the Foundation set out to create a brand new golfing event. One that honored the traditions of the past, moved forward with a renewed level of excitement, and to put it simply, MADE MONEY. After months of meetings, brainstorming sessions, email chains as long as the Raritan River, and an argument or three, the **"GCSANJ Foundation Scholarship & Research Shootout"** was born. The group, working on a limited schedule, planned an entirely new event from start to finish. First, a well-respected venue was needed. Trump National Golf Club Colts Neck stepped up to the plate and offered their facility for the event. Also, in keeping with tradition, an early fall date was selected in order to best accommodate the potential members and vendors attending the event, as well as, hoping for nice fall weather. The final step was to sell the event to sponsors and participants.

It all came together on October 14th, when 96 golfers descended onto the well-maintained grounds of Trump National Colts Neck for the inaugural "Shootout". The weather cooperated nicely, as the field was treated to a warm autumn day. The light wind coupled with a challenging setup and championship caliber greens made for a stern test of everyone's game. The field was divided into 2-man teams as each team played a best ball format. Not only were the 48 teams competing for the right to have

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When we were not in auditoriums or meeting rooms, we found time to dine and socialize with the other delegates. This is one of my favorite times at these meetings because it's when I really get to know my peers throughout the country, talking about issues dealing with our industry and life itself. At night we all adjourned to the local watering hole and watched the Royals in the playoffs while discussing local and national issues over the libation of choice. I would recommend to all that if you get a chance to visit our headquarters and actually see how well the association works for you, do it. Please feel free to contact me anytime you have an issue with GCSAA and I will try to get you the best answer to your question.

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Bill Murray
GCSANJ Chapter Delegate

their names engraved on the perpetual trophies, but there was also an on-course competition that placed the three "closest to the pin" winners in a one-shot, Million Dollar Shootout on Trump's Signature 19th Hole. Although no one walked away with the million dollars, they did feel the pressure of making a swing with the money on the line!! *Josh Kopera* was the closest contestant to the hole on the million dollar shot. He landed a solid 10 yards from the cup, but his final distance is still up for debate. The lists of winners and generous sponsors for the day are listed on page 24.

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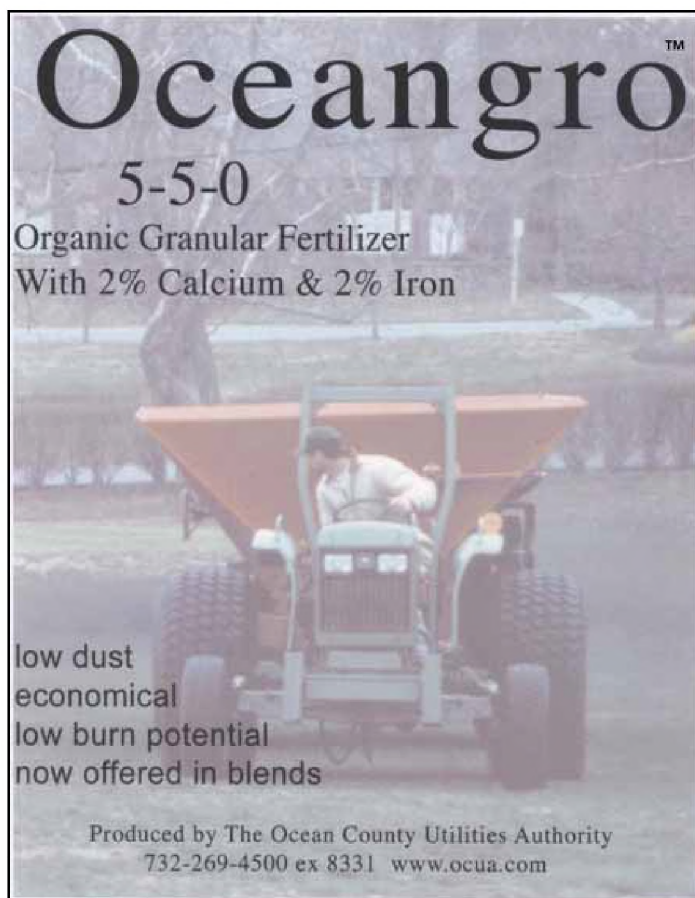
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MEMBER PROJECTS: Irrigation at Eagle Oaks

By Pat Husby, Eagle Oaks Golf Club

Soon after my arrival at Eagle Oaks Golf and Country Club in March, 2012, it became clear that our irrigation system was in need of a great deal of work to deliver the conditions expected from our owner. The system is the original that was installed in 1990, and it had its limitations at that time. 25 years later it is showing its considerable deficiencies. The previous superintendents were able to keep up with repairs and upgrades over the years, all the while campaigning for a renovation, and you might say I am now the benefactor of their years of work in this regard.

We began the process by hiring a consulting firm to design a new irrigation layout with all of our needs in mind. Our owner wants the best of both worlds, with a high level of playability along with high level aesthetics, and we all know how difficult it is to have both of those simultaneously. The new layout will allow us to manage our water use much more effectively and irrigate each play area independently of any other.

In the design process we discussed what type of system was best for us in the long run, from the standpoint of central control as well as piping, and determined that a two-wire communication system with HDPE piping was our best option. We opted for HDPE over PVC despite a slightly higher cost due to its durability, lack of thrust blocking, and fewer repairs in the future. With the fusion welding process, there are no joints, and each piece becomes one with the next, all the way to the swing joint of the sprinkler head. Our system was designed in the Fall of 2013, and we got the ball rolling for the bid process by mid-2014. We finally got all details in order, selected a contractor from the three bids and had our materials delivered on the 17th of November. This phase of the project will be 11 holes, with the final seven hopefully slated for next winter.

We broke ground in the second week of December, with mainline installation first. I had no idea of the capability of HDPE pipe until I watched it go into the ground. Not only is it fused together with heat, making glue joints a thing of the past, but its flexibility is

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amazing. You would be astonished at the curves you can negotiate with even an eight inch pipe! As I write this, we have mains installed on five of the 11 holes, with our only hitch being intermittent rainfall causing us to lose a few days work. Lateral piping will begin after the mains are complete, and they will be pulled into the ground, causing limited surface disruption.

All in all the process has gone very smoothly, although I will be the first to admit the project is extremely overwhelming. Thankfully our installer is proving to be truly professional, and their entire process is seamless. Their attention to detail and desire for a clean finished product is very well appreciated.

It is wonderful to have the support of an owner who is committed to improving the quality and condition of his golf course. He has certainly shown over the years that his goal is to be the best facility we can be. I know the pressure will be on to deliver a product exceeding his expectations next season and beyond, and if I'm pumping gas next year at this time, you'll know why! *See more pictures on page 28.*



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Expo Social Keeps Growing!

by Tyler Otero

Clearly attending the Green Expo is all about education and industry engagement, but there are a few events where seriousness gets thrown out the window. *Grass Roots* has their annual Mix & Mingle which is always a hit, and the GCSANJ has recently jumped into the fold with another social event during the week.

This year, *Grass Roots* staged their 9th Annual event at a restaurant in the Borgata called 28 West. They partnered with *Aquatrols*, *BASF*, *Bayer*, and *Syngenta* to make the evening possible. **Ken Kubik** of *Grass Roots* noted that over 200 people attended the event and it was estimated that 500-600 beers were served during the 2 hour party. Ken is excited about the direction the Mingle is headed in and is looking forward to a larger turnout next year.

The GCSANJ's Social also experienced growth this year. What once started as a small gathering of superintendents in a casino bar at the now extinct Revel, has now grown into a multi-hour, vendor sponsored event that annually attracts over 175 guests. This year, GCSANJ partnered with *Fisher & Son Co.* to host their social event of Expo week. After a venue switch due to the location of Expo moving, the Pool at the Water Club was selected to stage the party. Everyone in attendance seemed to enjoy the evening, and as a bonus, no one fell or was pushed into the pool. The event will continue next year and the GCSANJ Social Committee will gladly accept comments or suggestions regarding this function and any other social events during the 2015 season.

We are already accepting sponsors for next year's event. Please contact Cece Peabody if you are interested.



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2014 MET Team Championship

by Shaun Barry

In the last issue of the *Greenside*, we reported on the qualification results for the GCSANJ team. The qualifier was played at Royce Brook and both the windy conditions and the difficulty of the course identified our best players. Our guys had worked hard to make the team and they were determined to represent our association well and they were ready to win the event.

As happens to every team but one, they didn't win but they played very well. **Tom Grimac** and **Brian Minemier** posted a gross score of 73 and **John Alexander** and **Joe Kinlin** had a 76. These were two very good scores. On the net side **Gary Arlio** and **Mike Brunelle** had a 75, but **Wendell Beakley** and **Jeremy Hreben** got everybody's attention with a 66. This score was matched by 4 other teams but no other association had a lower net score.

Our team score of 290 probably would have won a couple previous events, but this year it got us into a tie with the Northeastern (Albany area) for 4th place and we won on a match of cards. Hudson Valley (288) came in third and CT (287) ended-up second. We were right in the mix of the better teams but everyone got smoked by the team from Philly. They shot an amazing 276. That is a record score that I will never see beaten. **John Gosselin** shot a gross score of 67 and with his partner **Andy Drohen** they had a gross score of 65. The lowest score of the day. Their other team of **Chet Walsh** and **Steve Stephens** had a gross score of 69. That was the second best gross score of the day.

Congratulations to the winners and our team and to everyone who played in the event. Unfortunately this event has grown so large that not every association can play. The two teams with the highest scores are bumped from next year's event, so it is important to never give up during the round and our guys did not give up.

We will try and establish a qualifying date soon so you can put it on your calendar. The rumor is that it will be held in the Poconos and will be an event not to be missed.



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GCSANJ Past-President, Paul Dotti (Class of 1994) gives the Keynote speech at the banquet.



Paul Dotti is joined by his family after his Keynote.



Cece Peabody presented scholarships funded by GCSANJ. Left to right: James Hempfling, Chas Schmid, Cece Peabody, and Yuanshuo (Henry) Qu.



Fran Owsik (L) and Joe Bianco (R) present Tom Saunders the Association Achievement Award for 2014 from the Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association. Tom is the superintendent at Forsgate Country Club

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