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Finishing yet another New Jersey Green Expo Show a few weeks ago, has made me look back at the last year, and the many years before it, and realize all of the friendships and relationships I have gained from being in this business.

I personally would like to thank the GCSANJ Board of Directors and the membership for electing me President of this great association. I only hope I can fill the shoes of the Presidents before me.

I'd also like to thank Gary Arlio for his many years of service to our board and association. I learned a lot over this past year from Gary and for that I am thankful.

This last year for me personally has seen many career accomplishments reached. To me this business is a family of guys and gals who have a passion for the game of golf and for all of the qualities and life lessons the game has to offer.

It's a privilege and a challenge moving forward in 2017 to serve this outstanding GCSANJ membership as President. I am very excited to work with our new members of the Board of Directors in accomplishing some of our goals established at our most recent planning meeting in December.

One of those goals was to increase our membership in all of our membership classes. We would also like to advance our social media by gaining a wider footprint of Facebook Page Likes, and followers on Twitter.

I would also like our general membership to participate more on some of our respective committees such as: education, golf, membership, public relations, assistants, and government relations.

The GCSANJ is dedicated to serving its members, advancing their profession, and enhancing the enjoyment, growth, and vitality of the game of golf.

Also, don't forget to visit our brand new website which was built with all our members in mind, I feel that this site can and will become a valuable resource and tool for all members.

Wishing you all a healthy and successful 2017!

Yours Truly,

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The 2017 Rounds4Research Donation Form is on the inside front cover. As of print time, 11 clubs have donated rounds. We hope you will consider donating a round of golf for this very worthy initiative. It promotes golf as well as raises funds for projects for EIFG and for your chapter foundation. Thank you.



NEW YEAR...NEW CHANGES....NEW GOALS

Sometimes we start the year with a desire for new changes...to travel to a different exotic place, to work smarter, to be more involved in things.

New changes have also been happening at your local association.

We have **new board officers** for 2017 - Russ Harris, President; Les Carpenter, Jr., Vice President; Jeremy Hreben, Secretary; and Joe Kinlin, Treasurer.

We have a **newly designed website**... take a look at the fresh look and layout...and it is absolutely more user-friendly because it was designed with mobile technology in mind. There is a new 'Members Only' area and you'll want to sign up to get in -- enter the email address we used in the directory, create a new password (this can change if you forget it), and you'll see what's behind the scenes. Call the office if you need help with this, and we'll walk you through the process.

We have a new **Greenside magazine design layout** - you're reading it right now. Fresh pages, fresh colors, fresh stories, and a new pleasing experience whether you read your magazine online or in print.

We have **new chairs of our committees**. They'll bring fresh ideas to the our initiatives and help to implement those ideas in our 2017 events.

We have a **new investment policy** and that will make the association monies grow prudently and safely.

We have new goals --

- to have different types of events at different venues.
- to grow our membership and create enthusiasm for those superintendents and assistants to join a local vibrant group of like-minded men and women.

Help us reach our goals...volunteer to host an event, encourage your assistant to join. Be as involved in 2017 as you can. Thank you!



2017 CALENDAR

More Events are being finalized.
Check calendar for updates and signup info.

February 7, 2017 • Tuesday, 6 - 8 PM
GCSANJ Social, Howl at the Moon
GIS: Golf Industry Show, Orlando, FL

February 23, 2017 • Thursday, 8 AM
SHOP TOUR
Liberty National GC & Skyway Golf Club

March 8, 2017 • Wednesday, 8 AM
SPRING EDUCATION DAY
Galloping Hill Golf Club, Kenilworth NJ

April 24, 2017 • Monday
"The Civil War" - NJ North vs South
Harbor Pines Country Club
Egg Harbor Township, NJ

May 8, 2017 • Monday
Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classic
Fiddler's Elbow Country Club
Bedminster, NJ

July 16-21, 2017
International Turfgrass Research Conference
Rutgers University

July 25, 2017 • Tuesday
Rutgers Research Field Day - Golf & Fine Turf
Hort Farm 2, N. Brunswick, NJ

October 12, 2017 • Thursday
Pro/Super Nine & Dine
Ridgewood Country Club • Paramus, NJ

October 23-24, 2017 • Mon/Tues
CanAM Cup
Baltusrol Golf Club &
Canoe Brook Country Club

December 5-7 2017 • Tues - Thurs
Green Expo Turf & Landscape Conference
Borgata Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, NJ

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2016 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - by Shaun Barry, Foundation Exec Director

This award is given to a GCSANJ member for a lifetime of service. This award was first given in 1986 to Al Radko from the USGA. For most award winners that lifetime of service doesn't end with the presentation of the award. Most of the winners are like 2015 DSA Steve Finamore CGCS, who continues to add to his legacy. That will be true of our 2016 winner as he is not done yet.

Our 31st DSA was an easy choice. It was a unanimous vote in fact. Any member can nominate a person for the award but the only people who can vote are past presidents of GCSANJ and the current president.

Our 2016 winner has never hosted a national or state event. He has never been able to serve on the GCSANJ BODs. He has spent most of his career working at a nine hole course . He joins Doug Vogel (2013) in being the only superintendents from nine hole courses who have received this award.

What he has done is host the District 3 Championship for 28 straight years. Most people will now immediately know that the winner is Ed McSeaman. He is at Toms River CC where his responsibilities have covered far more than the job of superintendent.

In those 28 years his course has been flooded many times right before our event. Since the course is below sea level, I guess that is to be expected but when you are inviting a group of superintendents to your course and they don't miss any imperfection, that is quite daunting. Only once did we have to postpone the event for a couple of weeks because of flooding but we did play the event.

He has had to endure power failures, pumps being out for 10 days, hundreds of trees down from straight winds and the list could go on. He has had health issues that would have caused many to say no to hosting but that wasn't Ed. He always put the GCSANJ and his course ahead of other issues but even before the job he puts his wife Nancy and his family first. Friends come after that and then his love for his job and his GCSANJ family is close behind.

He is a great friend and I was proud to be asked to write this article and to announce his name at the Green Expo. Congratulations Ed on a well deserved award!



Ed McSeaman (left), receiving Distinguished Service Award at the 2016 Green Expo, from Russell Harris, President of GCSANJ.



Ed McSeaman accepting the DSA and sharing his thanks to all.



Ed and his wife Nancy waiting for the presentation at the Green Expo.



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GCSANJ THROUGH THE DECADES - by Ken Kubik A NEW COLUMN

1927: The Greenskeepers Association of NJ dues are at \$5.00/year and the membership stands at 22.

1937: New Jersey golf courses suffer turf loss due to severe climatic conditions.

1947: National Convention comes to New York City.

1957: Al Caravella takes over from Sherwood Moore as editor of the "Grass Clippings", the association newsletter.

1967: The US Open is held at Baltusrol Golf Club, and it is won by Jack Nicklaus on the Lower Course. Joe Flaherty is the golf course superintendent.

1977: Paul Boizelle, CGCS, is president of the GCSANJ.

1987: Shaun Barry and Steve Chirip are elected as non-voting representatives for affiliate members on the GCSANJ Board of Directors. Ed Walsh is president of the GCSANJ. The US Women's Open is held at Plainfield Country Club. Laura Davies wins the event with a Tuesday finish due to heavy rains and a playoff. "Red" Wender is the golf course superintendent.

1997: Lightning Liability becomes a legal issue for golf course management. Glenn Miller is president of the GCSANJ.

2007: The LPGA Sybase Classic is held at Upper Montclair Country Club and is won by Lorena Ochoa. Bob Dickison is the golf course superintendent. Mickey Stachowski is president of the GCSANJ and Lance Rogers is the GCSANJ Member of the Year. Mark Kuhns, Baltusrol Golf Club, is Secretary-Treasurer of the GCSAA, and John O'Keefe announces that he will be a candidate for the GCSAA Board of Directors.

2017: The USGA Women's Open will be contested at Trump National Golf Club - Bedminster, July 10th - 16th. Rob Wagner is the Director of Grounds. The Presidents Cup will be contested at Liberty National Golf Club, September 26th - October 1st. Greg James is the golf course superintendent. Todd Raisch, CGCS, The Ridgewood Country Club, assumes the editorship of the GCSANJ "Greenside" newsletter.



Philadelphia wins 2016 MET Team Championship at CC of Scranton

The 36th Annual MET Team Championship was held on Monday, September 26th at The Country Club of Scranton in Clarks Summit, PA. Host Greg Boring, who recently took on the role of General Manager on top of his Superintendent duties had the golf course in absolutely spectacular shape after one of the driest and hottest seasons on record in the Northeast. Players from up and down the east coast were equally impressed at how fast and smooth the greens were at Scranton!

The 1927 Walter Travis original has undergone a massive tree management program, opening up sight lines and restoring views on the golf course, as well as opening up golf holes and allowing the course to be played the way Travis intended it according to Greg. In 2010 the club hired Tom Marzolf of Fazio Design to complete a master plan, restoring bunkers and bringing greens back to their original shapes and sizes.

Scranton is a perennial top 100 classical golf course and has hosted several major events, including the men's and women's State Amateurs Championships over the years. Scranton is a true gem of a course and by all accounts, another great course on the MET Team Championship rotation!

This year's championship was one of the closest battles ever contested with just 6 shots separating the top 5 teams! For the 4th time in the past 12 the Philadelphia AGCS came away victorious after narrowly beating Connecticut by just one stroke with a score of 292! The team from Philadelphia included John Gosselin, Andy Drohen, Joe Owsik and Chet Walsh on the Gross side and Rich Sweeney, Jon Urbanski, Sumner Cross and Rob Nolek on the Net side.

Once again the MET Team Championship was made possible by our 7 major sponsors who have stepped up year after year to make this one of the best events across North America! Please join me in thanking Aquatrols, BASF, Bayer, Care of Trees, Koch Turf & Ornamental, Syngenta and Toro as they continue to support this event.

The Met Team Championship continues to raise money each year to help those in our industry going through difficult times. Over the past 6 years we have raised over \$7,500 and have supported superintendents, industry representatives and their families in times of need. This past year we donated \$2,000 to the superintendents at The Greenbrier in West Virginia after the devastating flooding that took place there this summer.

Thanks again to all our sponsors, Greg Boring and his entire staff and all the folks at The Country Club of Scranton for another successful championship! A special thank you to Shaun Barry, our perennial photographer! We have uploaded all of Shaun's photos here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/118804232@N02/albums/72157673518202591> .

We look forward to seeing everyone next year, so stay tuned for announcements over the winter and look for information about the Nor'easter Ski Day coming soon!

Team Scores Par 288		Score
1st	Philadelphia AGCS	292
2nd	Connecticut AGCS	293
3rd	GCSA of New Jersey	295
4th	Eastern Shore AGCS	297
5th	Long Island GCSA	298

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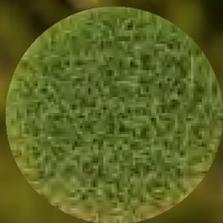
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Closest to the pin hole #5, sponsored by BASF	Josh Yerdon 7'-6" – Northeastern GCSA
Closest to the pin hole #11, sponsored by Toro	Ryan Howard 6'-10" – Eastern Shores AGCS
Closest to the pin hole #17, sponsored by Syngenta	Ryan Howard 4'-10" – Eastern Shores AGCS

Long Drive

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Gross Division sponsored by Aquatrols	Tom Ashfield – METGCSA
Sponsors Division, sponsored by Bayer	Kevin Seibel – Century CC

Low Gross Team

Rob Johnson & Jeff Haas from GCSA of New Jersey	Score of 72
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Sponsorship Team Winner

Dennis DeSanctis & Lee Kozsey from Syngenta	Score of 73
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Two Man Team High Score

Gross	Kevin Smith & Steve McDonald – Eastern Shore AGCS	Score of 85
Net	Drew Cummins & Nick Burchard – Rhode Island GCSA	Score of 80

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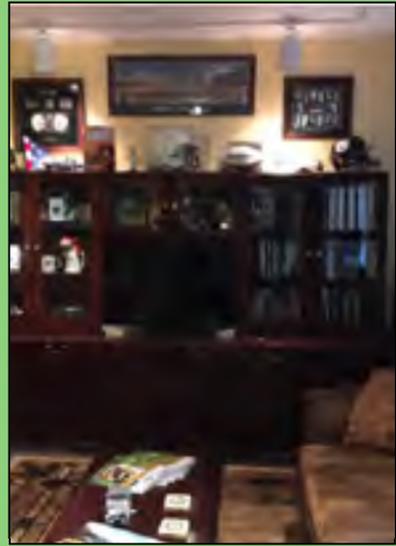
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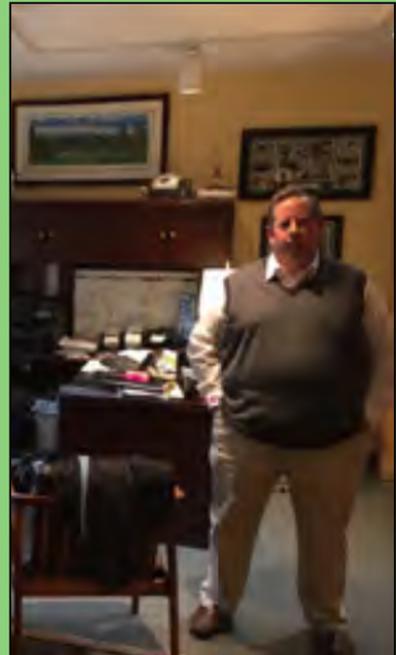
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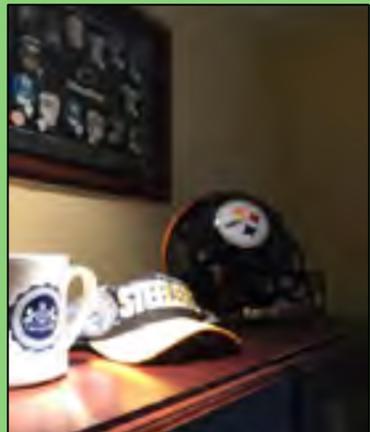
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Dear Members of the Board,

On behalf of The First Tee of Monmouth and Ocean, please accept our sincerest thanks for the donation received from the GCSA NJ Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$10,000. The special meaning of this gift in memory of Harry Harsin, a lifelong golf industry professional, player and local resident with a deep passion for the game, is deeply appreciated by us all.

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With deepest thanks and appreciation,

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2016 GCSANJ CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM FOR MET TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - by Shaun Barry

In recent years our team has had a qualifying event to find the members who are playing well enough to represent NJ. This event was run and organized by Tyler Otero and Jamie Devers and the Golf Committee. Our host was Jeremy Batz at Trump Colts Neck.

We had 32 players trying to qualify in windy conditions. Tim McAvoy was automatically part of the team because he won the Sherwood Moore Cup at Roxiticus last fall. Unfortunately he wasn't able to participate so there were 8 spots open.

The 4 low gross scores came from Jeremy Batz, Vince Giunco, Jeff Haas and Tony Hooks. John Alexander was the first alternate followed by Rob Johnson. When Tony had to drop out his spot went to John Alexander and when John had to drop out the spot went to Rob Johnson. Rob proved he was a good choice because he teamed up with Jeff and they shot a 72 gross score and that was the lowest gross score of any team. The next best gross score was a 74. Well done Jeff & Rob. Steve Juhring started his day with a 16. How do you make a 16? I don't know because I wasn't going to ask but he followed that up with 4 birdies and shot a 91. An excellent score and next time he may skip the first hole.....:-)

The net team qualifiers were Chris Boyle, Jeremy Hreben, Ian Kunesch and Bill Murray. Chris and Ian are Leslie and Stanley Cup partners so they played together and Bill and Jeremy were partners. Bill & Jeremy shot a net 69 and Chris and Ian shot a 72. Two excellent scores on a beautiful but extremely windy and challenging course. Bill keeps calling himself the "old man" but he keeps showing us that he still plays like a young man.

We finished 3rd and that was only 3 shots from a tie for 1st. It was excellent play from our team and it looks like our future will only get better.

THIRTY YEARS AND COUNTING - by Les Carpenter Jr, Newton Country Club

I am sitting in my office on a cold rainy Saturday morning, last night I was honored with a big celebration by my membership. We were celebrating my 30th season at Newton Country Club. To me it was honestly not a big deal but I guess 30 years at any one thing is pretty good. Considering that the average tenure for a Golf Course Superintendent at a private facility is only 8-10 years according to the latest surveys, it is an accomplishment.

I was contemplating just what it took to get me here. I grew up in this business. My dad is a retired "Super" who spent well over 25yrs. at his last course and I have a younger brother who is in his 33rd year at his facility. I think I've grown up and learned in an environment that put me in a position to be successful in this industry.

This business is getting much more technical. You must now be doing all types of soil and tissue testing, and much more reporting to government agencies. There are social media requirements, newsletters and twitter and blogs but I still think the most important thing is to take time to be a "hands on guy," a guy who is willing to lead by example.

Superintendents are now viewed as turf professionals as opposed to just greens-keepers and as I mentioned before I realize there are many more demands on our time. Like budgeting and water reports also work with various committees, and this is only a slice of a Super's day. I have been a Superintendent for 38 seasons now but you can still catch me on a greensmower or out changing holes to help prepare for a tournament. If you want to have a greens staff that respects you and will do it all for you, they need to see you out there in the trenches with them now and then.

My club is a smaller modest private

club, so some of these things I do out of necessity but that does not diminish the importance of being out there on the course. I learned in an age where you did everything, I am as comfortable on a bulldozer as a greens mower. I can fabricate and weld and also have become pretty handy with wrenches too. At our course we do 90% of the golf course construction and projects "in-house" as they say, and while it has not always been easy, it's been a part of the learning experience, and has been very rewarding.

All of the best superintendents that I know are probably right in the middle of the worst jobs at their course. It could be in a muddy hole making a crucial irrigation repair, or in the middle of construction doing final grade or laying sod. This being said I do not have a person on my staff that would refuse to do anything I've asked of them. Not out of fear, or because I am their boss. They would do it because they have no doubt seen me do it. As I alluded to earlier the demands on your time are great and non-stop. While all this is important and necessary, I still implore you to remember you're only as good as your staff. You can't do it all alone. Take some time now and then and be a people person, along with a hands on approach as much as you can. It will pay dividends with both your

employers and employees both and lead to a long and enjoyable career.

The last aspect of what it takes to be successful is to try to stay current. Follow through with as much continuing education as you can. You should also immerse yourself in the professional associations aligned with this industry. I have been a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of NJ for over 40 years, I have volunteered on various committees and presently serve as Vice President. I am also a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and involved there too. I am in the Ambassador Program working with local politicians on golf and turf related legislation and also the Melrose Leadership Academy working on scholarship's for superintendent's to attend GIS. There is also the New Jersey Turfgrass Association. All of these organizations offer great opportunities for networking and education.

The interactions you will have with your peers gained through membership and participation in these organizations will be extremely important. You will find the educational aspect to be invaluable and can create lifelong friendships with people whom have similar interests as you.



Photo by Julie West/News Jersey Herald - MaryBeth Korberger, Robin Kohberger, Les Carpenter, and Dena Carpenter pose for a picture during a celebration dinner to honor their 30 years of service at Newton Country Club, on Friday, Oct 21, 2013, in Newton.

LIFE IN THE SHAKY ISLES - by Leo Barber, Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club

As I settle down to write this article, an all too familiar creaking of the clubhouse walls occurs as another earthquake ripples through the building.....just another of the 300 or so aftershocks that have rocked the small island nation of New Zealand since the big 7.5 shake that awoke us all from our sleep at 12.02am, struck on Sunday night.

This is life living on the edge of the ring of fire in a region dubbed as, "the shaky Isles" and whilst New Zealand where I was born, grew up and subsequently returned to after a stint living abroad is known for its scenery, its pristine environment, warmth of welcome and of course its mighty All Black rugby warriors, it is also no stranger to quakes. With 14,000 earthquakes registered in and around the country each year, thankfully the vast majority of these are imperceptible but "the big one" is never too far from our minds and unfortunately over the short history of our nation we have been delivered a couple.

The Napier Earthquake of 1931 claimed 256 lives including that of my great grandmother who was captured on a collapsing staircase whilst delivering meals to trainee Priests at a local seminary. My grandmother just a young girl, huddled on an elementary school playing field and watched as a huge swath of land was lifted from the ocean changing the landscape forever. My grandmother wrote in her final memoirs of this day that left her and her sister orphaned as a moment she truly believed the

world was about to end.

On Sunday as I stood in the hallway of our Paraparaumu house just north of Wellington, trying to stand with my wife as my kids huddled beneath us like the little turtles every Kiwi child gets taught to make in preparation for these very events, my brother and his family like many were being thrown around their 11th story apartment in the middle of Wellington thinking those exact same thoughts our grandmother had felt some 80 years previous.

Wellington, straddles several major fault lines and has been waiting for "the big one" ever since my Dad's dad was little. Built around a beautiful harbour, its houses cling to hillsides and many of its buildings sit on shaky reclaimed land. Thankfully these buildings have been engineered with codes and technology to withstand these substantial shakes although whilst the structure remains intact, its occupants and their possessions get tossed around like an out of control teenage party in a bad neighbourhood.

The building stood as did all the others as well and whilst the clean up will take a while for many in Wellington, sadly further south in the small provincial towns of the upper South Island, many have not been so lucky. Loss of life fortunately for the main part has been spared but their infrastructure and buildings have not and many now face the prospect of years of rebuilding their communities and their lives.

It is still very early days but no doubt in amongst the carnage there will be many of our golf industry friends with courses and clubs that will be badly affected. These are already modestly run affairs that can probably least afford the literal upheaval and my thoughts go out to them, their families and most importantly their communities for which the golf club often plays a significant role.

As for us all here in Wellington, we will go about our lives as we have always done, mindful of Mother Nature and her ability to surprise but still wondering, "was that the big one?" I for one certainly hope so - we have the All Blacks to follow this weekend!

Leo Barber
Course Superintendent
Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club



A GOLF COURSE TREE MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

- by Todd Raisch, Ridgewood Country Club

"I sometimes take my very life in my hands when I suggest that a certain tree happens to be spoiling a pretty good golf hole." - A. W. Tillinghast

At most golf courses and private clubs, tree management is a very sensitive subject that can cause great angst and division amongst members and patrons should the tree's care not be handled just right. Over the course of the last fifteen years, Ridgewood Country Club has removed nearly 4,000 trees and spent hundreds of thousands for the care of the remaining ones. It has been a bumpy ride at times, but as is often the case with any set of maintenance standards and procedures, designing a tree management philosophy went a long way to assuage member concern. Below is our stated philosophy designed in consultation with our arborist and golf course architect.

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1. Class I (aesthetics), Class II (structural integrity & health concerns) & Class III (hazard) prune on a yearly or as needed basis as recommended by our consulting arborist.
2. Remove trees as needed for health reasons or to promote the health of other nearby trees.
3. Maintain lightning protection in our most important specimen trees.
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6. Transplant out-of-place trees on the course to other, more suitable locations.
7. Plant new specimen trees as needed. Non-native trees and/or ornamental trees will be replaced with more indigenous hardwoods where appropriate.

When considering any pruning, removal, new plantings or transplants the following criteria will be used: (in order of priority)

1. **Safety** - Any hazard in or around member areas will be either class II or III pruned, removed, staked or wire supported as recommended by our outside arborist.
2. **Agronomy** - Sunlight, nutrient and water competition will be considered when turf health is being compromised.
3. **Architecture/Playability** - In consultation with our golf course architect, how trees affect shot making via overhanging branches, shallow rooting, po-

tential for double hazards and directional alignment will be considered.

4. **Aesthetics** - How pleasing in appearance is the tree or proposed planting going to be in the context of a golf course setting.

5. **Cost**

6. **Maintenance** - How a tree presents problems with shallow rooting, canopy heights and tree litter, negatively impact on maintenance will be considered.

Since many of our trees are of an advanced age, we created a tree nursery in the range field in 2008. Seven to ten smaller trees will be planted into the nursery each season in the hopes that we can begin transplanting larger specimen trees onto the course as needed in the future.

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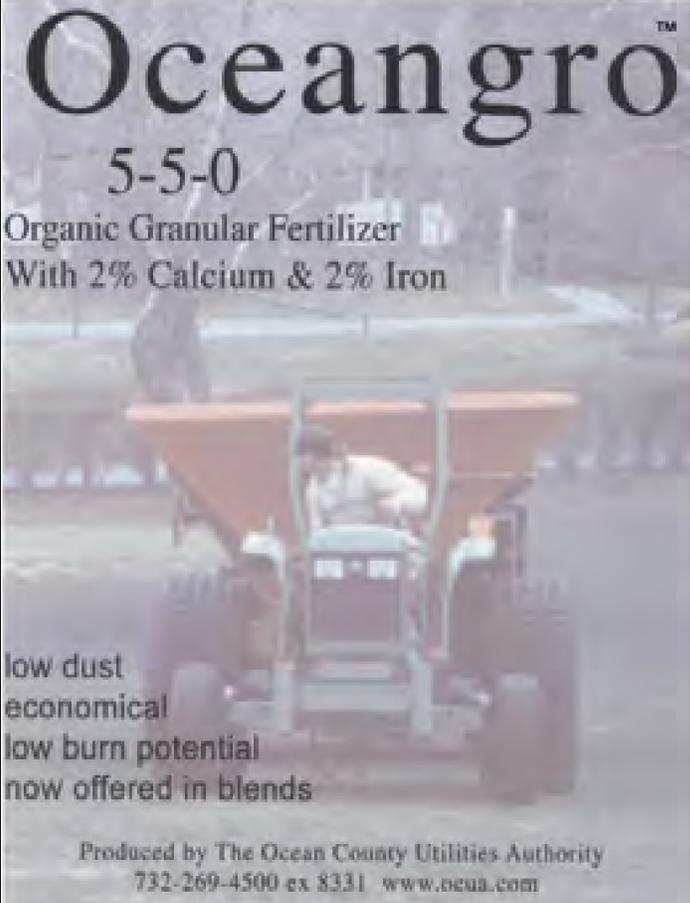
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DON'T MISS THE 2017 RUTGERS TURFGRASS RESEARCH GOLF CLASSIC

- by Shaun Barry, Golf Classic Chair

When you read this article it may seem way too early to be thinking about the Rutgers Turfgrass Research Classic, but it won't be. Almost everyone who will read this will be preparing for a successful 2017 and some may have already started working. At that point it may also seem that you don't have the time to think about golf in May. I suggest that it is the best time to do so because you will only get busier and busier, and if you have been to a Classic you know it isn't something that you want to miss.

In 2016 we had 368 golfers attend the function at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club in Bedminster NJ. Since they have 3 courses, the pace of play was excellent and everybody enjoys playing a Scramble. There should be no pressure because you will have partners who will help you enjoy the day no matter if you are a skilled golfer or not. For many of our golfers, this is the only time that they will play in 2017 and they will be back in 2018 to do it all over again. It is a fun day and you know that what you are doing will help you do your job better and more successfully.

This is the largest one-day fundraiser for turfgrass research in the world. This may beg the question as to why this is so. There are many reasons. The respect that the industry has for Dr. Bruce Clarke and Dr. Bill Meyer is second to none but that is only the beginning. The list of world class scientists working at The Center For Turfgrass Science is among the best in the world and it will keep getting better. One of the reasons for it to keep getting better (when other programs are getting smaller and losing funding) is the efforts of the industry in conjunction with the help from The Center For Turfgrass Science to address the needs of the turfgrass industry.

The Classic raises over \$100,000 a year and has been doing so for many years. The event is run by the New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation, and their mission statement states that everything that they raise will go to Rutgers. The Foundation has done just that whenever it has been asked, and much of its funding comes from The Classic. As you are thinking about what I have stated, here are a few

things that the Foundation has done and how it has and will help the turfgrass program.

In the last 12 months, The Foundation responded to a request from Dr. Clarke concerning the program's need to replace Dr. Steve Hart's position. It looked like it would take at least 2 or 3 years to move forward. Could the Foundation help? Their response was immediate and it was to commit to paying over half of the salary needed to cover a three year period. That can be as much as a \$280,000 total commitment.

The result is that the university moved forward and Dr. Matthew Elmore has been hired and our program has just gotten a lot stronger.

We will also be Premier and Dinner Sponsors when the International Turfgrass Research Meeting comes to Rutgers in July 2017. It is a prestigious thing to host these meetings but the cost to do it in a first class way is quite expensive, so those two sponsorships were very important. We are helping with the Steve Hart Pavilion at Adelphia with a \$12,000 commitment along with turf scholarships to Rutgers' students totaling \$7,500 each year, and we will support both Turf Bowl Teams at their National Meetings this year. As mentioned, these are just in the last 12 months.

Hopefully you will recognize that the reason for giving that data is to show you that even though The Classic has raised over \$1.5 million dollars, we don't just raise it. We give it to Rutgers whenever they need help; and we still need you to help by participating and being a sponsor whether it is a Premier Sponsor or a Hole Sponsor or a sponsor or golfer at any level. Donating to The Silent Auction is another good way to help as well as bidding on Silent Auction items.

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Chalin Malbari (center), Battle Ground Country Club, receives Dr. Henry Indyk Cup from Tyler Otero (left), North Jersey Country Club, and Bill Murray (right), Pine Brook Golf Course.



November 3, 2016 - PGA Celebration of Golf Mike McAneny (l), NJSGA Director of Tournaments and Media, Russ Harris(c), Galloping Hill Golf Course, enjoys the evening with Jeremy Hreben (r), Indian Spring Country Club.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to long-time member, **Anthony “Rip” Rippel**, on the passing of his wife Grace, on September 24, 2016, from breast cancer.

Rip is working as a Spray Tech at Twin Isles Golf Course in the Punta Gorda, FL, area. He would love to hear from his NJ friends, or please stop in when you get to the area.

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Les Carpenter, Jr. Gives Keynote Speech and Receives Award for Professional Excellence (November 2016)

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2016 GCSANJ CHRISTMAS PARTY - by Shaun Barry

The GCSANJ once again held its Annual Christmas Party at Bar Anticipation in Lake Como, NJ. Bill Murray was the driving force behind the event but he had lots of help from Dave Mishkin and John Kirkpatrick.

There was no charge for attendees and we had over 50 people enjoying the day. Many came because Harry Harsin's request was that donations in his name should go to the First Tee of Monmouth. The Foundation decided that we would make a substantial donation in his name and we would guarantee a donation in the amount of \$1,000.

People brought toys for needy children and Vince Giunco from Vic Gerard Golf Cars brought a couple talented friends and they played a great variety of music during our party. People were actually able to talk without shouting. It was great. Thanks Vince.

There however were two gate crashers that we should have thrown out but they were just too big to do so. These were two Sumo Wrestlers and since one was dressed as Santa they were allowed to stay. For some reason I only saw one wrestler, but the folks there told me there were two. It also seems like our members had a great laugh at this unexpected entertainment. I wonder what Bill Murray meant when he said that he didn't think these two guys needed costumes... LOL

Don't look for these fellows to make a repeat appearance....



2016 MEMBER OF THE AWARD - by Russ Harris, President

It is with great pleasure and privilege that I get to announce that my good friend and colleague Tyler Otero as the GCSANJ Member of the Year for 2016.

Tyler came to NJ after growing up in Lewiston, PA, and graduating Penn State University, where he is also currently pursuing his Master's Degree via their World Campus. Tyler has been an integral part of our GCSANJ board for the last 4 years while also serving as a vice president for our association's foundation. He's chaired multiple committees since arriving on board, most recently our Golf Committee. His dedication and foresight to bring our events to some of the most prestigious clubs in NJ are what truly led to him being nominated for this award.

Tyler, who currently serves as GCS at North Jersey Country Club in Wayne, is always there to make sure the events he's helped planned go off without a hitch and are as enjoyable as they can be for our membership. From running registration to setting up scoring through the club's pro shops -- these are just some of the things being done behind the scenes that sometimes most people would never know are occurring.

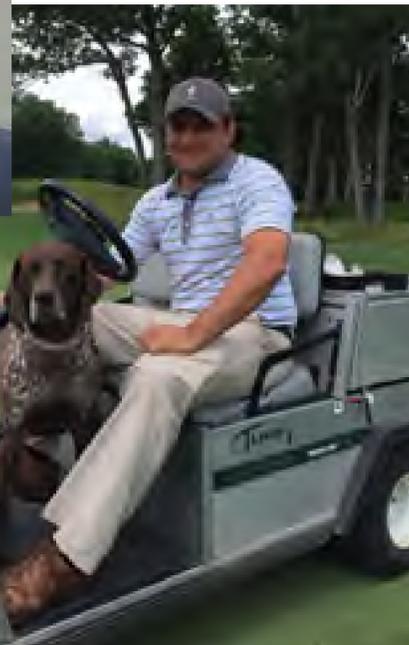
Before becoming GCS at NJCC, Tyler worked at multiple Trump properties after graduating from Penn State University. While attending PSU, Tyler worked/interned all over the country and even internationally.

Outside of our industry and association responsibilities, Tyler, who resides in Little Falls with his wife Meredith and dog Ryelee, enjoys spending time outdoors -- either hunting, fishing or skiing. One of his greatest passions is acquiring new stamps on that passport of his. Either traveling with his wife or friends, I've never known Tyler to say no to a trip!

So for one last time, please join me in congratulating Tyler on this great honor and achievement! When you see him, let him know you appreciate all he does for the association as much as I do.

Once again, congratulations my friend.

Well deserved!!



OTHER FACTS ABOUT TYLER:

College: BS in Turfgrass Science from Penn State University; currently pursuing Master's Degree via Penn State World Campus

Career influences: Jason Bell (brother in-law and owner of Seven Mountain Sod), Rick Pagett (Superintendent-Penn State Golf Courses), and Greg Nicoll, CGCS (VP-Harrell's)

Work History: Spans 16 years in turf industry. During HS and college worked at Centre Hills CC, CC of the Rockies, Kauri Cliffs, and the Beaver Stadium Grounds Crew (PSU athletics). Upon graduating college in 2006, accepted position at Trump National GC Bedminster as an assistant superintendent on the grow-in of the New Course. Named course superintendent of the Old Course in late 2007. In 2008 became the Golf Course Superintendent of the newly acquired Trump National GC Colts Neck. In 2012, Mr. Trump transferred Tyler to become the Director of Grounds at the Bedminster facility, overseeing both golf courses and the grounds of the entire facility. In January of 2014, accepted the Golf Course Superintendent position at North Jersey CC in Wayne, NJ.

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- **\$3,500 in Credits:** Use for Advertising in the *Greenside*, Members Directory and/or for Meeting Sponsorships.
- **8 Complimentary Golf Meeting Registrations** (*Foundation Shootout Credit separate. These registrations may not be used for Foundation Shootout*)

Estimated Total Value \$8,000

2016 GOLD SPONSORS



PLATINUM \$11,000

- **\$6,500 in Credits:** Use for Advertising in the *Greenside*, Members Directory and/or for Meeting Sponsorships.
- **16 Complimentary Golf Meeting Registrations** (*Foundation Shootout Credit separate. These registrations may not be used for Foundation Shootout*)
- * Flag Recognition at GCSANJ Events
- ** Demonstration sponsorship

* Platinum sponsors will have logo on flags along with GCSANJ logo. Flags to be used at all possible GCSANJ sponsored events. Barring schedule conflicts, they will also be used at all district events.

** Platinum sponsors will have the ability to perform a live demonstration of a product or piece of equipment prior to the education program, with prior approval of host Club/Superintendent.

Estimated Total Value \$15,000



2016 PLATINUM SPONSORS



ALL LEVELS OF SPONSORS WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:

- \$1500 Credit towards a Foursome for the Foundation Shootout + Hole Sign
 - Complimentary Patron Listing in *Greenside Magazine*
 - Course Signage at events
 - COMPANY LOGO on website with recognition
 - Company profile on website
 - E-Blast with sponsor recognition
 - Recognition at the GREEN EXPO

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