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## New Jersey in the third worst drought in this century!

by Ken Krausz  
President, GCSANJ

New Jersey is in the worst drought emergency that I can remember. The “veteran” superintendents say that the drought of the early 1960’s was the worst that they can remember and that this drought may equal that one!

With that said, the questions of what GCSANJ has done, what we plan to do and what lessons have we learned need to be answered. So here we go:

What has GCSANJ done?

First of all GCSANJ has negotiated with the state for years on this subject. Bob Dickison, CGCS, president in 1983 and 1984, had meetings with the state. In 1994 and 1995 meetings with the state were also held, and an agreement was reached (or so we thought) on how different stages of the drought would affect golf courses. This agreement was disregarded when the restrictions came into place.

Since the restrictions came into place GCSANJ has sent out to all A and B members updates as they were available, a letter the day after the first restrictions were implemented with all the areas of interest to GCSANJ members, a Membergram faxed to all members when we started getting conflicting answers from the state as to what we could water and a Membergram faxed to all members when we got the answers to questions concerning fairway watering (although it was not the answer we wanted).

Let me tell all members of this association that we, especially Glenn Miller and Chris Carson, have been working hard for you. Let me also be frank and say that while most of our members have complied fully with the regulations, some other members have fully disregarded the regulations. Some members were spotted watering fairways in the middle of the day and some of our members have used the “loopholes” to an extent far beyond the intention. This has created more of a public relations nightmare than anyone can imagine.

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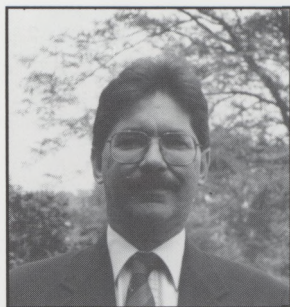
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# President's Message



As we all know, the drought emergency is the BIG NEWS of this time period. The cover story explains what GCSANJ has done and is trying to do, so I will avoid that subject except to thank Glenn Miller, Chris Carson, Chris Holenstein, Mike Mongon, Dennis Shea, Bruce Cadenelli and his boss, Herb Sanbol, for all the hard work, time and money they devoted to this emergency! These people, especially Glenn and Chris, have stepped up to the plate and done a great job. We have not gotten all the results we wanted, but it is not due to a lack of trying. Besides running their golf courses, they have been the sounding board for all of the members of GCSANJ and the liaisons to the state! I also thank each and every member who contacted their state representatives—not many members have done so. If you did not contact



GCSANJ Executive Committee at the June Board meeting.

the state with your concerns don't blame GCSANJ for the restrictions that we have to adhere to, blame yourself, because each letter to your representative is counted as a huge majority, and if each member of GCSANJ had expressed their concerns to their legislator and senator, we would be able to water at least 2/3rds of our normal allocated amount.

That said, I have to apologize for the fact that *The Greenside* is late this month. I spent a lot of time getting this issue together and was a couple of days away from sending this issue to the typesetter when the restrictions came into place. In the week following the restrictions, I spent much more time on the water issue than my golf course, and *The Greenside* had to go on the back burner.

Now on to better things; it is my pleasure to announce that Ken Givens from Suburban G.C. has been voted in to replace Wayne P. Remo as the District II Director. Ken has been charged with taking over the Education Committee and is ready to finish what Wayne had started and continue to help create educational programs for the membership.

Be sure to mark your calendars, as November 20th has been selected as the date for the 1999 Annual Dinner Dance. Annual Dinner Dance will be held at the Barclay Hotel, and Harry Harsin along with his wife Rita will, as

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# New Jersey in the third worst drought

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If I sound frustrated it is because I am. We as members should be banding together, not letting this tear us apart. We have been trying for years to have the public understand that we are environmentally friendly and this is a great way to show that we are. If we do not adhere to the law we will lose a lot of the headway that we have made on that issue. GCSANJ is looking toward getting golf courses reclassified from recreation to another category, such as agriculture or industry, for the next drought. We also thought that we had an agreement with the state last week allowing us to cut water usage by one-third, but that did not happen. There is a meeting scheduled on September 8 between GCSANJ and members of the drought task force; let's hope that we make some progress!

We all know that after fertilizing fairways we do not have to water for five days, but some superintendents have done just that and some have been ordered to stop watering by the local police. This type of information gets back to the state, and when we are forced to ask for a clarification of this "loop-hole," the state decides to take a hard line and add a clarification that this exemption does not apply to golf courses.

Due to that, if I had to apply a grub control to my fairways this August (which I do not) I would not be able to because I can't water it in. I will explain the mistakes that GCSANJ made during this crisis in the next couple of paragraphs, but I also believe that every superintendent who watered as if there were no restrictions, using the loopholes, or those watering during the day are as much to blame for the situation which we are now in as GCSANJ is for not being on top of this as we should have been.


Now that is off of my chest, I will continue to describe what GCSANJ has done. Glenn Miller and Mike Mongon went to Trenton and met with as many members of the Drought Task Force as they could. They presented a letter explaining our concerns and showed them the WATER CONSERVATION PROPOSAL that were submitted to the state in 1994. This is the plan that GCSANJ thought was in place.

That was the biggest mistake made by GCSANJ! Ever hear of the saying that when you assume you make an ass out of you and me? Well I assumed that the information I was given in the beginning of June was correct! That will never happen again, as a matter of fact, GCSANJ is creating an SOP manual for all committee chairpersons, and you can be sure that the outcome of this emergency will be outlined in that manual and a plan on how to make sure it is implemented is attached!

GCSANJ has been in constant contact with state senators, legislators and influential people. We hope to get some restrictions lifted or eased! We are also fighting to make sure that if there is a second phase of these restrictions we are not

cut back any more. The next area we plan on exploring is how we can be better prepared in the future, by sitting down with the state when this is all over and coming to common ground.

I have received many messages thanking GCSANJ for the work that has been done to help and I appreciate that. I have also heard that members of GCSANJ, mostly ones that have abused or totally disregarded the restrictions, have been calling members of the Executive Board and verbally abusing them, and that is wrong!

We are all in this together, so let's rally and send letters, make phone calls and e-mails to our elected officials so they can understand our position! 

## Calendar

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|---------------------|--|
| <b>October 11</b>   | <b>GCSANJ Championship:</b> Trenton C.C. Host: Tom Tuttle. Contact Judy Policastro at 973-379-1100.  |
| <b>October 19</b>   | <b>GCSAA Seminar- Bentgrass Management Relationships to Physical, Mechanical, Biological and Chemical Stresses:</b> Rock Spring Club. Host: Wayne P. Remo, CGCS. Contact GCSAA at 1-800-472-7878 |
| <b>November 2</b>   | <b>Club Manager, Golf Pro, Superintendent Tournament</b>   |
| <b>November 18</b>  | <b>Alliance for Environmental Concerns Annual Meeting:</b> Fiddlers Elbow. Contact Nancy Sadlon at 732-563-9252  |
| <b>November 20</b>  | <b>Annual Dinner Dance:</b> Barclay Hotel. Contact Judy Policastro at GCSANJ at 973-379-1100   |
| <b>December 6</b>   | <b>GCSAA Seminar - Maximizing Job Satisfaction:</b> Taj Mahal Resort Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ. Contact GCSAA at 1- 800 472-7878  |
| <b>December 7-9</b> | <b>New Jersey Turfgrass Expo:</b> Contact NJTA at 732-821-7134   |
| <b>December 7</b>   | <b>GCSAA Etonic ½-Day Seminar – Bringing Out the Best in People You Manage:</b> Taj Mahal. Contact NJTA at 732-821-7134  |
| <b>December 7</b>   | <b>GCSAA Overview of the Professional Development Initiative:</b> Presented by GCSAA.  |



## An Interview with: Shaun Barry, GCSANJ Commercial Representative

If there were to be an advertisement for GCSANJ, there would be a number of different mottoes that could be thought of to justifiably represent our profession in this state. There could be many golf courses worthy of a photograph for such an ad as well. There are so many facets of this position that could be expressed and publicized as definitive of being a superintendent. But I know one thing for sure . . . if I had to pick a spokesman for our Association to represent us on any level, my choice would be Mr. Shaun Barry without a moment's hesitation. I cannot recall exactly when I first met Mr. Barry. I'm sure it was at a conference or a meeting, which wouldn't surprise me in the least because I cannot recall the last time I saw him absent at an Association function. Shaun Barry is Mr. GCSANJ! An avid golfer, a lover of history, a solid player and a friend of the industry like no other. The amount of contribution Shaun has made to each and every one of us is unfathomable to count and often goes unnoticed. The cheery smile that greets our brethren each regis-

tration has been a fixture in my mind for as long as I can remember knowing anything about golf. Shaun is a friend who I am proud to know.

**BR** I guess the first thing most people think of when they hear your name is the legendary name of your sidekick Shamus. This mysterious character has taken many a message from the likes of us all. Tell us, Shaun, who is Shamus?

**SB** I hired Shamus (it is Gaelic for James) about 15 years ago when I got my first answering machine. I wanted to give that machine a personality, and it seems to have worked. People are sometimes disappointed when I pick up the phone. Perhaps it is because Shamus is younger, smarter, better looking and a much better dancer than I am.

**BR** Your job, though not a super, revolves much around the world of golf. I know personally that you are an avid lover of the game and am curious if you had always intended on working in the industry. What prompted your career choice?

**SB** My career started as a child working around Tara Greens G.C., but it really moved forward when the Cleary family hired Danny Quast to be their superintendent. He then hired me to work on the crew and the rest is history. It appears that Danny learned so much from me that he now takes care of Medinah, and Barbara Cleary offered me a job. I really feel very lucky.

**BR** I know you and I have spoken many times about your love of the history of golf. I often thought that it was attributed to your background. What is it about golf that draws you to it the most?

**SB** There really is no other game like this one. It has been played for over 500 years and during that time both the rich and the poor have tried to master it. With only a rare exception it has been full of honorable people. Like life and love, it is fair. It also hurts too. No other sport has arenas of play that are so varied and beautiful. A round of golf can offer you a lifetime of emotions that you can do again tomorrow.

**BR** There seems to be such an influx of interest for the game on a national level, especially over the last five years. To what do you attribute this sudden interest of the public to play?

**SB** The most obvious draw for new players has been Tiger Woods. His charisma and talent are enormous and everyone wants to be like Tiger. This happened in previous generations with all of their wonderful players, but it is most comparable to Arnie's era when he set the standard that all con-

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# Profile

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tinue to try to reach. In addition, we have also seen some amazing new additions to the world of golf courses and equipment that have made it easier for players to reach a good standard of play that used to require practice.

**BR** Though no one likes to pick favorites, you have played so many different places (and in different countries as well). What was the single most memorable golf experience thus far in your travels and why?

**SB** Shooting even par on The Old Course is something that I shall never forget. I can describe every shot. I do believe, though, that playing Brora GC in northern Scotland was the most amazing feeling. It is a James Braid creation that is only a little over 105 years old, new in comparison to some of its neighbors. On the 5<sup>th</sup> hole, I started to share the course with cows and sheep! They ignored me and I tried to play around them and their donations to the fertilizer program. I immediately felt that this is what the early players had to do when they were playing. It made me feel closer to the roots of the game than at any other time in my life.

**BR** What difference do you see between the courses in the U.S. and European courses? Do you see a difference in the commercialization as well?

**SB** There are many differences but most are subtle. The courses that I have played are carefully maintained to a level in most cases that reflects what is good for the turf. They do try to put as little stress on the turf as possible. In most cases, if it rains the courses are green, and if it is dry they are brown and people understand. The golf courses themselves are more traditional because they are older, but if the newer courses are of the links style they look the part. Even our most famous golfer architects build courses that are links courses. Most towns have their own course. It plays a large part in the life of the community and often represents the largest source of revenue for the locals. The courses bring people who spend money, so the golfers are appreciated.

**BR** How about the role of the superintendent? Is that different as well?

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**SB** Superintendents are called greenkeepers and they do the same things we do. They attend educational seminars and monthly meetings to share information while learning from others. They are hard working and most are hands on. They lose turf and they lose sleep when things are going bad, but they know how to enjoy life because they really love their jobs.

**BR** I remember growing up, my father would point out gentlemen golfers like Tom Watson and say to me, "See that man there, he's got class. He could shoot 65 or 105, and he'll still leave the course with class." The game has changed so much from a gentleman's game to the rocket fueled titanium 400-yard driver era of young guns. Who do you see in the present PGA Tour that exemplifies the honor and prestige of the game, able to carry those values over to the next generation?

**SB** Your father is right, and I'm glad he feels that way. There have been many classy people playing this game who have

also lived their lives in a classy manner and there will be many more to come. As for our present era, I think Tom Lehman is one of those people as well as Freddie, Jack and Mark O'Meara. I just hope that young players understand that as important as scoring potential is the ability to be a good ambassador of the game.

**BR** If you were to pick one person in your life that had the most positive influence on you professionally, who would it be? Why?

**SB** My father was the most important person in my life. The way he led his life was my example for everything that I have done. I wish you could have met him.

**BR** Shaun, thank you for sharing a piece of your life with us, and thank you for your time. Good luck in 1999, we'll see you on the links.

**SB** Thank you, Brian, it has been my pleasure. *[Signature]*

## President's Message

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usual, provide us with a great evening at a reasonable rate. This year GCSANJ will send out a listing of local hotels which will make the evening even better (Kathy and I stayed at a Bed and Breakfast around the corner from the Barclay last year and it was fantastic).

At the New Jersey Turfgrass Expo this year there will be the usual GCSAA seminar the day before the Expo starts. New this year is an Etonic Series Seminar Tuesday morning,

and Tuesday afternoon a representative of GCSAA will be on hand for a presentation and question and answer period regarding the new Professional Development Initiative being proposed. Many thanks go out to NJTA for scheduling these presentations; be sure to attend as I'm sure they will be informative as well as the entire EXPO.

Check out Doug Vogel's story about spikeless golf shoes; I for one think it is a bunch of POPPYCOCK, but then I have known Doug for a long time!

I have gotten word from the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council that there were two mistakes in an article last issue. Most important is that the \$425,000 endowment in honor of George Hamilton Jr. is actually a \$25,000 endowment (the \$ sign is on the same key as the #4 on the computer so that solves that mystery). Also in that article in line three the word fellowing should actually be fellowship. Sorry for the mixup, as president and editor I will yell at myself!

The "Noreaster" hospitality room at the GCSAA Annual Conference and Show has been scheduled for Thursday, February 17 from 6 to 8 pm at the New Orleans Marriott.

I wish everyone well and hope that the recent rains protect our turf.


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# GCSANJ news

## DROUGHT AFFECTS EVERYONE

By Angelo Petraglia, Golf Course Superintendent  
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Since Governor Whitman issued a drought emergency for the State of New Jersey on August 5, 1999, there has been a crisis that has affected all of us who work in the golf industry.

I would like to thank Ken Krausz, GCSANJ president; Mike Mongon, vice president; and past presidents Dave Pease, Chris Carson, Glenn Miller and Dennis Shea who have worked tirelessly on this issue while still maintaining their outstanding golf courses.

On August 18, 1999, I attended and testified at a public hearing on the State's Drought Emergency regulations in Mt. Holly, New Jersey. Some of my comments were reported in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

The following is my statement:

"My name is Angelo Petraglia. I am a professional agronomist employed as a golf course superintendent and a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey and a member of the Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee.

"I am here not representing the GCSANJ or the WTEAC, but as a life-long citizen of the Garden State.

"This is not the first drought nor will it be the last drought to hit the State of New Jersey, but it can be used as an opportunity to plan for and build new reservoirs, to develop smartly and not to build in watersheds that can be potential new res-

ervoirs. I live near the Manasquan Reservoir, which is a perfect example of proper planning. This reservoir serves southern Monmouth and northern Ocean counties and is greatly appreciated.

"I am talking about quality of life issues. I want, and most of the residents of the Garden State want, green lawns, parks, sport fields and golf courses. If we cannot provide enough water for this then maybe we should not build any more new homes until we can supply enough water.

"As far as golf courses are concerned, I and my peers want to be allowed to keep our fairways alive. Right now, under the current law, we can water greens and tees only. This is a 90% reduction of what we need. Right now everyone has banded together for the common good and has been following the regulations, but if all the fairways in the Garden State are allowed to die it will be an economic disaster. We would have to re-grow fairways from scratch and golf

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courses would be closed for one year or more. This would cause the layoff of 20,000 golf course employees and would cost the State 1 billion dollars worth of revenue."

Many other people also spoke at this public hearing. Unfortunately, I was the only golfer from the look of things. Ironically, there were two major water utilities testifying they had ample supply and their customers wanted to water their lawns. There were several sewage authorities that stated they would like to be able to sell wastewater to golf courses if allowed. Environmental groups made the point that conservation is good but not only do we need more water quantity, we need better water quality as well.

The main complainers at this meeting were people upset that while the regulations eliminating the use of water for athletic fields were in effect, the watering of athletic fields was still taking place.

There was one individual who was upset that golf courses were able to water their greens and tees, yet he could not water his lawn. He said this is supposed to be a democratic society where everyone is equal, yet the wealthy people live by a different set of rules and the ordinary citizen has to do without.

Unfortunately, the reality is that the wealthy people will remain relatively unaffected if golf courses are forced to close due to drought restrictions, but the lower income people who maintain golf courses will be out of a job.

The game of golf is in jeopardy now and in the future if some common myths and poor public perceptions are not changed now. The GCSAA and the GCSANJ have been working very hard at this issue. The USGA, MGA, NJSGA, NJPGA and CMANJ can and should do more to help our cause because their incomes are directly affected as well. [

## NORTHERN EXPOSURE

By Shaun Barry

For many of our members, the June meeting seemed so far north it must be near the Canadian border. It is not around the corner, but I know that everyone who made the trek to Ballyowen can't wait until it is back on the schedule. What a wonderful day on a gorgeous golf course. We were greeted by a friendly staff who dressed the part. Kilts, knickers and plaids were the order of the day. I know Mike Mongon was wishing he had gotten his kilt out of the cleaners.

We were very pleased to have the executive boards from the Hudson Valley Association and the Met Association join us for a regional Board meeting. This is the second year in a row for this meeting. Because it helps to have a relationship with our neighbors, we hope more associations will be able to attend next year.



*Richard S. LaBar, Jr., superintendent at Ballyowen (left), accepts plaque and flag at June meeting.*

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Dave Oatis from the USGA joined us once again as our speaker. He gave us an update on what he had seen coming out of the winter and through the early spring. The ability for us to see that our troubles and good times are shared by others is of great comfort. Because we are fighting battles alone we tend to forget that we are all actually together in one common goal.


After lunch we took our places on the course with great anticipation. From a distance it looked like Rich LaBar, Brad Sparta and their crew had done a great job building the course and keeping it wonderful. We were correct. It is a great challenge, but so fair that everyone could enjoy this spiritual connection to the roots of the game. As usual each golf course is easier for some people than for others, and as usual we will only mention the names of the players who did well.

For the second year in a row all of the par 3 holes and long drive contests are sponsored by some of our affiliate

members. In addition to this, Jay Antonelli (Club Car Inc.) and Bryan Bolehala (W.A. Cleary Chemical) sponsored our lunch, and Lance Seeton (Total Turf Services) tried to pay for our entire dinner but too many people showed up. We also have Peter McFarland (Alpine The Care of Trees) who once again wrote us a check to help, even though he was not able to attend. These companies don't have to do this but they want to help. It is in my mind another example of why I feel this association is so special.

J. Antonelli (74) did donate lunch so it is fitting that he took home a prize for low gross. Tom Grimac (75) and Angelo Petraglia (75) tied but Tom placed second on a match of cards. Jim Pelrine didn't win the closest to the pin on the hole he sponsored, but his net 67 was the low score of the day. David Spak (68) placed second, proving someone from Agrevo can still play, and Greg Moran (69) upheld the honor of the Hudson Valley Association.

In our skills competitions, A. Petraglia was the closest to the pin on holes #4 (Torsilieri Inc.)—7 ft. 9 in.— and #11 (Finch Turf Equipment)—6 ft. 8 in. G. Moran won #6 (Wilfred MacDonald)—10 ft. 1 in.— and Trent Inman took the prize at #15 (The Dawson Corp.)—7 ft. 9 in. Our longest drive winners were Steve Ashmore on hole #5 (Koonz Sprinkler Supply) and #14 (the Bruedan Corp.) was Paul Dotti. Paul not only won this contest but this was the longest drive ever recorded at one of our meetings. It was 360 yards (mostly in the air), and he said it was only the second best drive that he hit that day. (I'll take your bad ones, Paul!) In the skins competition we had five winners with 1 skin each. They were Ian Kunesch, Mike Cook, T. Grimac, J. Antonelli and Paul Crump.

Congratulations to all of the winners and to all who attended. It was a great day with a wonderful field. Our thanks go out to everyone at Ballyowen for all of your help and for having us. We do hope to return. 

## MEETING IN MENDHAM

By Shaun Barry

Everyone who knows Chris Boyle or has just met him feels the same way that I feel. He is an open, honest, friendly and confident young man with a perpetual smile. Ask for something and he will help if he can. We asked him about hosting a monthly meeting in July and he didn't even hesitate. Ask him about speaking to the group and again he didn't hesitate—well, maybe a little hesitation. He would be slightly

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busy that day, but it should be no problem (little did either of us know about the drought, or the answers might have been different).

As expected, the whole day was a piece of cake (I only speak for myself on this one), and the course and the day were great (I do speak for all who attended on this one). Our host's presentation went well and there were many questions. Not bad for a day when all of the attendees had their minds on their own courses and jobs. We followed that with a great lunch, which was partially sponsored by Shaun Barry (Agrevo) and Greg Hutch (Chipco/Rhone-Poulenc). It is nice to see how these two competitors can join together for a good cause. I hope they continue in the future.

Back on the course there was a match of cards for our low gross winner. Tony Toto (78) took first place from Jim Woods (78), while Tom Weinert (79) was third on another

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*Chris Boyle, superintendent at Mendham Golf & Tennis Club (left), accepts plaque at July meeting.*

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match of cards. Mike Shanahan (62) lost to T. Weinert (63) in the gross competition, but beat him with his net score. Roger Stewart (66) edged Brian Remo (66) on another match of cards.

Closest to the pin winners were Bob Fields #5 (Torsilieri Inc.)—13 ft. 8 in.; Mike Famularo hit it 5 ft. 6 in. at #7 (Wilfred MacDonald) and Dave Mayer's shot of 9 ft. 7 in. won at #12 (Finch Turf Equipment). Lance Rogers put it 8 ft. 1 in. away on #14 (The Dawson Corp.) for his victory. Tony Raczynski hit the longest drive on #3 (Koonz Sprinkler Supply) and R. Stewart took those honors at #10 (The Bruedan Corp.).

We experimented with our skins contest and broke the field up into two groups according to handicaps. In the 0-20 division our winners had one skin each. They were C. Boyle, Bob Kaufman, T. Weinert and T. Toto. In the next division, Todd Stires and Jim Steiger came away with one each. If



*Life members of GCSANJ (left to right). Seated—Al Caravella and Tony Mosco. Standing Mike George, Pete Pedrazzi and Bill Ritchie.*

there had been only one division, then these two men would not have won anything, so it seems to have worked well this time.

There was one Leslie Cup match played at Mendham. Because Mark Kriews was unable to attend, John Hyland had to play T. Raczynski and T. Toto alone. To make it fair, however, only T. Toto's score would count against John. It was a great match and ended on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole when Tony made his birdie putt. Congratulations on the sportsmanship exhibited by the two Tony's. It turns out that their next match will be the team of Kunesch and Antonelli who beat the two Jim's (Cross and Woods). They won one up in a great match at Lake Mohawk. They also qualified again for the state 4-ball championship at Metedeconk. This could be the team to beat, but Tom and Bob keep winning. It should be interesting.

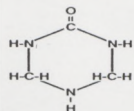
As you may have noticed, the cost of this meeting was much lower than recent events, and the reason for this is because Golf Cars Inc. donated the use of the carts. This is a big deal when you are looking at overall costs, and we thank them sincerely for doing this for us. We also owe thanks to Peter McFarland and Alpine, The Care of Trees for their donation toward this meeting. Hopefully, Peter, you will be able to make one of these events.

Our day at Mendham ended too quickly, but it is not one we will soon forget. Chris, please let everyone know what a great time we had and how much we appreciated everyone's efforts, especially your crew. [

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# The Executive Board of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey continues to work for you

By Ken Krausz

**B**esides all the work that the Government Relations Committee and the Drought Emergency Task Force have done for the Association, the Executive Board continues to meet each month. The following are excerpts from the minutes of those monthly meetings.

**The Board met on May 18** at the Association Headquarters. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Ken Krausz.

It was announced that Joe Owsik's father had recently passed away, this is also Fran's uncle. Our condolences go out to the Owsik family.

The Treasurer's Report showed that our bottom line was ahead of the same time period from last year. It also showed membership revenue down from last year by approximately \$2,000, and it was reported that this could be just the lag time in payments (the following month we were way ahead

in membership revenue). There was also a question on why the postage account was way over budget, and it was reported that the postage had been all lumped into one account as an oversight and the figures would be adjusted (for an example: The postage to mail out 1,000 issues of *The Greenside* was not charged to the newsletter account but to general postage).

**Shaun Barry responded to the Star Ledger's article about the 12 most influential people in golf. There was no mention of any golf course superintendent.**

Mike Mongon reported on the issue of the Food Quality Protection Act.

Shaun Barry stated that we were all ready for the Hopewell Valley monthly meeting and that four retired life members had signed up to attend.

Jim McNally reported that we received thank you letters from candidates we supported on the GCSAA level.

There was discussion that the Special Events Committee should be shifted to the GCSANJ Foundation.

The Ethics Committee reported that the advertisement in *Golf Course Management* by Organica, has created many responses from superintendents. GCSAA realized this ad should have not been placed, and Organica has changed ad firms and is worried about the loss of revenue from the golf course market. This shows how powerful letters, phone calls and E-mails can be.

Dr. Clarke reported that the new Weed Science position had been filled by Dr. Hart and that two other turf related positions were being filled. This continues to show the commitment from Rutgers toward turf related subjects. This is a direct result of the support that Rutgers gets from all of the turf industry.

It was also reported that more turf grass related courses will be started at Rutgers in the near future.

There was discussion about moving scholarship and research responsibilities to the GCSANJ Foundation.

The Alliance for Environmental Concerns has requested more representation on its Board from GCSANJ; John O'Keefe agreed to talk to AEC to determine the needs.

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registered but no actual information. Glenn Miller agreed to look into this, but like the rest of us "old timers" is not ready to take this on by himself. This would be a **GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR A COMPUTER LITERATE MEMBER OF GCSANJ TO GET THEIR NAME OUT IN THE PUBLIC AND COULD BE A GREAT CAREER MOVE.** That said, anyone interested please contact Glenn Miller.

Shaun Barry responded to the *Star Ledger's* article about the 12 most influential people in golf. There was no mention of any golf course superintendent.

The June 16 meeting of the Executive Board of GCSANJ was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by President Ken Krausz. The meeting was held at Manasquan River G.C. with the assistance of Glenn Miller.

The minutes were approved with the amendment regarding the misposted accounts that were reported last month.

Wayne Remo resigned as District II director and the process began to replace Wayne. President Krausz spoke of all that Wayne has done for the association on both the local and national levels.

It was reported that Dr. Lou Vasvary passed away and that a donation has been sent in his memory. A thank you note was received both from his wife, Kathryn, and the Cornea Institute.

Ed Mellor reported that our budget numbers are where they should be at the half way mark of our fiscal year.

Shaun Barry reported that the Hopewell Valley golf meeting got rained out but the educational portion was a success. There is some confusion with the Invitational, and Shaun has been working hard on taking care of this important event (as reported last issue, Pine Barrens booked two outings for the same date). The Invitational is now set at Pine Barrens for September 15th at a cost higher than first discussed, but,

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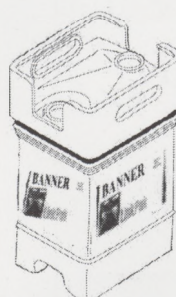
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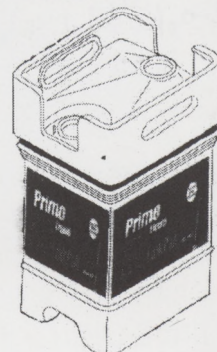


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being in the situation we were in, the Executive Board gave it the go ahead.

There was discussion about members being shut out of the golf tournament due to arriving after the time set to shut down registration. This process was put in place to make sure that the speaker for the monthly educational program had an audience and also so the Golf Committee had time to eat and practice before their round of golf. Suggestions were offered and the committee will make recommendations. Solutions suggested were if a member had sent in their handicap in advance they would be allowed to compete (now they play but not in the scoring). Another suggestion was to have a class "C" member man the registration desk and be a guest of the association. This would help assistant superintendents get to know the members of the association, but, the downside is that it is tough to justify both the superintendent and assistant superintendent being off the course at the same time.

Glenn Miller is working on the by-law proposals that the Board would like to have voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Murphy gave an update on happenings at Rutgers.

Tim Kerwin reported on the Assistant Superintendent Committee. They are still working on the direction book;

***Ed Mellor reported that our budget numbers are where they should be at the half way mark of our fiscal year.***

Ken Krausz stated that this project should not be a priority until the fall as everyone has their golf courses as a priority right now. Ken suggested a December 1, 1999, deadline for this information. Tim also suggested some type of a get together and will coordinate this project.

The July 21 meeting of the Executive Board of GCSANJ was called to order at 12:45 p.m. at Association Headquarters by Vice President Mike Mongon. President Ken Krausz was out of the state attending the John Deere Golf Classic as part of the GCSAA Superintendent Employer Recognition Program.

It was announced that Superintendent Mike Miner had heart surgery and was recovering well. Ken Mathis broke his ankle and is also on the road to recovery.

Ken Givens from Suburban Golf Club was introduced as the new District II director.

The Treasurer's Report showed that we are ahead in income from this period last year.

Mike Mongon is attempting to construct a model for Employee Development.

Shaun Barry is working hard with the Golf Committee and meetings are being well run. Since the Board recommended that we do something different for the Annual Meeting, Shaun contacted the USGA and reserved the Golf House, and is working on having an educational session early in the day and the Annual Meeting following the education session; more details to follow.

Mike Mongon reported that the Distinguished Service Award and Member-of-the-Year forms were ready to be sent to all members and would be in their mailboxes soon.

It was reported that the 75th Anniversary Committee met and was very excited about the activities being set for the year 2001 (see article in this issue). I

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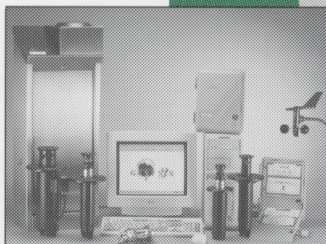
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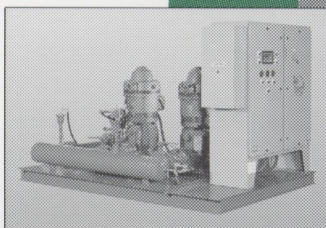


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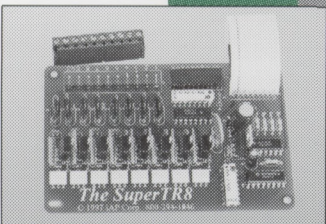
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# GCSANJ Foundation back on track

By Ken Krausz

**T**he GCSANJ Foundation was incorporated in 1994 to allow the Golf Course Superintendents Association to better serve its members. Back then GCSANJ tried to run a raffle and, because of the way we were set up, we could not run it. There was discussion on how we could help our members more and most ideas were disregarded due to the way we were incorporated (tax stuff). Due to these and many other reasons, the Foundation was created, but it has not been utilized as well as it could have been. Hopefully that will change!

A meeting of the original Board of Directors was called and held on May 18, 1999.

Those present included Shaun Barry, Steve Chirip, Ken Krausz, Ed Mellor, Judy Policastro, Glenn Miller, Mike Mongon, Jim McNally and Rick Alampi.

The purpose of the meeting was to set an agenda and direction for the Foundation.

The first order of business was to appoint an Executive Committee. The slate, discussed and approved, consists of President Shaun Barry, Vice President Gary Arlio, Treasurer Glenn Miller and Secretary Steve Chirip.

Topics discussed were based on how the Foundation can better serve the members of GCSANJ and the public.

One item that was suggested and approved was to move


the GCSANJ Championship under the umbrella of the Foundation, allowing for better tax breaks for those companies that might support this fundraising event. It was suggested that the Foundation ask GCSANJ if they can run the Championship (GCSANJ approved this). The Foundation discussed different ways of making the championship a financial success. Silent auctions and Tee and Green sponsors were discussed along with many other ideas.

The question of what charity to support as a result of the championship being turned over to the Foundation was raised and no decision was made. It was suggested that the scholarship be run through the Foundation as there are benefits to both the members and business.

There was discussion on many other fundraising suggestions and it was decided to not go too fast with this.

A conservative goal of \$5,000 to be raised was set for the championship, which was to be used for scholarships and charity donations.

There were questions as to how we might make the money grow and this is going to be explored using financial expertise that exists among the members.

There was another Foundation meeting on June 16, 1999, to discuss how the Foundation could reach the goals of helping members and charities. The minutes are not yet in my possession so I will report on that meeting in the next issue of *The Greenside*. 

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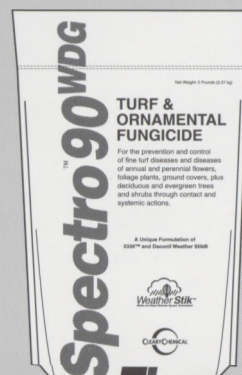
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# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee happenings

By Ken Krausz  
Committee Chairperson

**T**he 75th Anniversary Committee is listed in the membership directory, contact any member if you have thoughts, suggestions or want to volunteer. We are working hard to make 2001 a milestone in GCSANJ history.


The first official gathering of the Committee was held in July, with our follow-up meeting scheduled for September. Even before our first official meeting it seems that whenever three members of this Committee were in the same place, suggestions were tossed around (I say three members as I don't think Bob and Sydney or Pete and Ken discussed this whenever they met). This is a very enthusiastic group, full of ideas and commitment!

A quick summary includes:

- 1) A contest to create a 75th Anniversary logo.
- 2) Having clubs that are celebrating 75 years in 2001 host monthly meetings.
- 3) Special golf outing for members only. Shaun Barry is, as

usual, in charge of golf events.

- 4) A dinner cruise. Sydney Dickison is the "captain" of this event.
- 5) A "Kickoff Banquet" in Fall of 2000. Bob Dickison is looking into using Upper Montclair.
- 6) A Commemorative Journal with interviews with past presidents, pictures of the past presidents "Now and Then," copies of old ads and documents. Doug Vogel is the contact person for this.
- 7) A Family Day was proposed.
- 8) 75th Anniversary Logo attire was proposed.
- 9) "A Night At The Races" with a race named after the Association is being looked into by Pete Pedrazzi.
- 10) Some kind of State and National Resolution.
- 11) Working with GCSAA as it is also going to be their 75th in 2001. Ken Krausz and Judy Policastro have already made contact with them.

Please contact any member of the Committee with your thoughts or suggestions. 


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# Enhancing the public image of the superintendent

By Ray Ralph, Golf Commission Chairperson  
Paramus Golf Course

A coordinated effort is underway between the GCSAA and the PGA to enhance the public image of the local golf course superintendent. The object of the collaborative program is to amplify the role, image and credibility of the golf course superintendent to the general public, especially the golf-playing public, and also with the local employer.

At a recent John Deere Classic reception for Recognition Award winners and their employers, CEO Steve Mona and Joe O'Brien of the GCSAA described the efforts of the GCSAA program as a three-pronged approach carried out in cooperation with a Boston-based national advertising firm, which will include the following:

- The annual Employer-Superintendent Recognition Program.
- The recent insert in the *Golf Magazine* issue which ex-

plored the job of the superintendent in an attractive and appealing format.

- The humorous TV commercial which aired four times during the John Deere Classic and apparently will be used during succeeding PGA events.

Another objective of the GCSAA is to promote the national organization's role in a more collaborative working relationship with the state associations of superintendents.

In promoting the credibility and the employability of the local superintendent, the GCSAA is also emphasizing the development of the Class A certification and, perhaps, a more highly professionalized version of it in the future.

At the same gathering, Bob Combs of the PGA tour announced plans to intensify cooperative efforts with the GCSAA in promoting public recognition of the golf course superintendent through the following activities:

- Placing the name of the local superintendent on the leader and advertising boards during PGA events.
- Making the local superintendent available to the media to explain local conditions and adverse circumstances.
- Providing verbal recognition by the commentators during the TV coverage.

These combined efforts should go a long way in promoting a public understanding of the indispensable role of the superintendents in creating and maintaining optimum playing conditions and gaining well-deserved recognition for their professional efforts. Within five years, the GCSAA expects to be one of golf's most influential organizations, while the golf course superintendent will be viewed as the key to the economic vitality of the game by their employers, and the key to the daily enjoyment of the game by golfers.



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# Support H.R. 1592: Grassroots help needed

By Nancy Sadlon, Executive Director  
The Alliance for Environmental Concerns

**C**alling all New Jersey golf course superintendents! There is a bill in Washington, D.C. you need to know about and support to save the pesticide products you use. The bill is a House of Representatives bill. H.R. 1592 is important legislation aimed at saving pesticides. It was introduced in Congress to ensure full and fair implementation of FQPA! H.R. 1592 maintains the fundamental goals of FQPA, but requires the EPA to use reliable information and sound science (not guesswork) to assess pesticides under FQPA.

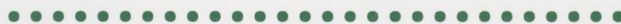
Within our state, we have 15 representatives in the House. None of these congressmen, our representatives, have signed onto this bill as co-sponsors. We need their support! At least 218 members of the House must favor the bill for House passage, and we only have a total of 130 co-sponsors, none from New Jersey. Of greatest significance is the support of Representative Frank Pallone, Jr. from the 6<sup>th</sup> District. He is a member of the Commerce Committee that is responsible for initial review of this bill. Please contact and impress upon our representatives the importance and impact of this bill on your profession. (Following is a sample letter for your reference.)

As an industry we must act quickly to save valuable pesticides. EPA is making decisions about some of the pesticides that are important to you. The House Ag Committee has scheduled a July 28 hearing on H.R. 1592, focusing on public health issues. August 1999 represents EPA deadline date for completion of evaluations of two important classes of chemicals (under the gun right now)—organophosphates and carbamates. Your representative needs to hear from you today!

Take action NOW! Call, write or visit your U.S. representatives! **B✓**



**Washington Visit with House Representative Frank Pallone, Jr., Democrat 6<sup>th</sup> District of New Jersey.** Pictured left to right: Jim Garrett (Lawn Doctor), Wayne Dubin (AEC president), Frank Pallone, Jr., Nancy Sadlon (AEC executive director) and Vincent Tummino (AEC member and PPLCA director).





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# 1<sup>st</sup> and goal

By Brian Remo, Golf Course Superintendent  
Richmond County C.C.


**T**his past winter my assistants and I attended the seminar at Rock Spring Club sponsored by GCSANJ and the Class C Committee. Those who were there remember receiving a brilliant presentation by Jim McLoughlin on Strategic Career Planning. Something he said that day stuck in my mind to this very day. He said the golf course superintendents have a tendency to make a critical mistake when referring to the golf course at which they are employed as being "my course." This troubled me at first, because even as an assistant I traditionally used that reference to describe many aspects of the job. My course, my crew, my assistant, my shop, my mower, my cart, my office, my machine . . . we used the first person possessive more than we think sometimes. I made it a point to try to cut down on using these references when I took the job here at RCCC, and I must admit it has been difficult.

The point made in Jim's seminar was to the effect that it could be a symbolic turn-off to members or officials if the super publicizes a state of mind that he or she owns the golf course. He also added that it is important for the super not to elude him/herself to thinking that they have the power of ownership if in fact they are an employee. Granted, there are some supers who actually do own the course at which they manage, and I guess these theories need not apply to them. As for the rest of us, it is implied that we need to keep our state of mind in check. Today I am writing to you not to denounce the theory, but rather to declare that I have realized already in a short time as a superintendent why we make these references, and why I have decided that they will not change in the least in the eyes of one Brian M. Remo. This is not going to be a rant on the superintendent being the most important person in the scheme of running a country club. Nor is it to justify referring to the golf course as one's own being directly related to establishing authority and respect from other department heads. There is indeed a reason why some of us refer to the course as our course, and it's all about the *passion*.

The other day I was trying to think of where I would like to see myself 20 years from now. Hopefully still alive and kicking was one wish regardless of circumstances. But I saw in my mind a 46-year-old man with a pickup truck with mud on the floormats, a pair of duckboots soaked from the dew of the morning course check and a loving wife who doesn't see her husband for four months out of the year. I saw myself finally attaining a single digit handicap, attending the Masters at least once in those 20 years and having played Pine Valley regardless of whose proverbial butt needed to be kissed. I saw 20 summers of unbearable weather patterns,

three-to-four of which were considered to be droughts. I saw 20 member-guest weekends of hard-nosed barely getting it done perfection to showcase for three days of glory. (Not to mention the 20 Mondays to follow being inundated with a five million man divot parade.) I saw 20 Decembers of number crunching budget meetings, most comparable to stuffing two size ten feet into a size six shoe. I saw a thousand frost delays, 20,000 rain delays and more leaves than you care to see. I saw the goose population come and go, crew workers leave and stay. I saw myself right where I sit as we speak. Still writing, still working, still moaning and groaning, and still loving every minute of it. The bottom line is that I don't really have a choice where I'm going to end up in 20 years because running a golf course is all I know how to do. God took one look at me and said, "this kid's gonna go crazy if we put him in an office somewhere, so we better make him a super." I'm not saying that I don't have other skills that may warrant being useful in some other line of work, but I can honestly say that I don't possess a passion for doing anything else.

I'm sure that some of you feel the same way. Maybe you don't and I'm just a crazy lunatic. But I know one thing's certain: This industry has the ability to envelop a human being into a strangely acute-sensed super robot that survives on four hour's sleep, coffee and sunshine. Something about this job makes you want to go home and double-cut the lawn 10 to 4 and 2 to 8. My wife won't let me vacuum anymore because I stripe the carpet and make a clean up loop. The carpet in my basement stimps at 12' 4" and I'm convinced that I could roll a 14 if I could find a way to get that Salsco roller through the garage entrance door. Please tell me that I'm not the only one reading this magazine who has a pin and a ball washer in their backyard because then I would know I left my cookies in the milk for too long. See I don't think this job makes you crazy, it just creates the passion for jumping into the deep end of the ocean and praying for a tidal wave because you love the crisis situation. You need the pressure. You eat pressure for breakfast and when the stress comes along around noontime, you figure you might have yourself a little plate of that too.

I call this place my course because I ain't got anything in my life outside of my family that I love more. There isn't a possession that I could ever attain greater than the position we hold in society. I call this place my course because even though others may care for it as much, nobody needs this place more than I do. I don't have a choice. This place's condition defines and represents what I become, what I am and anything I ever was. This place is my everything. This place is my passion. And that's why I call it mine. 



# The other side of the coin

By Doug Vogel, Superintendent  
Packanack G.C.

"All the ballyhoo over spikeless golfies is just a bunch of poppy-cock," concludes Dr. Winston Chamberlain, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Interdisciplinary Turfgrass Culture at Kent University located in Croton-on-Thames England. "The greenkeepers have been led to believe that spikes are wreaking havoc on their links, but our study shows this not to be totally true."

The debate over spikeless golfing shoes vs. the traditional spiked variety has now gone from one of aesthetics to one of growing turf. Dr. Chamberlain conducted a three-year study on the effects the two types of

spikes have on both Fescue and Bentgrass putting surfaces. His conclusions shed new light on the controversial topic.

From his study, Chamberlain found the spikeless cleat to have 62% more surface area, which formed the basis for his following conclusions:

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The animated professor jokingly concluded, "The links supervisors shouldn't be so quick to praise the value of the spikeless. Forget about all the biased data. Just think about a green with no spike marks. What is the golfer going to blame his missed putts on now? I'll tell you—they'll be back at the pub downing their pints and cursing the greenkeep!"

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