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## Meet GCSAA Board of Directors candidate – Mark Kuhns, CGCS

*Mark Kuhns, CGCS, the Director of Grounds of the Baltusrol Golf Club, has been nominated to run for the GCSAA Board of Directors. A graduate of Penn State University, Mark has been a golf course superintendent for 25 years. During this period he has volunteered his time to three local chapters, eight allied organizations and numerous civic groups. The Nominating Committee carefully reviewed his extensive chapter leadership record and approved him as a candidate for the 2003 election. The following statement was hand delivered to The Greenerside office.*

**I**t is again a great honor to be nominated by my peers as a candidate for director of GCSAA. Last year's election was a very enlightening experience. I was able to communicate with many members and chapter delegates to discuss the pressing issues facing our profession today. Our members are concerned about many issues, which include PDI, certification, education and job security to name a few.

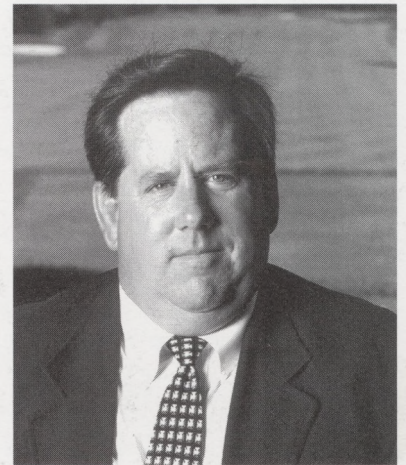
PDI, or Professional Development Initiative, has been a very controversial development in our profession. Many of our members are just beginning to realize the full impact this program will have on our futures as superintendents. PDI will gauge our true level of professionalism and help us to develop our skills beyond our own expectations. I'm certain that PDI will give our class "A" status a new and stronger meaning within the industry. Future generations of superintendents will come to realize the importance of PDI and take it to an even higher level. We must never forget our past and the many superintendents who worked very hard to bring our profession to the level that we experience today. We must always strive to raise the bar and become a better-educated and more professional group.

I am very proud to be a part of the current Certification Committee. We have been working very hard over the past several years to develop a new standard of excellence within our profession. Certification, in the early years, was a vehicle for superintendents to achieve a higher level of professionalism and recognition. Today it is a standard of excellence and is reflected in the higher number of qualified superintendents achieving this goal. The development of our new test and

entry-level requirements, coupled with PDI, will take the CGCS status to the highest level of experience and professionalism the industry has ever seen. The higher standard is very clear, and superintendents must learn to use this status to further their goals with their employers and with the industry as a whole.

Education is the key to success to almost everything we do in life. GCSAA programs and seminars

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# From the editor's desk

## A summer to remember – a summer to forget

**I**t was a sleepless night, one of many this summer, but at least on television there was a 24-hour "Twilight Zone" marathon in progress to save me. How appropriate. Work has been a whole lot like the Zone this summer.

*Help mysteriously fails to appear. \$60 pump house transformer fails to transform after \$2,000 worth of sod is installed. One-week heat wave lasts two-and-a-half. Help appears on time.*

This is classic "Twilight Zone" material. One wonders why Rod Serling never addressed the horrors of greenkeeping. It certainly scares me.

Well, the good news is summer is over and with the return of cooler weather a ¼" of rain goes a long way. The course doesn't look that bad either thanks in large part to the hard work of our Water Warriors that our Association sent to Trenton to fight on our behalf. If I didn't get that extra 30% of water usage, I know my course would have been in big trouble.

This is a great example of how important our Association is to our livelihood. There is strength in numbers, and we can draw on that strength every day. How else could I have gotten through my "Twilight Zone" summer. If only it could help with my other problem—that of being a Met fan.

*Doug*

Your's in turf



**Renowned celebrity  
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discussing  
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Mets and other  
forms of rot.**



# President's Message

## Message from the President of the United States

"A long year has passed since enemies attacked our country.

"We have seen the images so many times, they are seared on our souls, and remembering the horror, reliving the anguish, re-imagining the terror is hard—and painful.

## Mark Kuhns, CGCS

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offer all of us the opportunity to learn from some of the most experienced professors and instructors in our industry. Our Education Committee and staff have developed programs that will challenge us and develop our skills to their maximum potential. Our members who take advantage of these programs know the value of them and the potential for future success. We should continue to develop and redefine our programs so that they always reflect the most current scientific and technical information.

Job security, in our industry, is very difficult to understand. I believe we should work very hard to develop a program to study this issue. We need to develop educational programs devoted specifically to this situation. We should look into the possibility of providing legal assistance to those who can't afford it. Our members must learn to constantly evolve with time and to be proactive in taking their professionalism to that next level. Education is the key and we must be constantly upgrading our skills to meet the challenges of today.

My commitment to GCSAA is reflected in my accomplishments over 26 years as a superintendent. I have achieved many goals, and I feel very certain that I would not be where I am today had I not been a member of GCSAA. My decision to run for director of GCSAA was not made in haste. My employers have given me their full support in my venture. My family has supported me throughout my career. My wife Janet, my daughters Elizabeth and Kristen, and my son Stephen are the biggest part of my life and have always been there when I needed their support.

The time has never been better to serve my fellow superintendents as a director of GCSAA. I have a deep commitment to my profession, GCSAA, my local chapters and my fellow superintendents. I want to thank every member of GCSANJ for your overwhelming support of my candidacy. If elected, I pledge to devote my time on the Board to making our profession strong and to support and carry out the mandates of your membership.

*Mark D. Kuhns, CGCS*

September 11, 2001, will always be a fixed point in the life of America. The loss of so many lives left us to examine our own . . .

"Our deepest national conviction is that every life is precious, because every life is the gift of a creator who intended us to live in liberty and equality. We cannot know all that lies ahead. Yet we do know that God has placed us together in this moment, to grieve together, to stand together, to serve each other and our country . . .

"This ideal of America is the hope of all mankind. That hope drew millions to this harbor. That hope still lights our way. And the light shines in the darkness. And the darkness will not overcome it.

"May God Bless America."

President George W. Bush – Address to the nation 9/11/02. [

## Calendar

**October 14**

**GCSANJ Championship,**  
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**October 28**

**"C" Championship,**  
Maplewood C.C. Contact  
Judy PolICASTRO at 973-379-  
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**November 19**

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Concerns Annual Meeting,**  
Fiddlers Elbow C.C. Contact  
Nancy Sadlon at 732-563-  
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**November 26**

**GCSANJ Fall Seminar,**  
Baltusrol G.C., Host Mark  
Kuhns, CGCS. Contact Judy  
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**December 10-12**

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## GCSANJ *news*

### VINCE REMINDS US OF WHAT IS IMPORTANT

By Shaun Barry  
*Aventis Environmental Science*

There are a couple of expressions that could explain our July meeting. One is "nice guys finish last" and the other is simply called "the luck of the Irish." Unfortunately in the real world, that luck is usually bad and this was no exception. The meeting was actually going to take place during the first week of August. Due to a mix-up, our date was given to an outing that had gotten rained out earlier in the spring. Suddenly we were without a site. Chris Holenstein heard about our situation, and he suggested Fairmount C.C. because Vince had volunteered to host the District II meeting. I gave him a call the next day, and he immediately said yes, if there was an opening on their schedule. We got lucky and Vince got lots more stress, but as usual he was up to the challenge.

Unfortunately, the evening before the meeting Chris



**Battling the heat and a demanding golf course, Ian Kunesch (left) topped Jim Woods by one stroke to take low gross honors at the Fairmount Country Club.**

Bracken called to tell me that Vince was okay, but he was in the hospital (this is the Irish luck that I was talking about). He had not been feeling the best for a couple of days, and finally on Sunday he had let it go far enough, so he went to the hospital. What a great example for all of us. Sometimes we need to do the right thing! Mr. Bracken was home on

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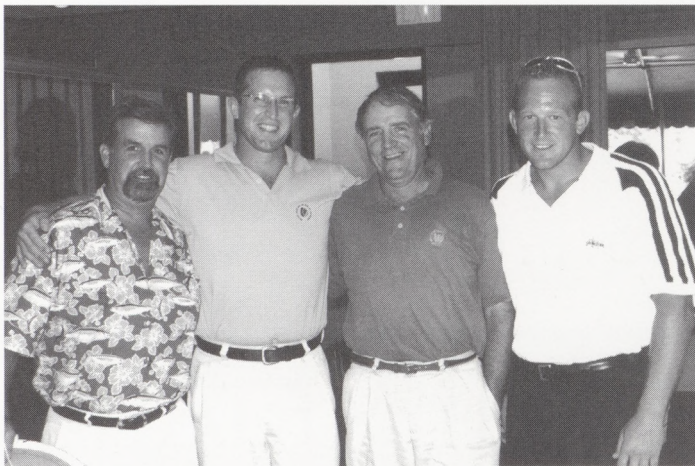




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Monday morning, but due to doctor's orders he was not able to join us for his own meeting, and he was truly missed, but the day went beautifully. The weather was very hot but the course remained healthy and happy. In between a wonderful lunch and dinner, we did get to hit a few golf shots and, as usual, there were more bad ones than good ones.

Ian Kunesch (75) and Jim Woods (76) had the lowest gross scores, while Keith Rose took the dreaded "Blair Quinn Award" with a net 60. His nearest challenger was William Carrick with a 67. Rob Finnesey (Finch Turf), Ron Lake (Wilfred MacDonald), Jon Barlok (Plant Food) and



*(From left) Rob Finnesey, Mark DeNoble, Bob Dwyer and Shane Tresslar enjoyed their day at Fairmount. The only thing was it would have been better if Vince Bracken could have been there.*



*Keith Rose (left) walked away with the net prizes at Fairmount, seven strokes better than William Carrick.*

Tim McBrearty (Primos) were closest to the pins. Our long drive winners were W. Carrick (Torsilieri), J. Woods (Storr Tractor), R. Lake (AT Sales), Mark DeNoble (Wilfred MacDonald), Glenn Miller (Philly Turf), Fred Blaicher (John Deere Landscape) and Tom Sharpe (Philly Turf). Leading the way in the skins game was Mr. Woods who had three, while Scott Carpenter, Wally Kaner, Mario Fastiggi and T. McBrearty had one each.

We all had a good time and we all owe a great debt of thanks to everyone at the club, but it was a little like Christmas without snow. Something was missing and that something was somebody and that somebody was Vince. We were glad that we knew you were okay, Vince, but it wasn't the same without you. Thank you for coming through for the Association, and I hope you get to enjoy your next meeting. [

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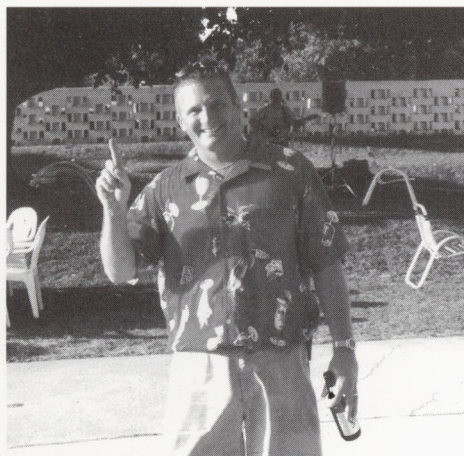


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## **FIREWORKS AT TOMS RIVER C.C.**

Every year at our District III meeting something amazing happens. It has gone from the course being under three feet of water to a storm that dumped 12 inches of rain in 24 hours, while destroying or damaging over 100 trees on the course. It is that luck of the Irish thing that I spoke about in the Fairmount report, and it always seems to occur right before the actual meeting. It is so well known that Ed McSeaman was getting calls from superintendents all over the state checking on the date for this year's meeting. They wanted to know when the drought would be ending. Unfortunately even Toms River C.C. wasn't able to bring rain. There had been a nasty storm two weeks earlier, but the day of the meeting brought blue skies and high temperatures. If the weather was going to cooperate, would this be a normal meeting? Not a chance. This time, however, it was a good thing that happened.

Damon Berardo aced the 6<sup>th</sup> hole. It was his first hole-



**Damon Berardo indicates the number of strokes he took on the 6<sup>th</sup> hole at Toms River C.C. Hopefully he can make many more.**

in-one, and it came on a 150-yard hole that played more like it was over 180 yards. He chose a 7 iron that would start out over the river and then it turned right toward the green. While Damon was thinking it could go in, the ball hit about four

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feet away from the flagstick before it disappeared. It was a great shot on a hole where over 50 percent of our group didn't reach the green.

Damon won the closest to the pin prize (Storr Tractor) with this shot and he was joined by Jim Cross (Finch Turf). Peter vanDrumpt was closest on the two other holes. One



**President Ed Mellor (left) presents Ed McSeaman with our flag. Ed has so many of these we might borrow a couple if we run short.**



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was sponsored by Reed & Perrine and the other by A T Sales. Jim Woods shot 73 and Vic Gerard, Jr. had a 77. These were the best gross scores of the day. Harry Harsin (69) and Damon (71) took net honors. Damon's one shot earned him two skins, and Mike Cagiano, Kevin Giles and Jeremy Schaefer had to settle for one each. The duo of Woods and Gerard led our qualifiers for the District team event to be held at Tavistock. Jay Antonelli (79), K. Giles (79), Angelo Petraglia (82) and H. Harsin (82) completed this stage of the qualifying. We will add the final four players from those who can attend the Championship.

In addition to the District team at Tavistock, we will also have the finals of the long drive contest in all three flights. In looking at the list of those who qualified, we can see some new and some old names. Eric Hanisko killed a drive to sneak past Jim Cross and Angelo. In the other flights we have Damon, Mark Peterson, Chris Zelle, Mark Becker, Blair Quinn and Fred Rapp. They came through when it counted, and if they hit the same drives in October, we could have a winner or two coming from District III.

We ended the evening by having dinner next to the pool, which also gave us a beautiful view of the course. Live music was performed, a gentle breeze kept us cool and Damon ran up quite a bill at the bar as everyone wanted to celebrate his great shot. This was a beautiful and relaxing (okay, not for everyone, Ed) site for this meeting. Ed and Andy Kolodjeski always seem to overcome every obstacle to make sure we have a great course in great shape. Our sincere thanks go out to them and to the extraordinary efforts from everyone

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on their staffs. And by the way, please mark your calendars for August 14, 2003. We have been asked back and we have accepted. Life can be beautiful. ☐

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richard Vincent Krok happily announced that his parents, Rick and Denise, were twice blessed on August 5, 2002, with beautiful baby girls. Jessica Elizabeth arrived at 2:51 p.m. weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz. and Jennifer Marie followed her sister at 2:52 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz. Rick, a salesman with Storr Tractor, reports that 1½-year-old big brother Richard has been taking great care of mom and the girls.

On August 17 at 11:40 a.m., Christine and Keith Kubik joyously welcomed Timothy Lawrence Kubik into their lives. The beautiful baby boy weighed in at 6 lbs. 4 oz. and mea-

sured 20½". The newest addition to the Grass Roots family phoned his grandfather, Ken Kubik, who was in Minnesota attending the PGA Championship, to announce his arrival.

Mister Stork was working overtime on the 17<sup>th</sup> as he delivered an 8-pound bundle of joy to Alicia and John Hutchison. The beautiful baby girl, named Reilly Grace Hutchison, arrived at 9:00 p.m. John is the superintendent at Old Orchard Country Club. ☐

## GREGORY NICOLL RECEIVES CGCS


The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America announced that Gregory Nicoll, superintendent of the Maplewood Country Club, has attained the designation of Certified Golf Course Superintendent. Greg's new title demonstrates his commitment to the highest level of professional excellence in the golf course maintenance industry. John O'Keefe, CGCS, and Bruce Peebles, CGCS, performed the on-site inspection necessary to complete the certification process.

Nicoll joins 39 fellow New Jersey superintendents and 1,819 superintendents world-wide as being certified by the GCSAA. Congratulations, Greg! ☐

## LOOKING BACK THIS MONTH

**Thirty years ago:** "I don't know why but we broke all attendance records for our September monthly meeting." Skip Cameron's report when 150 golfers showed up at the

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Playboy Club in McAfee, N.J.

**Thirty-five years ago:** Jim McNally hosted 200 attendees during the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Field Day at the Greenbrook Country Club. The beer flowed, Rip Rippel won a radio and the only glitch occurred during the trenching machine demo. It seems Jim's turf nursery had a few too many rocks in it!

**Forty-five years ago:** Bill Reilly successfully defended his NJGCSA golf championship at the Manasquan River C.C. He went on to win six more titles. Bill is our senior most member, having joined the Association in 1938. He now receives his *Greenerside* in sunny California.

**Fifty-five years ago:** After much controversy, a new by-law was voted in allowing commercial salesmen to join the Association. Among the first to sign up were Dan Brogan of American Agrico and Tony Mascaro of West Point Lawn Products.

**Sixty years ago:** During the war years labor was a big problem. "All the boys are having help headaches both ways—those that have, have troubles; those that have not, have more." [

## GCSANJ MINUTES – AUGUST

The meeting was held via a conference call on August 20, 2002. Those present included Ed Mellor, John O'Keefe, Bruce Peeples, Mickey Stachowski, Gregg Armbruster, Chris Holenstein, Jim McNally, Roger Stewart, Paul Dotti, Ken



**Mr. O'Brien takes it on the chin during a recent Leslie Cup match played at The Pine Barrens. Ken Mathis and Brad Simpkins now wait for their next opponents.**

Krausz and Judy Policastro.

Absent were Pat Campbell, Gary Arlio, Brian Minemier, Steve Chirip and Shaun Barry.

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The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

It was announced that Fred Allan, retired superintendent at Sea Bright Lawn & Tennis Club, passed away.

John O'Keefe gave his Treasurer's Report. John and the committee met with Ted Vitale, Rick Alampi and Judy to improve our financial statements. The next meeting is scheduled for August 27.

Doug Vogel was officially made editor of *The Greener-side*. He needs articles from superintendents.

There was a press conference from DEP headquarters with no changes for golf water restrictions. Mickey and Glenn met with AWC concerning its future path.

The next golf meeting will be at the Architects Club on September 17.

The National Delegates meeting is scheduled for 11/1 – 11/3.

GCSAA sent a thank you for nominating Mark Kuhns, CGCS.

There will be a GCSAA seminar (sponsored by GCSANJ) on December 19 at the Geiger Building. Joseph Vargas will speak on "Turfgrass Management Strategies."

GCSANJ will hold an Autumn Education Program on November 26 at Baltusrol. Dr. Watschke will be one of the speakers.

The USGA/Rutgers meeting will be held at the Edgewood C.C. on September 5 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss anthracnose findings.

The following people were approved for membership:

John Simpson, Bunker Hill G.C. – Class C

Michael Morris, Morris Associates – Class AF

Jon Barlok, John Deere, Class AF

A classification change for John Naughton of Apple Mountain G.C. from Class C to Class B was approved.

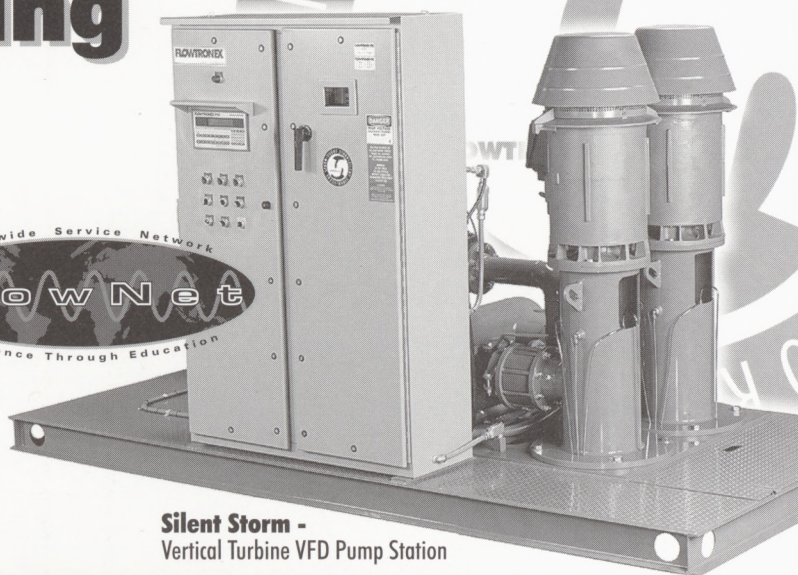
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## GCSAA *news*

### SEVEN SUPERINTENDENTS RUNNING FOR 2003 GCSAA BOARD

GCSAA members will elect three officers and three directors from a field of seven candidates at the 2003 GCSAA Annual Meeting in Atlanta February 14. The nominating committee held a conference call July 25 and carefully reviewed the eligibility and requirements of each nominee. The nominees approved for candidacy are:

**For president:** Jon D. Maddern, CGCS, Elk Ridge Golf Club, Atlanta, Michigan.

**For vice president:** Mark J. Woodward, CGCS, Dobson Ranch/Riverview Golf Courses, Mesa, Arizona.

**For secretary/treasurer:** Robert J. Maibusch, CGCS, MG, Hinsdale Golf Club, Clarendon Hills, Illinois, and Timothy T. O'Neill, CGCS, Country Club of Darien (Connecticut).

**For directors:** Gary K. Carls, CGCS, Sunnyvale and Sunken Gardens Golf Courses, Sunnyvale, California; Ricky D. Heine, CGCS, The Golf Club Star Ranch, Hutto, Texas; and Mark D. Kuhns, CGCS, Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, New Jersey.

David S. Downing, II, CGCS, and Sean A. Hoolehan, CGCS, each have one year remaining of their two-year direc-

tor terms. Michael Wallace, CGCS, 2002 president, will serve as immediate past president, and Tommy D. Witt, CGCS, 2002 immediate past president, will retire from the Board.

This year's nominating committee members are: Paul McGinnis, CGCS, chairman; Mark E. Esoda, CGCS; Patrick R. Finlen, CGCS; Keith A. Ihms, CGCS; and Roger A. Stewart, Jr., CGCS.

Candidates will be introduced at the Chapter Delegates Meeting November 2-3. Each candidate will deliver five-minute presentations to the delegates and will participate in a "Meet the Candidates" session where small group discussions will take place. In-depth profiles of the candidates will be included in the official Notice of Annual Meeting to be mailed to all members in January. [

### PROPOSED DUES INCREASE

A 20 percent dues increase is being proposed for the dues year beginning July 1, 2003. The last increase was in 1997 when Class A dues increased from \$210 to \$250.

Under the proposal, Class A and Superintendent Member dues would increase from \$250 to \$300, and Class C assistant superintendent member dues would increase from \$125 to \$150. Such an increase will require approval by the membership at the 2003 Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

The Board would then approve corresponding increases in the remaining membership classes, including: affiliate dues from \$250 to \$300, student and educator dues from \$55

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to \$65, and associate dues from \$125 to \$150. Retired and inactive classes would remain unchanged at \$70 and \$30, respectively. I

## SEMINAR FEE INCREASE

It remains GCSAA's goal to provide quality education that is affordable and accessible.

Fees for regional and conference seminars are being increased by \$10 an instructional day to \$130; half-day seminars are being increased by \$5 to \$65; and two-day seminars are being increased by \$20 to \$260. In addition, continental breakfasts are being eliminated. It is believed that there would be no impact on the quality of education, and the resulting cost savings is substantial. I

## GCSAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

During its annual committee meeting, July 19, 2002, the GCSAA Scholarship Committee selected this year's Scholars Award winners.

The goal of the GCSAA Scholars Competition is to recognize outstanding students who plan careers in golf course management or a related field.

Paul Chojnacky, Rutgers University, received a \$500 merit award. Paul's hometown is Atlanta, Georgia. Congratulations, Paul.

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## ANTHRACNOSE – CONTROL IS IN SIGHT

Anthracnose basal rot is an extremely destructive disease of turfgrass maintained at low cutting heights. It was no surprise, then, that 89 turf experts braved the 79° cold front the morning of August 19 and convened at the beautiful Ridgewood Country Club to observe the on-going research done by Dr. Bruce Clarke and Dr. Jim Murphy of the Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science. The curious crowd of superintendents, USGA agronomists, commercial sales and technical representatives, and Ed Walsh alumni gathered around Ridgewood Superintendent Todd Raisch's expansive bent/poa practice green to visually examine the 38 treatment study.

Todd's problem with Anthracnose started back in 1999 and has been with him ever since. He was more than happy to offer his green for the study, which will help fellow superintendents understand the etiology and management of this hideous disease.



**Todd Raisch (left) shares his problems with Anthracnose just as Dave Pease (right) spots a yellow belly sapsucker high atop one of Ridgewood's mighty oak trees.**



**Dr. Bruce Clarke answers questions about his Anthracnose Basal Rot research on the practice green at The Ridgewood Country Club.**

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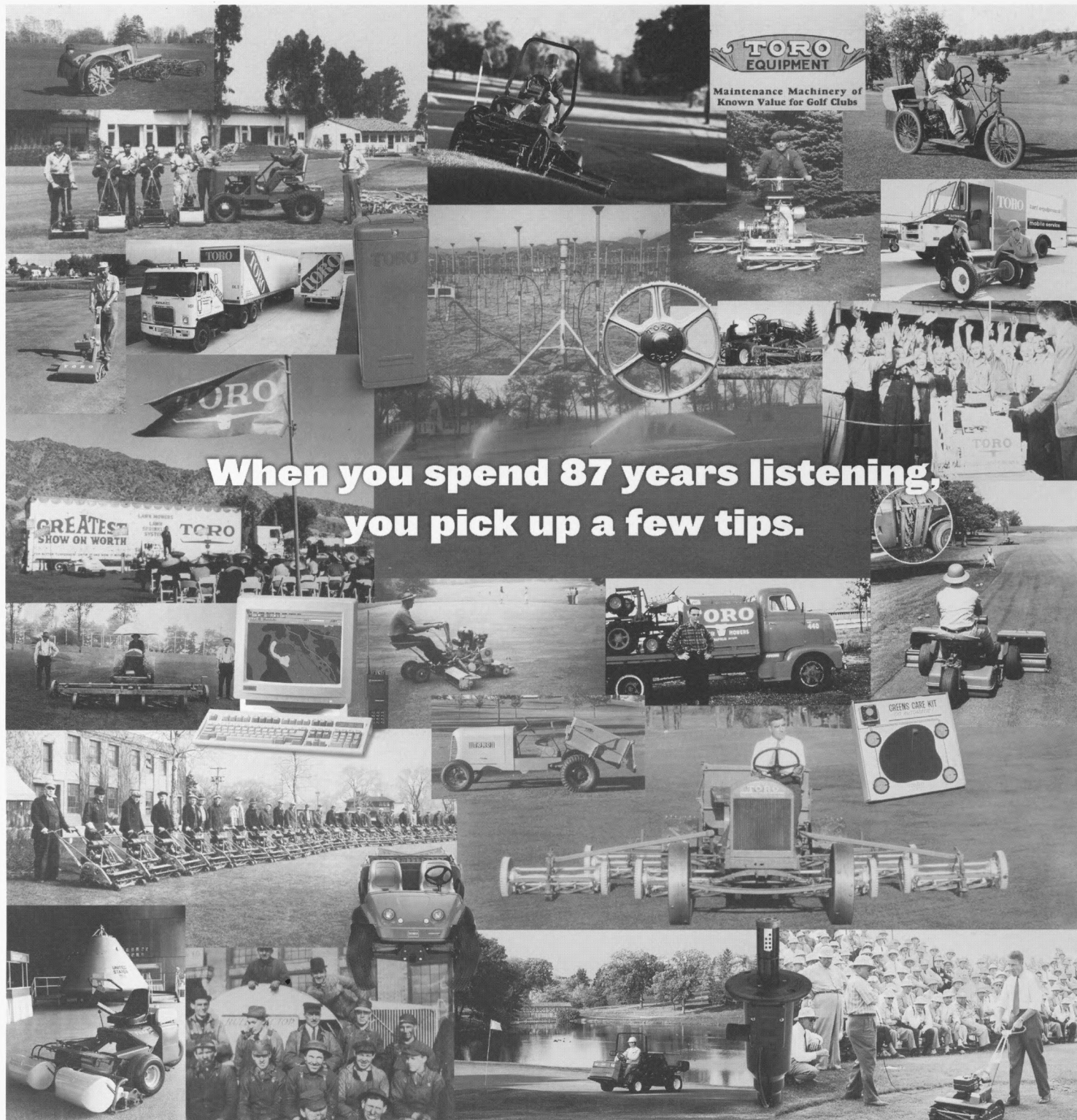
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With a slight grin, Dr. Clarke stated, "Ridgewood has the best Anthracnose I have ever seen. I thank Todd for all his help with this study. We got very clear cut results." Clarke emphasized, "This was the best test I have ever done, but realize this is only a one-year test—after two years I will be very confident in the results."

Clarke and Raisch then answered many questions from the audience with reference to cultural practices, pH of water,

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fertility programs and chemical classes. Overall, it was a very worthwhile excursion for all of those who attended.

The Anthracnose basal rot research study included the use of a broad range of fungicides at six different rates and timings from ten different chemical classes. A copy of the results can be obtained by calling Dr. Clarke's office at 732-932-9400, ext. 339. Please ask for Marlene.

This study is being funded by the Tri-State Research Foundation, The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey, The New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation, The Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science and The Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

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## RUTGERS FIELD DAY



*Dr. Rich Hurley, Ken Kubik and Chad Baker are enjoying their visit to the Field Day at Rutgers.*

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## RUTGERS FIELD DAY



*Syd Dickison and Chris Holenstein share a water break at the Rutgers Field Day. As usual, Syd volunteered to help and she very quickly became the most important person at the Field Day*



*An illustrious group of industry leaders turn the first shovel at the dedication of the Buy-A-Brick patio. Left to right: Steve Chirip, Frank Chadwick, Dr. Malinowski, Ken Kubik and Dr. Clarke.*



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# Seeking turf knowledge

**T**his is the time of year to start evaluating the numerous educational opportunities made available to superintendents during the "off season." Our state already has the best educational trade show in EXPO and the top continuing educational classes at Rutgers University. There are others, of course, some a short drive away and some even closer on the World Wide Web. *The Greenside* is inundated with press releases to share with its readers. Here are two.

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## **Chipco® Academy™ unveils online education for *Poa annua* control**

The Chipco Professional Products group of Bayer Environmental Science announces the next educational program available at Chipco Academy, "*Poa annua* control." Chipco Academy, a free online training program for turfgrass professionals, offers end-user training on Chipco fungicide,

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herbicide, insecticide and PGR usage, via the Chipco web site, [www.bayerchipco.com](http://www.bayerchipco.com).

The new training session addresses how professionals have been challenged with *Poa annua* and have weighed the decision whether to remove it or manage it and live with it. The educational portion will review the strategies for *Poa annua* control—pre-emergence removal, post-emergence removal and management. Professionals will learn cultural practices and herbicides to consider depending on the control method and situation.

After reviewing the information presented, participants are quizzed online about what they learned. Upon successful completion of the brief quiz, professionals receive a certificate recognizing their training, along with a gift from Chipco Professional Products—in this case, a modern desk clock/thermometer.

"Along with professionals and researchers, we share a

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# Reed and Perrine to donate rebates

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In an attempt to raise money to continue to fight in

Trenton and keep the Alliance for Water Conservation moving forward, Reed and Perrine will donate rebates back to the AWC on purchases from golf course superintendents between September 1, 2002, and the end of the year. *Please contact your salesman for details or Reed and Perrine at 800-222-1065.*



## GCSANJ news

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The By-Laws Committee met at Spring Lake G.C. to finalize a proposal to be presented to the Board next month.

A golf simulator will be used again at the GCSANJ booth at Expo.

Brian Gjelsvik is leaving Preakness Hills to work for

Seeton Turf Supply. He will recommend names to succeed him as liaison. He is trying to find a site for late October for the Assistants Tournament. Ed suggested that the new liaison update the golf club directions book.

Ken would like feedback on proposed SOPs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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## Seeking turf knowledge

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long-standing interest in the control of annual bluegrass," said George Raymond, business manager, Herbicides, Chipco Professional Products. "By offering online training for *Poa annua* control, we aim to provide needed product information and methods to manage this pervasive and adaptive turfgrass."





# Hug a tree today

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Loss Control Bulletin

**W**hen properly maintained, trees enhance and enrich your club property beyond measure. If allowed to deteriorate, however, they can be responsible for destruction to club property and injury to members, guests and employees.

Regular, professional tree maintenance is the key to preservation of these priceless assets. Certified Tree Experts should be employed to make regularly scheduled tree inspections, with the golf course superintendent, concentrating on trees that expose the following areas:

- Club house, half-way house and other buildings
- Caddie waiting areas
- Staging areas
- Parking lots
- Cart paths
- Tree lines on both sides of fairways
- Swimming pool areas
- Driveways
- Tee and green surrounds
- Property bordering residential area

Your primary concern should be the protection of people and property from falling trees and branches. Regularly scheduled tree maintenance by Certified Tree Experts will go a long way toward meeting this goal. Superintendents can also contribute to the continued health of your trees by looking for defects such as:

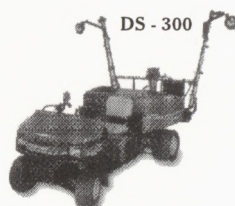
- Decayed or cracked trunks
- Dead branches
- Peeling bark
- Insect infestation
- Any other unsatisfactory conditions

Such defects should be noted by the superintendent and reported to your Certified Tree Expert for the necessary action. Maintenance is most efficiently done in the winter when access is good and course play is at a minimum.

While working on this bulletin we consulted with Robert B. Finnesey, president of Tree-Tech, Inc., Mt. Freedom, New Jersey. Rob is a Certified Tree Expert and Arborist and his company regularly services over 50 golf courses. He suggests that if you want additional information regarding the preservation of your trees, call the National Arborists Association at 800-733-2622 or e-mail them at [naa@natlarb.com](mailto:naa@natlarb.com).



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# Memorabilia

By Doug Vogel

**B**aseball cards, golf clubs and autographs are just a few of the many items that people collect in what has become known as the Sports Memorabilia Craze. Collectors fall into two groups. The first group is in it as investors, clinging to each card or club as if they were gold bricks, squirreling them away and bragging of their "value." The second group is motivated by the nostalgic trip down memory lane they get when they gaze upon their prizes, which hang on office walls, gather dust on fireplace mantels or get water-stained on bathroom reading racks. Regardless of their reasons, no one in my mind tops the unique collection of my friend and neighbor, Donald Busher. Growing in his backyard is turf collected from some of the most famous sports venues on the East Coast.

It started rather innocently with a piece of turf uprooted from Shea Stadium on that magical day in October when Cleon Jones clutched the final out of the 1969 World Series. As the fans stormed the field, Busher found himself next to a crying old man feverishly digging and screaming, "This is where Ron Swoboda caught the ball, he landed right here!"

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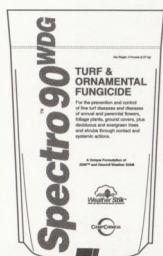
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Take a piece of history, son, and plant it in your backyard." Don took a piece and the rest is history—literally.

Ever since that day, Busher has collected "historical" turf. His baseball turf plots most notably include a piece of centerfield from Yankee Stadium, a patch where Brooks Robinson stood while protecting third base at Memorial Stadium and a weed infested square from the former Roosevelt Stadium in Jersey City. "Ricky Henderson played his minor league ball there the last year the stadium was used by professionals," Don explained.

The golf section at the Busher household is most impressive, and his technique in acquiring his pieces shows some thought with respect to the golf course. "I never go to a tournament without small bags of topdressing to fill any of the divots I may take. Most of my pieces come from the driving range anyway." Don's collection includes ten Arnold Palmer range divots and a monster Lawrence Taylor chunk from the Upper Montclair Country Club, one each from Nicklaus, Faldo, Zoeller and Watson from the 1993 U.S. Open at Baltusrol, and his historic divot—John Daly's 1 iron divot from Baltusrol's 17<sup>th</sup>. "I stood behind the ropes and kept my eye on that sucker for two hours until the coast was clear. I casually walked out, picked it up, put down the topdressing and beat feet," a smiling Busher reminisced. "It was very small and the heat had severely dried it out." The proud collector now boasts that "it is almost a square foot."

As with all collectibles, value is determined by a combination of supply, demand and condition. For instance, a Jim McNally divot has little or no value because the supply is numerous, there is no demand and, if there was, the condition can be mighty ugly. But a Ken Kubik signed limited edition white Dunlap tennis ball? Let the bidding begin. ♫

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# Technology update: Temporary Internet files

**I**t's time once again to delete those temporary Internet files. This will make surfing the web much more efficient. Both Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator store copies of the web pages you visit. Depending on your browser, these files are either referred to as 'temporary Internet files' or 'cache.' The browser stores these files for quicker downloading on your future visits. However, if you don't periodically clean them out, they can slow down your system and prevent you from viewing the most current material on a website. You may want to set up a routine schedule for performing this cleanup once a month, or more frequently if you are a daily Internet user.

Most Internet Explorer users should start by going to the "view" menu and select the "Internet options" tab. In this area, you'll find the option to delete your temporary Internet files.

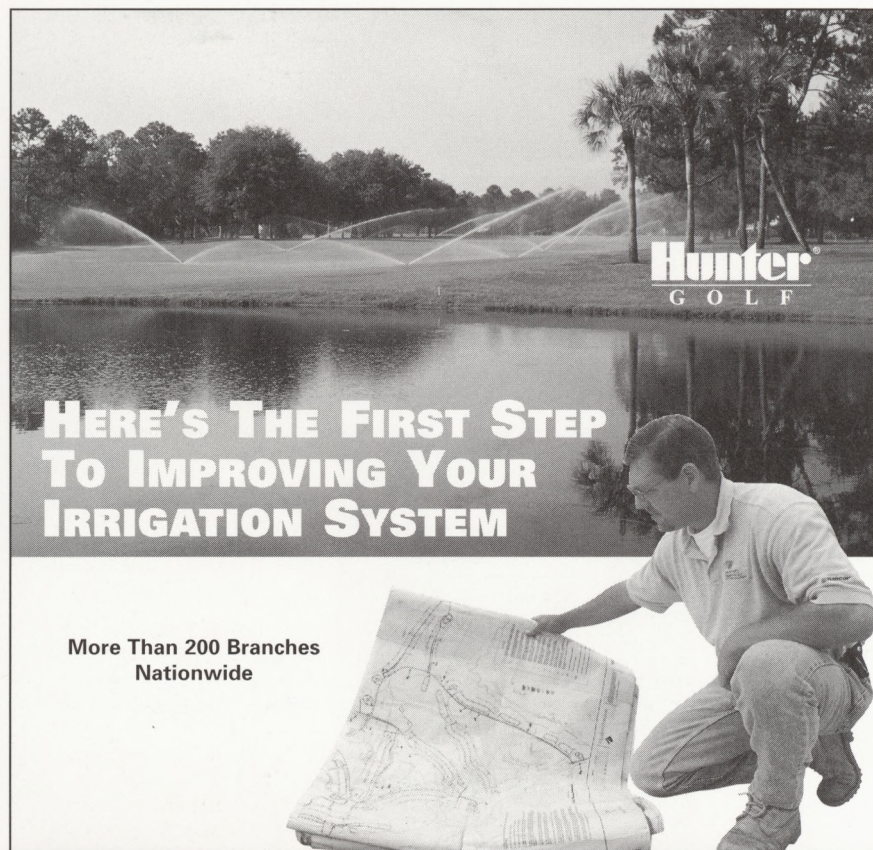
Netscape users should go to the "options" menu and

select "network preferences." Next, go to the "cache" tab, where you will find the options to "clear memory cache" and "clear disk cache." If you perform both of these functions,

***You may want to set up a routine schedule for performing this cleanup once a month, or more frequently if you are a daily Internet user.***

it will clear all the temporary files in the cache.

AOL users should go to "my AOL," choose "preferences," then depending on the version of AOL you are running, you will need to look for and choose "delete temporary internet files." ¶



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