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Foster receives Distinguished Service Award

By Doug Vogel

Albert Foster, a 55-year member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey, was honored by his peers with his selection as the 2002 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. During an emotional ceremony held at the annual meeting, longtime friend and former assistant Elliot Lewis presented Foster with the Association's most prestigious award.

Lewis spoke eloquently about his mentor before calling him up to the podium. A standing ovation followed as Foster made his way to the front of the room. The audience finally settled back into their seats, greatly anticipating some famous Al Foster tales about the good old days. He didn't disappoint anybody. Hand cranked tractors, 55-gallon proportioners and wooden snowplow stories were just the tip of the iceberg. The most touching, though, was Foster's acknowledgement of the many contributions made by his wife Henrietta to his successful career.

Foster graduated from the Rutgers Turf Management short course in 1946, after serving in the military during World War II. His first superintendent job was at the Forest Hill Field Club in his hometown of Bloomfield, New Jersey. Al joined the New Jersey Greenkeeping Superintendents Association in 1947, being sponsored for membership by founding father John Anderson and Sherwood Moore. He then took the job at the Aldecress CC (now the Alpine CC) for a 14-year stint. In 1958 he moved on to the Hackensack CC for the final 20 years of his storied career. During this time, Foster served the Association as President in 1963 and 1964 after holding the secretary position for over 12 years.

Foster was known as a pioneer in the industry, being the first to aerify greens in the fall as well as developing a fall fertilization program for his tees, greens and fairways. In an era when the superintendent was regarded as just one of the staff who cuts the grass, Al and his family were given full clubhouse and facility privileges. Even the logo of the GCSANJ was Al's creation.

No talk of distinguished service would be complete without mention of Foster's military service. Al was a participant in the D-Day Invasion, arriving in the second wave

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Al Foster (left) is presented the Distinguished Service Award by Elliot Lewis, his former assistant at the Hackensack CC. Henrietta Foster, Al's wife of 55 years, certainly deserves a big piece of the award.



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From the editor's desk

2003 and rising

I have nothing but fond memories of Weedy the Weed Eater. Weedy was a big old string trimmer that hung in the shed that was next to the barn that was adjacent to the shop. Whenever the crew had spare time we could deploy Weedy in the ditches, under the trees and around the fence posts.

There was only one small catch.

Weedy weighed about 60 pounds, and you needed Steve Garvey forearms to operate him. But that didn't stop us. We were young, and we all thought we had Steve Garvey forearms anyway. Besides it was either Weedy or the grass shears or the weed whip or the dreaded scythe.

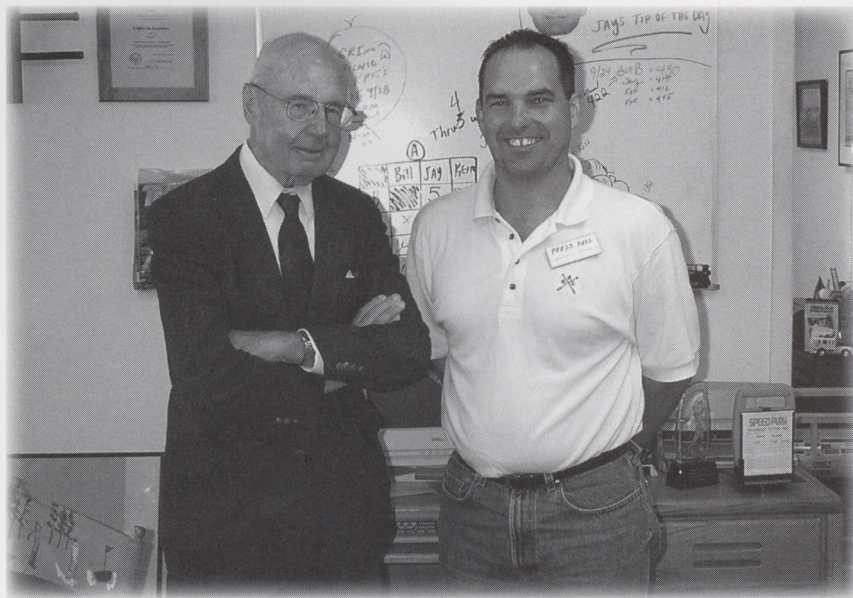
Remember scything? Well, scything was a lost art form long before our boss Ziggy Zaleski was trying to teach it to us. It still remains lost. At least at Packanack.

So what is the point?

The point is that the member-written article is going the way of the scythe. Now is your chance to help preserve this lost art form by entering the 2003 *Greenside* Literary Contest. Submit articles to the editor. Prizes will be awarded. Call for details.

Scythingly yours,

Doug



Golf architect/historian Geoffry Cornish and the editor met at the Grass Roots, Inc. operations center to discuss scything, article writing and other greenkeeping practices of yesteryear.

President's Message *John O'Keefe, CGCS, Preakness Hills CC*

The dreaded phone message

It was a rainy Friday in December. We had seen snow, rain, freeze and thawing. The course was as soft as it could be at this point. I was scrambling to find work for the men. I glanced down on my phone message pad and saw the name Doug Vogel. Yes, my savior, he wants to get out for a bite to eat or maybe to borrow some equipment. Either way it was a nice change from looking at my guys looking back at me. I excitedly returned the phone call. That's when the dread set in. I thought he was my friend, a supporter, but no, he wanted my first "President's message." I thought I had made it clear to Doug that my first action as president was to eliminate the "President's message." So now I have to sit down and think of something to write, and, even worse, I have to make it interesting. I grow grass, I'm not a writer. Well, I already have a paragraph done, and it hasn't killed me yet so let's proceed.

Seriously, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. It is with great honor that I accept the position. I have many ideas for our future. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new directors, Greg Nicoll, Brian Remo and Tim Kerwin. Many thanks to our outgoing Board members Ken Krausz, Steve Chirip, Pat Campbell, Chris Holenstein and Brian Gjelsvik. And special thanks to Ed Mellor for all his dedication and hard work, who remains on the Board as past president.

Did you know that this is the perfect time to volunteer for our committees? Well, it is. Often times when a new president takes his place, directors shift positions on the Board, committees change and, therefore, openings are available. Why



President John O'Keefe and the 2003 GCSANJ Board.
Front, left to right: Mickey Stachowski, Bruce Peeples, CGCS, John O'Keefe, CGCS, Jim McNally, Ed Mellor. **Back, left to right:** Gregg Armbruster, Brian Minemier, Brian Remo, CGCS, Greg Nicoll, CGCS, Paul Dotti, Tim Kerwin, Gary Arlio. **Not pictured:** Roger Stewart, CGCS, and Shaun Barry.

not you? We have many new members, and I'm sure some of you feel the same way I do, that taking an active role in our organization can be very rewarding. It's your Association. Webster describes "association" as a union. Are we a union of professionals? Or sometimes does it feel like some are the leaders and some just settle to be followers. You can

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Calendar

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| February 10-15, 2003 | GCSAA Conference and Trade Show , Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Ga. Contact GCSAA at 800-472-7878. |
| February 13, 2003 | Nor'Easter Hospitality Reception , Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, Ga. Host: GCSANJ, et al. |
| February 24, 2003 | GCSANJ Winter Seminar , Baltusrol GC, Springfield, N.J. Host: Mark Kuhns, CGCS; Educational Chairman: Paul Dotti. |

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make a difference. It really doesn't take that much work, it's not that time consuming either. The rewards are great. Professionally, you achieve a respect among your peers and a terrific addition to your resume. Personally, a meeting a month isn't really going to make a difference in our already busy schedules, and the fellowship gained and, honestly, fun had cannot be equaled in our business. Clubs are always excited to see their superintendent thrive professionally, it only draws attention to the quality of their club.

The following committee chairs are eagerly waiting for you to contact them with your energy and great ideas:

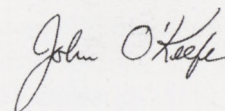
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I am looking forward to a very productive year working with our new Board and hope to see many new faces get involved. Happy New Year!



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New golf practice facility will benefit homeless veterans

By James H. Baird, Ph.D.

It is an uncomfortable fact that on any given night there are approximately 8,300 homeless veterans in New Jersey and over 250,000 without homes in the United States. As one of several projects developed by the Veterans Industries program of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to help unemployed and homeless honorably discharged veterans re-enter the workforce and regain both housing and their independence, a new golf practice facility is scheduled to open this spring and will provide job training and employment to homeless veterans. The practice facility is located on the grounds of the VA Medical Center campus in Lyons, New Jersey, located just minutes away from the USGA Golf House. Also on the grounds is a 9-hole public golf course managed by the recreation department of Bernards Township.

The Roger Rulewich Group donated their design services for the 13-acre facility, which includes a one-acre natural turf tee and five target greens. The golf architectural firm also served as general contractor for construction, installation of an automatic irrigation system and grow-in. Construction began during the summer of 2002, and a complete stand of Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescue and perennial ryegrass turf was achieved by early fall. The USGA Green section donated agronomic assistance during turf establishment and is committed to providing long-term support to the facility. Furthermore, the USGA Research and Test Center will donate golf balls to the practice facility following testing.



The practice facility will be open to the general public and will operate as a non-profit business. Revenues will be used to create housing and job opportunities for homeless veterans. Veterans in residential treatment for substance abuse and children from impoverished communities in New Jersey will have free access to golf lessons and use of the facility.

Interested in helping those who risked their lives for our freedom and country? The practice facility is in need of just about everything you can think of including new or used: artificial turf practice mats, tee markers, signs (rules, traffic, yardage), ball/club washers, flagsticks, cups, cup cutter, ball pickers (machine and hand-held), golf balls, baskets, perennial ryegrass seed, topdressing mix for divots, rakes, shovels, utility vehicles with dump beds, fertilizer, walking spreaders, small tractor with turf tires, tractor/utility vehicle mounted spreader, a gang unit reel mower, rotary deck mowers, and a triplex tee/target green mower. Aside from donations of equipment and supplies, help is also needed to train veterans for the maintenance and repair of turf equipment at the facility.

For more information about the golf practice facility or how to make a tax-deductible donation, please contact Mr. Robert Valentino, Marketing Director, Veterans Industries, at 908-647-0180, ext. 6884.

James H. Baird, Ph.D., is the agronomist for the Northeast Region of the United States Golf Association Green Section.



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The backbone of the golf course

By Nick Groetsema

If the golf course superintendent is the brain of the golf course maintenance program, then the equipment technician is the backbone. The experience and talent of the technician play a vital role in the economic and agronomic success of the golf course operation.

The Golf Course Equipment Technician's Association of New Jersey was founded in 1988 in part to enhance and bring stability and professionalism to this important position of golf course equipment technician. The goals of our Association are to:

- Evaluate new products and equipment and provide superintendents with this information so the superintendents can make sound decisions.
- Establish training programs and working relationships with established vocational/technical institutions.
- Open lines of communication with equipment manufacturers for the purpose of:
 - A. Improving equipment
 - B. Recognizing safety problems
 - C. Obtaining timely information on updates and modifications
 - D. Utilizing and expanding their training programs
- Develop and maintain an informational library consisting of video and printed material for education and new equipment.
- Publish and distribute a newsletter complete with a listing of:
 - A. Equipment for sale
 - B. Spare parts for sale or barter
 - C. Available library material

Currently the Association is at a crossroads. It appears as though interest is waning. Finances are good and membership numbers are strong with 90 members listed, but involvement needs to improve. Improvement is needed in education attendance and Board involvement. This is where we need the help of the golf course superintendent and GCSANJ. Not only would we like you to promote the Technician's Association to your own technician, but also we would like some input and ideas on how we can make our Association strong.

It is my belief that the superintendents should view our Association not as a threat, but as a tool such as a shovel or a tractor--something that will help us do our job better, you do your job better, all for the advancement of the golf maintenance operation.

Nick Groetsema is the golf course equipment technician at the Knickerbocker CC and current president of the Golf Course Technicians Association of New Jersey.


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that hit the shores of Utah Beach. He received five Combat Stars, the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantry Medal and two Purple Hearts. He recently received a medal for his heroism from the French Government for his efforts in the liberation of their country over 50 years ago. Congratulations, Al, and thanks for all you have done for the Association.

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Storr Tractor Company ushers balloons in Thanksgiving Day Parade

By Mary Lou DesChamps

Macy's requested Storr Tractor Company to partner with them in supplying 40 Toro Workmen Utility Vehicles, to make sure that the "balloons didn't get carried away" at the 2002 Thanksgiving Day Parade.

What a thrill! Thanksgiving wouldn't be the same without the famous and historic parade, which has been a family tradition for 76 years. Young and old alike standing along the parade route cheering the balloons along the way, as well as those who welcomed the parade into their homes all over the country with families glued to their television sets. What a sight to behold!

One cannot thoroughly appreciate what is involved unless you have been there participating along with the thousands of volunteers who gave so graciously of their time and talent to make the parade such a success! The group from Macy's Parade Committee must be applauded for the time



Utility vehicles supplied by Storr Tractor accompanied Pikachu and the rest of the famous balloons during the 76th Annual Macys Thanksgiving Day Parade.

and effort they put forth into the number of extensive demonstrations, rehearsals and testing of the ropes with the vehicles for months in advance to ensure the parade's success. Yes, Pikachu and Barney never looked so good marching down Broadway. The handlers were very complimentary about our vehicles—the ease of operation, weight carrying capacity, maneuverability and power.

The Parade Committee from Storr who participated in this year's event did so with overwhelming enthusiasm! It was a fantastic opportunity to have been selected by Macy's, as well as a lot of fun for everyone at STC, thankful in the knowledge that we had contributed to the parade's success and in making so many people happy on the one day we set aside every year, to be thankful for all of our blessings!

Mary Lou DesChamps is the president of Storr Tractor Company, distributors of Toro Power Equipment in the N.Y.-N.J. Metropolitan area.



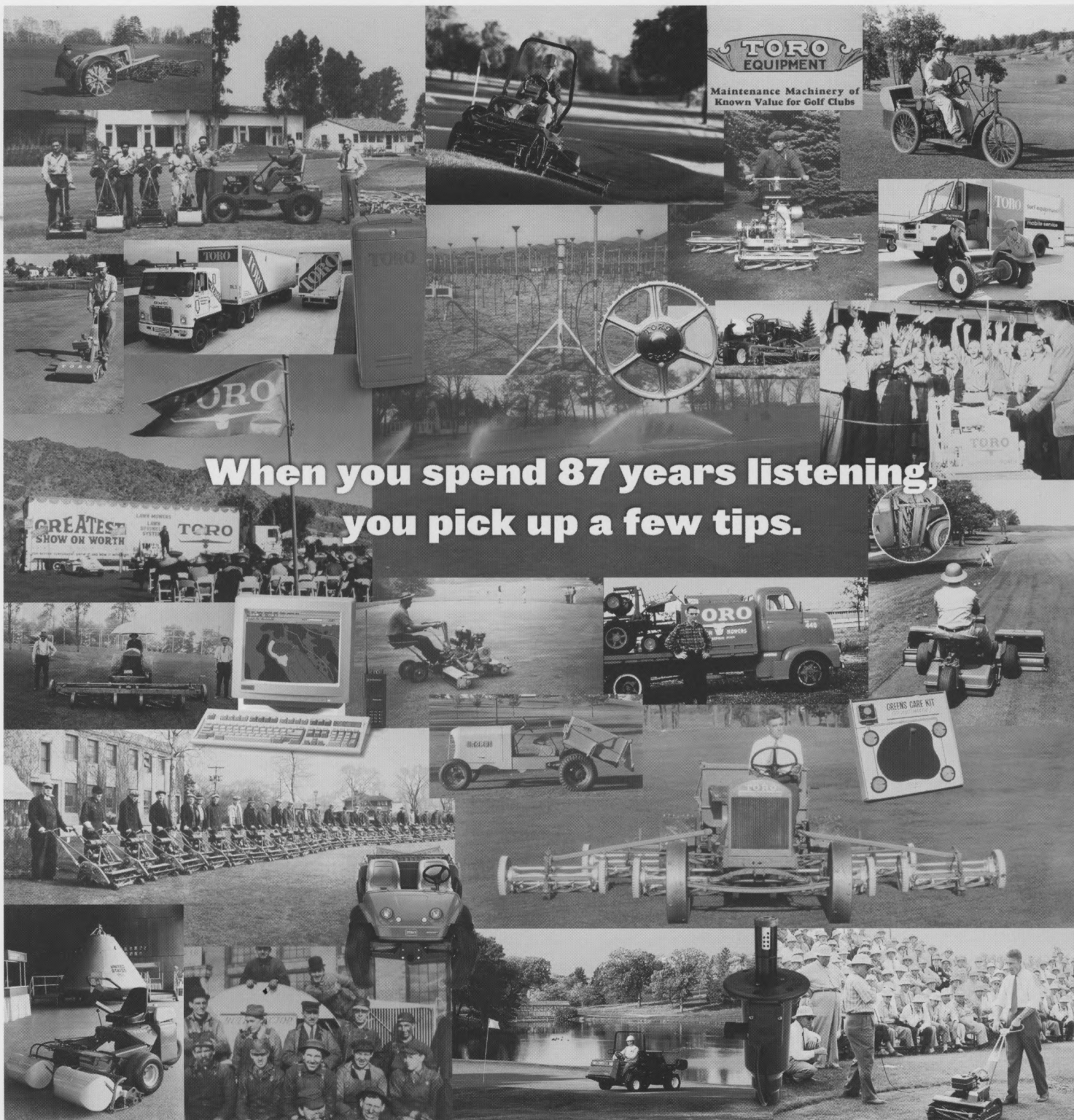


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MILLER AND STACHOWSKI GARNER MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

By Doug Vogel

Glenn Miller of the Manasquan River C.C. and Mickey Stachowski of the Fiddlers Elbow C.C. were announced as the recipients of the 2002 Member of the Year Award. The presentation of the award took place at the Annual Meeting held during Expo at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino and Resort Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Nominated by their peers for their tireless work on changing New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection drought policies, Glenn and Mickey were the runaway choices for the prestigious award. Their constant presence at the doorstep of the DEP helped to



John O'Keefe was honored to present the Member of the Year awards to Glenn Miller (left) and Mickey Stachowski (right).

educate regulators about the unfavorable restrictions placed on golf courses. Through their efforts, many of the restrictions were eased during this extremely difficult year for growing grass. We tip our hats to these two very deserving gentlemen. ¶

GREAT TURNOUT MEANS A GREAT TIME

By Joe Kinlin

It sure does . . . the Class C meeting was held at Maplewood Country Club with record-setting attendance this year. Even the October chill couldn't stop all 72 participants from having a great time. Greg Nicoll, CGCS, and Mike Lusk,

general manager, and all of Maplewood's staff did a great job preparing the golf course and reception. Greg boasts that Maplewood is the tightest golf course you will ever see. Well, Greg, you weren't kidding, I don't think I hit but one or 2 fairways, and I really think it was because they were narrow.

Low Gross Assistant honors went to Rob Arnst from Stanton Ridge CC with an 81. Low Gross Guest honors went to Sean Klotzbach with an 80. The Low Net Assistant went to Brian Leserini from Pine Barrens with a net 70, and Low Net Guest went to Dick Neufeld from ET Equipment with a net 65. Closest to the pin on #8 was David Lipman from Westchester Turf Supply at 7'10", on #10 it was Dennis Desantis, Jr. from Terre Co. at 11 feet even, and on #18 Todd Raisch from Ridgewood CC was 4'11". Long Drives from Jason Grode from Baltusrol on #1 and Joe Kinlin from Arcola on #16. And, finally, the most unique contest, longest 2 shots, was won by Brad Fox from New Jersey National.

Once again we all had a great time, and it all would not have been possible without all of our sponsors for this event and such a great host. Thanks again to all our vendors and Greg. Their continued support allows us to make this tournament even better every year. ¶

25-YEAR AWARDS

By Steve Chirip

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey awarded 25-year plaques to the following five outstanding members at the Annual Meeting held in Atlantic

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25-year GCSANJ member Wayne Remo, CGCS, is proud to have followed in his father's footsteps and is equally proud to have his son Brian follow his.



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City on December 10, 2002:

Thomas Crump, CGCS

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Twin Brooks C.C.

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Jim Kelsey

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Wayne Remo, CGCS

Superintendent

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A beautiful baby girl named Shelby Marie Lawfon arrived on December 5, 2002, and will no doubt become the favorite subject of grandfather Shaun Barry's well-known camera. Proud parents are Amy and Billy Lawfon. Shelby weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and measured 20". She also is proud to announce that grandpa Shaun is the sales representative for Bayer CropScience.

Plant Food Company, Inc. recently announced the addition of Brad Simpkins to its sales team. Brad will be primarily

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GCSANJ ANNUAL MEETING



John O'Keefe (right) congratulates Steve Chirip for his 15 years of service on the Board as the Commercial Representative.



The 2002 GCSANJ All-Stars: Glenn Miller (left), Al Foster and Mickey Stachowski.

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(From left to right) Jim Cross, Angelo Petraglia and Rip Rippel enjoy lunch at the annual meeting as they await the reading of the financial statement.



Ed Mellor addresses the Association one last time before assuming the role of past president.



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MINUTES – NOVEMBER 14, 2002 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was held at Association headquarters, Springfield, New Jersey.

Present: John O'Keefe, Bruce Peeples, Mickey Stachowski, Steve Chirip, Shaun Barry, Jim McNally, Paul Dotti, Gary Arlio, Judy Policastro.

Not Present: Ed Mellor, Ken Krausz, Gregg Armbruster, Roger Stewart, Brian Minemier

Call to Order: 1:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Read and approved – Mickey Stachowski, 1st, Jim McNally, 2nd.

Announcements/Benevolent: Thank you letter from Rutgers acknowledging the two \$10,000 checks, which finishes our commitment to the Geiger Building Fund for the years 2002 and 2003.

AEC annual meeting sponsorship request - \$150 approved.

Treasurer's Report: October/year end statement not yet ready.

Motion to pass 2003 budget – Jim McNally, 1st and Mickey 2nd – approved.

Newsletter: Jim McNally sent Doug Vogel a letter detailing the GCSAA delegates meeting he attended.

Government: Mickey senses that current golf course water restrictions will stay in place until next spring at the earliest. He will present proposed drought regulations to DEP on November 30. He testified before State Assembly panel concerning drought issues. Mickey also attended a dinner sponsored by Hal Bozarth, lobbyist, to meet politicians and talk about issues.

Golf: Shaun reports successful golf meeting year; Board agrees. He has a few possible sites lined up for 2003 but will need more.

National Delegate: Jim McNally attended GCSAA delegates meeting. Following items were discussed: dues increase proposed, PDI starts in July 2003, GCSAA Board travel expenses discussed, possibly looking to move GCSAA headquarters. Delegates had 1.5 hours of open meeting without Board or employees in attendance – good discussion followed on various issues.

Special Events: Committee to meet on 11/18 to discuss February educational seminar.

GCSAA seminar 12/02 at Geiger building.

Membership: The following were brought before the Board for membership: Jason Thompson, Essex County CC, Class B – Dist. 2; David LaLena, Philadelphia Turf Co., Class AF; request for membership change – Donald Heyniger, from Class A to Life A. All approved.

Scholarship & Research: Two GCSANJ scholarships awarded at Rutgers dinner; Gary Arlio attended.

By-Laws: Will read proposed by-law changes for second time at annual meeting.

Rutgers: District directors to get list of their A and B members so they can call to have people fill out Rutgers economic survey.

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Survey: Questionnaire is out and responses are coming in fast and furious.

Commercial: Steve Chirip resigning as Affiliate representative after 15 years of Board service due to employment commitments. Affiliate elections are proceeding with results announced soon.

Assistant Liaison: Maplewood CC site of Assistant tournament on October 28 had 72 golfers. Currently looking for assistant liaison to the Board.

Foundation: Bruce Peeples to be member of Foundation Committee.

Web Site: Steve Kopach will again be web guru; he has some ideas on upgrading site. Bruce Peeples will contact Steve to see if budget survey can be done on the web site.

Awards: DSA and Member of the Year winners have been decided—to be announced at annual meeting.

District Reports:

District I – to have meeting on budgets soon.

District II – election results due tomorrow for two empty director positions.

District III – Christmas party being planned.

District IV – had district meeting on 10/30 at Twisted Dune GC; good time.

Ethics, Club Relations, Public Relations and Nominations had no report.

New Business: Instead of Christmas baskets to all retired members, it was decided to name a college scholarship in their honor; Scholarship Committee will determine amount.

Judy needs written committee reports before annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Bruce Peeples, CGCS, Secretary, GCSANJ

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 10, 2002

Ed Mellor opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Finance Report: Jim McNally reported Association finances were in good order – will be using a simpler, easier to use financial statement for budget year 2003, which will track each event separately.

National Delegate Report: Jim reported that Mark Kuhns, CGCS, Baltusrol GC, was running for GCSAA director seat. Mark gave a very good speech at the National delegate meeting. GCSAA also looking into possibility of moving headquarters.

Membership Report: There was a net loss of 18 mem-

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bers in 2002. Currently we have 215 A members, B – 60, C – 114, D – 14, AF – 164, NR – 5, H – 27 and L – 37.

Newsletter: Chris Holenstein submitted *Greenerside* to GCSAA for award consideration.

Government Relations: Mickey Stachowski gave report on progress made this year with GCSANJ working alongside the Alliance for Water Conservation in increasing the water allocation for golf courses from 50% of average use to 80% of monthly allocation.

Golf: Shaun Barry reported on a successful season of golf/education meetings with 692 members and guests attending.

April – Sand Barrens GC; May – Colts Neck GC; June – Invitational at Hamilton Farms GC; July – Fairmont GC; August District meetings: I – Ballyowen GC, II – Mendham GC, III – Toms River GC, IV – Twisted Dunes GC; Septem-

ber – Architects GC; October – Tavistock GC.

Foundation: Currently has \$37,000; awarded two scholarships in 2002.

Benevolent: Reported on sickness and deaths within the GCSANJ family.

Special Events: Paul Dotti reported that 120 attendees were at the GCSANJ Winter Seminar held at Shackamaxon GC in February 2002. Will hold 2003 Winter Seminar at Baltusrol GC – topic to be centered on water issues.

Survey: 2003 salary/budget survey has begun with the results to be compiled and sent out in early winter 2003.

Web Site: Thank you to Steve Kopach, our webmaster.

Assistant Superintendents: 68 golfers attended the tournament held at Maplewood GC in October.

By-law: Proposed by-law changes were read by Bruce Peeples, followed by brief discussion, followed by a unanimous vote to approve the change.

Awards: 25-year membership plaques to the following: Wayne Remo, CGCS; Jim Kelsey; Tom Crump, CGCS; Dave Lerner and Andrew Kiszona.

Glenn Miller and Mickey Stachowski shared Member of the Year Award.

GCSANJ Distinguished Service Award went to Albert Foster, CGCS.

Nominations: All for one-year term –

Roger Stewart, CGCS, won election for GCSANJ secretary. Nominations for other officers were as follows: James McNally, Rock Spring Club, treasurer; Bruce Peeples, CGCS, Spring Lake GC, vice-president; John O'Keefe, CGCS, Preakness Hills CC, president.

Membership was polled with no nay votes spoken. Current secretary, Bruce Peeples, cast one vote each for the three people nominated – they are GCSANJ's officers for 2003.

With no Old or New Business, the meeting was adjourned by John O'Keefe, CGCS, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
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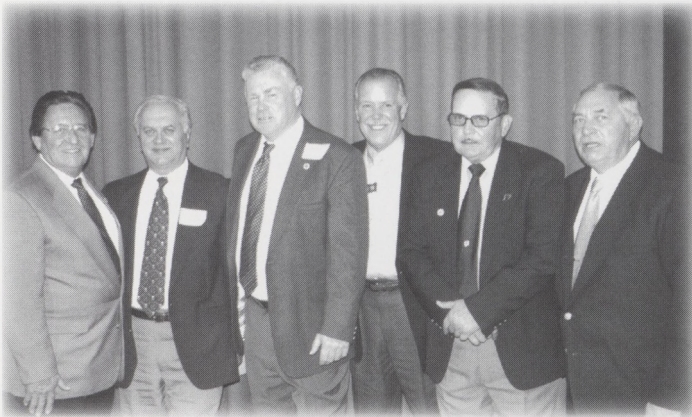
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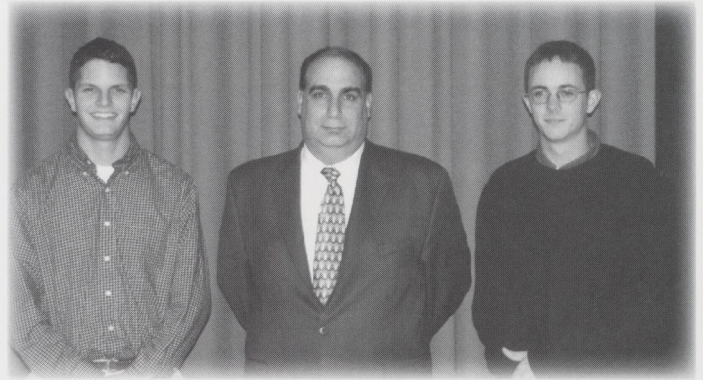
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Members of the Rutgers Class of 1962 (left to right): Joe Bianco, Bob Alonzi, Bob Dickison, Bill Gaydosh, Bob Ujobagy and Marty Futyma.



GCSANJ Scholarship Chairman Gary Arlio is shown with Michael Laudato (left) and Peter Crowl the winners of this year's scholarship awards.

Dr. Karen Plumley addresses the crowd at the 2002 Rutgers Awards Banquet.



Audubon International receives award

Audubon International has received a 2002 Most Valuable Pollution Prevention Award from the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable for its Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. The Roundtable is the largest membership organization in the United States devoted solely to pollution prevention.

"There were nearly three times as many applications this year. All of the award winners should feel proud that their project rose to the top of the group," said Natalie Roy, executive director for the Roundtable. "I loved this project. Audubon International's success with preventing pollution through private land managers, and golf courses specifically, is a wonderful addition to the list of this year's winners."


Kevin Fletcher of Audubon International accepted the award in a ceremony at the Hart Senate Building in Washington, D.C. on September 18. Federal Environmental Executive John Howard and Charles M. Auer, director of EPA's

Office of Pollution Prevention & Toxics, assisted NPPR with presenting the awards.

"It's an honor to have the Roundtable recognize our ef-

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forts," said Fletcher. "But most of all, it's an honor to have thousands of members and volunteers dedicate themselves to preventing pollution on their properties. They are the ones who have really earned this award."

Contact <http://www.audubonintl.org>. 

How about some pollination?

The United States Golf Association has a new book that aims to help golf course operators attract pollinator insects to their course.

"Making Room for Native Pollinators: How to Create Habitat for Pollinator Insects on Golf Course," as written by Matthew Shepherd, pollinator program director for the Xerces Society and is a result of a grant provided through the USGA's *Wildlife Links* program. The Xerces Society is a nonprofit organization, based in Portland, Ore., dedicated to preserving the diversity of life through the conservation of invertebrates.

With a target market of golf course superintendents, course officials and environmental consultants, it can be used to help them manage out-of-play areas on the golf course.

Pollination, the transfer of pollen from one flower to another, is a vital stage in the life cycle of flowering plants—88 percent of plant species rely on this critical process. Butterflies, beetles, flies and native bees are all valuable pollinators.

By taking some simple steps to establish patches of na-

tive wild flowers and nesting sites, golf courses can provide an important refuge for bees and other pollinating insects, which in turn helps maintain healthy plant communities.

Conscientious management of out-of-play areas can provide excellent habitat for pollinator insects, as well as

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many other types of wildlife. These guidelines help golf course superintendents plan and manage out-of-play areas for beneficial, pollinating insects.

For more information contact the USGA Green Section, 908-234-2300. The book sells for \$5 plus shipping and handling, and can be obtained by calling in the USGA Order Department at 800-336-4446 or visiting <http://www.usgapubs.com>.

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From the archives

This is the second of a three-article series on the subject of composting. It is interesting that in 1943, just as today, composting was coming back in fashion. This, of course, was due to the government's rationing of all petroleum-based products for the war effort. The author was a charter member of our Association and wrote the article for the April 1943 Greenkeeper Reporter. Editor

The Old Compost Pile

*H. T. Isleib
Spring Brook Country Club
Morristown, N.J.*

The old compost pile of by-gone days is of necessity coming back into its own on many golf courses.

The main reason in numerous cases for dropping compost as a square meal for fine turf was the "gasoline age." Operating costs was another deciding factor, together with not being able to obtain reasonably clean topsoil. Advertising by fertilizer manufacturers and the salesmanship of their men out in the field had a large influence in the change.

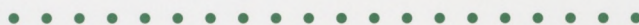
We have our cost records on disease control and weed eradication gathered during the years of topdressing with well made compost; also through the period of fertilizer mixed with a small quantity of soil and applied frequently; then the period when the fertilizer was mixed with larger quantities of good topsoil and applied in generous quantities at less frequent intervals. I believe it's going to be tough sledging to convince a man to give it up once he has gone back to the old compost pile for his turf feeding requirements.

The definition of good compost will vary in the various sections of the country, but some active organic is required in its makeup to retain that name and reputation. Its two basic requirements are some active organic and good topsoil.

To make a good compost, the pile should be tested to determine its pH, whether it is light or heavy, and its requirements as to phosphates and potash. Assuming that the test has found it heavy, it will be good procedure to start the pile by putting a layer of sand on top of the first layer of soil; spreading the necessary amounts of superphosphate and potash and lime on top of the sand; then the layer of manure. Carry this rotation on to the desired height of the pile. The quantity of lime, phosphate and potash required can be easily determined by using the quantity of topsoil in the layer as a base—and working out a table of quantities needed from amounts recommended on the acreage basis. It is well to allow some extra "for the crop"—as the old saying goes.

To make a good compost, the pile should weather at

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least a year and be turned at least once during that time. When the pile is again cut down, allow it to lie a few days to dry out. Run it through the mixer and get it under cover for future use. The longer it lies after going through the mixer the better it will be. Should it be a bit damp when needed, a small quantity of peat moss will help a lot to dry it up so that it will go through the spreader.

Should fortune favor with spare ground where you can make your topsoil, the sand, lime, phosphate, potash and manure can be spread on a portion of it and worked up with a disc harrow. This has proved a labor saving for me in the past.

You may say, "I have the topsoil patch, but where shall I get the manure?" Have you tried saving your clippings and getting them back to the shed to rot down in a heap? It takes little time to do this if you are using power greens mowers. Make a two-wheel cart, which can be hooked on the back

of the truck. The mowers can be hauled around on this, and the clippings emptied into the body of the truck. When the men get back to the shed the clippings are dumped on the heap.

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Late in the fall the heap will have rotted down enough to be spread and disced. After it has laid through the winter along with the sand, lime and fertilizers needed, come warm weather and a few discings or a plowing and you will have something to make the grass grow. No fooling! 

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Fiddlers Elbow CC hosts the Alliance for Environmental Concerns seminar



The GCSANJ Board was well represented at the AEC seminar held at the Fiddlers Elbow CC. Left to right: Bruce Peeples, CGCS, Shaun Barry, Steve Chirip, Ed Mellor and Mickey Stachowski.

GCSANJ members Tom Tuttle, CGCS, Angelo Petraglia and Ed Mellor take a break from the educational session at the AEC seminar.



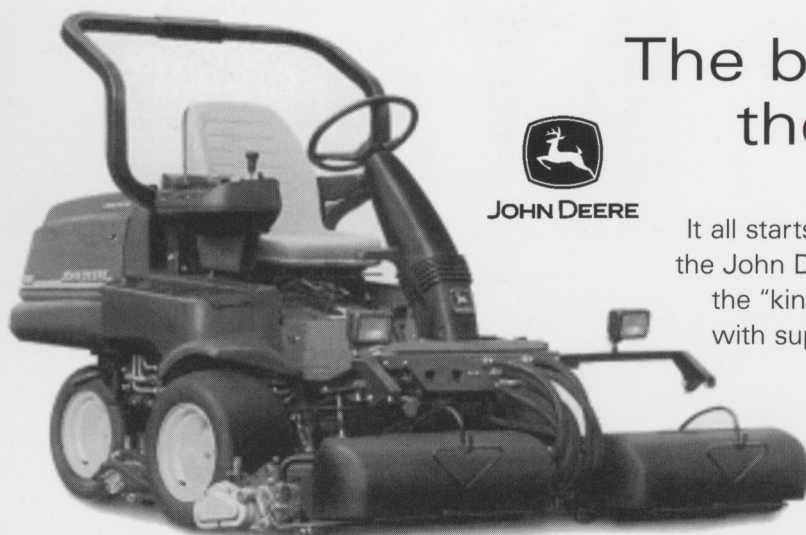
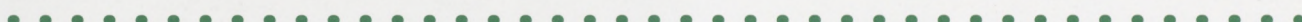
A lively roundtable discussion was a great way to end the AEC seminar.

Winter Seminar not to be missed

The GCSANJ 2nd Annual Winter Seminar will be held at the Baltusrol Golf Club on February 24, 2003. Education Chairman Paul Dotti and his committee have put together a rock solid program entitled "Water-Use, Preservation and Conservation."

The featured speaker will be Dr. Keith Karnok of the University of Georgia. He will talk on Wetting Agents and Managing the Root Zone. Other noted speakers will be Dr. Jim Baird and Dave Oatis of the USGA, Jean MacKay of Audubon International, Dr. Jim Murphy of Rutgers University and Mark Kuhns CGCS of the Baltusrol G.C. For less than 18 cents a minute you get 9 hours of timely knowledge, breakfast, lunch, pesticide and GCSAA credits. Making the day even more informative will be table top displays of the latest and greatest products by local vendors.

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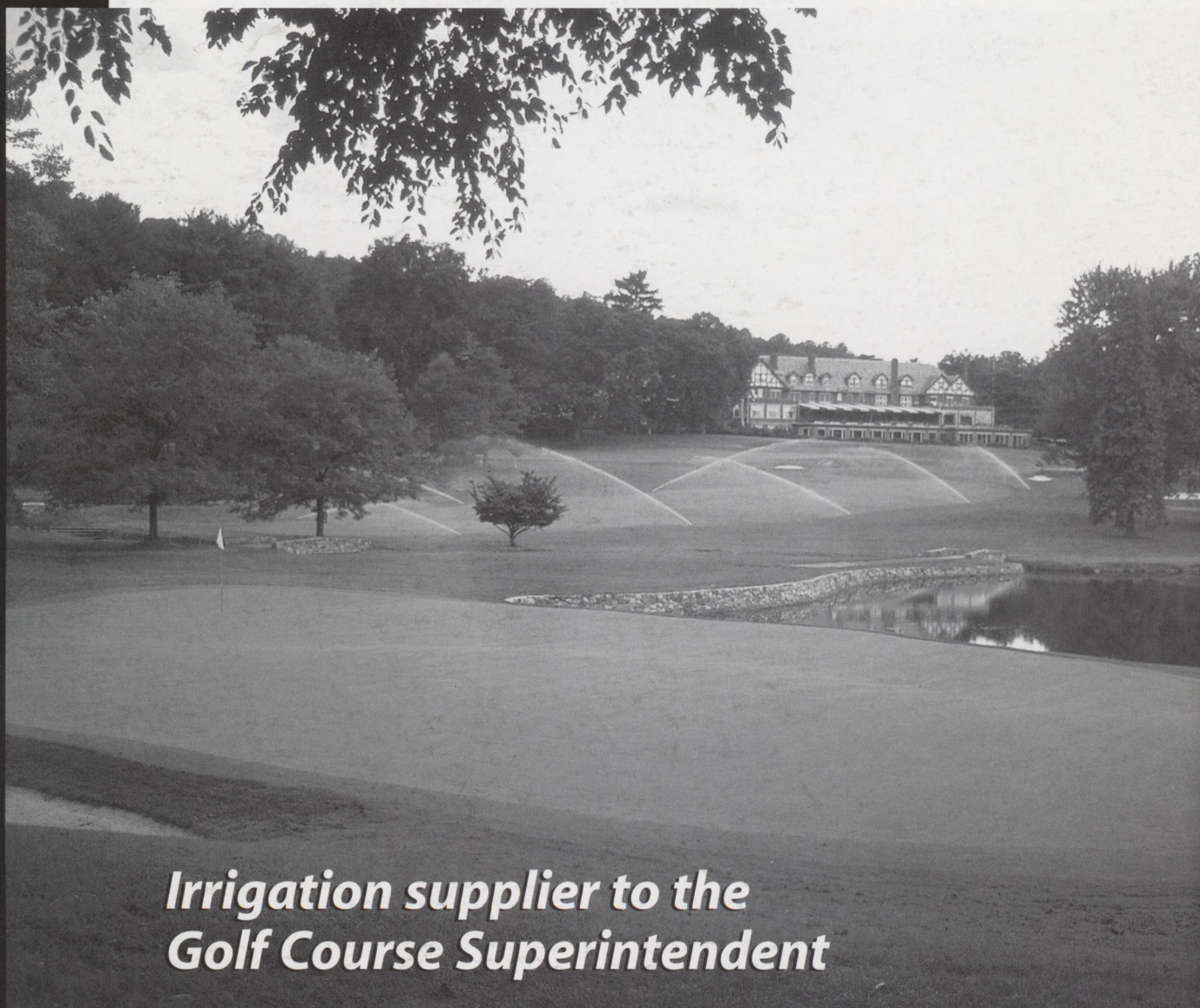
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