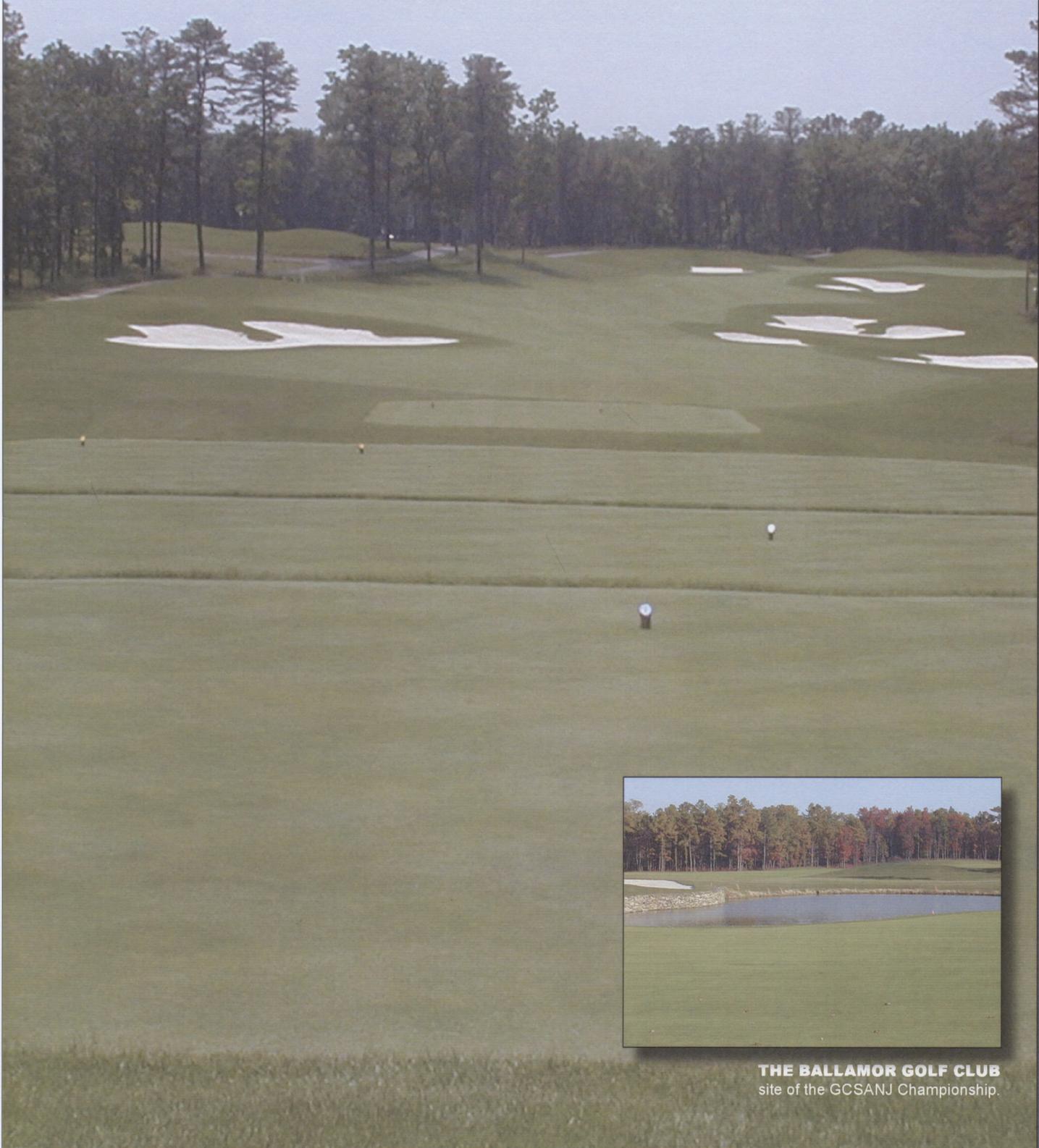




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# From the editor's desk

## Edelweiss

The Highlands region of New Jersey provided a spectacular setting for the Fall educational conference held at the Crystal Springs Resort.

The magnificent Crystal Springs clubhouse offered panoramic views of the highest elevations in the state of New Jersey. The golf course - from mountain top to the valley floor both challenged and awed. The spa provided exhilaration and relaxation. You almost expected the Von Trapp Family Singers to parade down the grand staircase.

The food was great, the pub was great, the education was superb. There was golf, croquet, tennis, and basketball. Bottom line there was a lot of fun and a good time was had by all.

Just like Bobby Thompson, just like Kirk Gibson and just like Bucky Dent the education committee hit a home run that will be talked about for a long, long time. We all look forward to next year. Can anybody say grand slam? 🎾

Climbing every mountain,

*Doug*



**The editor and Ken Kubik took to the indoor tennis courts at the Crystal Conference. The quality of tennis was much better than the quality of the photograph.**

**On the cover:**

The beautiful 1st hole of the Ballamor Golf Club.

**Inset:**

Fall coloring on the 3rd hole.

Photos courtesy of Mike Miller golf course superintendent.

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

**I** find it hard to believe that my term as President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey has come to an end. Seems like just yesterday that I started my term. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President of GCSANJ over the past two years. It has been a truly meaningful and rewarding experience.

I am very proud of the many accomplishments we have achieved over my years serving on the board and as President. I was very fortunate to inherit a strong association from Ed Mellor and the Past Presidents before him. I want to thank Ed for his advice. We all owe Ed many thanks for all his years of dedication and service, thanks Ed. I am happy to say that I am leaving Bruce Peeples a similar association that is financially sound and is dedicated to serving our members.

As President I have served with a very dedicated and hard working Board of Directors. This group has donated its time with one goal in mind, to work towards the



**John O'Keefe, in one of his last acts as president, won the Crystal Conferences most accurate drive when he hit this tee marker dead nuts from 125 yds. out.**

betterment of GCSANJ and the professional advancement of its members. It has been a pleasure to work with such a quality group of people.

Providing education to our membership has become one of our most important goals. The development of the Crystal Springs Conference this year has become a major achievement. Paul Dotti, Chris Boyle, and their committee did an excellent job organizing and getting this conference off the ground. Those who attended know what a quality program

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# Todd Raisch named Member of the Year

Once again, the toughest job of the year falls to the Awards committee! It's a nice problem to have, to recognize a member who has significantly contributed to the GCSANJ. I am proud to say that this award could go to any number of people whose efforts go unnoticed throughout the year. As you can see when looking at the list, it is quite distinguished.

This year we are pleased to announce the 2004 GCSANJ Member of the Year is Todd Raisch, certified golf course superintendent of the Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, New Jersey.

Todd graduated from Ohio State with degrees in finance and agronomy. He worked at Worthington Hills CC, Myopia Hunt Club and The Double Eagle Club. Todd became assistant at Ridgewood in 1995 and has been superintendent since November of 1996.



Todd has always been willing to take a risk as is evident with his on site trials of an anthracnose study in cooperation with last years DSA winner, Dr Bruce Clarke. His willingness to put in the extra efforts necessary during a study like this brought about excellent real and useful results that every superintendent can now refer to. Numerous articles were generated about this study and Todd would always mention himself being a member of the GCSANJ.

This past June, Todd once again took a risk being our host for the 2004 GCSANJ Invitational Golf Tournament. The condition of Ridgewood CC was superb and his and his staff's professionalism, both on and off the course was evident throughout the day. With our green committee chairman, presidents, golf professionals and employers present,

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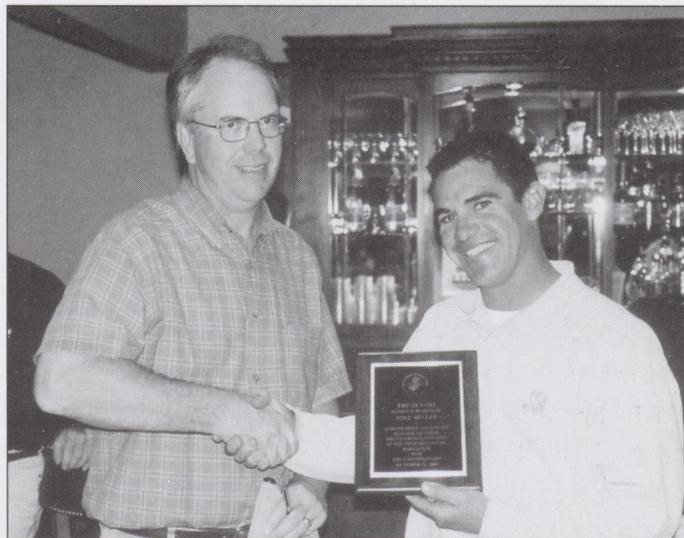
# Ballamor is a wonderful host for the championship

**E**very year we try to complete our GCSANJ monthly meeting schedule with a strong finish at The Championship. This year was no exception because Mike Miller volunteered to host this event. He and Ballamor Golf Club are new members to our association and together they provided a wonderful site for this meeting.

Because Ballamor GC is pretty far south in our state, many people knew nothing about the course and that may explain a modest field of 76 players. Mike, however, did receive over 20 complimentary calls from superintendents after the meeting. These folks were asking questions and lavishing praise at the same time because they were truly impressed with everything about the course. Next time I expect we will be turning people away like we did at the Pine Valley meeting in September.

Mike almost did not get the chance to play in his own event. Originally he was going to just drive around and greet people (he thought I was going to make him play with Kevin Driscoll so this might explain his decision.). Eventually he realized he could play and meet people at lunch and dinner. This almost changed when there was a 1½ hour frost delay on the day of our event. Mike, Steve Craig and Bob Sciubla reacted quickly and with the usual hard work from their staff everything was ready by lunch and everybody got to play.

George McRoberts from Tuckahoe Sand & Gravel showed up for the lunch that he sponsored. This gave us the



**Bruce Peeples CGCS (L) thanks Ballamor superintendent Mike Miller for hosting the GCSANJ Championship.**

opportunity to thank him and John Farrell from Lebanon Turf Products who sponsored the hors d'oeuvres. Between these two fellows in 2004, they gave \$2,250 towards our meeting food costs. This says a lot about them and their commitment to our association. Thanks for all of your help gentlemen!

Our sponsors also carried over to the golf course as A. T. Sales, Plant Food, Storr Tractor and Wilfred MacDonald donated money for the closest to the pin contests while Plant Food and The Terre Co rewarded the long drives. Chris Boyle (5 ft 11 ins), Jeff Riggs (17 ft 1 in), Phil O'Brien (10 ft 4 ins) and Marie Pompei (9 ft 8 ins) hit it close while Chris (Fran's son) Owsik and Tim McBrearty hit it long.

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Orange County Convention Center,  
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In the GCSANJ Foundation long drive contest, Casey Reed (0-12), Clark Weld (13-20) and Lou Bosco (21-43) placed first in their respective divisions but only 5 yards separated these 3 shots. This contest was once again sponsored by Rob Finnesey of Tree-Tech Inc. With a donation of \$600 each year they are approaching a total of \$5,000 with no end in sight to their generosity. Thanks Rob for everything that you do for us.

John Alexander came to defend the Sherwood Moore Cup which is awarded to the superintendent who shoots the lowest gross score at The Championship. He did defend with a fine 74 and it also got him 1st place in the A flight. He was followed by Tom Grimac (78) and Shamus O'Connor (81). The net winners in this flight were Brad Fox (69), Gregg Armbruster (71) and Chris Boyle (71).

Tony Funari Sr. shot a net 66 and won the Henry Indyk Cup (not bad for a fellow who is 74 years young). He also placed first in his flight edging out Wendell Beakley (68) and



**John Alexander won the Sherwood Moore Cup in a repeat performance from last years championship.**

Jack Montecalvo (68), Charlie Dey (75) and Jeremy Daubert (75 plus) completed the winners on the superintendent side. Jim Woods stopped working for a day and shot 79. This gave him the Dr. Paul Sartoretto Cup. Peter Bankrupt's net 71 earned him 1st place among the affiliates as he managed to defeat Steve Rudich (72) and Kevin Driscoll (73).

The District Championship came down to two teams because Districts 1 & 2 did not have enough players to field a team. District 3 won the title back from District 4. Their total of 488 was 8 shots lower then District 4 and sets up a nice challenge for 2005 when it will be held at Essex County GC.

Skins were divided into 2 flights and John Alexander was the only double winner and he also had 3 birdies that were canceled. Winning one each we have Jon Barlok, Wendell Beakley, Keith Chapman, Steve Craig, Jim Cross, Dennis DeSanctis Sr., Kevin Driscoll, Tom Grimac, Chris Hermens, Ken Mathis, Dave Pease and Lance Rogers.

The final event of the day was the conclusion of The Leslie Cup. Barry and Pease (aka Silas Crowder) were defending champions but they were easily defeated by Jon

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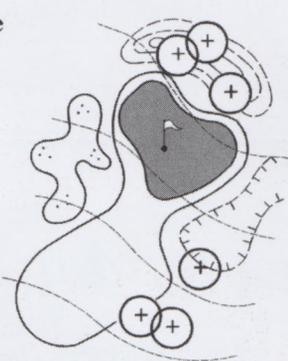
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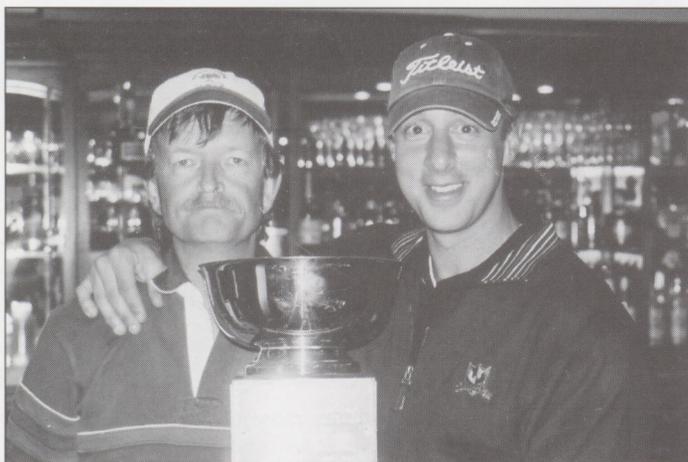
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District III won this years District Championship from the efforts of Bill Murray, John Alexander, Harry Harsin, Angelo Petraglia, Peter Van Drumpt and Jim Woods.



Ed Casteen and Jon Barlock take possession of the prized Leslie Cup.

Barlok and Ed Casteen. The new champs were never behind and always made the shots that were needed. They played as a team and deserved to win this prestigious event. They will be a formidable challenge in 2005 so start practicing if you plan on putting your names on this storied cup.

In closing, I really want to thank Mike for volunteering and for all of the help from everyone at Ballamor. The food was great and Bucky and his staff were really easy to work with. It was a wonderful day and I hope you had a great time meeting everyone because we had a great time meeting you. 🍷



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## The Annual C Championship challenges Gambler Ridge GC

By Shaun Barry

Jim Pelrine is one really great guy. He knows that finding locations for our monthly meetings has been difficult so he told Jim McNally that he wanted to host a meeting. He wanted July and we gave him October and the C Championship. Unfortunately for both of us the field was very small and it turned out to be a wasted day for his course. They are in business to make money and we did not show-up with enough people to fill a shotgun. In spite of this, Jim greeted everyone who did attend and then he spoke with the manager and our bill was adjusted so we wouldn't lose money. He didn't have



**The C Cup is passed on from 2003 champion Mark Wittlinger to this year's winner Brian Lescrier.**

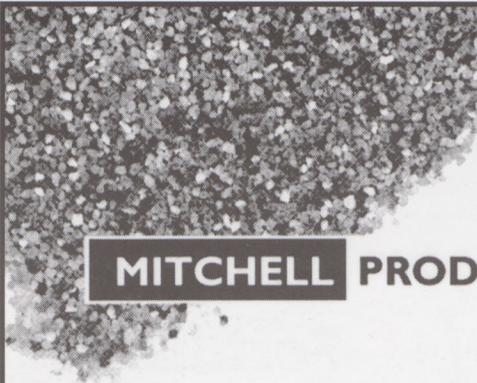


**District III Director Bill Murray poses with Phil Pratt and Jen Ringstmeier of the Manasquan River C.C.**

to do this at all but he did and not just because Boston was on the way to win a World Series (that didn't hurt though). The bottom line is that we owe him a debt of gratitude and I personally want to say thanks for your kindness.

Those that did attend had a really nice day. Brian Lescrier (78) had the lowest gross score for a C member. He was presented the "C" Cup by Mark Wittlinger who won it last year. Bill McAteer was the winner of the low net for C members with a 67. The low gross and low net winners for non-C members were Bill Murray (73) and Shaun Barry (67). Closest to the pin winners were Bill Murray (9 ft 11 ins), Burke Bishop (24 ft 8 ins) and Larry Cunningham (31 ft). The last par three prize went unclaimed. Bill McAteer

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**Bill Baumert, Larry Cunningham, Bill McAteer and Chris Hasbrouck enjoying the Gambler Ridge hospitality.**

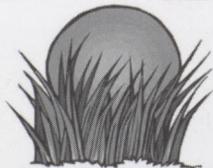
won the "C" member long drive and Shaun Barry won the non-C member long drive. Prizes were donated by Brad Fox (this was his winnings from the Ballamor meeting) and Bayer ES. The skins winners were Bill Murray and Larry Cunningham with two each and Casey Reed had one

The meal was wonderful and almost everyone went for seconds. It was a great way to conclude a fun day and I hope next time we can have a full field.

Editors Note: Grass Roots, Lebanon Turf Products, Ralph McGillian, Red Sky, Storr Tractor, Syngenta, Turf Products & Wilfred MacDonald donated money for tee and green signs. Because they did not get enough exposure we will give them another opportunity at a meeting in 2005. 🌱

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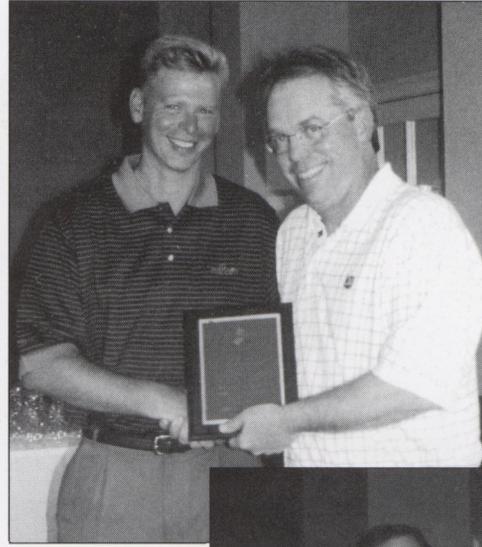
The following photos were taken early this season during the Sea Oaks meeting. They mysteriously surfaced from a dusty bin at the local Costco who assured Shaun Barry they weren't lost.



Twenty-five year plaques were given to Alan Beck CGCS of the Linwood C.C. and...



Educational speaker Dr. Albrect Koppenhofer of Rutgers University and Bruce Peeples CGCS.



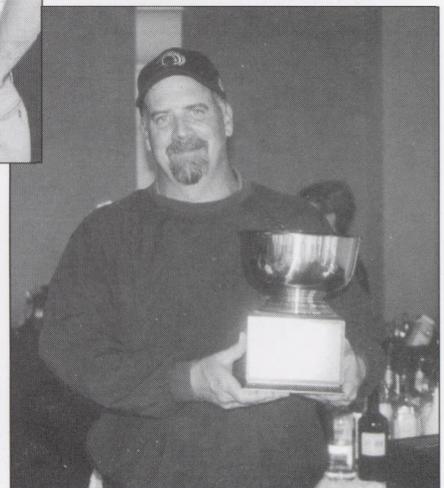
Host superintendent Rolf Strobel receives the GCSANJ plaque from - that's right Bruce Peeples CGCS.



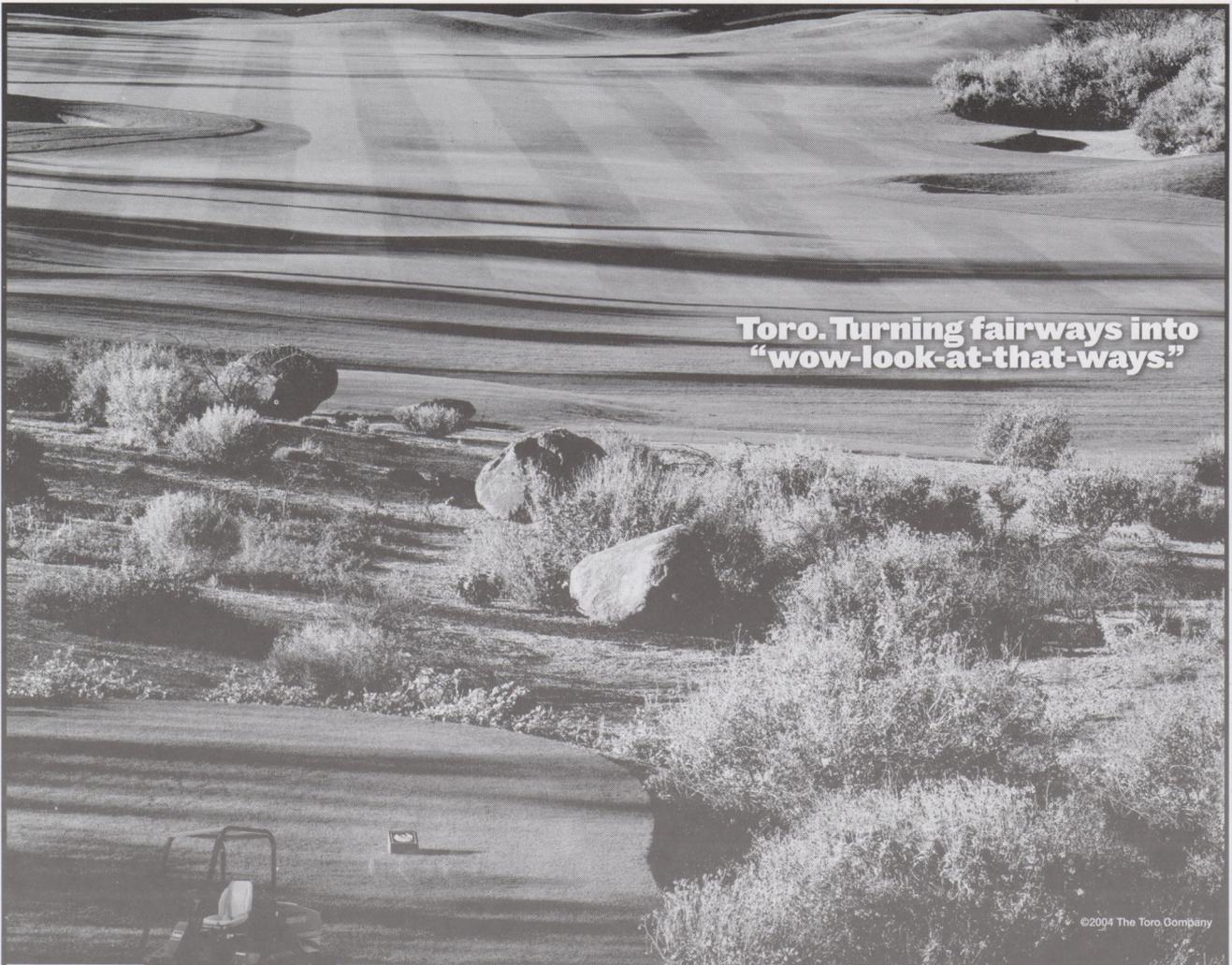
Fran Owsik of the Lakewood C.C. and...



Shaun Barry of Bayer Environmental Science by Bruce Peeples CGCS. Congratulations gents!



Mark Peterson belatedly received the 2003 Dr. Henry Indyk Cup. What happened to the Bruce Peeples cardboard cut out?



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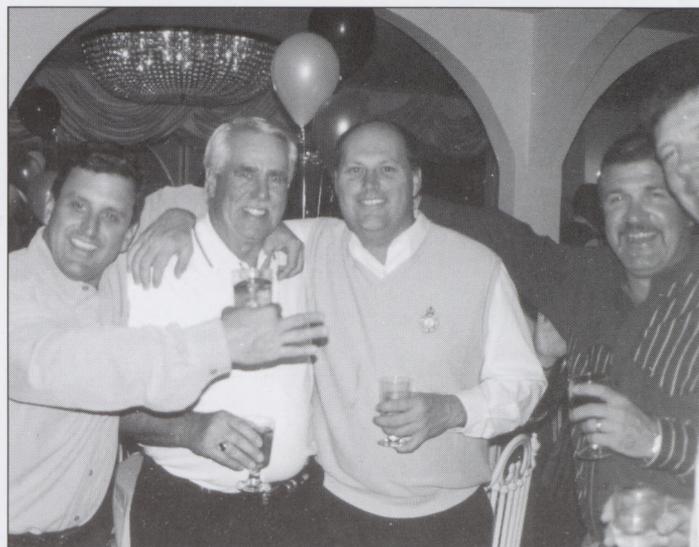
## In Memoriam

The GCSANJ extends it's deepest sympathy to Rose and Jack Montecalvo upon the passing of their daughter Adele after a long illness. Adele's love of golf will be remembered through a fund that will teach underprivileged children to play golf. Donations in her memory can be made to: the Adele Montecalvo Scholarship Fund, C/O Jack Montecalvo, 206 Elmtown Blvd., Hammonton, NJ 08037

## Member makes music

*The Wrong*, the debut album of GCSANJ member Dennis DeSanctis Jr. was released on December 1, 2004. The talented singer-songwriter has received excellent reviews for the 6 song CD. Visit [www.dennisdesanctis.com](http://www.dennisdesanctis.com) to sample some of the songs and learn more about the album.

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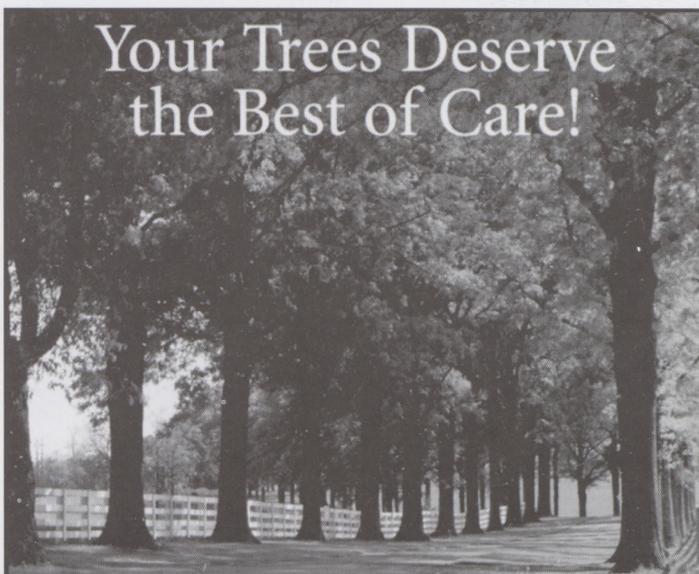
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## Member helps needy

Longtime GCSANJ member Wally Waltsak and members of the Northwest Jersey HOG motorcycle club recently donated 65 turkeys to the St. Vincent DePaul Society for distribution to needy families in the Red Bank, New Jersey area for Thanksgiving Day. Wally has been spearheading the Turkey Ride for many years with 2004 being the most successful yet. The benevolent bikers look forward to breaking their new record in 2005. 🍗



**Wally (second from right) and the gang push 65 turkeys to the check out counter.**



## Birth announcements

Amanda and Josh Kopera are happy to announce the birth of their first child Jack Thomas Kopera. He was born October 30, 2004 and weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz's. Proud father Josh is the superintendent of the Maplewood C.C.

Jordan Beaudoin is happy to announce the arrival of her little brother Joshua Elliott on November 3, 2004 at 8:14 am. He weighed 9 lbs. 13 oz's. The little butterball arrived just in time for his first Thanksgiving. Jenny and Joe Beaudoin are the proud parents. Joe is the superintendent at the Fairway Mews G.C. in Spring Lake Heights. 🍗

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Nearly all golf courses host some form of tournament play and superintendents are key players in the process. They oversee infrastructure issues such as traffic flow, parking, course roping and marking, and construction of temporary facilities for concessions, merchandise and scoreboards. If the event draws large crowds and is to be televised, the superintendent becomes the contact for the construction of bleachers and television towers, and cabling for power and telephone.

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## Key points:

- ◆ Hosting a tournament can be a highly satisfying and rewarding experience, providing the superintendent with a public stage to display and demonstrate his/her ability to produce the best that the course can offer.
- ◆ Superintendents oversee infrastructure issues such as traffic flow, parking, course roping and marking, and construction of temporary facilities for concessions, merchandise and scoreboards.
- ◆ For larger events, the superintendent works closely with the various administrative staffs to deliver desired conditions.
- ◆ Since about 42 percent of the game of golf occurs on the putting greens, they receive a careful and thorough examination, including a hard look at any existing weak areas.
- ◆ Superintendents will inspect the roughs for problem areas that could affect play and spectator safety, like potholes or depressions. Any thin turf areas are over seeded to provide uniform height and density.
- ◆ The superintendent may implement a watering program that promotes higher stress tolerance and provides a firm playing surface.

For larger events, such as those sanctioned by the PGA and LPGA tours, the PGA of America and USGA, the superintendent works closely with the various administrative staffs to deliver desired conditions. Often, the planning for larger tournaments will be years in the making. In recent years, courses hosting major events have undergone renovation or restorations to meet the competitive requirements for today's professional golfer. These sanctioning organizations will periodically visit a course in advance of a tournament to discuss/review conditions with the superintendent, covering such issues as mowing heights and green speed.

Golfers should note that it is almost impossible for a superintendent to match the vision of perfection one sees at the Masters and Augusta National or The Players Championship at the TPC at Sawgrass. They must work with the available

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resources and contend with the weather to provide the best conditions possible for both players and spectators.

The level of preparation will vary depending on the size and importance of the event. Preparing for a small, one-day “fun” tournament is obviously less demanding than setting up for the U.S. Open.

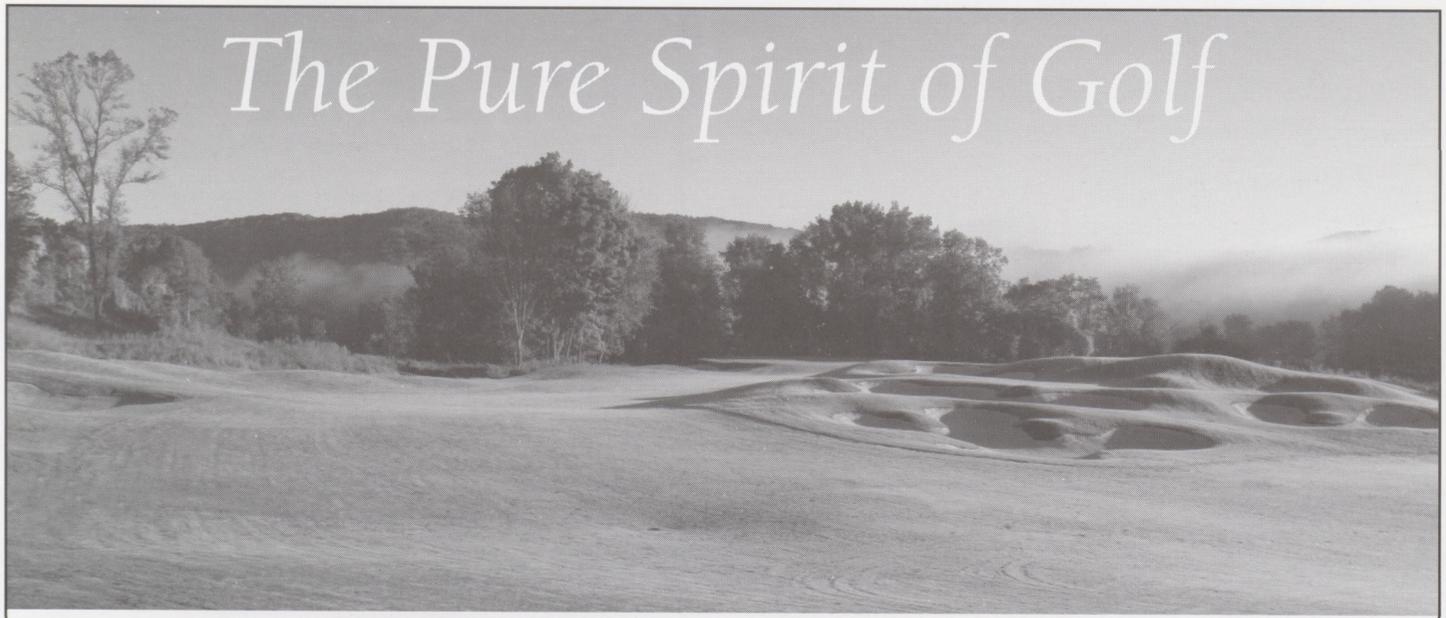
With that said, here are some standards that superintendents keep in mind when preparing for a tournament, professional-televised or a member-guest:

Tournament preparations usually begin with a thorough inventory of the golf

course and its operational capabilities. A superintendent will evaluate his/her resources, most importantly the maintenance staff and equipment, early in the planning process. Each piece of equipment, from shovels to lightweight fairway mowers, is documented. The superintendent’s ability to plan in advance for changes in course architecture, agronomics, budgets, day-to-day operations, encounters with the contractors, and approaching deadlines are elements that are considered.

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thorough examination, including a hard look at any existing weak areas.

For elite competition, fairways are relatively tight and firm to maximize ball roll and spin control. Narrowing or widening of fairways, which necessitates a change in mowing height, is done as long in advance of the competition as possible.

Superintendents will inspect the roughs for problem areas that could affect play and spectator safety, like potholes or depressions. Any thin turf areas are over seeded to provide uniform height and density.

Bunkers are treated by handwork to firm up perimeters, smooth the surface contours and remove stones and other debris.

A superintendent may reduce the amount of fertilizer applied as the tournament draws close to minimize the likelihood for an unexpected surge in growth and implement a watering program that promotes higher stress tolerance and provides a firm playing surface. If a superintendent applies too much water, the golf course may appear lush and green, but will play soft and slow. Too little water may improve playing conditions, but the turf will be severely stressed.

In addition to the big-ticket, physical features of the facility, several other details must be addressed: marking stakes, flags and flagsticks, pumps, hoses, squeegees, ball washers, towels, benches, water coolers, plywood sheets, sand, soil, woodchips, radios, weather emergencies, security and medical precautions and parking.

So when the lights are turned on and the cameras begin to roll, golfers and spectators alike are sure to not be disappointed as the superintendent strives for an Oscar-worthy performance on the big screen.

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# Todd Raisch

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Todd was a great example of just how important the golf course superintendent is to the golf industry.

A bit closer to home is another reason Todd has been awarded the Member of the Year. A few years ago, thanks to Steve Kopach then golf course superintendent of Mountain Ridge GC, GCSANJ began a web site. It was the beginning of something new and exciting and for all his efforts Steve was named to be our 2001 Member of the Year. This past year, the GCSANJ Board decided to "go to the next level". A web site to even better serve the needs and wants of the membership was in order and Todd Raisch immediately stood up for the challenge. He attended a number of Board meetings keeping us up to date on his progress and never



seemed to let the numerous frustrations of developing a better site get in his way. His efforts, with the help of Greg Nicoll CGCS of Trump National GC, communication committee chairman, have resulted in a web site that can make us all proud. Todd is always on watch and will immediately post anything that anyone would like on the site. He has created numerous links to various organizations, publications, e-mail address, etc. Board minutes, employment and meeting notices, applications; they are now all available with a few clicks of a mouse. Just recently, Todd was able to work out some Internet bugs and has established Pay Pal as a way to use a credit card securely online to pay for meetings and in the near future order GCSANJ merchandise.

Todd always represents GCSANJ in a very positive manner and is very deserving of receiving the 2004 GCSANJ Member of the Year award. 

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# President's Message

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and conference they developed; a great time was had by all who attended. If you didn't attend you will be happy to know that the Education Committee is hard at work putting together next year's program already.

During my term as president we changed management companies. Anytime you make a change of this importance it is a lot of work. Rounding up all our files and information from our previous management company and setting up a whole new system with the MGA and Ineke Pierpoint, our Executive Secretary, was a huge task. I want to thank Ineke and Holly Kotiadis, her assistant, for all their hard work and cooperation during our transition. Through their hard work and professionalism our association runs as smoothly as it does. Ineke I personally can't thank you enough for all your help over the last year. Thank you.

The Greenside has a whole new look since we changed printers this year. Doug Vogel has done a great job generating interesting articles. Doug is always looking for articles and help on his committee. Keep up the good work.

The GCSANJ Website has seen a major overhaul this past year due to the dedicated efforts of Todd Raisch. Todd has developed a site we all should be proud of and should use much more. GCSANJ.org is a wealth of information and we are now able to purchase GCSANJ merchandise and register for events online. If you have anything of interest that you would like posted contact Todd at [traisch@optonline.net](mailto:traisch@optonline.net).

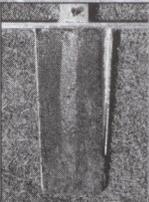
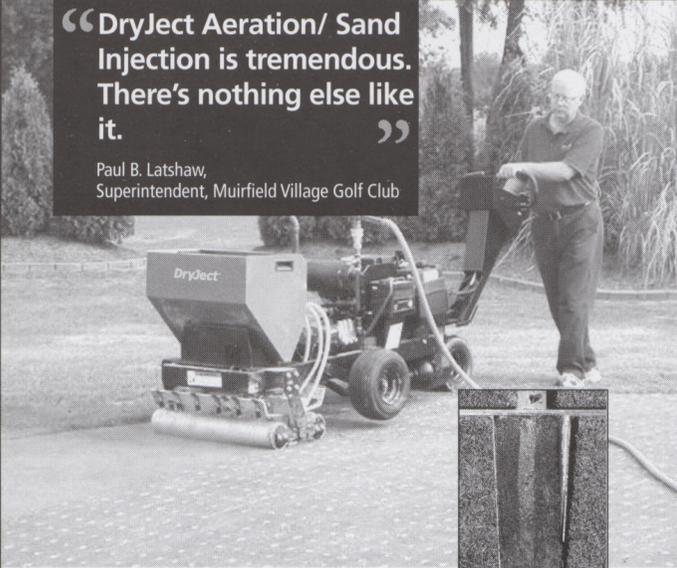
Finally I would like to thank those who served on committees, hosted meetings and education events. Without your help and support GCSANJ wouldn't be what it is today.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to have served GCSANJ as President. Thank you for the opportunity. I

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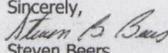
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John O'Keefe  
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Mr. O'Keefe and Colleagues,

My wife Kathleen and I would like to try to thank everyone for their response to the "Member in Need" request generated by yourself and my boss and friend Les Carpenter. As everyone knows we lost everything in a flood as a result of the last hurricane. Family and friends are what get you through tough times. I have been a member of the association for a number of years and have made nothing but friends in this business, it is like belonging to a large extended family. We are back on our feet now but none of that would have been possible without the generosity and help of all of you. All my wife and I can do is thank you again and again, but you can rest assured it is from our hearts. Please pass this message along to this big extended family we call the GCSANJ.

Sincerely,  
  
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