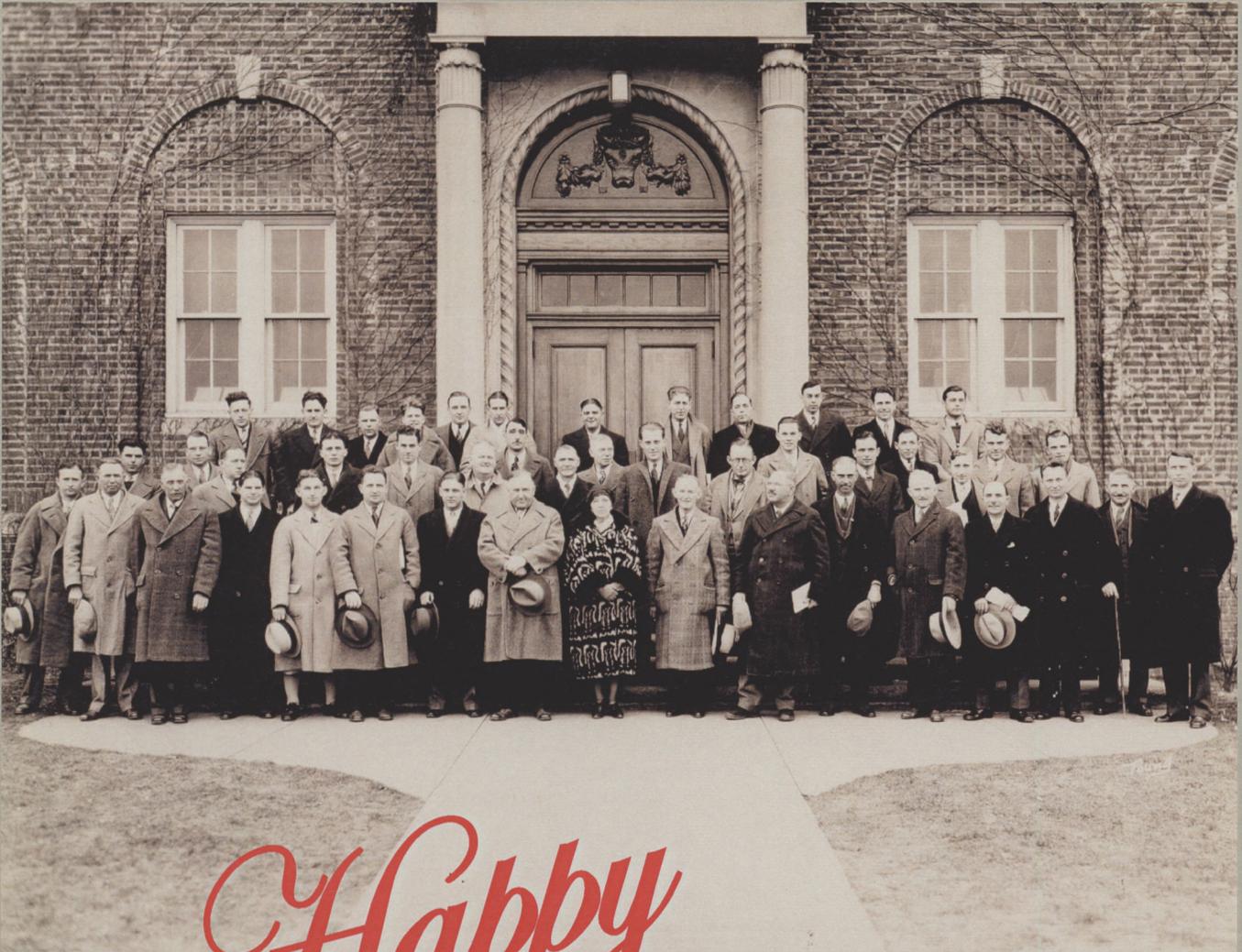




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From the editor's desk

The Team

It was another MVP performance by the ageless wonder Mother Nature. She consistently threw a variety of nasty curveballs and high heat at golf course superintendents in an attempt to knock them down.

And she did.

But we took the shave and we took the haircut, shook off the dust and got back into the box. We can do this because we are surrounded by great industry teammates.

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And sitting in the dugout for every game is the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of New Jersey. Together we make up the greatest team to take on any obstacle thrown at us. And together we can make 2006 a home run.

Watch for chin music. I

Doug



The editor took some chin music from Mother Nature numerous times in 2005.

On the cover:

The Rutgers Winter Short Course Class of 1932.
Photo by George H. Pound

Thank you and Welcome

I am honored to have been elected as your President for the coming year and I thank the membership for their confidence and support. I would also like to thank the Officers and Directors who serve the GCSANJ membership throughout the year. Without their hard work our association could not exist. Thank you to Bruce Peeples for his years of service on the Board of Directors culminating in his term as President. His dedication and insight has been both inspirational and innovative. Thank you Jim McNally who served on the board for many years, most recently as our Treasurer. Jim worked tirelessly to organize our finances and manage the funds that keep this association strong. As he leaves the board we are thankful for his dedication and support. Jim will remain as our GCSAA Voting Delegate for the immediate future. Also leaving the board this year is Greg Nicoll, a District II Director. Working with Doug Vogel and Todd Raisch, Greg has been instrumental in retaining a new printer for the Greenerside and setting up our website, GCSANJ.org. Greg also worked hard to find a new vendor for GCSANJ merchandise and was instrumental in streamlining the ordering process. Thank you to Greg Nicoll for his service. All of these gentlemen gave of their personal and professional time to help run your professional organization. Please take the time to thank them in person the next time you see them.

The new officers have been elected and the results of election for District Directors will be known by the time you receive this issue of The Greenerside. We had several people express their interest in running for election as Director this year. With as many as four positions available, the level of interest from our members was exceptional. Regardless of the results of the District Director races, I hope this trend continues and those that are not elected this year will join others in the future to run for office. Serving on the GCSANJ board is challenging, rewarding, educational, and yes even fun at times. If you don't have an interest in serving on the board, PLEASE consider serving on a committee. There is plenty of work to be done each year and our committee members are crucial to the success of our association. It's easy to get involved, just call any of the board members and we will get you started. Come on, get involved, you won't be disappointed!

Bringing this President's Message to a close, I want each member of GCSANJ to know they are the real

ambassadors for the association. If you know of a neighbor or friend superintendent, assistant superintendent, or vendor who is not a member, encourage them to join. The real strength of our association is you the member.

Best wishes for the holidays and for a strong and vibrant 2006! 🍀



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Barry named Distinguished Service Award Recipient



Shaun Barry accepts the Distinguished Service Award from GCSANJ president Roger Stewart CGCS.

Shaun Barry, longtime champion of the golf course superintendent, has been named the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of New Jersey Distinguished Service Award recipient for 2005.

Shaun got into the golf business at the age of ten as a range picker for the Tara Greens Golf Club in Somerset, New Jersey. He worked there for eight years eventually becoming the first employee hired by new superintendent Dan Quast to work on the golf course. He later moved on to the Rutgers Golf Club for three years. In 1978 Shaun was hired by the W.A. Cleary Chemical Company and was mentored by the legendary Dr. Paul Sartoretto. He went on to be a technical representative for numerous chemical companies thanks to the mergers and acquisition roller coaster of the chemical business. Shaun currently represents Bayer Environmental Science.

It was in 1983 that Barry started to help out with GCSANJ meetings. He was elected by his peers to serve on the GCSANJ board during the storied 1987 presidency of Ed Walsh. He has served continuously on the board ever since.

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Member of the Year honored



Ken Kubik is presented the Member of the Year Award by his son Keith.

The 2005 GCSANJ Member of the Year Award was presented to Ken Kubik of Grass Roots, Inc. during an emotion-filled ceremony at the 2nd Annual Crystal Conference. Kubik was honored for his efforts that went into running the highly successful GCSANJ hospitality tent during the 87th PGA Championship held at the Baltusrol Golf Club this past August.

Ken was recruited by Baltusrol Director of Grounds Mark Kuhns CGCS to spearhead the committee that would plan and stage the mother of all hospitality tents. It took three years of planning and countless hours of execution. In doing so Kubik had to wear many hats. He went out on the road and doggedly pursued donations from vendors to offset the huge cost of the tent. He personally oversaw the menu that would feed the crew and guests. He acted as the official greeter and kept tabs on the comfort level of all those who visited the tent. If that wasn't enough Kubik made sure that everything ran under budget. This enabled a check in the amount of \$21,533.41 to be presented to the GCSANJ Foundation.

The hospitality tent was a source of pride to all GCSANJ members who attended the PGA Championship. It was by far the best set up on the hallowed grounds of Baltusrol. Ken Kubik raised the bar on hospitality tents and if you climb up and take a look he probably had "GCSANJ" engraved on it. Congratulations Ken Kubik - 2005 Golf Course Superintendent's Association of New Jersey Member of the Year. 🏌️

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November 7, 8, 9, 2006 3rd Annual Crystal Conference, Crystal Springs Resort, Hamburg New Jersey
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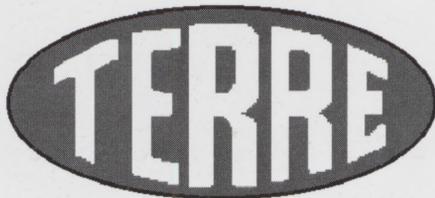
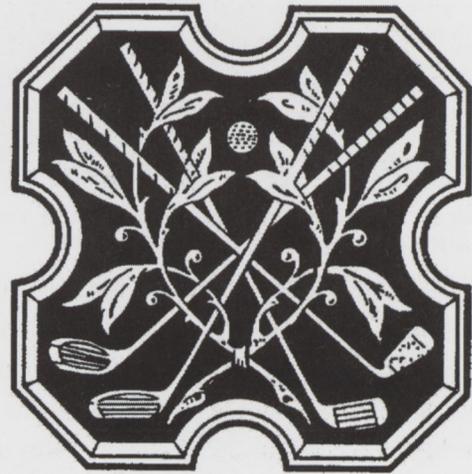
Distinguished Service Award

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His accomplishments are numerous. He was the first GCSANJ Member of the Year award winner in 1996. He has been a member of the GCSANJ Foundation since 1997 and currently serves as its president. He recently served as the volunteer coordinator for the GCSANJ hospitality tent during the 2005 PGA Championship held at the Baltusrol Golf Club this past August. Shaun continues to serve as Golf Chairman for the GCSANJ board. He is the photographic documentation specialist for the GCSANJ and is currently the senior staff writer for the Greenside newsletter. When not working for the GCSANJ, Shaun keeps an eye out for superintendents with his work with the NJTA Foundation and the Rutgers Turfgrass Classic.

Barry is an accomplished golfer having won the Leslie Cup with fellow linksman Dave Pease. He takes great pleasure in playing the top golf courses in the world as well as those beaten up courses off the beaten path.

Shaun is best known for being an all around nice guy. His service to the GCSANJ has always been distinguished. "I hope to continue to serve as long as I can help" stated Barry at a recent press conference. We all hope so too. Congratulations Shaun. 



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Crystal Conference photo gallery



Host Brad Sparta and Lance Seeton engage in some type of pre tee off ritual.



The Crystal Springs Golf Resort boys get ready to take on Ballyowen.



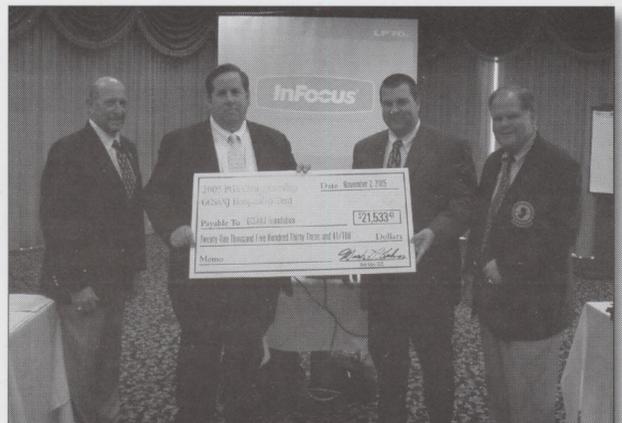
Three likeable guys - Jeff Wetterling, Lee Kozsey, and Charlie Dey take a break from the seminar.



The highlight of the day for Dave Mishkin and Bill Murray was Amazing Grace.



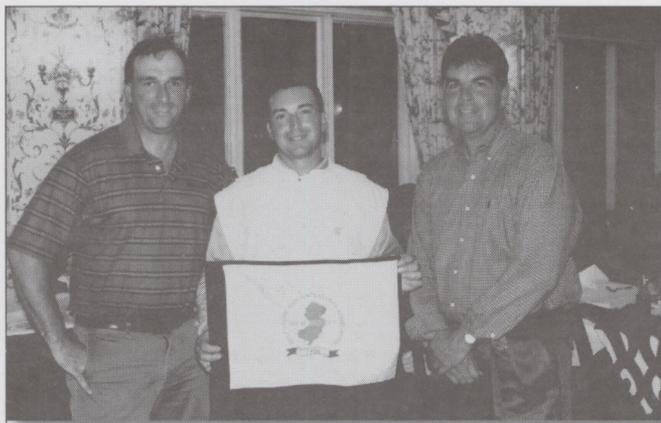
Sprayer calibration caught everybody's attention.



Mark Kuhns hands over a check for \$21,533.41 to the GCSANJ Foundation from the PGA Championship hospitality tent.



Essex County CC was worth the wait



The GCSANJ Championships were hosted by Jason Thompson and the Essex County Country Club. Greg Armbruster and Brian Minemier present the GCSANJ flag.

Our monthly meeting schedule in 2005 had fewer dates than usual on our calendar. It was not by design but rather because it is just harder to get clubs to give up a day for us to use their facilities. As our state suffered through what hopefully would be considered "A 100 Year Summer" it actually might have seemed that we had planned well. The only District able to host a meeting in August was District III and there was no July meeting and our Invitational Team Championship held in September was cancelled for a year. It was good planning if luck is called planning.

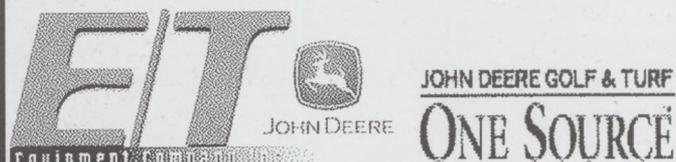
We finally did get back to having a meeting with our Championship which was at Essex County CC. Our host was Jason Thompson. He had actually requested that his first (hopefully first of many) meeting be one of our major events. The Championship was agreed upon and we had a

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contract in hand 12 months before the meeting. This was a first and I knew we were in good hands.

We have never discussed it but I would think that at some time during this Summer he must have questioned the wisdom of picking this year to host this event. When we got to see his golf course it is also possible that he never once questioned his choice because it was in wonderful condition. I am not sure how he did it but I can assure him that when we got there everybody was truly impressed and quite happy for all of his and his crew's hard work. It was that good.

Unfortunately the field was smaller than normal. Many superintendents just weren't leaving their courses and when Jason had to cancel carts quite a few people had to cancel also. In addition to that many of our District IV friends (if you call Kevin Driscoll a friend?) woke up to torrential rains so they thought that this is what they were going to see all day. We lost about 10 players because of this rain. They

should have called Jason because he told me that we were going to be ok and we were. Our start was delayed by about 15 minutes which did allow us to get some rain. We had 15 holes of totally dry weather and when it did arrive it was so gentle you almost didn't need a jacket.

With rain not being an issue many of our players had great rounds or great shots to remember the day. Some of us just had great memories being there but all had a strong desire to return.

Leading all Superintendents with the lowest gross score was Bill Murray. He shot a 77 with a triple bogey. His fine round allows him to now add his name to all of the great names listed on The Sherwood Moore Cup. Joel Collura tied Wendell Beakley with a net 67 but on a match of cards he was awarded the Dr. Henry Indyk Cup. The final big winner was Mark Mason who won the Dr. Paul Sartoretto Cup for being the low gross winner among the affiliates.

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Below are the winners and their flights and their scores:

Championship Flight (superintendents only-low gross)

1. Bill Murray-77
2. Dave Walsh-79
3. Todd Bunte-79
4. Cliff Moore-79

A Flight (superintendents- net only for 0-9 handicaps)

1. Bill Murray- 69
2. Cliff Moore- 70
3. Brad Fox- 73
4. Joe Kinlin- 78

B Flight (superintendents only- net only for 10-16 handicaps)

1. Wendell Beakley- 67
2. Dave Walsh- 68
3. Dan Meersman- 69
4. Matt Dobbie- 75

C Flight (superintendents only- net only for 17-40 handicaps)

1. Joel Collura- 67
2. Pat Quinlan- 70

Affiliates (net only- all handicaps)

1. Fred Rapp- 75
2. Shaun Barry- 75
3. Chris Zelley- 77
4. Mark Mason- 77

Seniors:

- Low Gross- Lee Kozsey- 89
Low Net- Shaun Barry-75

Guests:

- Low Gross- Tom Kaufman- 75
Low Net- Matt Flanagan- 77

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- Torsilieri Inc.- Lee Kozsey
- Lawn & Golf – Cliff Moore
- Philly Turf- Chad Piernos
- Maser Consulting- Matt Dobbie
- Maser Consulting- Frank Tiechnor
- The Terre Co.- Shaun Barry
- Storr Tractor- Dave Walsh

Closest To The Pin Contest:

- Atlantic Irrigation- Brian Lescrinier (10 ft)
- Fisher & Son- Josh Kopera (23 ft 11 ins)
- Syngenta- Bill Murray (12 ft 1 in)

- Syngenta- Butch Hartung (17 ft 7 ins)
- Atlantic Irrigation- John Alexander (14 ft 10 ins)
- Atlantic Irrigation- Wendell Beakley (37 ft 7 ins)
- Maser Consulting- Pat Hickey (6 ft 3 ins)
- Maser Consulting- Paul Snyder (9 ft)

Longest Putt:

- Pocono Turf/Chris Zelle- Joe Kinlin (33 ft)

In addition to these sponsors we also had Philadelphia Turf and Lebanon Turf Products contribute to our lunch and dinner costs which is something that they have done all year. It is a really big help in our attempt to try and keep costs down.

District III regained the District Championship because of the many fine young superintendents who also can play

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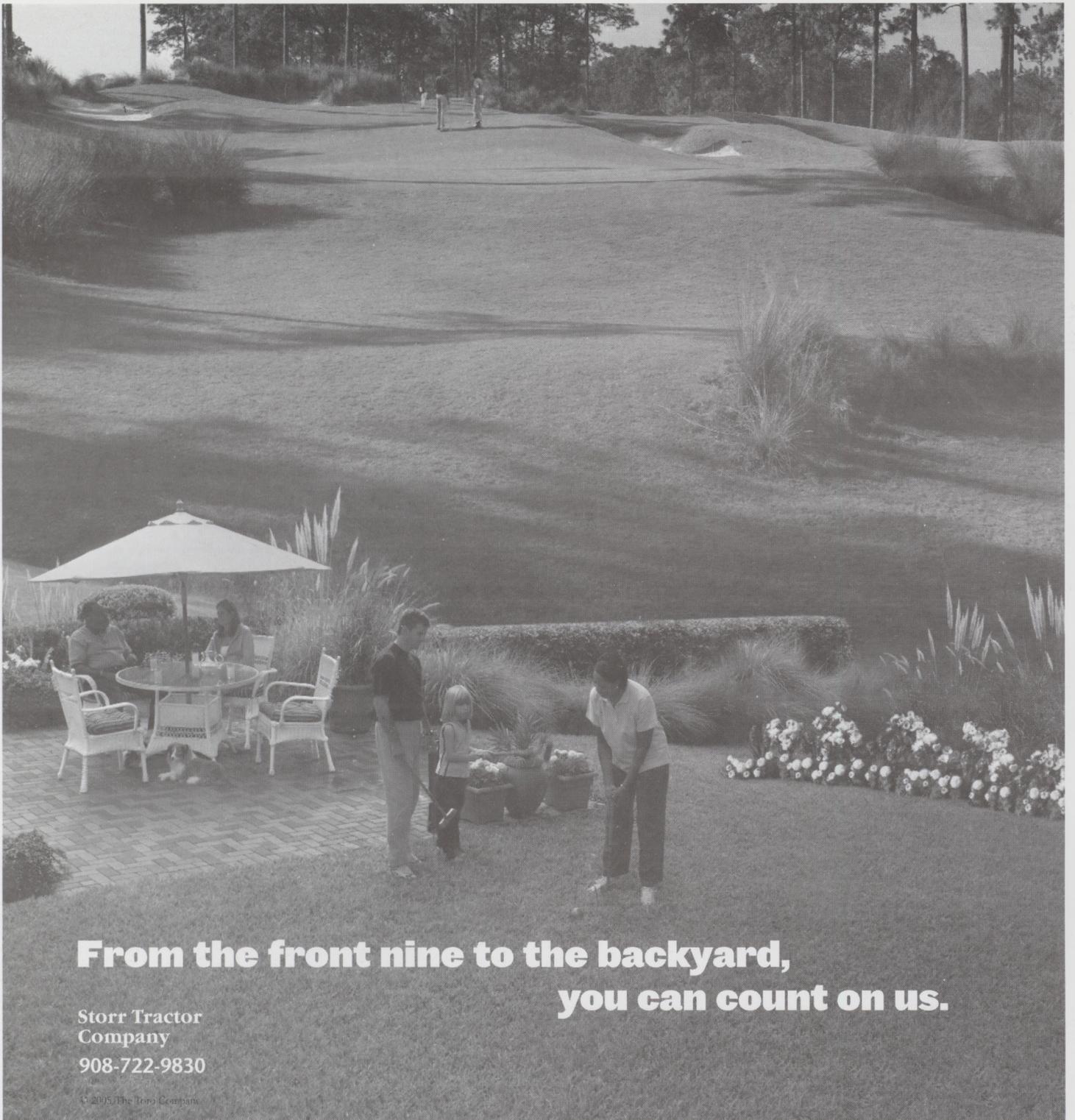
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some golf. The top six gross scores for the district were:

Bill Murray-(77)

Todd Bunte-(79)

Dave Walsh-(79)

Brad Fox-(80)

Dan Meersman(-81)

John Alexander-(84)

Our skins winners are listed alphabetically:

Todd Bunte (2), Joel Collura(1), Brad Fox(1), Eric Hanisko(1), Joe Kinlin (1), Dan Meersman (1), Marty Sommerfeld (1), Paul Snyder (1) & Jason Thompson (1). Cliff Moore was not listed above because his efforts were special, Not only did he have 3 skins but one of them was an eagle which is a double skin so his total was 4 skins. His eagle was on a 567 yard par five and he was inches away from a double-eagle. This was also on a golf course that was wet and the ball really wasn't running very much after it hit the ground. It was an amazing eagle and one that I think Cliff will remember for a long time. I know I will and I didn't get to see it.

This meeting was also the site of the finals for The Bob Leslie Cup. Rolf Strobel and Brian Lesclinier continued their fine play as they defeated Chuck McMonagle and Ewan MacAulay 5&4. Brian and Rolf will be tough again in 2006 so get a partner and be prepared to challenge them next year.

I do hope that Jason had as good a time as we all did. It was a meeting that we will remember fondly for a long time. We all want to say thanks Jason for being such a wonderful host and please extend those thanks to everyone at the club for their great effort to make us feel so welcome. I have a feeling that next time we will be turning people away rain or shine. ♪

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Manasquan River CC welcomes our assistants

The annual Assistants Championship was held a little bit later in the year than usual but it was a great success. The weather wasn't very warm but it was still nice for November. Glenn Miller and Phil Pratt were great hosts. They gave a nice summary presentation of what steps were needed to start and to complete the major changes on the back nine at Manasquan River CC. After this part of the education session was completed everyone jumped into some carts and headed out to see the changes while the first part of this discussion was still fresh in their minds. It was quite evident that not everything turned out as planned but that was to be expected and the finished product was even better than had been hoped. It really opened up some eyes especially those that have not had the pleasure (?) of doing major renovations on your course while still making it fun and playable for your members.

Lunch soon followed and with the sponsorship of Lebanon Turf Products it was well worth the wait. We knew that it would be because that is how they do things at this special place. With the time change we had to quickly head out to the course or we would never finish the day. 34 players got to enjoy this gem and as usual some people played just a little better than others but I am sure everyone enjoyed the experience.

Kevin Giles shot a very impressive 75 and he has taken possession of the infamous "C" Cup which goes to the best gross score from an assistant. The truly infamous Kerwin Cup could not be located so no prize was given to the assistant who shot the highest gross score. We hope to have it back for next year. Taking the prize for low net was Sam Camuso with his fine net 74. Since he has recently returned from Iraq where he was trying to avoid IEDs for well over a

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year, this golf stuff must not have seemed too important but he obviously hasn't forgotten how to play the game. Staying in the assistant part of the event we have Jason Osterhoudt (8ft 5ins), Tony DiBartolomeo (25ft 10ins) and Chris Kerno (13ft 1in) winning the closest to the pin contests sponsored by Jacklin Seed, Wilfred MacDonald and Philly Turf. Their long drive winners were Kevin Giles (Storr Tractor) and Bill McAteer (Wilfred MacDonald).

On the non-assistant side of this tournament we find Bill Murray winning once again. He shot 83 to win low gross honors and Shaun Barry's 73 was low net. Harry Harsin (39ins) and Bill Murray twice (4ft 1in and 3ft 7ins) won the closest to the pins contests sponsored by Atlantic Irrigation

and two by Maser Consulting. Glenn Miller (The Terre Co) and Wendell Beakley (The Terre Co) were the big hitters on the correct holes. Our skin winners from both groups were Larry Cunningham, Tony DiBartolomeo, Kevin Giles, Tim Mariner, Bill McAteer with one each while Bill Murray had two that held up.

This event had 34 attendees and hopefully we will find that more and more assistants make this one of those dates that is circled on the calendar. It is important for them to spend time away from their course so they can hopefully recharge their batteries and learn some lessons in the process.

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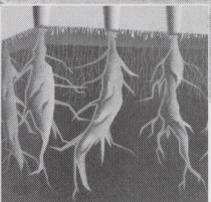
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Obituaries

The Greenside is saddened to report the passing of Sydney Dickison, wife of Upper Montclair CC superintendent Bob Dickison. Sydney was very active in both the GCSANJ and the NJ Turfgrass Association. She served as hostess for the GCSANJ 75th Anniversary dinner held in 2000. She was the annual hostess for the NJTA Expo hospitality suite. During the numerous professional tournaments held at Upper Montclair, Sydney spent countless hours serving food and drinks to the crew and volunteers working for her husband Bob. Sydney will always be remembered for her support of the golf course superintendent. Our condolences go out to Bob and his family.

Former GCSANJ president Don Marshall passed away on September 21, 2005. Marshall spent 16 years at the Montclair Golf Club starting in 1958 as an intern and working his way up the ranks to superintendent and general manager. He left New Jersey to work as general manager at numerous, high profile jobs including Pebble Beach, Quechee, and for the city of Anaheim overseeing two golf courses and Anaheim Stadium. While in New Jersey, Marshall was active on the GCSANJ board as editor of the New Jersey Golf Course Report newsletter a forerunner of the Greenside. He served as president in 1968-69. He was also active as a NJ Turfgrass Association member serving as president in 1971. Marshall was one of the longest survivors of a heart transplant having had the operation in 1988. He is survived by his wife Zenaide and sons Geoffrey and Gary.

Student Essay Contest

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Mr. October

“Mr. October”, Bill Murray, became the first Monmouth County Park System golf course superintendent to win the coveted trophy as State Champ. Following in the footsteps of his fellow colleague, Leslie Cup Champ Dave Pease, Murray took home the “top prize” being crowned The State Golf Course Superintendent Champion for 2005. We’re all proud of him here at Monmouth County, and like fine wine, his game has aged “oh so well”... 🏌️

Congratulations

Golf Inc. has named Trump National Golf Club Bedminster as its Development of the Year award winner for 2005. The hard work of golf course superintendent Greg Nicoll CGCS and his crew certainly played an important role in its choice. Nicoll continues to fine tune the Tom Fazio designed course and no doubt will garner more awards in the future. Congratulations Greg! 🏌️



Birth announcements

Ken and Ginny Kubik are most happy to announce the arrival of their 3rd grandchild Edward George Liszka III on October 18th, 2005. Eddie weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz’s and is the first child of Katie and Ed Liszka. “Pop” Ken is counting the days to the first doubles match with his grandchildren. Ken is the president of Grass Roots, Inc.

Big brother Nicholas Dotti welcomed his beautiful baby sister Samantha Ashley to his great big world on November 1, 2005. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz’s. Proud parents are Lisa and Paul Dotti. Paul is the superintendent of the Edgewood Country Club.

A handsome baby boy named Adam Joseph Larson arrived on November 10, 2005. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz’s. Mother Linda and Adam are both doing well. Proud father Doug and brothers Sean and Jake look forward to Adam joining them on the links for the first family 4-ball match. Doug Larson is a sales representative for Pocono Turf Supply.

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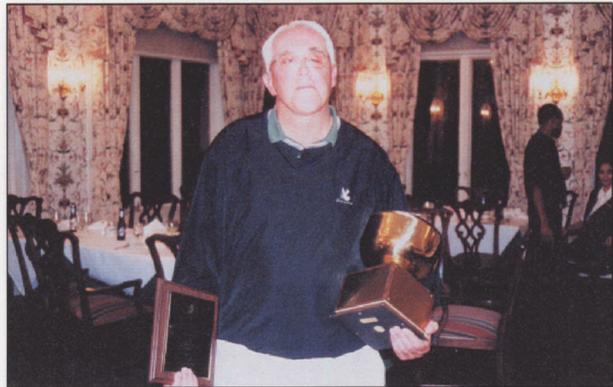
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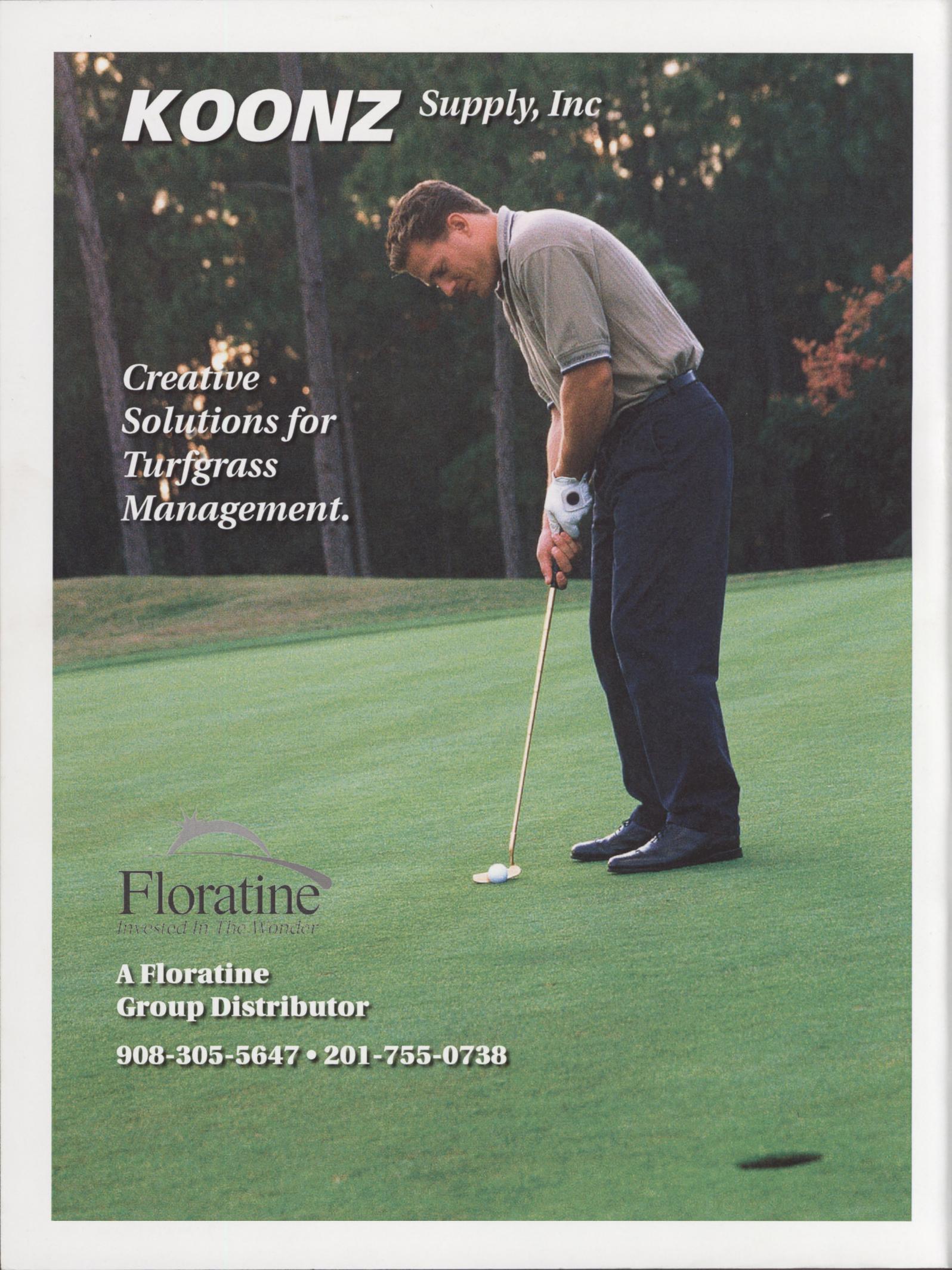
Chuck McMonagle provides security for Rolf Strobel and Brian Lesclinier who teamed together to beat up all challengers for the Leslie Cup.



The GCSANJ took 3rd place at the Met Team Championship. Murray, Mishkin, Kunesch, Grimac, Ashfield, Larson, Armbruster, and Farrell (not pictured) look forward to next year.



Bill Murray awards plaque to Sam Camuso for winning low net honors at the annual "C" Championship.



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