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## *Enjoying Your Summer?*

Greetings!

I'm excited to be working with the GCSANJ as the new Executive Director. From my first meeting of the Officers and Board to meeting so many of the members, I've felt the warmth and willingness to move in a new direction. I've also enjoyed all the time spent with Ineke Pierpoint, and her knowledge, experience, and willingness to share has made this transition all the easier. It's apparent why Ineke is thought so highly of. Thank you Ineke for all your hard work and dedication. We truly appreciate it.



The first few months of any transition are learning the ins and outs of the day to day operations. While doing this, we've completed and mailed the new member directory and membership card (did you get yours?), and this issue of Greenside will be the first one working alongside Doug Vogel, who has so tirelessly dedicated time, direction, and editorial content to previous issues. We've set up a new email program called Constant Contact which will deliver timely and graphically pleasing emails (yes, it will be terrific for those icards that Lance Rogers sends out) to keep you posted on our calendar of events. Do we have your current email address? If not, send me an email to the address below so we can add you to our email list.

What I like most about GCSANJ is the dedication of the Board members to do what needs to be done to bring tremendous value to your membership. They step right up and jump into the planning and the execution -- from the Greenside, the Summer Social, the monthly meetings, the upcoming Crystal Conference. Each Board member is to be commended for his tireless efforts to making all things GCSANJ great.

I hope each of you are enjoying your summer -- for so many outside of this industry, the summer is vacation time, but for you, summer is hard work. I'm enjoying my summer as I get to know more about the Golf Course Superintendents of New Jersey, and I plan to contribute my experience to the growth and well being of this worthwhile association. I look forward to meeting all of you.

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**On the Cover:**

The beautiful 9th hole of The Plainfield Country Club maintained by the crew of Golf Course Superintendent, Travis Pauley.

*Photo courtesy of Peter Pedrazzi, Crestmont Country Club.*



# President's *Message*

Michael A. Stachowski, Golf Club of Concordia

Well, it's August already, and with the main golf season winding down, I hope everyone can get some time to relax before the Fall season starts. The summer months were kind to me. I received some sort of rain every fifth day, and with my older irrigation system, that was a blessing. The hot and dry conditions early in May were replaced by an unseasonably cooler and wetter June and July. The start of August has been pretty warm, but you can see that it is a change for the better.

The fall season will bring out a plethora of machines - the aerators, seeders, thatchers, sweepers and blowers, just to name a few. The aeration process always makes me chuckle - the golfers always complain, but the Pro Shop has to deal with them.

Let me explain why I see humor in this. We strive all year to provide the best conditions we can. The first time we see the weather changing, we go out and make the greens look like a piece of Swiss cheese. Now I understand the agronomic value and need for this process, but from a golfer's prospective, I can understand their ire. The greens are great and they are making outrageous putts from all over the place and now they can't make a four-footer. The staff in the Pro Shop have to listen to all the complaints from the "oversized holes" to, "They didn't do this before, why did they do this now?" and, "They do it here but other clubs don't do it." The list goes on and on.

Making matters worse, after we attack the greens, we then move to the tees, fairways, and sometimes the rough, too. Some of the methods implemented in the fairways and tees make the application on the greens look simple and clean. When was the last time you created so much dust that you actually could not see the sun? Yet, we're done with our "Superintendent's Recipe" - after we broadcast seed, apply fertilizer, irrigate (and, with any luck, help from Mother Nature, a little rain), the course will return to the same, if not better, condition that it was before we started this madness. I just wish they understood that sometimes it has to get ugly to get better.

The 4th Annual GCSANJ Crystal Conference is scheduled for November 13th-15th. I would encourage you all to save the date and attend the conference this year. The Education Committee has once again assembled an excellent program. Be reminded that by attending the Crystal Conference on a yearly basis you have the opportunity to fulfill the education


portion of your renewal cycle without leaving the State.

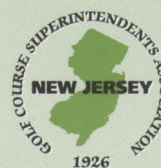
The Robert Trent Jones Invitational is scheduled for October 29 at Metedeconk National GC. The proceeds from this event will be split between the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey Foundation and the Environmental Institute of Golf. Both of these organizations use their funds to give back to our profession through grants for research, as well as issues that pertain to the golf industry.

The GCSANJ Member/Guest Tournament is scheduled for September 25 at Hidden Creek Golf Club. This is a new event that we're hoping will be a great day on a great golf course.

Lastly I would like to remind the membership of our new mailing address and fax number:

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I hope everyone is having a great season and you're having the chance for a little "down time" with your family and friends. 



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# 2007 Summer Social Sets Sail

The weather was perfect, the crowd festive, and band was ready to play. That was the scene as the 2007 Summer Social was about to kick off.

July 7 brought us a clear night and temperatures in the high 70's as 110 colleagues and guests boarded the River Queen in beautiful Brielle ready for a night of food, fun, and music. After a group photo (taken by none other than Shaun Barry) from the bow proudly displaying the GCSANJ banner, our crew informed us that they were ready to set sail.



As we cruised down the Manasquan River, a refreshing breeze set the tone as the Glimmergrass Band began belting out some bluegrass favorites. Our resident bluegrass expert Roberta Quinn gave a major thumbs up to the band, letting us all know they were on key tonight.

An endless, wonderful buffet was served and some very cold refreshments soon followed as the boat headed through the Point Pleasant canal on route to the Metedeconk River.

All on board were now completely taken in by the beautiful evening and what it all stood for; a night of camaraderie and where we could all get together and not have to mention the "G" word. This was a major objective for the Summer Social committee. It was a night where you could socialize with such famous faces as Joe Flaherty and Skip Cameron, and then turn around and greet some newcomers to our association such as Ryan Oliver from Metedeconk and Dennis Granahan from Navesink.



New GCSANJ Executive Director, Cece Peabody, with her husband Ed.

As the cruise hit full stride, the band played on and even some impromptu line "dancing" broke out. None other than our resident cowboy, Lance Rogers, led the way. It was a perfect time to remind the crowd that this year's Summer Social was a fundraiser for the GCSANJ Foundation.

The success of the GCSANJ Foundation and Summer Social committee enabled us to donate a \$5,000 check earmarked for Dave Pease and the medical bills his family has had to manage. It was an easy decision for the Foundation to take on this cause. Not only is Dave Pease one of the most popular Super's in the state, he also has a long history of service to the GCSANJ Board of Directors. Dave was one of the original members to serve on the Foundation. Dave's attitude throughout his ordeal has been nothing short of inspiring, and if you can believe it, even humbling for the big man.

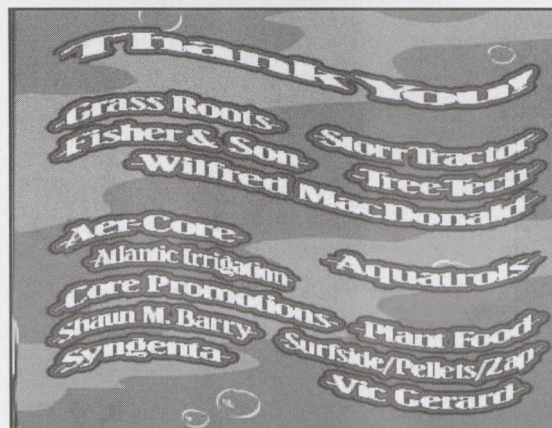
The reason the Foundation was successful this evening is because the response from our sponsors, many who deal with Dave, was outstanding. A big "thank you" goes out to each and every person and company that took the time, reflected on the situation, and said "of course" I want to be a part of this special evening.

Once again, the hard work of the Summer Social Committee and the GCSANJ Foundation proved that you can do both.....have a great evening out and support a very worthy cause.

Social Director, Glenn Miller, and Ryan Oliver.




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# 2007 C A L E N D A R

- August 16** GCSANJ District 3 Meeting: Toms River Country Club. Go to [www.gcsanj.org](http://www.gcsanj.org).
- August 20** GCSANJ District 2 Meeting: Hyatt Hills Country Club. Go to [www.gcsanj.org](http://www.gcsanj.org).
- September 25** The "new" GCSANJ Member/Guest tournament: Hidden Creek Golf Club. Check for updates on [www.gcsanj.org](http://www.gcsanj.org).
- September 18-20** NJPGA Championship: Mountain Ridge C.C. Go to [www.newjersey.pga.com](http://www.newjersey.pga.com).
- September 24** 18th Copper Hill/Paul DesChamps Memorial Classic: Copper Hill C.C. Go to [www.nagagolf.org](http://www.nagagolf.org) for more info.
- October 1** Dr. Troll Fundraiser Tournament: The International Course, Bolton, MA [www.alumniturfgroup.com](http://www.alumniturfgroup.com).
- October 15** The GCSANJ Championship: Arcola C.C. Go to [www.gcsanj.org](http://www.gcsanj.org).
- October 29** The 19th RTJ Invitational: Metedeconk National Golf Club. Go to [www.gcsanj.org](http://www.gcsanj.org).
- November 13-15** 4th Annual Crystal Conference: Golf @ Wild Turkey. Go to [www.gcsanj.org](http://www.gcsanj.org).
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# El Nino's Gone...Hello Hurricanes!

When Dr. William Gray of the University of Colorado and the meteorologists at the National Hurricane Center made their forecasts for an active hurricane season in 2006, they did not figure in a moderately active El Nino. How could they? The El Nino shows up every five to seven years and the reason as to why or exactly when it will show up remains a mystery. One thing's for sure, when it does, it kills hurricane development and that's what we saw starting in last July last year. If you'll recall, last year we had several tropical storms show up in early June, which made all of us meteorologists say, "Okay we're off to the races"! Then unexpectedly El Nino comes to town and crashed the party.

Well this year, 2007, is going to be quite different. We are in a La Nina pattern which means the exact opposite of what the El Nino means. Whereas the El Nino sends enough wind shear across from the Pacific to cut off hurricane development in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic, La Nina works to favor those conditions that helps make hurricanes. Relaxed conditions in the Atlantic, no wind shear, and a large Bermuda high all work to allow hurricanes to develop. That's what occurs in a normal year,

but this year is also a little different.

So how's does one go about making a hurricane forecast? Dr. Gray, who has been doing this his whole career and has testified before Congress on these matters, looks at several determining factors. First he looks at the seasonal weather pattern over the African Plain and the western sections of Africa to the Cape Verde Islands. If thunderstorm activity there is frequent, the chances of those thunderstorms mixing with the intertropical convergence zone becomes greater, resulting in more chances of hurricanes developing.

There are many other factors that go into his forecast, the most prominent of which is the thermal hyaline cycle. That is the ocean current that carries warm salty water up from the equator north into the Caribbean and Atlantic. That current brings warmer water up the Atlantic Coast as well displacing the fresh water from the Arctic. Warmer water means better conditions for hurricanes to develop. More thunderstorms, warmer water, No El Nino, and you have the recipe for a better than average number of storms for the hurricane season which is the prediction not only from Dr. Gray, but also the National Hurricane Center itself.

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# El Nino's Gone...

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So what does this have to do with the Northeast, golf courses, and our lives in general? Well as the years go on, a lot. Every 70 to 90 years a major hurricane has struck the Northeast. If you go back to the very beginning of hurricane record keeping, back to the time of Christopher Columbus, six of the top twenty storms of all time that made landfall, are right here in the Northeast. That's nearly a third. Ours is the third highest area of risk for a major hurricane to strike. The last category 3 storm to reach us was in 1938, "The Long Island Express" it was called which killed 700 people in the Northeast. That was also at a time when a mere 200,000 people inhabited Long Island, which now has a population near 3 million. Tack on tourist season and in August that number is more like 4 million.

Ours is the most populated coastline in the country and almost all of the world. A hurricane must pass over 5 densely populated coastlines. Coastlines that contain the most important of infrastructure to society. Airports, wastewater treatment plants, power plants, trains, subways, police and fire departments all are right in the path of an oncoming hurricane. Not to mention some of the most beautiful golf courses in the world. The right angle of our land mass, New Jersey to New York City and eastward out Long Island, makes it the most susceptible for severe damage from a hurricane's storm surge. The rocky bottom of the Ocean and it's unique slope up to the coast takes a category 2 hurricane and makes it a 3, a category 3 becomes a 4 and so on.

With all the talk of global warming, recent studies have shown that it has no effect on hurricanes and their development. However, water vapor, the biggest

greenhouse gas of all is generated by the Oceans, the biggest greenhouse gas producer of them all. Climate change is happening, but that will have little to no bearing on the hurricane season.

It's been proven over and over that weather repeats itself. There will be a hurricane that will strike the Northeast. It has done it in the past and will do it again. So the big question is, "How do we handle it"? That will be huge task and one that will truly test our will. Will we be ready? We need to be ready now. It may be that our biggest problem will be a lack experience with the magnitude of such a storm. Every 70 to 90 years doesn't give our populous much experience in storm survival and "survival" is going to take on a new meaning for some.

Unlike hurricanes in the Southern U.S., as a hurricane moves up the East Coast its forward speed quadruples. A storm in the Gulf will move at 7-12mph, once a northeast storm gets into the Gulf Stream of the East Coast it races northward at 45mph. That gives emergency management officials in the Northeast very little time for decision making. When a hurricane reaches Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, life saving decisions on evacuations must be made then as the storm will be reaching our shores in just as little as 36 hours.

Take action now at the golf course and at home. Make sure your plans include where to move equipment, prepare for flooding, you may have to move staff to a place of safety and take care of you personal lives as well. Have a plan at home. Allow to have at least three days of supplies for yourself and your families. Your plan at the club and at home needs to be made as soon as

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# Keepers of the Environment


By Doug Paluck

Many people look at the golf course as nothing more than grass, trees, bunkers and water hazards. For others, the golf course is just a mass of open land which can be used for another purpose such as housing or other commercial investment. In truth, the golf course is an oasis in a concrete world. The golf course superintendent is not only the "Keeper of the Greens", but also the "Keeper of the Environment".

The golf course needs attention and grooming, and the golf course superintendent and staff are solely responsible for its health and well-being. In return for this care, the golf course provides a playing field for the golfer to enjoy. There is, however, something more than just a playing venue for the game. The golf course also offers a habitat to the many species of animals and birds that would no longer exist in that area due to the loss of habitat. As a whole, the golf course supports a unique environment, but upon further inspection, a few holes or even an isolated par-3 can have a micro-ecology that is like no other on the entire golf course; i.e. the little pond on the 16th hole could be the summer feeding grounds of a great blue heron, or that rotted tree on the 4th hole could be used by a nesting pair of woodpeckers.

The superintendent gives life to the golf course, and the golf course gives life to the environment. With a healthy environment, the animals will return the favor by completing the cycle and thus maintain a healthy ecosystem. When the scale is balanced, the golf course and the environment work in a harmonious relationship, benefiting both man and nature.

When the scale is off, however, the effect can be drastic. Overpopulation, disease or starvation can result, thus causing a chain reaction that can decimate a once healthy ecosystem. By maintaining the equilibrium with simple adjustments and practices, we can create the optimal environment that all can enjoy.

A golfer can reflect on the terrific score he shot that day, but another lasting memory is the red fox hunting mice in the tall grass on the 11th hole or the majestic red-tail hawk perched on a branch on the 17th. At the end of the day, as the members relax on the terrace, the synergy of the golf course and nature and how they compliment each other will be a topic of discussion. What makes each golf course unique is its ability to support a diverse habitat, and it is the superintendent's role to protect these habitats. 



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# Rutgers Graduate Students Work on Anthracnose Research

**John Inguagiato** is a fifth year Ph.D. student at Rutgers University studying the influence of cultural practices on the incidence and severity of anthracnose on annual bluegrass (*Poa annua*) greens with Dr. Bruce Clarke and Dr. James Murphy. The expected outcome of his research is a comprehensive set of best management practices for reducing anthracnose. As an undergraduate student, John majored in turfgrass science and received his B.S. degree in Agriculture and Natural Resources from Ohio State University.

John developed an appreciation for turfgrass management while working at golf courses in Ohio. The interactions between management practices, the environment, and playability greatly interested him. A desire to further understand how these factors influence turf maladies led John to continue his studies at Rutgers University. John's research and field experiences have shown him that the state of management practices is dynamic, that new technologies and management trends affect the overall quality of playing surfaces, and that evaluation of these new practices is required to improve best management plans so that turf managers can best serve their clientele. Loss of turf and disruption of play

on putting greens associated with anthracnose is an example of how changing management practices may predispose turf to new or emerging problems.

Results from his studies of putting green management on anthracnose (i.e., how nitrogen fertilization, mowing practices, plant growth regulators, and topdressing influence this disease) have already benefited superintendents throughout the country. Once completed, these studies will serve as a foundation for the development of a set of best management practices for anthracnose on annual bluegrass turf.

After completing his doctorate, John intends to seek a position at a land grant university as an extension turfgrass pathologist. His research interests will continue to focus on evaluating turf disease incidence and severity in response to management trends and new technologies—to produce quality playing surfaces with reduced pesticide use. In an extension role, Mr. Inguagiato hopes to help superintendents to better understand and address current concerns through practical problem-oriented research.

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# Rutgers Graduate Students Work...

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**Joseph Roberts** is a new Masters student at Rutgers University. He was born and raised in Eden, North Carolina. After graduating high school, Joseph attended North Carolina State University with the intent of pursuing a medical degree. He first gained experience conducting research in a Chemistry lab on campus; however, an opening in a genetics lab attracted Joseph to Plant Pathology.

Joseph began working with Dr. Lane Tredway (the extension turfgrass pathologist at NC State and a former graduate student of Dr. Bruce Clarke) as a junior completing a number of turf research projects. After experiencing a summer conducting research during the peak turf disease season in North Carolina, Joseph became interested in Plant Pathology as a career. He soon embarked on an undergraduate honors research project under the direction of Dr. Tredway using DNA characteristics and spore morphology to characterize 18 isolates of *Curvularia* believed to be causing a significant blight of zoysiagrass in North Carolina. He successfully completed this research in May

2007 and his work will be published in the 2007 edition of "Explorations, the Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities for the State of North Carolina."

Joseph and Dr. Tredway have also submitted a disease note for publication in the professional journal "Plant Disease." Joseph entered Rutgers in June, 2007 to begin his Masters degree working on the Anthracnose Research Project currently funded by the GCSAA and GCSANJ under the guidance of Dr. Bruce Clarke and Dr. James Murphy. His thesis will focus on cultural practices used to reduce anthracnose on Annual Bluegrass (*Poa annua*) greens. Specifically, Joseph will be evaluating the impact of irrigation, mowing and rolling practices and nitrogen effects on anthracnose basal rot. All of these practices, along with other areas currently studied by John Inguagiato, a Doctoral student also working with Dr. Clarke and Dr. Murphy, will be used to develop a series of best management practices for reducing the severity of anthracnose on annual bluegrass greens. 🌱



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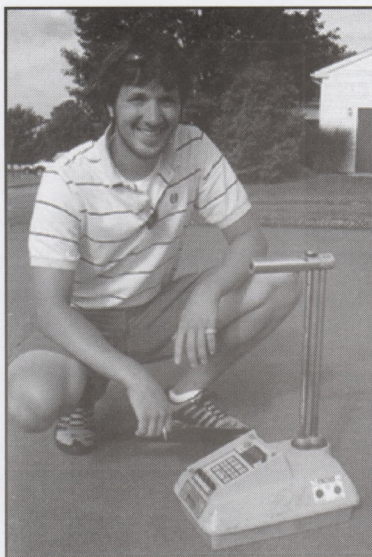
possible and ready to be put into action when the storm starting accelerating up the East Coast. Next year is the 70th year anniversary of the last category 3 hurricane to hit us. Every year from now on is one more year closer to that storm happening. 

*Bill Evans*

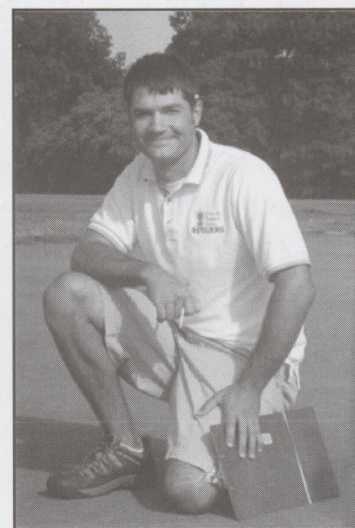
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Tom Tuttle CGCS is one of the really “good guys.” He understands that part of the job of being a superintendent is to gather topical information from his peers as well as from university studies, manufacturer and distributor reps. This exchange of ideas and experiences can only be helpful to those sharing in the discussions. With that in mind we have spoken about a joint meeting for several years. With Trenton CC so centrally located it is a natural site for this kind of meeting.

Sean Remington sets-up the Philly meetings and he contacted me very early in the 2007. He was interested in finding out whether we would be able to join them in a joint meeting at Trenton CC. It fit in perfectly with our schedule and they would run the entire meeting through their association. Like us, they are blessed with many talented people on staff and I knew it would run like a charm especially since Bill Brown and John Gosselin, CGCS, were setting up teams and Kristen Liebsch and Suanne Gardiner were there to help in any way needed. Not a part

of the normal job for their executive secretary and the editor for the Bonnie Greensward but they are always there to help.

The day turned out to be a beautiful day but since I was called to Raleigh for a company meeting so I couldn't be there to help with registration. I saw that Kevin Driscoll was going to be in attendance so I ask for his assistance and without any hesitation he agreed to help. He got there early and was a major part of the sign-in process.

After a delicious lunch that was sponsored by Syngenta, the group gathered by their carts and met their friendly opponents. We try to have a “bragging rights” only tournament between the associations and this was a continuation of that tradition. There were a few more NJ guys there so some of them did not get to participate as a team but they still had a good time playing against the course.

When all of the scores were tabulated NJ had edged the Philly team. This is quite an achievement because there are lots of quality players on the other side of the river. Maybe

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they were just being good hosts but I hope that they tried as hard as we did to win. Maybe next year will be different.

In addition to the team event we did have other contests. The team of Tom Grimac and Bob Prickett led all teams with a 68 in the gross competition. Tom was somewhere around even par on his own ball but he needed Bob's help because the second and third place teams came from Philly and they also played well. Paul Brandon and Dr. Doug Linde had a 70 while Brad Helcoski and Pat Hartman had a 72. The net team winners were Greg Hufner and Pete Carol with a 60. In second place was the NJ team of Tom Sharpe and Rich Reitman with a 63. They took second on a match of cards from Rick Begley and Chris Friel. With Philly taking two of the top three spots in both gross and net it is hard to understand how NJ won but the rest of the team played well enough to earn the victory and I think everyone enjoyed the challenge of match play.

NJ brought with them 13 sponsors for the skill contests and the winners were split fairly evenly between both associations. Aer-Core, Syngenta, The Terre Co., Vic

Gerard and Wilfred McDonald sponsored the closest to the pin contests and they were all won by Jersey guys. Pat Dolan, Tom Grimac (twice), Brian Minemier and Brad Simpkins took these honors. The long drive contest prizes were donated by Atlantic Irrigation, Dry-Ject, Maser, Philly Turf, Storr Tractor ( two sponsorships ), Syngenta and Wilfred MacDonald. Mike Warner led Philly with 3 wins. Kyle Kaufman, Dr. Linde, Sean Remington and Andrew Thompson added more wins to the Philly group while Kevin Tansey was the lone victor for NJ. There were 15 skins and Pete Carroll and Tom Grimac had two each. Lou Bosco, Ed Casteen, Pat Dolan, Greg Hufner, Charlie Koenecker, Kyle Kaufman, Doug Larson, Matt Paulina, Sean Remington, Steve Rudich and Brad Simpkins had one each.

During the wonderful dinner, Dr. Mike Fidanza held the interest of everyone with his educational presentation. He had so much fun meeting everyone he now wants to become a member of GCSANJ. This was the sort of feeling

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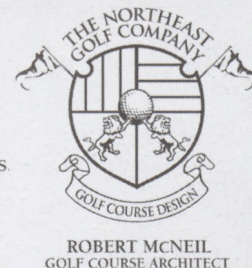
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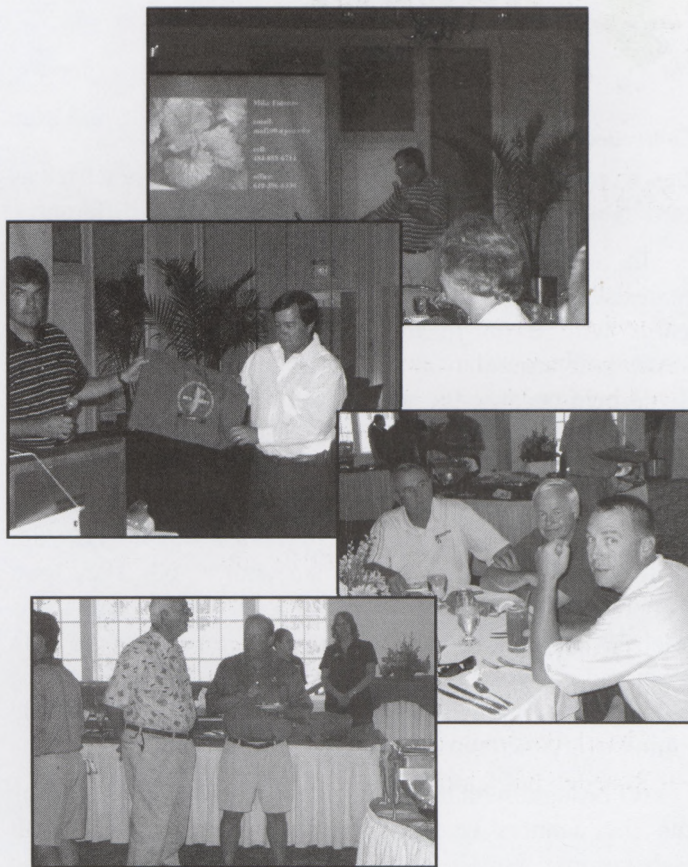


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that was shared by many. You can never have too many friends especially if they share your passion and that applies to everyone who attended this meeting.

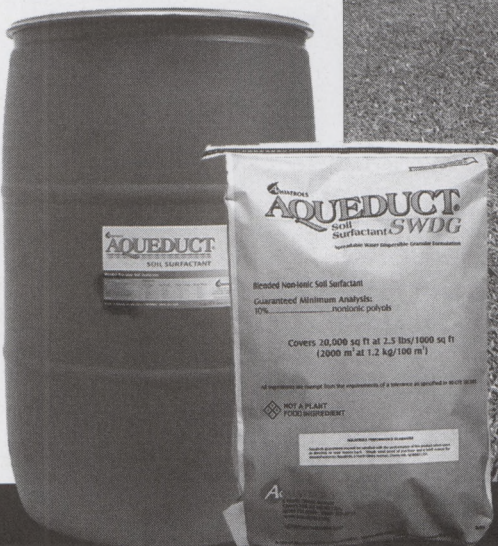
I can't say enough about the efforts of Tom Tuttle CGCS and his assistant Joe Willoughby. They had a hard week preparing for a member-guest tournament that finished Sunday but they and their crew maintained the same level of excellence and we were rewarded with superior playing conditions. Tom wouldn't say this but I believe that this is what his members get on a daily basis.

Many thanks Tom for your commitment to helping out your friends and colleagues and please thank everyone for the club or their efforts. When you speak to the chef and the clubhouse staff, let them know that Kristen Liebsch wasn't able to play but she put the food up there with the best that she has ever had. We also want to let your members know that we do appreciate their generosity in donating the course for our use. They don't have to do this but our industry is better off because of clubs like Trenton CC.



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## *District II News*


The new Golf Course Superintendent at Neshanic Valley is Andrew Hojnowski. He spent the last six years as the assistant superintendent at Woodcrest CC. Andrew is taking the place of Ed Highland, who was promoted to Supervisor of golf maintenance for the Somerset County Park Commission. The new assistant superintendent at Neshanic Valley is Tom Marshall. Tom was previously the assistant at Lookaway Golf Club in PA.

District II meeting is slated for August 20 at Hyatt Hills Golf Club.

Mark Berdine will host the Class A Championship at Roselle Golf Club in October. 

## *District III News*

The 2nd Annual River Cruise on July 7th was a success. We had more than 110 crew members aboard and everyone had a great time. The Foundation was able to raise \$5000 to go towards the Dave Pease Medical Relief Fund. Dave couldn't make the trip, however, was extremely thankful for all the support he has been given. Look for an even better Summer Social next year!

District III meeting is scheduled for August 16 at Toms River Country Club. 

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## *Assistant Superintendent Gets Involved*

A little over two years ago I inquired about the Assistant Superintendent Liaison position to the Board of Directors. I am currently the assistant superintendent at The Bedens Brook Club in Skillman, NJ. I am currently in my forth season there and looking forward to another successful year. This will be my twelfth season overall within the industry. I am a graduate of The Rutgers University Professional Golf Turf Management Program. I have been fortunate to establish many relationships that I value tremendously and hope to forge many more.

I am honored to be the Assistant liaison to the Board of Directors. I have been the liaison for just over a year. The Assistant liaison assists the Board, advising and recommending educational and networking opportunities for assistant superintendents. Being a nonvoting member of the Board, I'm fortunate to represent the Class C

members of the GCSANJ. I work with the Education Committee, but I am also encouraged to assist the other committees. In assisting the Education Committee, the purpose is to provide valuable opportunities for assistant superintendents to educate, network, and ultimately become golf course superintendents. These opportunities include:

- The annual assistant winter workshop;
- The annual C Championship;
- Contributing to The Greenerside, the official publication of GCSANJ;
- Crystal Springs Conference and Seminar;
- New Jersey Turfgrass Expo; and
- Numerous opportunities to network with other assistants and superintendents.

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The assistant winter workshop, which began this year, is something we would like to be the main event of the year for Class C members. The workshop covered several topics including bunker construction, personal finance, pesticide application technologies, and career advancement advice. The event turned out about 30 participants. This number must be improved upon and we are always looking for new ideas and topics to be addressed for future workshops.

As the assistant liaison, I am focused on increasing assistant membership and getting more assistants involved in the association. All ideas and contributions no matter how big or small the input, are important and giving back to the association is always important. We are the future of the association so we need to be involved. I encourage all assistants to become members, if you are not. Specifically, contributing to The Greenerside is one of the easiest ways to become recognizable within the association. After all,

not all of us attend monthly meetings or trade shows, but all members receive The Greenerside.

Finally I want to reiterate the importance of becoming more involved and voicing concerns, because we do have a voice within the association. I can appreciate the dedication that we all endure as assistants, and believe that stepping up and contributing to our association will reap rewards for the future. Together we can ensure the success of GCSANJ and our own goals and futures. 

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## Plainfield Country Club...

GCSANJ President, Mickey Stachowski, presents plaque to Travis Pauley for hosting this event.



Left: Tournament winner, Brian Komline, is holding the trophy. In the background is Travis and Ian Kunesch, a GCSANJ member who caddied for Brian during the tournament, and Mickey.

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## ***Birth Announcements***

Congratulations to Navesink Country Club Assistant Superintendent **Ron Richter** and wife Joann on the birth of their second child James Ronald Richter, 8 lbs, 3 oz, 19.5 inches long, at 2.54 PM on June 12, at Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune. Young James joined his parents, and two year old sister Jenna just in time for Father's Day. Cigars all around!

Congratulations also to **Mark Griff** on the birth of Savanna Rose Griff, born on July 31st at 7:00 PM, weighing in at 7.2 lbs and 19.5 inches long. She is the third child joining her big sister Ashley and Mark Michael Jr, who is 2 1/2 years old.

Congratulations to **Keith Kubik**, Vice President of Grass Roots, and wife Christine welcomed Brian Peter Kubik, 6 lbs, 6 ozs, 19 5/8 inches, on June 15th at 1:22 AM.



Top: Bruce Peeples is presented his long overdue outgoing President plaque by Bill Murray at Shark River event.

Bottom: Bill Murray receives his host plaque from Dave Mishkin.



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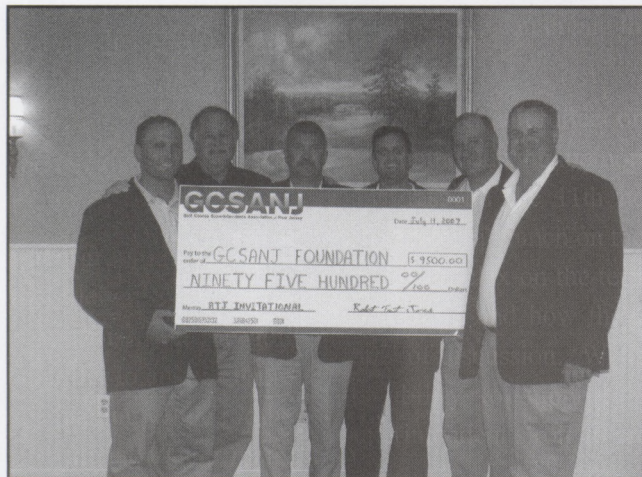
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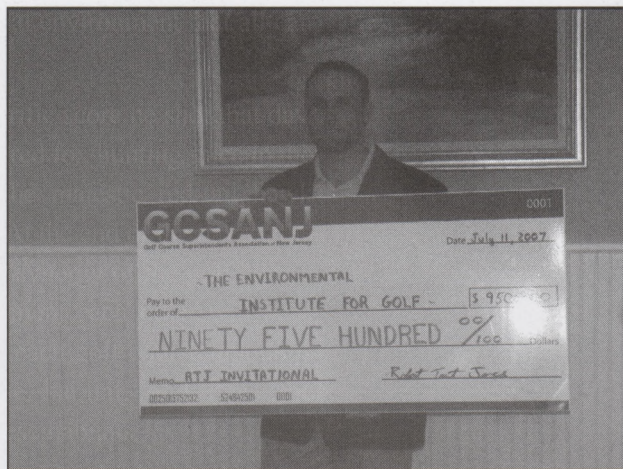


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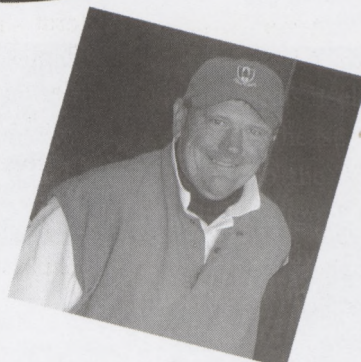
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It is with great appreciation and humble reverence that the GCSANJ Foundation has given consideration to contribute to my financial hardship of making up the out-of-network cost associated with my operation. I am in the process of appealing the cost for full coverage in the hope for a successful claim adjustment. I feel confident that my appeal claim will be upheld and the Foundation can find some other worthy cause to champion.

I am eternally grateful for all the fellowship of support, well wishes, and prayers bestowed upon me by my friends, colleagues, and associates of the GCSANJ. Words cannot reflect my deep inner feelings for this outpouring of love and concern. I am truly blessed to know you and to have you as apart of my life.

In closing, I will leave you with the belief that has help carried me through this ordeal; "The task ahead of you is no greater than the power behind you". Both Amy and I thank you all for you kind thoughts, prayers, and concern for my well being and I am forever grateful.



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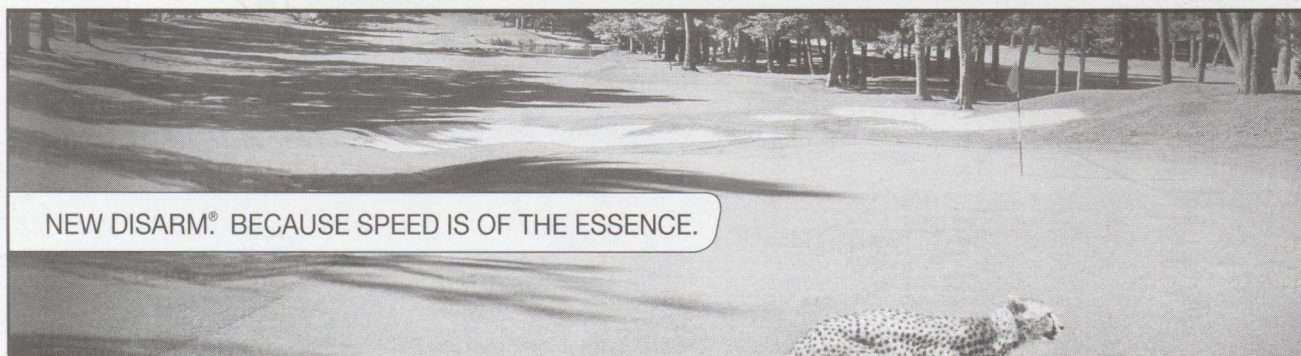
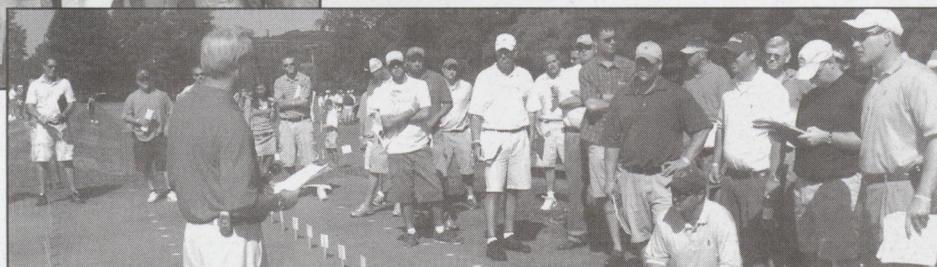
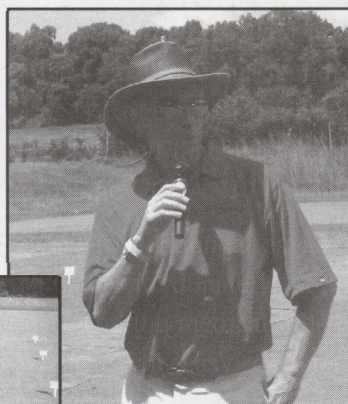
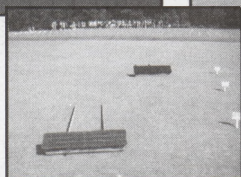
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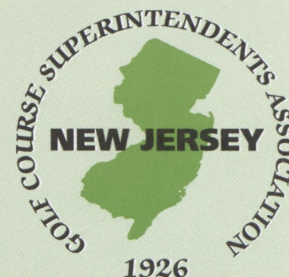
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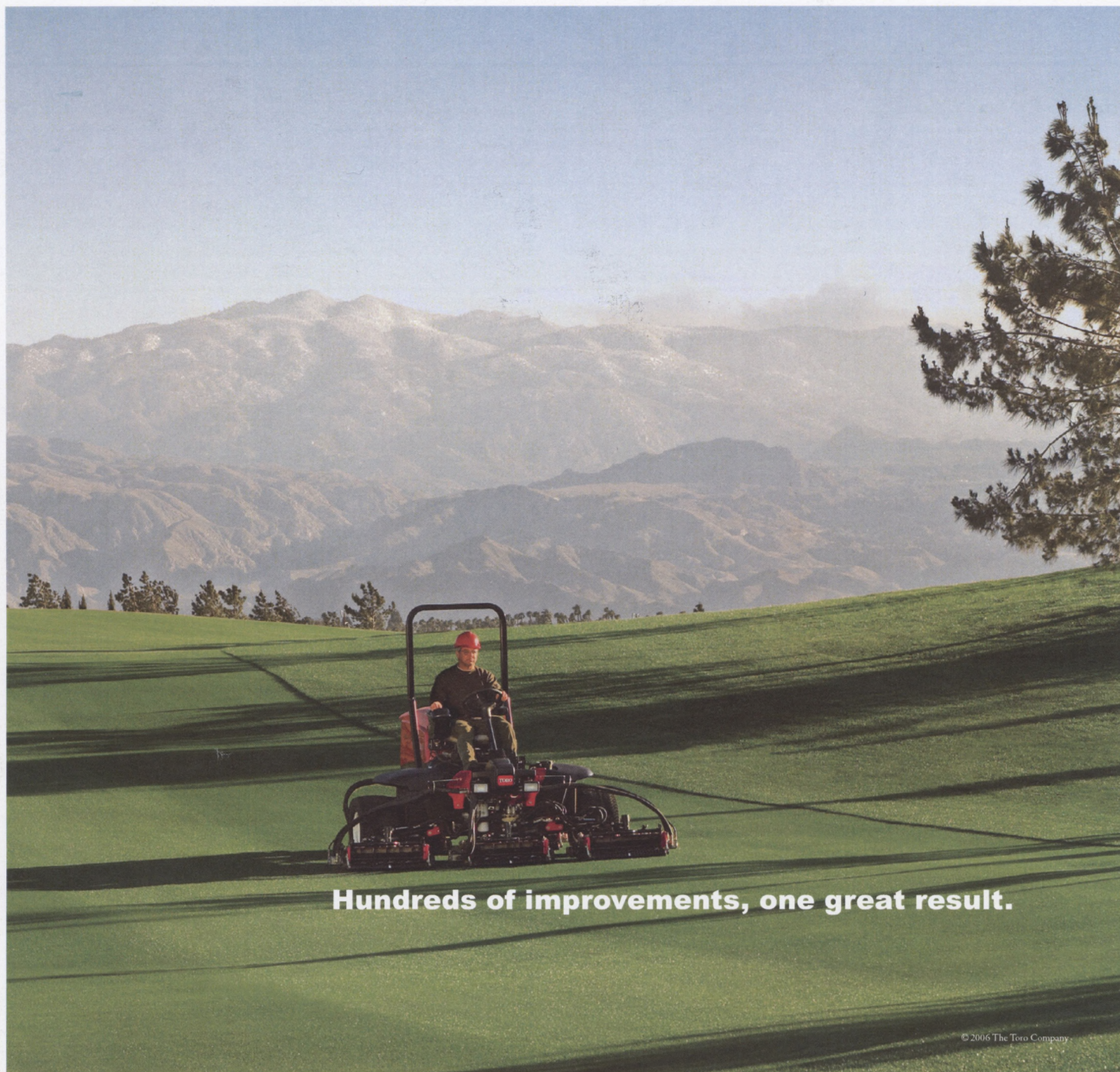
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