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### Education

Turfgrass and golf course superintendent associations partner with university scientists and industry professionals to conduct high-quality, research-based education. Expanding knowledge is critical in developing innovative management programs that benefit both the golf course and the golfer.

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Since golf facilities are businesses that have the ability to impact the environment, it is only natural that they are subject to regulation that may impact land and water use, storm water runoff, energy consumption and the use of nutrients and pesticides. However, a regulation can have unintended negative consequences if it is not created with a comprehensive view. By taking an active approach to the regulatory process, the golf industry can actually help craft or influence policy in a manner that is beneficial to all parties involved.

### Scholarships

Scholarships are an investment in the future of the game. They are a commitment to the people who will directly impact the game, supporting the educational pursuits of future golf course managers.

Scholarships have been a part of the EIFG's focus since 1955, when the organization was founded as the GCSAA Scholarship and Research Fund. In 2011, the EIFG awarded 53 scholarships totaling more than \$130,000.

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**Help us keep the future of our game green. Support the EIFG's Rounds 4 Research program.**

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## *Welcome New Members!*

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## President's Message

Lance Rogers, CGCS, Colonia Country Club

Spring is almost here and I still can't believe winter is almost over. I am, as I'm sure most of you are too, still finishing up winter projects and, believe it or not, I still have cleanup to complete from hurricane Sandy. Our profession has really become a 12-month a year job and we should all be happy that it is because it means that we will survive these tough economic times.

I'm proud of our business and I am very optimistic about the future of the game. I saw this first hand in San Diego at the GIS show. The trade show floor was electric, the vendors were eager and companies seem to be fully vested in our profession. Companies were having great hospitality events for their customers and all seemed to enjoy. I left this event feeling very good about our future. Oh, did I forget to mention how wonderful our GCSANJ hospitality event was? That's what it was -- 115 attendees taking 2 plus hours out of their evening proved this. We are proud to be able to give back to our members.

We have embarked on another great cause and we hope many of our members and their clubs can participate. This program is called "**Rounds 4 Research**". Frank Tichenor, Jeremy Hreben, and their committee are promoting this program and will be contacting you soon to give you some more insight to this. **Information on this program is in this issue on the inside front and back covers. A donor form is included as an insert.** Please think about donating a round of golf today to help support research, scholarship and charity. *Check off GCSAA Chapter and write in New Jersey on the form.*

Keep an eye on upcoming events and try to participate as you'll be glad that you did. Tonight (March 14th) I'm going to our first Class C Roundtable. Mathew Castagna and his committee have been very proactive on having events for our Assistant Superintendents and I hope they fully take advantage of these opportunities. I encourage all Superintendents to give our Assistants the encouragement to attend. Win/win! Next we have the "War at the Shore". NJ will defend their title against the Philly chapter but at the end of the day it's about meeting our peers. This event will be held at Stone Harbor Golf Club on April 25th and hosted by Dean Ferguson and Kevin Tansey. The weather is usually perfect and it's my birthday, so you have to come (I'll be turning 30+ ?). In May we will have our inaugural Nine and Dine event including some great education at Galloping Hill Golf Club. Stay tuned!

In August, Liberty National and Greg James will be hosting the Barclays tournament. Sponsorship opportunities are available to help support the Hospitality tent and this info is in this issue. Volunteers will be needed and details will be available soon. It promises to be another great PGA event held in NJ. Good luck to all involved.

Spring is upon us and the smell of fresh cut grass is practically here. We have Easter and the Masters to look forward to and then we're off running. We are all like plants -- the longer days and sunshine bring us back to life and give us vigor. I want to wish all our members a successful season and when those dog days in August come, remember this..."we will meet again at Expo and enjoy some libations at the Revel". Enjoy your season.

Lance A. Rogers, CGCS

## From Your Exec Director

Cece Peabody, MAT, CMP, Executive Director



**Passion and dedication and motivation** -- that's what I see in New Jersey members.

It is always exciting to see members who want to be involved on the board of directors and the various committees. The new ideas, the thinking out of the box, the push to improve on the same old - same old....these things and more make for a better association for all.

The 2013 membership directory will be coming out shortly...and this year we've taken a new idea to roll it out. Members had the choice to receive the printed directory or to receive a PDF file of membership - 80 members are going the PDF way. The board of directors has also taken the 'step to greener'.the board minutes and reports are sent digitally so smart phones and ipads are being used instead of individual paper reports. So far, this is working beautifully. While we still have 18 hole events, we're trying a new format of 9 holes with education and food. This format should get even more members to participate.

Ultimately, every organization is good, but those organizations that stand out are because the members are involved. That enthusiasm spreads to others. Thanks to those who are involved...and we know more of you will choose to as well.

# Staying Classy in San Diego February 4-8, 2013

by Bill Murray

Well, what a week we all had in San Diego for the Golf Industry Show. For all of you who could not attend, I will give a recap of the week your chapter delegate had.

Starting off in Newark, the trip got off to a very slow start with two, not one, planes being taken out of service for one reason or another. While waiting at the gates, I was happy to run into many of our members and our Executive Director, Cece, and discuss what we were all going to be doing at the show. While waiting three hours for take off, we all decided to meet at a local establishment right after we landed. Upon arriving in San Diego and getting to the Grand Horton Hotel in the Gaslamp district, checking in, throwing the bags in the room, the Dublin House was about one hundred steps for me. To my surprise I found Lance, Shaun, Kevin Driscoll and his family already a few socials in. Needless to say, I hopped right in and joined them and many others throughout the night in some great craic (Irish for bulls##\*%@##\*) and what our schedules for the week were. After many a social and time getting late, it was definitely the time to hit the rack and get some rest for the next day.

Waking up at an early hour because of the time change, meant a full day to myself before attending the big show. Having Lance in the same hotel as me made it easy for me to convince him to head out to the San Diego Zoo. As we hoofed it around this hilly zoo, we were awed at all the different animals from little meerkats to large hippos and how close we could get to them. This awe turned to amazement when we stumbled upon the polar bears having fun in their habitat swimming and playing with their toys. But the best was still to come. Entering the Panda Bear section my heart raced with anticipation and I was overcome with how cool these bears really are. Seeing a few of the big boys eating the bamboo and then seeing the new baby panda and mommy hanging out just made this old man very happy. If anyone is ever in the San Diego area, I recommend a visit. If you think this is the end of the day, hang on.

Upon our return we thought a nap might be in order, but I was a bit hungry so it was a stop at the Dublin House again. [see picture at bottom of page]. Well one turned into two and new people we know kept coming and going and the day stretched to the dinner hour when a commercial member took us out for a wonderful meal. I just want to thank all our commercial members for being the great members that they are and without them who knows where we would be now. After this great meal it was definitely time to pack it in for the night.



Feeling a little slower today (don't know why?), but it was time to get over to the Convention Center and listen to Major Rooney for an inspirational talk. Then it was time to get onto the show floor and talk with distributors about what was important to me. During the past two days there were plenty of seminars to attend both for a fee and free. After a little nap it was then time to head for the Tilted Kilt and attend our third annual hospitality happy hour for all the members in town. I hope all had as much fun as I did [picture on next page] meeting and talking about all the issues on our minds. Thanks Cece for setting this up and greeting all who attended.

Another dinner with a commercial member then off to bed. It must be noted that **all** the commercial guys offered so much during the week.

But there's more....



# Staying Classy in San Diego Continued from page 5

Another early morning start to the day and a short walk to the Convention Center. The Golf Channel guys talked in the morning, then I hit the trade show floor trying to see all vendors from New Jersey. While on the floor panic among show goers started to build as flights were cancelled to the Northeast due to Storm Nemo. While attending a meeting with GCSAA about Rounds for Research with Lance, Cece and Frank, we were all scrambling to change flights. I have to thank Lance for the help securing new flights due to my lack of computer savvy.

After this meeting it was time for the annual meeting which was the main reason for me to attend. Armed with two hundred twenty two votes for our association, my duty was to vote yeah or nay for the dues increase and to elect the New GCSAA Board. As you may know by now, your dues will increase by \$25 beginning next year. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me. One of our own, John O'Keefe CGCS, was running for Secretary/Treasurer and he came away victorious. Patrick Finlen CGCS, California, was elected president and Keith Ames CGCS, Arkansas, vice president. The Battle for the three directors came down to Darren Davis, Florida, Peter Grass CGCS, Montana and newcomer John Fulling CGCS, Michigan. By this time of the day a nap was in order, but a wonderful dinner and late night socializing came first. Another thanks for a great evening.

Having our flights cancelled meant figuring out what to do for the day. Lance corralled Dennis D. Jr., Tyler Otero and me, and off we go to the wine country about an hour up to the north. After finding some vitamins for Lance, we came upon the first winery, Callaway Winery. Having been started by Eli Callaway the golf club guy, we all deemed this an educational trip. I can hear you all saying "Yeah Right" about now. After a couple of tastes, six to be exact, off to the next winery for a little lunch followed by a few more tastes.



By now we decided one more winery should be our limit in order to get us back to San Diego in one piece. On the drive back we came to a much unforeseen conclusion -- four guys drinking white wine in wine country getting their picture taken, you all tell me? Once again a little nap, Dublin House, my real home away from home, then off to see dueling pianos at the Shout House. Bed never felt better.

Our last day turned into another great adventure. In the car again and off to Pacific Beach the land of make believe. Beautiful beach, scenic boardwalk and amazing sights (vacationers, stoners, homeless and yuppies) make this little coastal town next to La Jolla a unique place and fun area. Lunch, which turned out to be chicken and waffles and more than one Mason jar of beer, we were ready to see the town. After a few more beers, browsing and buying things in the surf shops made Dennis, Lance and me thirsty again. Having met someone from Jersey who lives out there now, was what we needed to navigate this neat little town. After a brief stint at the beach, did Bill surf or not? and debating tattoos at a local bar for hours, did we or not? We finally were calling this trip officially over. With a five am cab pick up, bed and a good night sleep were in order for the long flight home.

For all of you I ran into out in San Diego, I hope you enjoyed your stay and the Show. For all who were not able to go, I suggest that you participate in your Golf Industry Show at least once in your career. I'd like to say a special thanks to Lance, Tyler, Dennis Jr, and Cece for making this trip special for me. See you all back home and hopefully in Orlando next year.

# Rutgers Turf Students Compete in GCSAA Turf Bowl

February 2013, San Diego

by Bruce Clarke

**T**hree teams of undergraduate students (four students to a team - including Tyler Astor, Greg Benz, Michael Chikos, Ryan Daddio, Nicholas Delmar, Kyle Genova, Kenneth MacNish, Mike Monzon, Jianlong Sun [Jason], Yuanshuo Qu [Henry], Lingcheng Zeng [Aaron], Lorabeth West,) from the Rutgers Turf Club competed in the 2013 Turf Bowl Competition at the International Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Conference and Trade Show in San Diego, CA on Thursday, February 7, 2013.

The Rutgers Teams placed 6th, 14th, and 44th out of 68 university teams from throughout the United States and Canada. Rich Hurley (Adjunct Professor, Plant Biology and Pathology), Sabrina Tirpak (Principal Lab Technician, Plant Diagnostic Laboratory; Plant Biology and Pathology) and Bruce Clarke (Extension Specialist, Plant Biology and Pathology; Director, Center for Turfgrass Science) assisted the Rutgers teams prepare for this year's competition. *This was the first time that a Rutgers Team has cracked the Top 10 of this prestigious academic competition. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013 RUTGERS TURF BOWL TEAMS!!!!*



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# GCSANJ Christmas Party

December 2013

by Shaun Barry

Once again Bill Murray was front and center in organizing and running our Christmas Party. He has a strong interest in doing anything that will bring our members together especially if it is something that will help others. Everyone was asked to bring a toy that would go to the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund. Almost everyone remembered to do so and we had several large receptacles each filled to the brim. Some children that weren't going to have anything for Christmas would now have something to take their minds off of all the destruction.

The GCSANJ Foundation members all found a way to help Bill make this happen. In addition to just being there, several worked registration and Dave Mishkin and Shaun Kennedy helped John Kirkpatrick sell the 50/50 tickets. This however wasn't a true 50/50. With the exception of few dollars used as tips, all of the money went back to the winners.

It really was a fun time. Lots of people wanted to be there to say good-bye to Dave Pease since he had retired at the end of November. That was fun especially when Fran Owsik gave him a nice gift that made him laugh but one that he may never use. We also had a great visit from Santa. Not one of his "helpers" but I think this was really SANTA. *The Star Ledger* was there covering his visit and we all got a mention in the Monday edition.

Thanks to Bill and The Foundation and to everyone who brought a gift. We normally gather food for the Food Bank but it wasn't needed this year because of the kindness of so many people who had donated food to help with Hurricane Sandy relief. If you get a chance, join the fun in December 2013. It is open to all of our members and guests. The food is great and the laughs extend far into the night. If you are good maybe Santa will make a return visit.

## All Enjoyed a Merry GCSANJ Party!



# 2013 CALENDAR

Check calendar for updates and signup info.

[www.gcsanj.org](http://www.gcsanj.org)

## Thursday, April 25

War at the Shore

Joint Philly & NJ GCSA Chapter Event

Stone Harbor Golf Club

Cape May Court House, NJ

## Monday, May 6

Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classic

Fiddler's Elbow Country Club

Far Hills NJ

## Monday, May 13

Nine and Dine

Education and Golf

Galloping Hill Golf Course

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# Monmouth County Hosts a Retirement Party for

## Dave Pease February 8, 2013

by Shaun Barry

**O**n February 28, 2013, Dave Pease came out of retirement to say good-bye to many of his associates and friends throughout the industry. Dave had “officially” retired on November 30, 2012, and he had been feted at the December Christmas Party. Now it was a chance for those that he had worked for and for those who had worked for him to honor his efforts with a gentle roast. It turned out beautifully.

Dave was given the microphone to make some remarks and he brought a few smiles and tears to those closest to him. He introduced his amazing family and their loved ones. It was easy to see how much love he has for each one. He ended by honoring both Alice and Bob Decker. Bob is no longer with us but he was instrumental in Dave’s career working for the county. Alice however was the main reason that Dave met their daughter Amy. For that Dave will be forever grateful.

The food was terrific and the conversations even better. Laughter was heard everywhere and that was before the “roasting” got started. About 10 people took the opportunity to tell stories about Dave. There weren’t any law enforcement people in the room but I think the statute of limitations must have run out on most of the things that Dave is reported to have done so he was safe.

Mary Lou DesChamps said that she would not have missed this party and she was joined by Paul Strani, Ken Indyk, Rick Krok and Mike Pastori. What a tribute to a person that they consider a friend. Jim Snow led a distinguished group of non-county GCSANJ members. Lance Rogers and Jim Cadott represented the GCSANJ Executive Board along with association members Jim Cross, Matt Dobbie, Bob Dotson, Gene Mack, Ed Mellor, Pat O’Neill, Fran Owsik, Angelo Petraglia, Tony Raczynski, Tony Toto and Jim Woods. From the county there was Tim Mariner, Glenn Miller, Dave Mishkin, Bill Murray and Ryan Ponnwitz. These fellows didn’t “have” to be there but they chose to attend because of the respect that they had for what Dave has done. In addition to these names Sam Camuso came up from MD, Steve Curry came down from CT, and Bruce and Janet Peebles left the snowy Berkshires to say a few words in honor of their friend. It was a feeling shared by everyone in the room.

Good-luck in retirement Dave. Enjoy the peace and quiet you will find in MA but always remember that you will never be forgotten and you will always have lots of friends here in “Paradise”.





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# Golf Industry Show 2013



# Annual Winter Shop Tour: Heron Glen & The Ridge at Back Brook

February 19, 2013

by Russell Harris

On Tuesday, February 19, 2013, about 25 members of the GCSANJ embarked on yet another round of touring other member's maintenance facilities. This year took us out west to visit Heron Glen Golf Club and host superintendent *Jason Pierce*, and also to The Ridge at Back Brook and superintendent *Alan Bean*. We started the day at Heron Glen with a continental breakfast provided by *Rob Johnson of Fisher and Son*. After breakfast and a quick introduction, the floor was Jason's and he did not disappoint. Jason started off his tour by showing the group the site of his facility, which was originally a dairy farm. This included his bio swell which was the last piece needed for him to get the course certified by Audubon International. He then proceeded to show the group his cold storage and equipment barn. All of Jason's buildings were extremely well organized and put together. The highlight of Jason's facility was his mechanic area. Jason has implemented such an organized system for tracking the maintenance and upkeep of equipment that it seemed to be envied by all in attendance.

After taking the 10 minute drive up the road to The Ridge, we were greeted by a lunch sponsored by *Shaun Kennedy of Helena Chemical*. After lunch ended Alan took over. The Ridge's facility differed in many ways from Heron Glen yet the 2 superintendents take equally great care of their facilities as they do for their courses. Alan began his tour by showing off his mechanic's shop and some storage areas. We then made our way to the huge cold storage area of the facility. Once out of there we made it over to his chemical building and wash pad area. This is where we spent a great deal of time. This was a great highlight of Alan's facility and seemed to grab the attention of all the attendees.

All in all it was a great day. It was also good for our membership to head out west to an area many of us may not get to all that often. Enough cannot be said about the show our two hosts put on for us. These were two of the more well put together tours hosted by two of the more well spoken hosts. Once again, a big thank you to our hosts *Jason and Alan*, and also to our sponsors, *Fisher and Son and Helena Chemical*.



# First Assistants Roundtable a Success March 14, 2013

*by Matthew Castagna*

On Thursday, March 14th, Class C Assistant Superintendents from various parts of New Jersey gathered at TPC Jasna Polana in Princeton, NJ, for the first ever Roundtable Event. Light refreshments and appetizers were served as the group in attendance of 14 mingled amongst each other.

Chris Carson from Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield, NJ, was the evening's presenter offering career advice. His advice covered resume writing to interview tips. There was no shortage of conversation as the evening progressed and even extended past the scheduled time.

We even invited non-GCSANJ members as a way to show them the value of being part of this organization. Overall, the evening was very successful and opened the eyes of assistants and how they viewed the future ahead of them.



Matt Castagna (above) introducing Chris Carson, standing in picture below.



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# GCSANJ Foundation Update

by Shuan Barry, Executive Director

The foundation was front and center at the GCSAA National in San Diego. We were able to make a nice donation to the EIFG in the amount of \$5,000. We had a good photo op with our large check that shows up so nicely in a photo. The check can roll up and was the idea of Lance Rogers. It has gone to shows now for 5 years.

The foundation is going through the registration process with local and state agencies for another raffle this year. Once everything is in place, tickets will be made available. The drawing will be in December so you will have lots of opportunities to participate and it would be great to see you when the winners are picked.

Photo courtesy of Roger Billings.



On the national level you will have seen lots of press about "Rounds For Research". This is being managed by the EIFG with most of the revenue going to the foundations from each local association. What is needed is for golf courses to offer a foursome the chance to bid on the opportunity to play their course. This will be open to the public so it will give lots of people the opportunity to play a course they could never get on any other way. It should be good for the game and for our foundation. Thanks for giving it some consideration.

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# “The FedExCup comes back to Liberty National”

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A volunteer form will be going out in April, 2013. If anyone is interested please contact my secretary, Jessica Santiago at 201-332-4333 or email her at [jessica.santiago@libertynationalgc.com](mailto:jessica.santiago@libertynationalgc.com).

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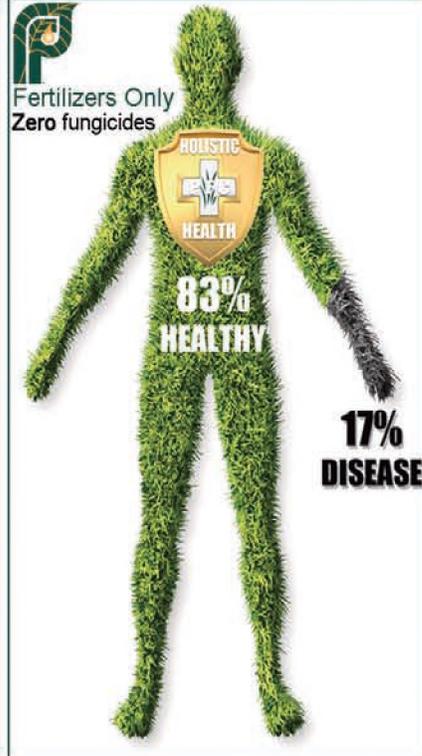


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# Put the Rutgers Turfgrass Classic On Your Calendar

by Shaun Barry

In case you haven't heard, the Rutgers Turfgrass Classic is once again going to be held at Fiddler's Elbow CC. This is the 18th edition of this fundraiser and it will be on May 6, 2013. Unlike many other worthy fundraising efforts, this event has actually grown through the years. If you haven't been there you might wonder why it has had such a positive history. It is a history that has seen close to 5,000 people attending (many of them for all of the previous 17 years) while raising over \$1.2 million dollars.

That success starts with you. Without great support from the industry, none of this would have been possible. It seems that we, as a professional industry, have members who understand that their support for turfgrass research at Rutgers is the best way to find answers to the problems that we have and for the ones that will occur. The Center for Turfgrass Science is blessed with the absolute best scientists in the world. We all know that Dr. Bruce Clarke and Dr. Bill Meyer are world-renown and are considered to be the face of the program. Standing next to them on the world stage however are Dr. Bingru Huang, Dr. Jim Murphy, Dr. Stacy Bonos, Dr. Steve Hart, Dr. Albrecht Koppenhofer, and the list goes on. This is an amazing group of scientists who happen to be great people doing great work--work that will help you do your job. When you get a call from Bill, Bruce or a committee member asking for your support, these are the people they are representing.

We all know that there are many great universities where turfgrass research is being done by wonderful scientists, and we applaud their efforts. Many of those programs are thrilled to have Rutgers educated scientists leading them into the future. Every one of those Rutgers graduates benefited from the Classic. The money that we raise is all utilized by the Center for Turfgrass Science. It goes where you want it to go. This is an industry where we truly are all working toward a common goal, and we still need your help for that to continue.

There are many ways that you can help, and those are detailed in the brochure in this issue as well as in one being mailed to you. You can also register on the NJTA website ([www.njturfgrass.org](http://www.njturfgrass.org)).

This is the largest single day turfgrass research fundraising event in the world, but we have room for more players and sponsors and we will keep striving to get bigger and better.

If you or your company or your facility or your club can't bring a team, there is a nice opportunity for an individual sponsorship or a hole sponsorship. Those are also available even if you are bringing a team or are a guest of another team.

Thanks for being part of our history, and we hope you will continue to help us set an example for the world to use as a blueprint when they follow our lead.



**Registration Brochure  
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# Tri-State Research Foundation

by Steve Finamore

In 1987 a group of Golf Course Superintendents from the local associations New Jersey, Westchester, and Long Island got together as part of the MGA Green Committee to ask each member golf course to contribute \$100 from their greens budget to help fund research for local problems. The issues at the time were moss infestation on golf greens and summer patch that was devastating golf greens.

In the following years, the Tri-State Research Foundation was eventually formed in 1992. Since then, 5 area Golf Course Superintendent Associations -- METGCSA, GCSANJ, LIGCSA, HVGCSA, and CGCSA -- and their golf courses and distributors have funded local research to the amount of \$619,000. Local issues have been supported at various universities like Rutgers, Cornell, and URI. Research that has included moss control, summer patch, anthracnose, managing earthworms, fairway topdressing, nematodes and root zone mixes. Rutgers, our state university, has received Tri-State support almost every year since 1992.

The information concerning on-going research is updated in the Tri-State Foundation Newsletter that is mailed out to every member golf course.

Most recently we now have a website: [tristateturf.org](http://tristateturf.org) with links to past newsletters and research. Many golf courses new and old have benefitted from this research and made our jobs a lot easier. To the golf courses that continue to contribute, your support is much appreciated. To the others that have benefitted but not contributed, please gather the necessary information and have a conversation with your owner, greens chairman, or manager for support for the future of golf.

Steve Finamore, CGCS  
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# The GCSANJ Shines at the National Championship & Golf Classic

by Shaun Barry

According to the records from this year's National Championship, there were 450 members who played in the different events hosted by the GCSAA golf committee. Some people played in several events so that number reflects the total number from the 5 days of tournaments. Most people played in the Four Ball, the Shamble, and the different flights according to their handicap and affiliation. It is still a wonderful showing for the tournament and reflects that adding the Shamble and having the tournament close to the host city were great ideas.

New Jersey had a very nice contingent of members who were at the education and trade show, but only a few were able to find the time to play in the tournament. In spite of the small number, our guys did extremely well. It often happens that we are lucky to have a few top 10 finishes and that did happen. We however had some National Champions.

The team of Dave Dudones and Jim Swiatlowski came in with a T-3rd in the Four Ball II Gross event, but they won the Four Ball II Net event. It was on a match of cards but they were declared the winners. Jim Devaney from Baltusrol was second in the Four Ball IV Net competition, but was the outright winner in the Four Ball IV Gross contest. In his case he won by 5 points. Mike Brunelle and Tom Weinert did not get the victory in the Four Ball III Gross event but they had the same score as the winning team and finished in a tie for second. I think we had 11 GCSANJ members playing in the tournament so this adds to how impressive these wins and high finishes were. Well done gentlemen! You represented all of us beautifully. Unfortunately this probably means that you will be moving up against tougher competition next year in Orlando, but I think you will be up for the challenge.

See how each of our members did. Some of them were teamed with non-members, so you may not recognize all of the names but most should be familiar.



Championship Flight: Joe Owsik- T-72  
Four Ball I- Net: Tony Hooks/Wentworth T-3  
Gross: Tony Hooks/ Wentworth T-8  
Four Ball II Net: Dave Dudones/ Jim Swiatlowski-1st  
Lee Kozsey/ Winkel T-40  
Jeff Wetterling/ Ferneau T-40  
Gross: Dave Dudones/ Jim Swiatlowski- T-3  
Jeff Wetterling/ Ferneau 39th  
Lee Kozsey/ Winkel T40  
Four Ball III Net: Mike Brunelle/ Tom Weinert Jr. T-6  
Mark Kuhns/ Briggs T-9  
Jim Devaney/ Dan Kilpatrick T-42  
Four Ball III Gross: Mike Brunelle/ Tom Weinert Jr. T-2  
Mark Kuhns/ Briggs T-15  
Jim Devaney/ Dan Kilpatrick T-54  
Classic I Net: Tony Hooks T-19  
Jim Swiatlowski T-19  
Rich Lane T-23  
Classic I Gross: Tony Hooks 24th  
Jim Swiatlowski T-25  
Rich Lane T--28  
Classic II Net: Tom Weinert Jr. T-9  
Gross: Tom Weinert Jr. T-7  
Classic III Net: Jeff Wetterling T-16  
Dave Dudones T-26  
Mike Brunelle T- 27  
Classic III Gross: Jeff Wetterling T-8  
Dave Dudones T-22  
Mike Brunelle T-31  
Classic IV Net: Jim Devaney 2nd  
Dan Kilpatrick T-7  
Classic IV Gross: Jim Devaney 1st  
Dan Kilpatrick T-17  
AFF NET: Lee Kozsey T-19  
Gross: Lee Kozsey T-11  
Shamble: Mark Mielder T-5  
Jamie Devers T-7  
Mark Kuhns 10th

# Two More Somerset County Golf Courses Certified as “River Friendly”

by Darrell Marcinek

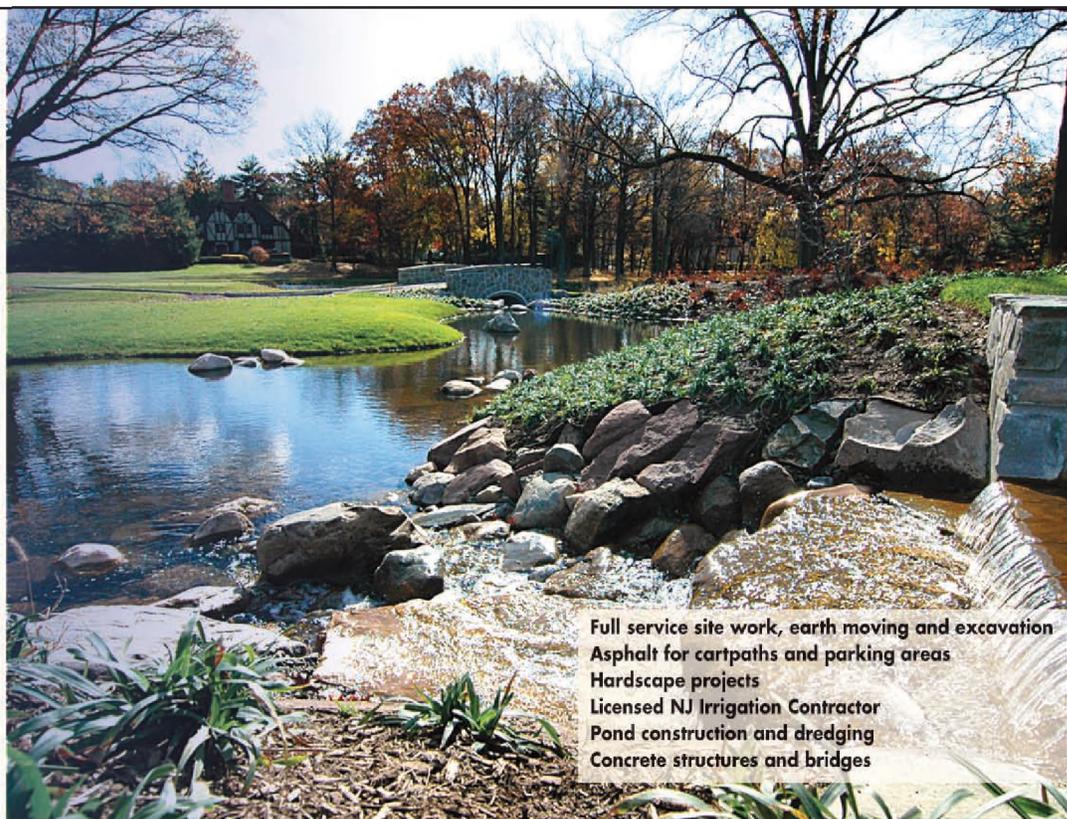
Two more Somerset County Golf Courses have received certification from the New Jersey Water Supply Authority (NJWSA) as "River-Friendly" golf courses. Green Knoll Golf Course in Bridgewater and Spooky Brook Golf Course in Somerset join Neshanic Valley and Quail Brook as officially certified. The “River-Friendly” designation is based on operational and maintenance practices recommended by the NJWSA “River-Friendly” program. Actions at the two facilities have resulted in the reduction of the contribution to non-point source pollution and improvement of the wildlife habitat on and near the course. NJWSA worked with John Zujkowski and Chris Morgan at Green Knoll and with Billy Martin and Mike Guire at Spooky Brook to develop specific goals and requirements for certification in the areas of Water Quality Management, Water Conservation Techniques, Wildlife and Habitat Enhancement, and Education and Outreach. Warrenbrook Golf Course is also in the pipeline and working towards certification in 2014.



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# Ceplo Earns National Environmental Award From GCSAA - CONGRATULATIONS!

Matthew J. Ceplo, certified golf course superintendent (CGCS) at Rockland Country Club in Sparkill, N.Y., was selected by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Board of Directors to receive the 2013 GCSAA President's Award for Environmental Stewardship.

The GCSAA President's Award for Environmental Stewardship was established in 1991 to recognize "an exceptional environmental contribution to the game of golf; a contribution that further exemplifies the golf course superintendent's image as a steward of the land."

Ceplo is a 27-year GCSAA member and has spent most of his career at Rockland Country Club, which he guided through certification in Audubon International's cooperative sanctuary program for golf courses in 2000. He has expanded his involvement with the organization to become a member of the Audubon Steward Network and has been a tireless advocate for various environmental initiatives, especially among fellow members of the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association (MetGCSA) and the Metropolitan Golf Association (MGA). As a member of the MGCSA board for 18 years (2008 president), Ceplo was active in helping the chapter

develop a set of best management practices for New York golf course superintendents. He currently serves as vice president of the Tri-State (New York, New Jersey, Connecticut) Turf Research Foundation.



When Ceplo's area experienced a period of extended drought, he organized an initiative with green industry representatives to convince the Rockland County Health Department to change its public policy for water use and now chairs the county's newly formed Water Quality Committee. Ceplo previously has been recognized with a number of environmental honors, including the MGA's 2012 Arthur P. Weber Environmental Leader in Golf Award and the Global Sports Alliance's 2011 New York Environmental Steward Award.

A graduate of the State University of New York-Delhi's two-year associate's degree program in horticulture, Ceplo was an assistant superintendent at Ridgewood (N.J.) Country Club and the superintendent at Westchester Hills Golf Club in White Plains, N.Y., for eight years before going to Rockland Country Club in 1995.

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# Advice to a Golf Course Green Committee

*by Dr. Richard Hurley, Rutgers University*

## **Advice to a Golf Course Greens Committee**

Having observed the actions of green committees for decades, the following are my observations and suggestions.

All who serve in the best interest of the golf club should reflect on the following and try to incorporate these points into their own commentary.

### **1. Golfers / members expectations vs The reality of golf course budgets.**

As water seeks its own level in a pond, how your golf course looks and plays is in great part what your budget expenditures have been over the past ten to twenty years. It is obvious that watching TV golf creates course conditioning expectations that only a small percentage of courses can achieve.

Each week when the PGA golf tour comes to a city, the course hosting the tournament has the benefit of having hundreds of volunteers to assist with course preparation and tournament operations.

During tournament week at a PGA event course, there are typically 20 to 50 volunteers assisting the golf course superintendent to mow greens, tees, fairways, roughs, rake bunkers, change cups, etc. These are not just any volunteers, but seasoned golf course maintenance professionals who lend their time, with no pay, to support the host golf course superintendent.

For majors i.e. The Masters, US Open, PGA, US Amateur, expect 75 to 125 professional golf course maintenance volunteers will support the course crew for the tournament week. Again, most or all working for no pay.

Add to this the equipment that is "loaned" to the club for the week to allow for extra mowing and maintenance duties necessary for conducting a major event.

It is brutally unfair for golfers and members to relate what they see on TV to what they experience at their golf course.

### **2. Please, do not compare other golf courses to yours!**

It is important to fully understand who you are, meaning the golf club, and the advantages or limitations of your golf course.

Start with overall management performance including the Board and committee activity over the years.

Most importantly you need to understand how multiple factors may affect growing good turf: Varying soil types, soil and surface drainage, local and regional microclimates, a site with abundant trees compared to no trees, the effects of excessive shade, and poor air circulation to name a few.

Add to this a club's financial resources, long term capital and operating budgets, age of the course, and architectural design.

All the above points make golf course comparisons counter productive to your club's overall situation.

Your golf course condition and playability is what it is for a reason and has no relation to other golf courses.

### **3. Select aerification dates first prior to making the golf calendar for the up coming year.**

Let's be honest, golfers do not like the aerification process and try hard to minimize how many times a year aerifications will take place.

Superintendents who are intimidated by the criticism often take the easy road and eliminate or minimize aerifications. The aerification process is critical for healthy turf. Greens that have no or limited issues i.e. thatch, soil layers, good soil drainage, may be aerified two times a year. Greens that have issues require three or up to six aerifications per year to solve problems.

My recommendation is for the superintendent to advise the green committee how many times a year the aerification process should be planned.

Working with the calendar, the golf course superintendent and green committee should agree on the best dates. Then and only then should golf events, outings and tournament dates be discussed in conjunction with the golf committee and golf professional.

If there are conflicts with dates, all should agree on a compromise that does not affect the long term program for golf course maintenance.

Simply reducing or eliminating aerifications does not solve problems, but in fact increases the probability that course conditions will be negatively affected at some point in the future.

### **4. Pushing for green speeds all the time may kill.**

For day to day course set up green speeds of 10 can be attained without undue wear and tear to a green.

For a member guest, member member, state, regional or national tournament green speeds in the range of 11 to 13 may be attained for the event. This will require lower mowing, rolling two or more times a day, and possibly double cutting of the greens.

For the health of a green, after a major tournament, it is wise to back off trying to attain high green speeds for any length of time.

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Just like an athlete, a golf course, most importantly the greens, require a rest after pushing maintenance procedures to excessive levels: extremely low mowing of greens, rolling every day, and double cutting.

Continuing to push for more green speed, all the time, can be deadly!

### 5. Greens located next to trees / shade is a bad combination.

I love trees as much as I love turf and golf courses. However, you will never have your best conditioned greens in a location that does not provide a minimum of four to five hours of direct sunlight to a green - morning sun is preferred to afternoon sun.

Also, you need to recognize the amount of sun reaching the surface of a green will change through the seasons as the angle of the sun changes as it moves throughout the year.

Additionally, trees surrounding a green site will create a dead air condition resulting in higher air and soil temperatures in summer.

Excessive shade and poor air circulation make for poor growing conditions and poor putting surfaces.

Sometimes you just need to accept that you have to choose - do you want to improve the turf on a green or do you want to keep the trees? You cannot have both.

### 6. Rarely do you find good greens that drain poorly.

Soil oxygen is critical for healthy turf. Soils that do not drain well and hold excessive soil moisture will make it hard to produce good turf during the summer heat.

Improving a poorly drained green will make the superintendent's job easier. XGD and wicking rope drainage systems, once installed, have greatly improved soil drainage, mostly on old push up greens.

### 7. The twenty year itch and capital expenditures. Rejuvenate, repair, renovate or replace relate to irrigation, green resurfacing, tees, fairways, bunkers, drainage and cart paths.

The Green Committee and Board must prepare for major capital expenditures as infrastructure and playing surfaces age.

The reality is the majority of golf clubs are ill prepared to address the planned capital needs for long term improvements to a golf course. It is not uncommon for golf clubs to fail due to poor planning and misappropriation of funds to pet projects.

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### 8. Continuity of programs and procedures is critical for success.

Develop a plan for the short and long term maintenance of the golf course and have the green committee and board buy into the plan.

Changing direction and modifying plans can misdirect resources and encourage knee jerk reactions and spontaneous projects to appear.

Few members can look back and say that their club has followed a well planned continuous program for any length of time.

Lack of continuity with respect to a golf course maintenance program has, from my experience, been a prime reason for less than desirable results.

### 9. Effective and continued communication with the membership, outlining golf course planning, issues, and projects.

If you do not explain and sell your plans to the membership, how do you expect them to support and understand your decisions?

### 10. Respect your Superintendent's knowledge and experience.

I often hear outspoken and misdirected second guessing on the golf course superintendent that relates to all aspects of course conditioning: Green speed, foot prints and spike marks, divots, bunker sand, mowing heights, etc.

It is true that there are genuine situations when the superintendent must listen and reflect on what the golfers and members are saying about course conditions.

However, in many cases, these complaints are made by individuals who do not want to understand the reasons why members' requests are hard to achieve - please reflect on points 1 - 9 above.

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## MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

It was announced in January that **Seeton Turf Warehouse**, owned and operated by *Lance Seeton*, was sold to *Troy Seeton* and two of his sales representatives: *Mike Linkewich* and *Brian Gjelsvik*. Lance is expected to continue to be involved with day to day operations.



*Jim Rusnic* is the new superintendent at Architects Golf Club.

# New Jersey golf course manager John J. O'Keefe elected secretary/treasurer of national golf association

Certified Golf Course Superintendent John J. O'Keefe director of golf course management at Preakness Hills Country Club in Wayne, N.J., was elected secretary/treasurer of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) at the association's annual meeting last month in San Diego, Calif.

The annual meeting was held in conjunction with the GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show, the world's largest education conference and trade show in the golf course management industry.

O'Keefe has been the director of golf course management at Preakness Hills Country Club in Wayne, N.J., since 1986. Previously, he was superintendent at Westchester Hills Golf Club in White Plains, N.Y.



A 32-year GCSAA member, O'Keefe is a member and past president of the Metropolitan GCSA and the GCSA of New Jersey, and also is a member of the Hudson Valley GCSA. O'Keefe also is a member and past president of the Tri-State Turfgrass Research Foundation and a past member of the Metropolitan Golf Association Green Committee and the Massachusetts Turf Research Building Committee.

Born in Pittsfield, Mass., O'Keefe was raised in nearby Lenox, Mass. He received an associate's degree in turfgrass management from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. O'Keefe currently resides in Wayne, N.J., with his wife, Margaret. They have two daughters, Adrienne and Maureen.

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# Sailing in the BVI (British Virgin Islands)

by Brad Simpkins

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In addition to being a great superintendent, Bill has another love - sailing. He has invited us several times to crew for him in the Chesapeake and Barnegat Bay.

Last year, Bill and his wife, Trish, went to the BVI (British Virgin Islands) and took a week long training course that allowed them to Captain and charter a sailboat.

My wife, Linda, and I, and another couple we both knew, Val and Patrick, were lucky enough to be invited by Bill and Trish to sail with them through the islands of the BVI.

What a great experience! We spent seven days on the water in a 43.3 foot mono haul sailboat, and what beautiful water it is! Each morning we'd set sail for another adventure. The winds were excellent for sailing, the food great, the drinks tropical, and the snorkeling phenomenal.

We hiked through the Baths, snorkeled in the Caves, and went to a Full Moon party at Trellis Bay, where, by the way, we encountered some familiar faces – Rolf & Lori Strobel, and Brian & Helga Lesclinier. They had rented a 58 foot catamaran with their family.

It was an experience of a lifetime, one I would love to repeat again. Maybe I should get my Captain's license? It was a wonderful reminder to take time to enjoy, "because life is what happens when you're busy making other plans". Thank you Bill & Trish.

*Pictures on page 31.*

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# The Ed Walsh Award

by Shaun Barry

In 2011 the Greenerside committee decided to create an award to acknowledge the best superintendent written article published during that year's 4 issues. This came from a suggestion made by Roger Stewart CGCS during his tenure on our Board of Directors. It



took quite a few years for action to be taken on his suggestion, but now it is a reality. Hopefully it will become an honor that our members seek to receive.

The name was a unanimous choice. **Ed Walsh** was a former editor who was the soul of this publication. Ed is part of the awards committee along with Roger Stewart and your current communications committee. *Dave Pease* was the winner last year and he and all future winners become automatic members of the review committee.

This award was to have been completed last year but Hurricane Sandy came and overstayed her welcome. That pushed the decision making process back and it allowed us to add a 5th issue to the ones to be considered. In doing so it gave us our winner, because **Jim Cadott's** article, "*A Local's Take on Superstorm Sandy*", stood out from the rest. (Article in Fall 2012 Greenerside, page 26).



Congratulations Jim!. Your name will forever be closely linked to Ed Walsh and Dave Pease. Pretty good company. Keep writing because this award is not limited to only winning once. Write the best article and you may win it many times more, but I hope every superintendent attempts to win because every one of their efforts makes this a better newsletter.



Pictures from Brad Simpkins' trip to the British Virgin Islands.



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# GCSANJ MEMBER *news*

## Haddonfield superintendent renews professional certification

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Grimac has been at Tavistock Country Club since 1980. A 33-year GCSAA member, he initially achieved his certification in 1988. Approximately 1,600 golf course superintendents worldwide currently hold “CGCS” status.

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# “War at the Shore” - Stone Harbor Golf Club

April 25, 2013

6th Annual Friendly “WAR AT THE SHORE”  
JOINT MEETING with PAGCS(Philadelphia  
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Stone Harbor Golf Club  
Cape May Court House, NJ

Set amidst 350 acres of historic Cape May Court House and minutes from the South Jersey Beaches and Atlantic City, Stone Harbor Golf Club offers an unparalleled private golf club experience. The par 72, 18 hole golf course is certain to appeal to players of all levels.

The facilities at Stone Harbor include championship golf, full practice areas, tennis courts, and an award winning Clubhouse that features two dining rooms, full locker room amenities and Golf Shop. Voted as one of the "Top Ten" private clubs in New Jersey, Stone Harbor is the perfect place to enjoy world class golf, close to home.

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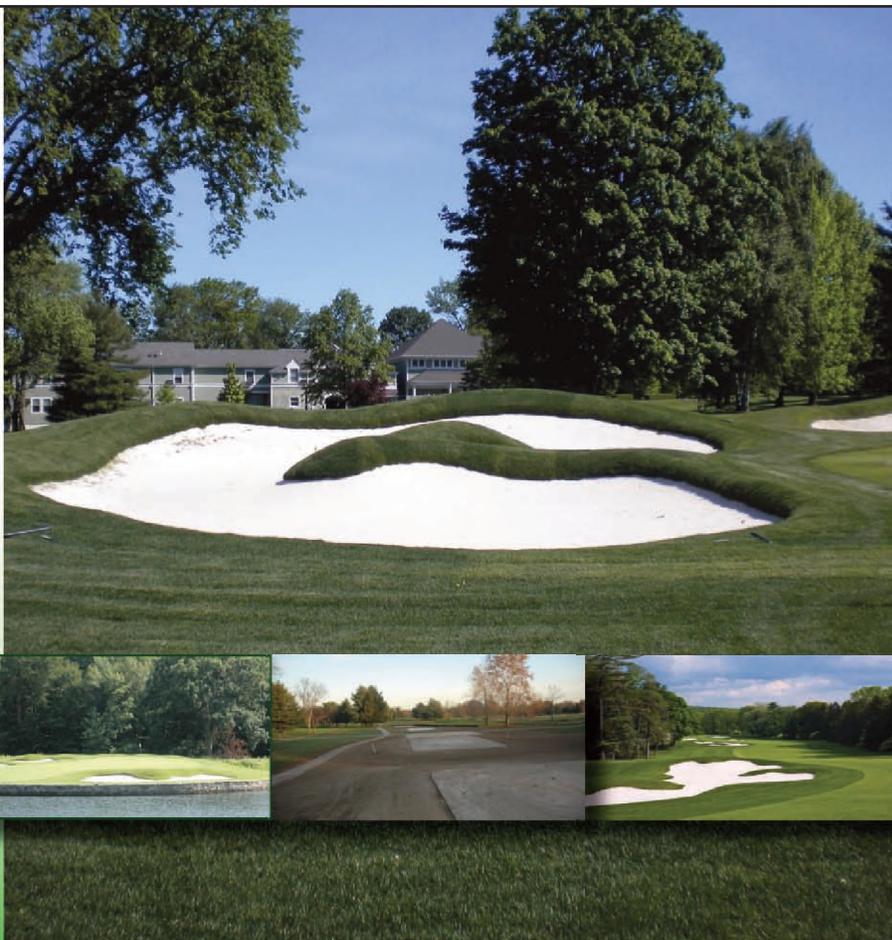


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**DATE:** Thursday, April 25, 2013  
**PLACE:** Stone Harbor Golf Club  
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**HOSTS:** Dean Ferguson & Kevin Tansey  
**DIRECTORS:** Rolf Strobel & Jeremy Hreben  
**REGISTRATION:** 9:00 am — 11:15 am (SHARP)  
**EDUCATION:** 10:30 am — 11:00 am  
**SPEAKER:** USGA, Adam Moeller  
US Open Preparations at Merion Golf Club  
**LUNCH:** BRQ Buffet 11:00 am — 11:45 am  
**GOLF:** Assemble by the carts: 11:45 am  
Shotgun: NOON (12:00 pm SHARPI)

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**Any player who wants to be part of the team event  
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## FINAL DEADLINE IS 2 PM, APRIL 19, 2013. War at Shore REGISTRATION FORM 4/25/13

There will be the friendly "War at the Shore" — PAGCS vs GCSANJ competition. It's a four-ball event and we want as many members in the field as possible. Handicap indexes with GHIN numbers are needed to play in tournament and win prizes. Two members from each Assn in a foursome. We will try to honor your playing partner requests.

**Meeting Policy:**  
Attendance at meetings will be in accordance with the following policy adopted and introduced by your Executive Committee:

**Attendance**  
You must pre-register with Executive Director Cece Peabody at the Association Headquarters. The Superintendent of the host club will not accept reservations. Attendance will not be permitted without proper reservations and payments must be made by return of the form provided with the Meeting Notice within the specified deadline.

**Guests (Only If Space Permits)**  
Each member is allowed one guest per meeting and only two guests total per year, except for guests who are golf club officials. Guests must not sign chit for expenses at a meeting. Any member bringing a guest must sign for her/him.

**Cancellation**  
Cancellation of reservation(s) will be required in writing and accepted up to 48 hours before the scheduled meeting. Any reservation(s) not cancelled 48 hours prior to event will be billed and obligated for payment. There are No Refunds unless above actions are taken.

Cancellations are to be made with Association Headquarters. Contact Cece Peabody, Executive Director, at (866) 427-2651. The Superintendent of the host club will not accept cancellations.

This Meeting Policy holds us to the highest standards of professionalism. Your cooperation in adhering to this Policy is requested and appreciated.

No Registrations ACCEPTED after 2 PM, April 19, 2013.  
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by a check or credit card.

USE ANOTHER FORM FOR ADULT ATTENDEES.

# War at the Shore Registration Form

No telephone registrations will be accepted.

**4/25/13 War at Shore REGISTRATION FORM**  
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## The Golf Classic Event - May 6, 2013

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## Rounds 4 Research FAQ Sheet

Auction dates: June 6 -16, 2013 & August 1-11, 2013

The Environmental Institute for Golf is the philanthropic organization of GCSAA.

### **What is the Environmental Institute for Golf?**

The Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG) fosters sustainability by providing funding for research grants, education programs, scholarships and awareness of golf's environmental efforts. Founded in 1955 as the GCSAA Scholarship & Research Fund for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), the EIFG serves as the association's philanthropic organization. The purposes of the EIFG include the advancement of education and research in the field of turfgrass improvement and management, the collection and dissemination of information, environmental protection and the promotion of public awareness and safety.

### **What is Rounds 4 Research?**

Rounds 4 Research is a fundraising program conducted by the EIFG whereby a round of golf (defined as a tee time with green fees for two or four players) is made available to be bid on by the public through an online auction.

This is an expansion of the program that was introduced by the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association. The scope had grown beyond what the Carolinas GCSA could administer, and in 2012 the EIFG took over the program to elevate it to a national level. GCSAA and the EIFG support this program, which helps ensure the future of the game, due to increasing challenges that threaten the golf industry's ability to do business.

### **Who receives the funding, and what does it support?**

The EIFG will collect all proceeds from the auction and grant the monies to participating chapters or turfgrass foundations to support the areas of research grants, education programs, scholarships and awareness of golf's environmental efforts within their local or regional areas.

### **Why should golf facilities donate?**

Golfers and golf facilities are the ultimate beneficiaries from the investment of these funds. Operators have already benefited from increased efficiencies through new golf course management programs; new turfgrasses that fight disease pressures, wear and tear and extreme weather conditions; and products that are more effective and safer for the environment. Increasing regulation, rising costs and environmental concerns must be addressed if golf is to sustain itself as a viable industry and recreational activity for people to enjoy. Without such funds, the innovation that has helped facilities to operate more efficiently, enhance environmental performance and provide more enjoyable playing conditions would come to a standstill.

### **How will the rounds be made available for auction?**

Utilizing the online auction platform (i.e. Ebay, Bidding for Good, etc.), the public will be able to participate in the Rounds 4 Research auction. Tee times from a variety of courses and locations will be open for bids for a designated time. The specifics regarding the particular tee time will be detailed for bidders on the site.

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# Rounds 4 Research Donation Form

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## FACILITY INFORMATION

Name of Facility:		Address:	
City:	State/Province:	Zip Code:	Country:
Business Phone:	Fax:	Web Site:	

## CONTACT PERSON FOR DONATION QUESTIONS

Name:	Title:
Phone:	Email:

## DONATION INFORMATION

Select your donation type:

A) Cash Donation  \$: \_\_\_\_\_ B) Package Donation  Value of package donation (include total value of fees, etc.) \$: \_\_\_\_\_

For package donations:

A) Please indicate the number of rounds per year and number of golfers per round you are donating each year. A foursome is one round, four golfers and 18 holes.

2013	2014
# of Rounds Donating _____	# of Rounds Donating _____
# of Golfers Per Round _____	# of Golfers Per Round _____

B) Please indicate additional items included in your package donation: Golf Carts  Meals  Accommodations

Please provide details for these additional items: \_\_\_\_\_

C) Please indicate any restrictions that apply to your package donation.

Golf Appropriate Attire Required  Blackout Dates : \_\_\_\_\_ Blackout Days/Times : \_\_\_\_\_

**Please email your facility logo and/or photographs of your facility to [rounds4research@gcsaa.org](mailto:rounds4research@gcsaa.org).**

## REDEMPTION CERTIFICATE

I would like the EIFG to provide the necessary gift certificates. For validation purposes, a copy of this donation form will be attached to the gift certificates provided by the EIFG to the winning bidder. Please provide expiration date. If no expiration date is provided, it will default to one year from purchase date.

I will provide the necessary gift certificates and will mail to the EIFG headquarters with this donation form.

## DONATION PROCEEDS

Please indicate desired direction of proceeds from your donation:  GCSAA Chapter or Turfgrass Foundation (Indicate name below)

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The Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG)

Name of GCSAA Chapter or Turfgrass Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

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