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Welcome New Members!

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President's Message

Jim Cadott, Pebble Creek Golf Club



As I was driving out of the Royce Brook Country Club (still cursing the bunkers!), I was contemplating the mid season report card for our association. We just completed the third monthly outing of the year, and now it was time to take a break from the golf meetings and pick up again in August with District gatherings and a Hamilton Farm Hickory outing. Even the board of directors has no meeting in July.

This year, as we travelled from south Jersey (Tavistock) to north Jersey (Newton) and then in between (Royce Brook), the two things that stood out to me were the conditioning of the courses and the attitude of the superintendents. Each of these three super's (Tom, Les, and John) invited us to their clubs....they wanted to host! This tells me that they have a good relationship with their management and that their golf courses are in everyday tournament condition. It looked like there was no frantic rush to get the golf course in "member-guest" shape simply because 60 or even 100 colleagues were coming to play. The course was already there, and if you are like me, I like to pick one thing I can use back on my course from each place I play. Needless to say, there were many good ideas I brought back to my golf course.

As far the board meeting that day, I again notice a theme that is played over and over...members. We basically touched on three different topics at this meeting: membership, sponsor program, and Foundation.

We always look to see where our membership numbers stand, and year over year, has it changed and why. Fortunately, we have been consistent over the years. But we are always asking about who is not a member, especially class A and SM. If somebody has not joined, we will look to reach out. The class C numbers have also been strong, but we are always looking for different ideas to get them more involved. Please do not hesitate to contact a board member if you have any ideas on this topic.

Fortunately, most commercial affiliates feel it is important to join our association. And this subject leads us into our new sponsor program. So far, the board has felt that the program has achieved its main goal....to simplify the relationship between the vendor and the association. You have paid for a certain level of sponsorship, and with that you know what you are getting. Our goal throughout the year is to keep giving these sponsors repeat recognition at all of our events, on our website, and in the *Greenside*. I hope it is working for you, and that more vendors will see the benefits of this program for 2015. At every board meeting, the board asks our two commercial affiliates, **Rob Johnson** (Fisher and Son) and **Brad Simpkins** (Plant Food), *How can we improve? Are we doing enough?* Trust me, if you have any thoughts, good or bad, these guys will listen and bring it to the next meeting.

Our scholarship committee has been working hard as we have once again received many applicants. The competition is tough, and the committee does a great job at remaining consistent with the evaluations. And as always, nobody on the committee knows the names of the applicants. Good luck to all !

The Foundation is always fun to talk about. That is because of the success it has had over the recent years -- research dollars to Rutgers, Joe Troll sponsorship, EIFG donations, charity events, and a definite up-tick in scholarship.

But why a Foundation? Why bother putting something else on our plate when we are so damn busy as it is? As a member of the Foundation, I speak for myself and saying simply...it is the right thing to do. As the philanthropic arm of your association, these members (**Bill Murray, Tyler Otero, Fred Rapp, Dave Mishkin, Glenn Miller, Shaun Barry, Pat Husby, Jeremy Batz**) meet numerous times throughout the year to try and figure ways to raise money for the causes we believe are worthwhile. I will say that if not for the support of the membership, this Foundation would crumble. And that leads us into the next fundraising event....The First GCSANJ Foundation Scholarship and Research Shootout. OK, the name may be tweaked in the future.

If you have not seen the save the date, on October 14 at Trump National Colts Neck, the Foundation is looking for your support. The monies raised this year will be earmarked for scholarships, and if you or anybody in your family has benefitted from a GCSANJ Foundation scholarship or plan to in the future, then this is your outing to attend. But why? Simply, it is the right thing to do !

You will hear more about this event in the near future, and chances are you will be contacted by a hard working volunteer Foundation member asking for your support.

At Royce Brook, I had the pleasure of presenting our past president, **Lance Rogers**, with an inscribed Ipad mini, thanking him for his time as president. We figured we had to write something on it, so when the latest comes out he will have to keep this one on his desk!

Lance and I joined the association board together a number of years (nine?) ago and I can honestly tell you that there is no better person to "get 'er done" with. We had numerous great times at meetings, raising money, solving problems, and hopefully making the GCSANJ a better association. Lance will be missed both on the board and on the Foundation, but I know who will be the first person in line to support all that goes on within the association...thanks again Lance!

Thank You and Stay Cool GCSANJ.....

Royce Brook Stakes a Claim to Our June Meeting Date

by Shaun Barry

John Alexander had an idea for our meeting schedule that he brought up at a BOD meeting. He is part of District 3 but in the northern part of the district. He has attended the Toms River meeting but he felt that it was too far south for many of the members in his area. He wanted to have a meeting at his place, and it could be The Northern District 3 meeting. He felt that June would work. The BOD considered his request and agreed with his suggestion. Mendham had hosted a successful June meeting 2 years in a row and this was after we stopped June meetings because people had stopped attending. Hopefully this would work and get more players out to attend a meeting.

John went to the club and they were happy to do what they could do to help. With our May 20th meeting at Newton, John chose a later June date. Within 2 days of picking a date we were ready to let people know. *Jim Cadott* had another idea. Why just open this to District 3 people? Open it to the entire membership and increase the odds of succeeding and that is just what happened. Registrations took a while to start coming in but by the meeting date we had 53 people registered. Not everybody was able to make it because of work issues but we still had a great field.

There was no speaker because of the lateness of our decision to make a go of it, but John wants to try again next year and if that happens we will provide education even if it is a roundtable discussion between a superintendent panel.

We utilized the sponsorship dollars from our Platinum, Gold and Silver sponsors to subsidize some of our lunch costs and all of the prizes. This worked out great. Lynn Sexton was our contact at the club. Her husband Charlie, was a GCSANJ member for many years and she made sure that we were treated well. Between her and John the only bad thing that could happen was the weather and that wasn't an issue.

Kevin Driscoll, Phil O'Brien and Wayne Remo took their normal seats at the registration table and things went smoothly. Cece was busy getting all of the other arrangements completed. Lunch was fresh off of the grill when you were ready to eat and people seemed to enjoy the freedom to do things on their own schedule.

Our group was led out to our tees and play started immediately. We were on the West Course which is the members course. It is the one with all of the bunkers. When *Lance Rogers* expressed concern about the number of

bunkers, John told him that they really weren't in play and that we would just find a way to work around the bunkers. That John is a funny guy. I am going to have to get the face of my sand wedge worked on because I don't have any grooves left. Of course John didn't give me that advice so maybe he was correct and Lance didn't have any issues.

The course was in great shape. The greens were firm and fast and the hole locations were challenging. John did note that there were no locations on slopes and that everything was really pretty flat around the cups. He was correct and it wasn't much of an issue if you were able to read the greens. I shot 103 but I didn't have many problems with the flat stick. It was the other part of the game that caused me to suffer as well as my playing partners who had to watch me and that had nothing to do with the course being too tough. My game just wasn't up to the challenge.

Dinner was ready as we walked in off of the course and I have to believe that everyone went back for seconds. The food was really good although I only tried the chicken, beef, salmon and mashed potatoes. It took 2 hands for me to carry my plate because I was in heaven. All of my favorites at one time. I am going back just to have dinner there.

It has been some time since we had a meeting at Royce Brook. In fact we were the first outing that they had. It was also memorable because *John Carpinelli* had the first hole-in-one made at the club. There were no aces made this time but there was lots of good golf.

As a Platinum Sponsor *Ken Indyk* of Storr Tractor arranged to have a Toro mower on display at the 1st tee. It looked great and you can ask *Brian Minemier* how it ran because he took it for a short test spin. Ken had the opportunity to speak to the group but he felt that meetings like this were not for sales pitches. If people liked what they saw, Storr is easy to find. We have 3 other Platinum Sponsors and they will have the same opportunity at a future meeting.

Many thanks to Cece for getting all of the signs to the course. Every tee has one of our sponsors' signs and they look great. If you have played in a meeting this year, you will have noticed them. This meeting also had our flags that replaced the normal course flags. They really grabbed everyone's attention as they promoted the GCSANJ and our Platinum Sponsors. You will see them at every future GCSANJ meeting this year.

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Royce Brook...

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Time to thank John again and everyone at Royce Brook for a job well done. I do hope we can make this a regular stop on our meeting schedule.

Low Gross: Tom Weinert- 79

1st Low Net: Corey Angelo- 69 (MC)

2nd Low net: Jeremy Hreben- 69

Closest To The Pins:

#5: Kevin Driscoll- 5 ft 10 ins

#8: Ryan Burbridge- 13 ft 9 ins

#12: Chris Boyle- 12 ft 7 ins

#17: Ken Indyk- 6 ft 1 inch

Long Drives:

0-14 Handicaps- Grover Alexander

15-40 Handicaps- Russ Harris

All Handicaps- Grover Alexander

55 Years Old Plus- Tom Grimal

Skins:

Grover Alexander: 2 skins

Mark Mielder: 2 skins

John Alexander: 1 skin

Kevin Driscoll- 1 skin

Tom Grimal- 1 skin

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Joshua Reiger

by Tyler Otero



**Josh Reiger, Golf Course Superintendent
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Wife? Kids? **Yes, my wife's name is Valerie and I have a 3-month old son, Jacob.**

How did you get started in this career? **I liked to golf in high school and college, and attended Penn State University looking for a career path. A friend was in the turf program and suggested I give it a shot. I had previously worked in the landscape industry and enjoyed the work. At the same time, I applied for an internship at Oakmont Country Club, which is where I got my start.**

Who has had the biggest impact on your career? **John Zimmers, Superintendent at Oakmont CC and Doug Drugo, Superintendent at Wee Burn CC**

What is one thing Spring Lake is most known for? **Short layout with tiny greens that are very undulated, firm, and fast.**

Favorite drink following 18-holes of golf? **Transfusion (popular at SLGC)**

First car? **1987 Honda Accord that I saved my own money for and cost \$2,500**

What is your preferred radio/sat radio station? **Howard 100 on Sirius**

Besides maintaining turf, tell me something you are particularly good at? **Bowling (our team won league championship last year)**

What are you not so good at? **Stepping away from work and having a proper work/life balance**

Favorite sports team? **Pittsburgh Steelers**

Everyone should take time to read _____? **The printed version of a daily newspaper**

Favorite restaurant/food? **The Capital Grille (any location but prefer San Diego)**

What category on Jeopardy would you be best at? **Movie Quotes**

Favorite Movie? **Three-way tie between Godfather II, Shawshank Redemption, and V for Vendetta.**

Favorite tv show past or present? **The Sopranos**

What's one thing that is always in your cart at work? **A hose and a rubber mallet for pounding in stakes**

2014 CALENDAR

Check calendar for updates and sign up info.

www.gcsanj.org

Tues & Weds, July 29 & July 30, 2014

Rutgers Turfgrass Research Field Day

Hort Farm 2

North Brunswick, NJ

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

August Golf Event

Hamilton Farm Golf Club

Hickory Course

Gladstone, NJ

Thursday, August 14, 2014

District III Golf Event

Toms River Country Club

Toms River, NJ

Monday, September 29, 2014

MET Team Championship

Philadelphia Country Club

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

Chapter Championship

Spring Lake Country Club

Spring Lake Heights, NJ

Monday, October 20, 2014

Class C Championship

Forest Hill Field Club

Bloomfield, NJ

Tuesday - Thursday

December 9 - 11, 2014

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From Your Exec Director

Cece Peabody, M.A.T., C.M.P., Executive Director

Have you ever had to stand up and give a presentation? Most people are naturally not good speakers and often have to be coached on how to stand up, push down the nerves, ignore the distractions, and deliver a good presentation. If you think you fall into this category, you might like to read a checklist of how to give a better presentation.

"What to Do" Tips for Better Presentations

- 1 - Explain what you will be talking about clearly, concisely, and in a short amount of time.
- 2 - Speak in your normal pace....not too slowly and not too quickly.
- 3 - Don't brag about yourself or your achievements repeatedly...mention yourself if it relates to the presentation but keep it short.
- 4 - You don't have to be a comedian, but a few lighthearted comments can help humanize you to your audience.
- 5 - Design slides with minimal bullet points and one or two fonts.
- 6 - If you use technical jargon, explain what each item means...never assume everyone knows what a word means.
- 7- Do your research. Know your topic and what you're going to say and how you'd like to say it. The more you know, the more confident you'll be.
- 8 - Rehearse - rehearse - rehearse -- to check how long the talk is running.
- 9 - Find five or six friendly-looking people in different places in the room and look them in the eye as you speak. Think of them as friends you haven't seen in a while and you're bringing them up to date.
- 10 - Smile - Smile - Smile. When you look like you're happy to be there, your audience will relax.
- 11 - Everyone makes mistakes...acknowledge them and move on.
- 12 - Dress 'up' - the better you look, the more ready and professional you'll feel.
- 13 - Don't worry...it's not life or death -- it's just a presentation.

We're all human. We can be a little afraid of the podium, the microphone, or the audience. Despite what you may think, people don't want you to fail. They ultimately want to see you succeed. Give them what they want by just being the best you can be.

Speak well, and enjoy!

STRESSFUL JOBS THAT PAY BADLY - Golf Course Superintendent

2011 - 2013 Survey - Median pay: \$53,796

(Note - Per the 2014 GCSANJ survey of courses, jobs in this area pay more than the national average)

Percentage % who say their job is stressful: 82.2%

Golf course superintendents have one main job: supervise the groundskeepers and other maintenance workers to make sure the grounds are in perfect condition.

"Golfers are a pretty demanding bunch, which causes a lot of the stress," said Scott Hollister, a spokesman for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

When you have 500 members of a club, you may have 500 opinions on how the course should look and how it should play, he said. Some think the rough is too long, others not long enough.

Keeping the grass healthy is the job's biggest challenge, according to Bob McClean, superintendent at the Indian Hills Country Club in Bowling Green, Ky.

Sub-zero winter temperatures kill the Bermuda grass on the fairways and summer heat takes a toll on the greens.

"There's pressure to keep the course in pristine condition," he said.

McClean said he's well compensated for working a 40-hour week -- but most of the time he puts in 100 hours-plus. And while supervisors at top courses get paid well, supers at small municipal courses make a lot less, with an overall median of about \$54,000.

From CNN Money online - One of 15 selected

Source: PayScale

Methodology: Starting from a database of more than 9,000 jobs, PayScale used data from over 120,000 respondents who rated their jobs for quality of life factors. The 15 were selected based on the national median pay for workers with at least five or seven years' experience and the percent of workers surveyed who said their jobs were "fairly stressful" or "extremely stressful." Only one job per "job family" was included. PayScale conducted the survey between August 2011 and August 2013.



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- Level 3** Sand Root Zone Test

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Architect's Corner. # 2...your course may be in the planning stages of changes and we want to share great information from the architect members in our chapter.

This article is by Robert McNeil, ASGCA President, The Northeast Golf Company

IT DOESN'T WORK WITHOUT A QUALIFIED GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

The Critical Role of the Golf Course Superintendent in Renovation, Restoration and New Golf Course Projects

Having spent the last 23 years designing and building golf courses in all parts of the country and worldwide, one thing is constant. Without a qualified, committed and energy driven Golf Course Superintendent, a new design, renovation or restoration project is doomed from the start. I say this with conviction and experience. I have been involved in over 100 projects and have been blessed with the friendship and commitment of some of the best Golf Course Superintendents around.

There are some superintendents out there, that when they see a Golf Course Architect coming onto their property a level of fear and anxiety sets in. This counterproductive reaction in many ways stalls creative thinking and might derail the proposed project right from the start. The critical role the Golf Course Superintendent plays in the renovation, restoration or construction process cannot be understated and in many ways contributes directly to the project's success.

Let's start with what they know. As an architect stepping onto a course for the first time, I am smart enough to know that the most knowledgeable person on the property is the Golf Course Superintendent. Their understanding of the unique tendencies of the property is invaluable to the planning process and in many ways guides all decisions.

The Golf Course Superintendent provides much of what is needed to get the planning program developed:

1. **Data, Data, Data** - Through their experience, the Golf Course Superintendent has compiled valuable data relating to the site's agronomics, drainage, player circulation, safety concerns among many other site specific elements.
2. **Labor Challenges** - The GCS understands exactly how much manpower is needed to maintain every feature on their golf course. This important understanding in many ways might drive the design process related to bunker and green construction.
3. **Critical Measurements** - The qualified GCS knows the dimensions of their course. The square footage of each tee, green and bunker. The overall acreage of fairways and rough. The Golf Course Architect uses these dimensions to make design determinations related to strategic lines of play, pinning areas on greens, sufficient tee surface area and bunker styling and maintenance.
4. **Water Resource Management** - It is a daily task in an industry driven by environmental stewardship to clearly understand water resource availability, usage, storage capacity and quality. The GCS has logged and recorded this information over time thus providing the Golf Course Architect with data that will direct water feature design and scale of maintained turf areas.
5. **Irrigation System Infrastructure** - Without a clear knowledge of what is under the ground, it is quite challenging for the Golf Course Architect to develop plans that will not affect the system. In fact, in many cases there is some level of "mystery" as to the location of the system mainlines and lateral. The more information that can be provided by the Golf Course Superintendent prior to renovation work, the greater the potential savings and/or the ability to properly plan for revisions to the system.

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6. **Site History** - The first step in a restoration project is to gather historical information. Photography from different eras on the course will provide the basis for much of the decision making associated with feature restoration and positioning, grass lines, strategic alignment and tree management. The website www.historicaerials.com is a great resource, especially for older clubs, to search photography dating back to the 1930's. Google Earth also provides timeline photography allowing you to see your course evolve over a period of time. The discerning Golf Course Superintendent will have this photography on file as a valuable reference for short and long range planning on the golf course.

7. **Knowing the Dirt** - Every site is different. The makeup of the subsoil on a property drives numerous planning decisions and can directly affect the overall budget for a project. In the northeast, the soils range from sandy along the coast lines, to off shore heavy clays and silts, to rocky gravelly deposits inland. The Golf Course Superintendent has been dealing with their site specific soil profile for years. They understand what special measures and inputs are needed to grow turf within these varying profiles. Their knowledge of what is in the dirt will direct excavation planning, irrigation design, drainage design and ultimately grassing decisions.

8. **Resource Procurement** - Developing materials specifications for a project is uniquely site and region driven. The GCS has been purchasing many of the materials that will be required for the project for years. This procurement history usually is built around solid relationships with quality vendors and delivery of consistent materials. The GCS can play a key role in propagating these relationships to the benefit of the project relative to pricing, delivery times, and product quality needs. Sands, topsoils, gravel, sod...are all typical project needs that the GCS has a direct line on.

With all this knowledge, the Golf Course Superintendent becomes a leader on the ground. Depending on the nature and the scale of the project the Golf Course Superintendent may become the Construction Manager. In most cases if time is available, the GCS is the best suited for this important role.

In this capacity the GCS represents the club and the directives of the project working closely with the Golf Course Contractor and Golf Course Architect to ensure that materials meet specifications, installation procedures are adhered to and that the golf course is protected against unnecessary damage. Scheduling of deliveries, traffic patterns on site and staging areas must all be planned and monitored. The GCS, being on site every day, provides the best means to efficiently accomplish this important task.

Finally, but certainly not of the least importance, is the innate creativity of the qualified Golf Course Superintendent. In the end the GCS will be living with the enhancements made to the golf course. In many instances, field conversations between the Golf Course Architect and the Golf Course Superintendent will result in improvements upon the original design based on what is "found" in the field and what the GCS knows they can make work. This dynamic is always an important piece of the most successful projects.

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The GCSANJ & PAGCS Compete at Tavistock

by Shaun Barry

When Tom Grimaldi decided that 2014 would be his last year at the helm as superintendent at Tavistock, he didn't want to slip away quietly. He wanted to say goodbye and thanks. He wanted to do something special. It wasn't about him but he wanted to share a moment with as many friends as possible. He chose the best way. He asked to host the joint meeting between the GCSANJ and PAGCS. He is an active member of both associations and he has great friends on both sides of the river. The idea of having this meeting at a location not near the shore would be a major break in a long-standing tradition. Philly has started their season in the AC area for over 40 years, and NJ has been a part of most of those meetings. This request however came from Tom Grimaldi and the response from each association was almost instantaneous. We would love to start the year at Tom's course.

The club was also very enthusiastic. They wanted to honor Tom and they wanted to make sure his peers knew how every member and employee at Tavistock felt about their superintendent who also was their

friend and respected colleague. Tom was at the meeting to set up the schedule and to make food choices. His suggestions were accepted and in a short time everything was set for the meeting.

April 14th worked best for us and the club. We have had several meetings around this time with no problems, but there were a few scary months when winter decided to stay well into Spring. Tom never seemed worried, but there had to be several anxious moments not knowing how much damage there would be and how much time he would have to do what was needed. If you were there, you know that conditions were wonderful and that Tom also located most of the easy locations on the greens. Tom knows that we aren't pros and that we just want to enjoy the day. Mission accomplished.

We had 120 people attend the meeting and most of them took the opportunity to listen to *Frank Tichenor* and *Kevin Doyle's* presentation. They explained how each superintendent can use their course as a classroom to educate people on what we do and the

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positive effects associated with turfgrass. That was immediately followed by a fine lunch that was sponsored by **Turf Equipment & Supply Co** who once again was our Meeting Sponsor. Their generosity helped with the food, prizes and a lower meeting fee. Without them and **Fisher & Son** this meeting would have been quite different.

Our shotgun started right on time and soon everybody was dealing with the challenges of this wonderful course. Tom and his staff wanted the best conditions possible and they achieved their goal. If you played a smart shot you were rewarded, but if you got above the hole you needed lots of talent. Several of the matches turned when people couldn't get up and down from around the green. Even without the pressure of playing for your association, everyone's short game was challenged. It was great fun for everyone.

Not everybody was able to stay for Hors D'Oeuvres and that was too bad because they were excellent.

This portion of the day was also sponsored by **Fisher & Son**, and although the golf committee had to eat quickly they did take the time to enjoy some ice cream after the prizes were awarded.

We saved the announcement about which association won the cup until the very end but we will let you know that the GCSANJ won the cup for the 4th straight year. This year, however, was the closest result in those 4 years. We won 12.5 to 10.5 but one PAGCS team never entered their results and if they had done so it would have been a 1 point match. We may need to practice a little more for next year.

Due to some confusion the markers for closest to the pins never got onto the course so we picked winners by chance. It was a funny way to give away prizes but there were no official winners.

It was a great day and one that I hope I never forget, because a great person and a wonderful friend said good-bye to many people he may never see again.

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Tavistock Meeting...

If things work out, Tom expects to move out west to be near some mountains and lots of snow.

Tom, I hope you enjoy retirement and that you know you are always welcome here in NJ. Your friends now will always be your friends, so please keep in touch and I will always cherish the final photo that I took that night. Seeing you and *Bob Prickett* together is symbolic of how we all feel about you. Congratulations on a great career and good-luck .

Our skin winners were:

0-14

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Chet Walsh

15-40

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Les Carpenter Jr. Welcomes The GCSANJ To Newton Country Club

by Shaun Barry

Les Carpenter has called Newton Country Club home for many years and it is easy to see why. What a wonderful piece of heaven. It is located in the northwest part of the state and it feels like a New England course. The only thing missing is that Les has never seen a moose on the course. He has had plenty of encounters with black bear and other wildlife but they are so common it doesn't faze him at all. Just part of the job.

There are many reasons for Les to have stayed so long at the club. First and foremost this is a really friendly family club. Everyone was so very welcoming. It felt like we were part of a family reunion and this is how Les and his entire staff are treated on a daily basis. It is such a friendly place, Wally Waltsak had to come for dinner even though he has moved on to another job.

The course itself may be the main reason that Les has stayed. He has done so much work there he might be able to call himself the architect. I had played the course in 1975 and there have been many major and small changes for the better and it was really good back then. He has fine-tuned the whole golfing experience. This short 6,300 yard course plays like it is 7,000 yards and if Les ever gets in a bad mood he could make the greens diabolical. I was very pleased that he was in a really good mood and the hole locations were very accessible. Thank you Les.

Before we got to play the course we had the opportunity to enjoy a presentation by *Dave Oatis* from the USGA. He is such an excellent speaker. The room filled quickly and everyone enjoyed his discussion on the damage created by our tough winter here in the northeast. It was a casual presentation and as always there were lots of questions. People know that Dave has the answers.

Wayne Remo wasn't able to play golf but he joined in at the registration table to help. He joined the team of *Peabody, Potosnak, Lambert and Kinlin* and things went smoothly as usual. The really nice part of the location for this registration is that it was right in front

of the grills cooking, burgers, chicken and dogs. This allowed us to get something to eat and it allowed everyone to thank *Wayne* and **John Deere Landscapes** for sponsoring lunch.

Out on the course everyone soon found out that this course had some serious teeth. There is nothing ominous about the features on the course. You pretty much can see all of the trouble to avoid and we still hit it into that trouble. If that trouble was the rough, the proper shot was to find a club to get it back onto the fairway. I am not sure why it took me 18 holes to figure that out. The greens were quick but fair. What made them tough was reading the breaks. We often discovered that the putt going uphill was actually going downhill. A definite recipe for disaster. The greens are small but they were in perfect condition and hole locations could not have been more fair. What a great set-up.

Al Burn is the club's chef and manager and he promised me that our food choices would be great and he was correct. We lowered the cost of the day by \$20 a person because *Gary Arlio* was moving \$2,000 from our Platinum, Gold and Silver Sponsors to help make this meeting successful. Thanks Gary and all of our sponsors. That worked great and we added prime rib and salmon to the menu because of your help.

If you missed this event, call Les and try and get him to fit you in for a round. You will enjoy the day immensely and most likely you will add a score to your handicap that will raise your index a little bit.

Les, please thank everyone at the club for their help. Everyone was very professional and they all made us feel very welcome. Robin and his staff did a fine job organizing the carts and getting us off to a smooth start.

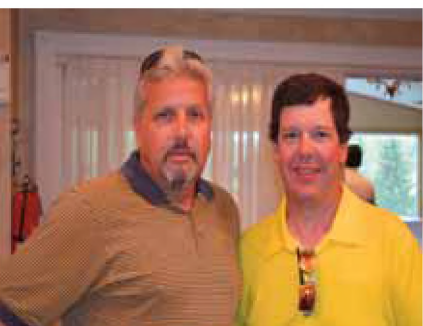
As it turns out we did have a few players who found a way to play well and they ended up as the winners. We had our usual low gross and low net prize but *Joe Kinlin* worked out a 2 man low net event that was a hit. The teams were picked before the start of play but



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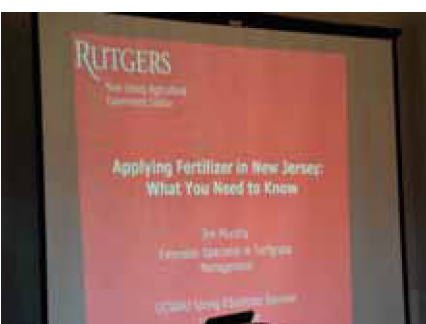
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nobody knew who their partners were. It was a nice new wrinkle to our event. Our skill prizes were all sponsored and you will see a couple names that have been missing from our events for many years. *Bob Phoebus* and *Dave Mayer* joined the field and both were winners. Hopefully we will see you at our other events.

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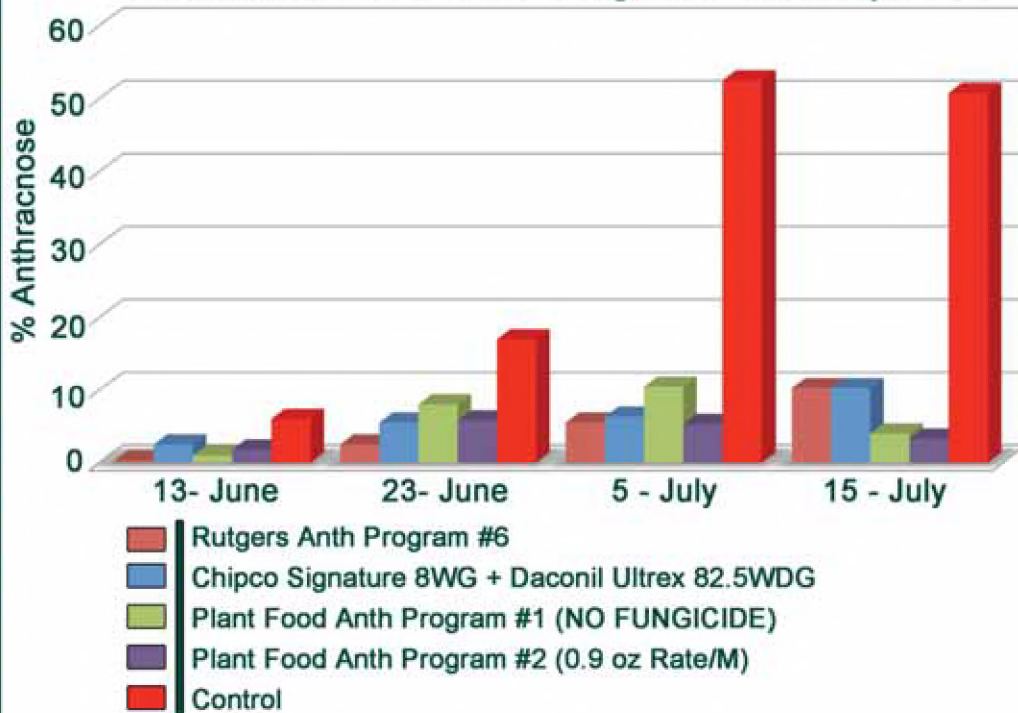
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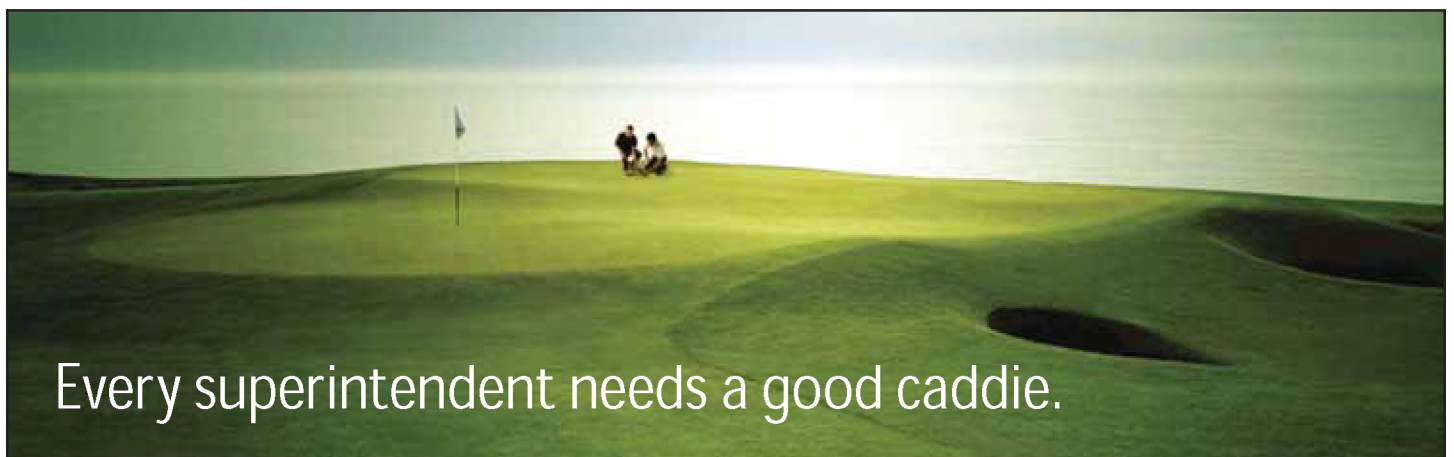
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Spring Education Day, March 13, 2014

by Joe Kinlin, *Bey Lea Golf Course*

Spring was not in the air on March 13, 2014, but education certainly was. It was probably one of the worst days of March, but 70 members made the most of it and made our Spring Education Day a great success.

Galloping Hill Golf Course and Superintendent **Russ Harris** were our hosts and they did a wonderful job of providing a great environment for learning and networking with our peers. With the help of our committee, **Dennis Desantis Jr. Jim Cadott, Donovan Maguigan, Les Carpenter Jr. and Rolf Strobel**, we were able to put together a great line up of speakers. We have our Executive Director, **Cece Peabody**, to thank for doing all the work with GCSAA, NJDEP, and PROFACT to get us all the very important credits: GCSAA .55 CEUs, NJDEP 2 Core and 6 Turf (3B) and PROFACT 3 credits.

There we 3 areas of education we focused on in the seminar: (1) Professional Development (2) Environmental and (3) Fertilizer.

The first speaker was **Greg Wojick** from *Playbooks for Golf*. He did a great job identifying the evolution of technology not just in our field, but also in our lives. He also showed us ways to integrate technology into our golf operations.

Steve Souza from *Princeton Hydro* began our environmental session. He spoke about water resource management, the challenges all golf courses face, and the opportunities that are available for beneficial reuse. Next up were 2 superintendents presenting on their own experiences. **Joe Kinlin** from *Bey Lea Golf Course* spoke about how to be a "Bay Friendly" golf course and **Jason Pierce** from *Heron Glen Golf Course* spoke about how to be "River Friendly."

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Following the session quite a few members stayed longer to network. Despite the weather outside, we had a great day with a lot of credits.

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What are some of your career goals?

I would like to become a successful Golf Course Superintendent at a club in New Jersey and work towards becoming a certified member of the GCSAA.

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October 11, 2015

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I think we are known for our excellent conditions overall but the signature 19th hole island green offers golfers a chance to settle wagers. I hope many of you can come down in October for the GCSANJ Foundation Scholarship and Research Shootout and see the place.

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Member *news*

Joshua Reiger, Spring Lake Golf Club, had a baby boy on March 24th! Jacob Scott Reiger and Mom Valerie are doing well. Scott weighed 7 lb 10 oz and was 20" long. Congrats!



Tom Grigal retired June 1, 2014 from Quail Brook Golf Course. He had been the superintendent for 40 years.

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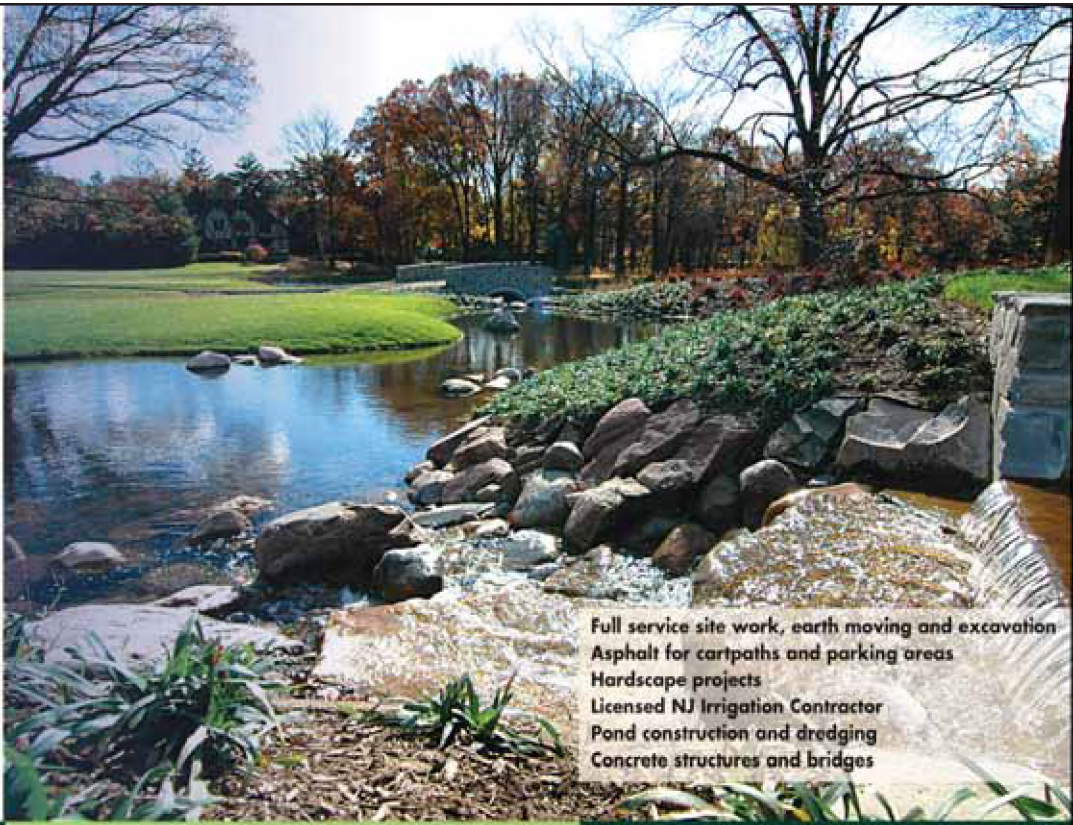
The Somerset County Park Commission's Spooky Brook Golf Course in Franklin and Green Knoll Golf Course in Bridgewater have been named "2014 Groundwater Guardian Green Sites" by the Groundwater Foundation in honor of groundwater and environmental stewardship. The two facilities join Neshanic Valley Golf Course and Quail Brook Golf Course, both of which have previously earned recognition.

The Groundwater Guardian Green Site program recognizes green spaces including golf courses, ball fields and residential and business sites for implementing groundwater and surface water-friendly practices. Qualification includes selection of appropriate plantings, tracking irrigation water use, maintaining a no-application zone around surface water and active wells, and applying fertilizer based on nutrient needs.

Good job *John Zujkowski* and *Billy Martin* (and staff)!



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