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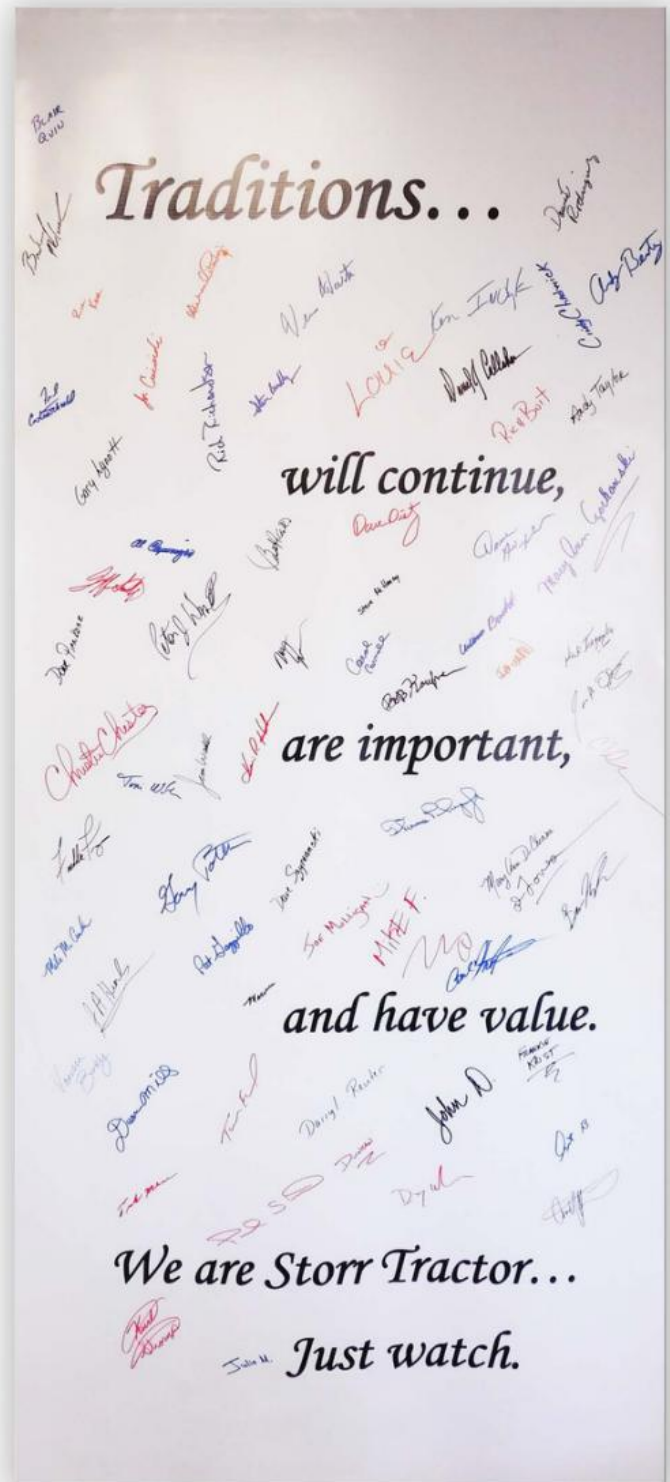
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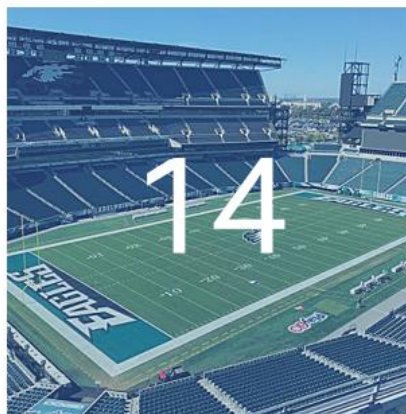
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Alex Kierstead answered.



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Some of our favorite New Jersey
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Russell Harris, Chapter President
Gallop Hill Golf Course*



ADDED VALUE

As I sit in my office patiently awaiting the start of the golf season (which may never come) I find myself thinking about what it means to be member of GCSANJ and the value that comes along with it. Yes, we all pay dues and are automatically a member pending approval. But is that all we want from that paid invoice?

Yes, GCSANJ hosts golf and education events for membership that are well attended. But isn't the true value of membership found inside the relationships built through our industry and association? From networking and exchanging ideas, to building true friendships, and interacting with likeminded individuals.

For me personally, I've learned more from my relationships within the association than sitting in turf class. I owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to the association for where I am in my career. The knowledge, tricks of the trade, and different perspectives learned through my involvement are truly what has made me the superintendent I am today.

Aside from all the knowledge and experience I've gained through my membership and involvement in GCSANJ, I've really benefitted from the friendships forged through chance meetings, whether at a golf event or in Atlantic City for the Green Expo. I've traveled and spent time with these friends and our significant others, shared countless mindless, fun conversations with these people. I've attended weddings, gone to dinner, went for a quick cocktail, and just simply enjoyed our time away from the golf course. These experiences, relationships, and friendships are what I really hold dear, all of which have come directly from my involvement in GCSANJ.

So, please remember, the next time you see an email for registration for a golf event, education seminar or just a social event, its not just another "thing" the association is hosting. It may be a chance to learn, grow your career, or most importantly, make new friends and develop some real gratifying relationships.

Good luck to all on a successful season and I hope to see you soon at one of our many events throughout the year and to share a drink and some conversation with you.

Sincerely,

RUSSELL HARRIS

Chapter President

FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Maureen Sharples

SPRING FORWARD

Springing forward isn't just about the change in time or household cleaning; it's about creating a fresh start to the upcoming season. As we all come out of hibernation, it's important to reconnect and build upon our "network" of friends and colleagues in preparation for the upcoming stressful summer. Having a strong network keeps you relevant, educated, and on top of your game.

As members of this large association, one of your greatest resources is each other. Understandably, you don't have the time to sit on long-winded phone calls and lunch meetings, but engaging on social media gives you the best of both worlds. Platforms like Twitter and Facebook allow you to connect with other industry professionals in a quick and efficient way. Whether you are in need of advice for a problem at work, interested in seeing how other courses are progressing, or simply looking for a laugh, these avenues are the way to go.

As a newbie to this position and the association, I was pleasantly surprised by how many people I was able to connect with and learn about via our Twitter (@GCSANJ1926). We have over 800 followers who are conversing and sharing on a daily basis making it one of the strongest and most efficient resources in our association.

If you are anything like me, your New Year's resolution is long gone but I propose we create a "Spring Resolution." Take a few minutes out of your day to build your network. It's easy and you can do it from your phone, as I know most of you don't spend much time in the office during the season. If you are already on Twitter, follow new people, like comments or share a post. If you are just getting started, follow our page and our members to create your network. Diving in for the first time can be daunting but no worries, I can help you get your feet wet. Besides each other, I strive to be one of your greatest resources. I am happy to help anyone get started on social media, just give me a call. There's always time to advance your career and make a new friend.

MAUREEN SHARPLES

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Growing Families

- After serving as her foster parents, Tom Weinert of Plant Food Inc. and wife Paula adopted Kalli Grace. This is their third adopted child from the foster program.
- Chalin Marlbari of Battle Ground Country Club, recently expanded his family with the birth of a son.
- Eric Kelley of Trump National, Bedminster and his wife Kim welcomed Hannah Jean Kelley, born on March 12, 2018.
- Brandon Perrine of Deerwood CC and his wife Lauren welcomed their daughter Madison on February 8, 2018.



Congratulations

- Jason Pierce of Heron Glen Golf Course was named Superintendent of the Year for Kemper Sports.
- Quaker Ridge GC, Tom Ashfield, CGCS is hosting the 2018 Curtis Cup Match June 8-10.
- Baltusrol GC, Mark Kuhns, CGCS is hosting the 2018 U.S. Junior Amateur July 16-21.

MEMBER NEWS

Movers & Shakers

- Paul Ramina is the new BASF Professional & Specialty Sales Representative.
- Naite Strei, former assistant at Galloway National, took over as superintendent at Twisted Dune Golf Club.
- Wildwood Country Club in Cape May Courthouse, was sold to a group of members and is now The Shore Club. Doug Larson continues to be superintendent.
- Union League recently purchased Sand Barrens Golf Club in Swainton and renamed it Union League National Golf Club. Louis Pitcock is superintendent.
- Alan Beck, CGCS from Linwood Country Club retired after 38 years of service to the Club, 36 as superintendent. He was replaced by Mike Miller, formerly of Helena. Linwood Country Club was purchased in the fall by Atlantic City restaurateurs who currently own Knife and Fork and Dock's Oyster House.

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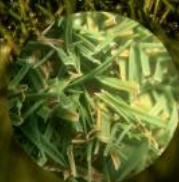


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GOVERNMENT

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

NJ Assembly Bill 3496 was reintroduced and referred to the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. The bill would ban chlorpyrifos use.

NJ Senate Bill 2288 was reintroduced by Senator Bob Smith(D) and referred to the Senate Environment and Energy Committee. The bill would direct the NJ Department of Environmental Protection to make neonicotinoids restricted use.



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Seeton Turf Warehouse rebrands as Noble Turf

Seeton Turf Warehouse LLC announced that it will be doing business under the rebranded name of Noble Turf. Noble Turf officials expect this new brand to improve customer confidence and widen its customer base. The combination of the company's technical expertise and strong customer relationships will continue to provide a comprehensive portfolio of product offerings.

"We are thankful for the many opportunities and loyal customer support as Seeton Turf Warehouse," said Brian Gjelsvik, Director of Sales. "It's an exciting time for Noble Turf as this rebranding will allow for additional expansion and an atmosphere allowing for upward mobility and employee opportunity."



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FLATLANDERS FROM NEW JERSEY MAKE A RUN AT THE NOR'EASTER CUP!



By Andy Drohen

There's a new challenger to the winter champions that has been slowly creeping up the leader board the past few winters. The team from the NJ Golf Course Superintendent's Association made a good run at the host team from Vermont at the annual Nor'easter Cup at Killington Ski Resort March 1st, narrowly missing the top place crown!

For the fourth time in a row, the host team from Vermont won the Nor'easter Cup at Killington!

This year marked the largest field competing, with ten golf course superintendent associations from the Northeast journeying to Vermont and over 100 superintendents and industry representatives, along with their families coming together for a day of camaraderie, skiing and friendly competition on the slopes of Vermont.

The race was held on Killington's black diamond "Highline" course where the Killington Mountain Race program trains all winter long. After hosting the women's World Cup again, we saw several of the Nor'easter Cup racers taking runs down the steep Super Star trail where the Olympians raced. Let's just say to them, "don't quit your day jobs!" Those ladies have no fear!



It is clear more teams are practicing harder than ever to knock Vermont off their throne, but Vermont continues to have the fastest skiers on the mountain! Not only was Vermont led by the fastest racer on the hill, but they in fact had the top three overall racers. Scott Watelet (25.75 seconds) narrowly edged out fellow teammate Mike Boisbert (25.80 seconds) by just 0.05 seconds and Wes Whitaker was close behind at 26.20 seconds.

While Vermont owns the downhill skiing category, New Jersey dominated the snowboarding competition with Craig Craft edging out teammate Patrick Quinlan for the top 2 spots. Each team totaled their fastest three racers and prizes were given out to the fastest overall male and female skiers and boarders!

If the racing did not provide enough excitement, then the Après Ski party at the Wobbly Barn proved a fine ending to a competitive day. Support from our generous sponsors helped provide great food and an open bar for after skiing.

THE RESULTS



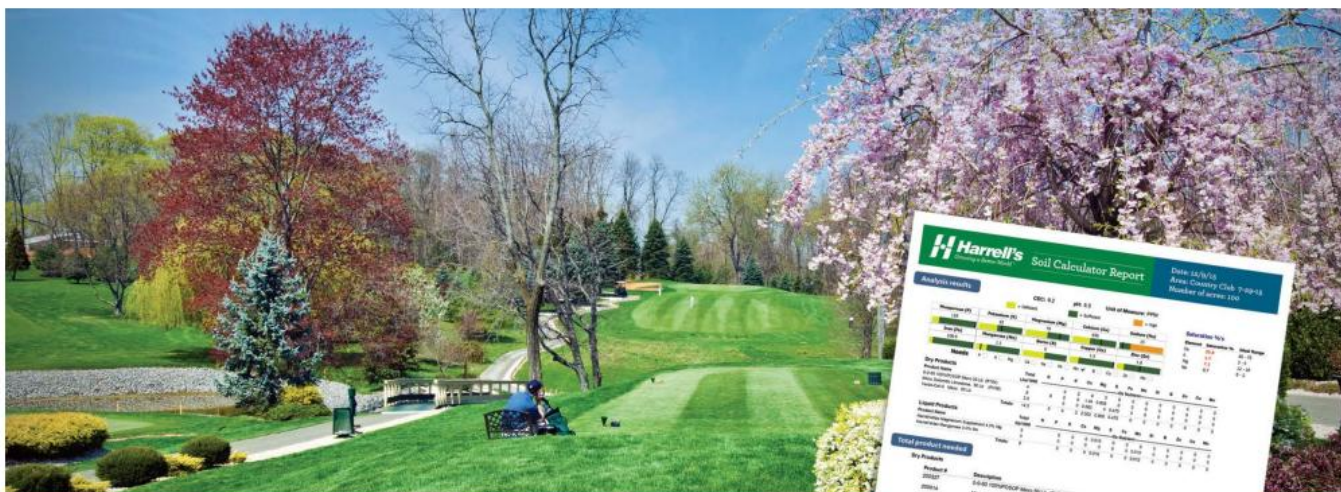
Fastest Male Snowboarder:
Craig Craft, GCSANJ- 35:27

Team Scores

(Fastest 3 individual times totaled)

- 1st Vermont GCSA-1:17.75
- 2nd GCSA of New England-1:26.03
- 3rd GCSANJ-1:28.00
- 4th NHGCSA-1:28.05
- 5th Connecticut AGCS-1:29.05
- 6th RI GCSA-1:30.59
- 7th Northeastern GCSA-1:31.01
- 8th Long Island GCSA-1:32.00
- 9th Cape Cod-1:36.43
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TPC SAN ANTONIO



4 Ball Net Flight 1:

Rob Arnts/Rob Johnson - T-18th

4 Ball Net Flight 3:

Jim Devaney/Jeff Reggio - T-4th

4 Ball Gross Flight 1:

Rob Arnts/Rob Johnson - T-16th

Scramble Flight 1:

Mark Kuhns's team came in 12th

Scramble Flight 2:

Cliff Moore & Lance Rogers's team
came in 9th

Jim Devaney & Jeff Reggio's team
came in 11th

Scramble Flight 4:

Jeremy & Ryan Batz's team
came in 4th

Classic Net Flight 3:

Jeff Wetterling - T-15th

Classic Sr. Net Flight 2:

Doug Johnstone - T-5th
Jim Swiatlowski - T-12th

Classic Sr. Gross Flight 2:

Jim Swiatlowski - 9th
Doug Johnstone - T-12th

Closest to the Pin:

Rob Arnts - TPC Oaks 3rd Hole

Long Drive:

Jeremy Batz - TPC Canyons 7th Hole



GCSANJ GOLFERS TAKE ON TEXAS AT TPC SAN ANTONIO

By Shaun Barry

The GCSANJ had a small group of members who were able to compete in the 2018 GCSAA National Golf Championship, but we did have some good play even though this winter did not allow for much practice. Jonathan Heywood placed 3rd in Classic Net 4 and Rob Arnts tied for 12th in the National Championship Gross Division. Great play by all.

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RUTGERS TURF STUDENT FLIES WITH THE EAGLES

By Casey Sky Noon

Winners of the LII Super Bowl, the Philadelphia Eagles played hot while their grounds crew kept their home playing field warm. To be exact, the turf managers kept the soil at precisely 59 degrees warm throughout the summer and winter months using 28 miles of underground heating pipes. This intricate turf-warming system is divided into six zones and creates an optimal root temperature that keeps the grass growing through the end of the NFL post-season.

The science behind keeping Lincoln Financial Field at peak playability goes well beyond regulating temperatures. The greens team also monitors a SubAir system that sucks moisture out of the ground so excess water does not linger in the soil. Mowing heights and fertilizing schedules are also precisely calculated and controlled. Professional sports fields like the home of “the birds” are perfect examples of the art and science of turfgrass management.

To get this insider’s view, we spoke to Conor Geisel, who interned on the grounds crew for the Philadelphia Eagles this past season and will graduate from The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School’s Two-Year Certificate Program in March 2018.

After he arrived on the Rutgers campus, Conor dove right in, leveraging the Rutgers turf community to grow his professional network. Conor asked Steve McDonald for help making connections in the sports world. Founder of Turfgrass Disease Solutions, LLC, McDonald has over 15 years of experience consulting with more than 100 golf courses annually. He put Conor in touch with Tony Leonard, the Eagles’ director of grounds. He submitted a resume, interviewed, and secured a coveted internship with the Eagles.

“Networking is key,” Conor said. “You never know who you may meet in a day who can help you further your career.”

As an intern, Conor helped care for the team’s practice facility (275,000 square feet) as well as the stadium field itself (75,000 square feet). Interestingly, the Eagles use both warm and cool season grasses to blanket the playing field. Conor explained that the Philly facility uses Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*) in the warmer months because it plays better and grows fast. For the November, December, and January games, the grounds crew ripped up the entire field and did a number-to-number, goal-line-to-goal-line re-sod with Kentucky Bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*).

PROFILE

One major difference between working on a golf course versus for a professional football organization is budget. If your NFL boss isn't happy with how the turf is holding up, they may tell you to re-sod. Instead of topdressing or trying to address the issue in another way, they pay a premium to start fresh. In fact, the entire stadium is typically re-sodded at least three times a year.

Another major difference is painting. Because the stadium is also used for Temple University, the field is painted and repainted each week. After the completion of each Temple Owls game, Conor and his coworkers ripped up the end zones and laid new sod down as a "fresh canvas" for the Eagles logo. "We rolled out huge stencils, to paint both end zones, the sidelines, the numbers, the hash marks, and the four-color Eagles logo in the middle of the field." Conor estimates that painting the field takes about 400 gallons of color -- every week!

As exciting as it is to be around Super Bowl champions, the work takes precedence. Sharing the same cafeteria and buildings, Conor was often near the athletes, but he remained professional. "The majority of my conversations with players were asking them to stay off the wet paint," he laughed.



Besides the close proximity to the likes of Nick Foles, Malcolm Jenkins, and Zach Ertz, one of the perks of working for the Philadelphia Eagles grounds crew was being on the field during each game. Part of Conor's job responsibility was to pull the safety nets behind the uprights when either team lined up to kick a field goal. The team even sent him to the Super Bowl. Indeed, he had the pleasure of watching the Philadelphia Eagles defeat the New England Patriots live and in person. While there, he took advantage of the opportunity to hold (and kiss!) the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

After graduating from Lycoming College with a degree in business, Conor got his feet wet in the turf industry working at Manasquan River Golf Club. Hearing how The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School's Two-Year Certificate Program helped many of his peers advance their career, Conor applied and enrolled. The reputation, convenience, and cost drove him to Rutgers over other education options. Conor recently secured an Assistant Superintendent position at Medford Village Country Club in Medford, New Jersey. "I haven't even graduated yet and it [Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School] has already paid off," Conor said. "With this Assistant Superintendent job, I am exactly where I wanted to be on my career path."

"Networking is key...you never know who you may meet in a day who can help you further your career."



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Monday, June 4th

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Foundation Shootout

Monday, June 18th

Hamilton Farm Golf Club, Gladstone, NJ

District 1 Meeting & Golf

Tuesday, July 10th

Great Gorge Golf Course, Vernon, NJ

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15 QUESTIONS WITH ALEX KIERSTEAD

By Todd Raisch



Known as one of the funniest, easy going guys in the Association, Alex Kierstead of Panther Valley Golf & Country Club recently sat down with The Greenside to discuss his career, Panther Valley, and soon having three kids under three at home.

1. Tell us a little about where you are from?

I grew up in New Hampshire along the Maine border, 45 minutes north of the coast. My folks own a 20-acre apple orchard in Maine, so I grew up working for the family business.

2. How long have you worked at Panther Valley G&CC?

I started in the Valley in 2011 under Curt Chambers. I took a superintendent job in Maine in 2013, then came back in March 2014.

3. What major changes have you seen at the course since you began there?

In 2014, we went from a member owned club to a single owner club. It's been extremely educational on both ends, seeing how both sides operate.

4. What is your favorite aspect of working on a golf course?

We all hold ourselves to a certain standard no matter what your profession. I think when you can meet or exceed your own goals, that's rewarding. When members acknowledge that, it's a plus.

5. What are your interests outside of work?

I spend a lot of time with my family. I'm a new dad so I try and spend as much time with my son as I can. The gym and I also have a pretty steady relationship. It helps keep the mind clear and the stress down.

6. Tell us about your family.

My beautiful wife Kristina and I dated for 10 years before getting married in November 2014. She blessed me with our son Benjamin who will be 3 at the end of July and we are expecting twin girls this April. Ben is super active and loves to be at the golf course. He has a pretty killer southpaw swing as well.

7. Why did you become a superintendent?

When I started in this industry the agronomic side fascinated me, that in controlling the turf (as best as we can) with science, chemistry and a little common sense, we then get to play the game of golf on it. Crazy.

8. What are the unique aspects of Panther Valley's course?

One of the more unique features of Panther Valley is that in the valley we have the ability to light our fairways on fire. Because of the decaying material the holes are built on, when we get a significant rainfall the water percolating down pushes the built up gasses up, creating bubbles just under the turf. Maybe somewhat dangerous, we have been known to light those bubbles on fire from time to time.

9. What are your biggest on course challenges at Panther Valley?

Water; whether its irrigation or drainage. The course has 150+ feet of elevation change. Getting water up to the highest point takes a bit of work. On the lower sections of the course some of our bunkers are at or below water level, so getting drainage to work is challenging as well.

10. What does a typical summer day look like for you at Panther Valley?

First stop every morning is the pump house. I then meet up with my assistants and get a schedule made for the morning, pull equipment out, get the staff going, cruise the course and do some hot spotting of greens, tees, fairways. I then check on anything we have to finish, assign second round jobs and check in with the pro-shop and main office, with maybe a member conversation in passing. The afternoon is usually spent chasing wilt and catching up on other watering. I feel like I'm a pretty hands on guy and I like to lead by example. I still truly enjoy working alongside my staff. I always try to be present.

11. Any changes or projects that you would like to see at Panther Valley?

I would love to see a full bunker renovation back to original Robert Trent Jones design. That would be awesome. An irrigation upgrade would be helpful as well. We've been working a lot on improving our agronomic situation, reducing organic matter, adding more topdressings, a lot of tree removal, etc...getting things back on track.

12. You have also been a superintendent in Maine. Tell us about that and the differences working that far north vs. in western New Jersey?

Yes, I did briefly. It was a great learning experience and it was nice to be back home for during that time and living that close to the beach, but oddly, it's the people whom I've surrounded myself with for the last 10 years that the experience lacked. The season in Maine is significantly shorter. It is a tourist area so peak season is when school is out and the Canadians are on vacation, last week of June –first week of September. Staffing was extremely hard to find (even more than PV).



13. Your course is in a difficult area to find qualified staff. How have you dealt with this?

Lots of part timers, retirees from M&M Mars down the street, high school kids in the summer for 8-10 weeks. It's a lot of training every season.

14. What is the most difficult part of your job?

Psychologically: All of the day-to-day, season-to-season stuff we learn and adjust to as we gain confidence and experience, but it's our own inner struggles that make things difficult. It's almost how you were raised in the business, your work ethic is probably what got you to where you are and being able to say enough for today or to shut it off and go home that's the hard part. I'm what my wife would call a "workaholic."

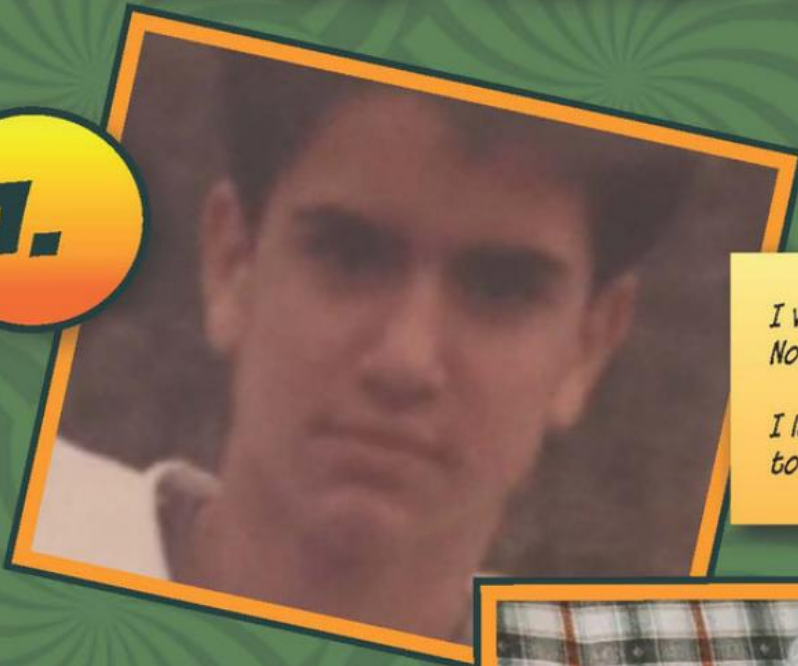
Agronomically: Winter prep. We never really know what to expect, so we prep for it all and it took a while to get all the pieces to that puzzle at Panther Valley. There have been a number of sleepless nights during our "off" season.

15. List four things we don't know about you?

1. On two separate occasions I've swam in our irrigation pond. Neither time was because I wanted to.
2. I take life a lot more seriously than I portray.
3. I listen to The Joe Rogan Experience podcast when I do office work.
4. Number 2 is an absolute lie.

WHO ARE THEY

1.



I was an athlete that grew up in North Jersey.

I loved Bon Jovi and I always like to have a good time!

HMMMMM.... "I wonder if I could ever become President"

This wasn't that long ago but you wouldn't believe who I am.



2.

3.



"I grew up in horse and buggy country and love PBR"

I was an athlete with a good attitude!



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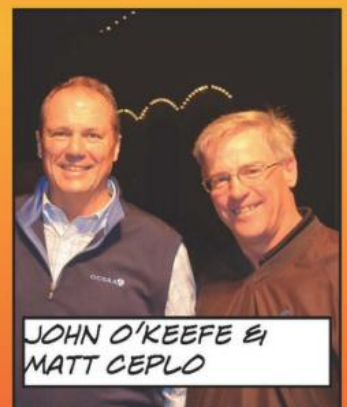
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THE POWER OF PERSONAL NOTES

BY KEVIN DOYLE, GCSAA NE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

To be brief, this is a message about the power of a personal note. I have written about the influence of using the phrase "thank you" in the past; this is a little different. I have always tried to incorporate the use of such notes, and encourage others to do so. The notes you will read below are special. They are real, come from an interesting source, and touch on a very important subject to those who received them. Some are very funny; others are very deep in meaning. All are a special way of thanking a golf course superintendent for exposing them to the game of golf, and more specifically, the role of a superintendent.

This year at the Golf Industry Show, several field staff representatives took part in a First Green field trip in conjunction with a GCSAA seminar. It was a great opportunity to participate in another field trip, my third, and see how others operate their student learning curriculums. After the on-site portion of the First Green trip, the group got to meet back at the convention center and hear from a panel of superintendents who have run trips at their facilities recently.

Within days after hosting his First Green field trip consisting of fifth graders, Kraushofer was to marry the love of his life.



As a thank you, the students who visited had the ability to send their First Green host "Advice for the Newlyweds from a Fifth-Grader" Kraushofer was kind enough to share some of the personal notes he received from the students. As a reminder, this is marital advice from **fifth-graders!**

Dear the Kraushofers,

One of the things I recommend is to not talk about grass all the time your wife will get annoyed.

Dear Ryan,

Always make the wife happy. If you are in an argument, if you know you are wrong admit it. If you know you are right, still admit you are wrong. If you have a happy wife, you have an easier life.

Dear Ryan,

Don't always try to defend yourself. Also, don't purchase pants without the wife's consent. Have a good time and always offer to help. Shower her with pedals after the wedding.

Dear Ryan,

Remember some of this advice on your wedding day:

1. Whenever your wife says, do I look good always say yes. Never yeah you look fine always say you look fantastic or gorgeous or wonderful. 2. Tie your shoes.

While dancing you don't want to go face first on the floor. Trust me, it's very embarrassing...3. Always listen to your wife. Remember anything you do can ruin a perfect relationship so be the greatest husband you can be.

The one message I'm about to say is directly to

Mr. Ryan, make sure you have about the same love for your golf course and your wife. Ok? Make sure to get everyone a gift on Valentine's Day! A lot of money will go into this and a lot of time will go into this!

Dear Mr. Kraushofer, You've got to make sure to buy the Mrs. lots of shoes. She will be so happy. I know my mom is happy when my dad gets her flowers. Be sure to keep her happy because the first time you make a mistake, she will be very angry, so keep her very very very very happy!

These notes were a simply a way to say thank you for a school visit to a golf course. If you talk to Kraushofer, you will find that those notes took on a much deeper meaning. In fact, he told me they were some of the best wedding gifts they received, and they shared many of these notes with their guests! While you hope to convey a message when writing a note of thanks, what may in fact seem simple to you the sender may well have a much deeper and more profound effect on the recipient!

GCSAA

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GCSANJ THROUGH THE DECADES

PART SIX

By Ken Kubik, Grass Roots Inc.



Past Presidents, 1972
Ed Casey, Mel Lucas Sr.,
Joe Flaherty, Al Foster,
Bob Kapherr, Al Caravella,
Sherwood Moore, Gary
Brothers, Don Marshall

1932: Experienced greenkeepers are losing their positions or being reduced to foremen due to the effects of the Great Depression. Dues are reduced to \$3 per year.

1942: In the midst of World War II, any member inducted or enlisted in the armed forces can retain their association membership without paying dues for the duration of the war. Scrap metal drives consume old golf course equipment. Winter membership meetings are not held due to the ban on unnecessary driving. Founding father, John Anderson is president of the Association. The PGA Championship was held at Seaview Country Club and was won by Sam Snead.

1952: Charter members are honored at the Hackensack GC during the 25th Anniversary Association Gala. Barney Roth, Hackensack GCS and Ziggy Zaleski, Assistant GCS co-chair the event. The honorees are presented with inscribed tie clasps. Sherwood Moore is appointed chairman of the 24th National Turf Conference & Show for 1953.

1962: Karl Ostberg, GCS of Upper Montclair CC obtains gratis tickets for Association members to attend the Thunderbird Classic. Gene Littler is the tournament winner.

1972: Program chairman, Maurice "Skip" Cameron, GCS, Mountain Ridge CC reports that all attendance records for a monthly meeting are broken at the Playboy Club in September (150 golfers). One thousand dollars are donated to Dr. Reed Funk for his Fairway Bentgrass Research Fund. Past Presidents honored at Baltusrol GC meeting. Peter Pedrazzi, Sr. GCS Crestmont CC won the Sherwood Moore Cup.

1982: Lack of quorum at two of three board meetings forces downsizing of the district concept from eight districts to four. Ed Nickelson, GCS, Montclair GC is association president. Ed Walsh, GCS, Ridgewood CC won the Sherwood Moore Cup. Greenerside won the GCSAA "Overall Best" Newsletter, Ed Walsh editor.



1992: Public Disability Act requires golf courses to provide handicap access to the golf course and its facilities by 1995. A new concern for golf courses is Lyme Disease, and is the topic of the April meeting.

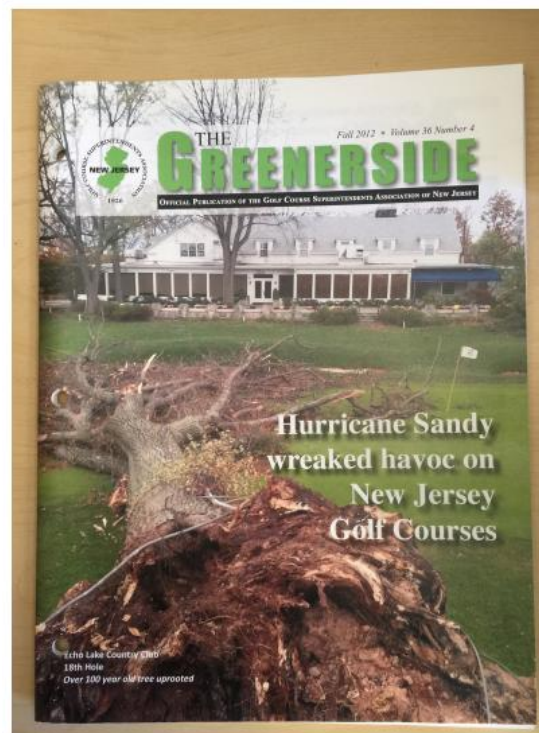
2002: GCSANJ hires State Street Associates as the lobbying firm to represent the Association and the green industry at the state capital. The GCSANJ is cooperating with Rutgers University to produce the Turfgrass Economic Impact Study for the state. Mark Kuhns, CGCS Baltusrol GC runs for director of the GCSAA with the support of the GCSANJ. The season starts with water use restrictions in effect already. Golf Courses are required to reduce their water use by 50%. Doug Vogel, GCS, Packanack Lake GC succeeds Ken Krausz, GCS Paramus GC as editor of the "Greenerside." Dr. Bruce Clarke and Dr. Jim Murphy, Rutgers University conduct anthracnose research at the Ridgewood CC, Todd Raisch, CGCS.

**"The farther backward
you can look, the farther
forward you are likely to
see."**

-Winston S. Churchill

2012: The State of New Jersey requires that all GCS become certified Fertilizer Applicators. The GCSANJ initiates hosting a hospitality party for its members at the GIS in Las Vegas. The GCSANJ discontinues the Association's Crystal Conference and joins forces with the NJTA at Expo. Hurricane Sandy wreaks havoc on NJ golf courses. GCSAA names Kevin Doyle as the field staff representative for the Northeast Region of the GCSAA.

2022: The 104th edition of the PGA Championships will be held at Trump National Golf Club - Bedminster, Rob Wagner Director of Grounds. The 56th editions of the Northern Trust, the first leg of the Fed Ex Cup will be held at Liberty National Golf Club, Greg James Director of Grounds.



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3

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Legendary inventor Thomas Edison was a member of Essex County Country Club and in 1913 showed off his talking movie machine during a club demonstration.

4

METEDECONK NATIONAL GC

Metedeconk National Golf Club derives its name from a tribe of the Leni Lenape Indians. The name translates to "warriors of peace."

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CRESTMONT COUNTRY CLUB

Property owned by Crestmont Country Club was used for the 1936 Olympic Trials, with Jesse Owens being one of the qualifiers.

6

GREEN BROOK COUNTRY CLUB

Numerous scenes of The Sopranos were filmed at Green Brook Country Club.



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HOLLYWOOD GOLF CLUB

Once having 57 bunkers, the 12th hole at Hollywood Golf Club was known as the "Heinz Hole."



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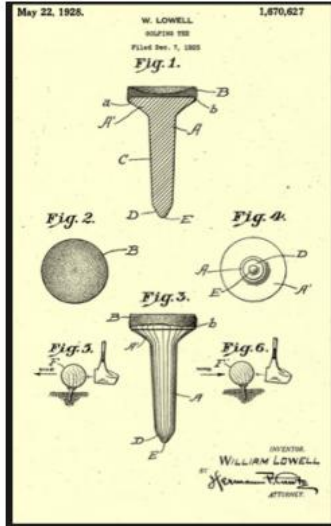
HOMINY HILL GOLF COURSE

The original owner of Hominy Hill Golf Course, Henry Mercer, owned "The Wetherly", which he raced to victory in the Americas Cup races.

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MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

The golf tee was invented by Dr. William Lowell of Maplewood Country Club.



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ROCKAWAY RIVER CC

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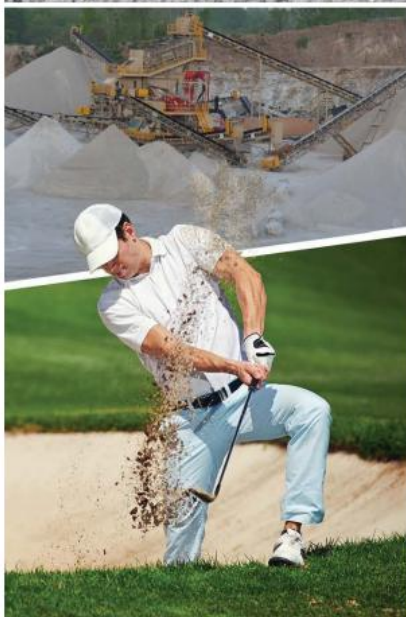
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-Lance Rogers

"My cure is always to hit the trail. I have been section hiking the Appalachian Trail in the winter for the past eight years. I did nine miles in Harriman State Park this year."

-DOUG VOGEL

What was your cure for cabin fever this winter?

"I RESOLVED TO HAVE A LITERARY SABBATICAL DURING MY STAY IN FLORIDA. I SUCCEEDED IN READING TEN BOOKS WITH THE PURPOSE OF GAINING KNOWLEDGE AND FEELING PRODUCTIVE."

-KEN KUBIK



"With two young kids there is not much cabin fever. Between snowmen, snow forts and snowball fights my winters are pretty packed. And we have the added bonus of the countdown to our family vacation to Disney. "

-Tony Espe



"Creating a ski jump in our front yard (at least it kept my boys from playing Fortnite for a few hours)."
-Paul Ramina

"This winter, I was taking down over 1,000 trees here at Deerwood CC all done by my Assistants and myself. Outside of work, I spent time in the duck and goose blind and a lot of time with my family getting beat up by my 3 year old son, Jaxson."

-Brandon Perrine



"My cure is getting on the slopes. I was able to spend a few weekends in Vermont with my family and enjoyed my annual trip to Jackson Hole with my buddies. I finished up my winter snowboard trips at the Nor'easter Ski Championships with my fellow GCSANJ members."

-Pat Quinlan



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Once again, brought to you by the PGA Tour and our Industry Partners, a hot breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as shirts, hats and a thank you gift will be provided for all volunteers. For those guests traveling from out-of-town and providing a week long commitment, housing will be available on a space-available basis.

We will begin our mornings at 4:00 A.M. Although the times have not been determined as of yet, the PM schedule will begin in the late afternoon.

Following receipt of the Volunteer Form, an informational packet will be sent in August with passes, maps, work schedules, etc. Feel free to contact me at 201.225.6533 or traisch@gmail.com if you have any questions or if you know of any other experienced golf course person who would be interested in volunteering.

Thanks for the assistance!!! We hope to see you in August.

Todd Raisch, CGCS
The Ridgewood Country Club

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