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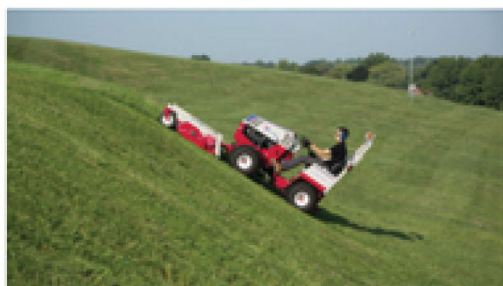
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Russell Harris, Chapter President
Gallop Hill Golf Course*



STRONGER TOGETHER

As a member of GCSANJ I have always experienced a strong sense of community among my fellow members. Whether it is receiving advice, getting together at events, or most importantly being there when times get tough.

This past month our chapter rallied to support our member, Pat McMahon's two-year-old daughter Madison who is on the road to recovery from brain surgery. The GCSANJ Foundation along with Pat's club, Eagle Ridge Golf Club teamed up to host a benefit golf outing. The foundation's board of directors and specifically Shaun Barry and Keith Bennett worked tirelessly to raise money and plan a hugely successful event for the McMahon family.

Our tight knit community grew when the Wee One Foundation and GCSAA got involved. Both making generous donations to the family and proving how truly vast and strong our community really is. The Wee One Foundation got its start when a group of superintendents banded together to raise money for their friend, Wayne Otto, CGCS who was battling cancer. The foundation quickly grew and since its start in 2004, has raised over a million dollars for fellow superintendents and their immediate families that are in need. They continue to help wherever needed with a strong impact throughout the golf community.

It's important that we all realize that we are strong network for each other not only in difficult times but any time we need a helping hand or just friendship. Our GCSANJ and GCSAA memberships are much more than just a professional association. You are a member of a large community that was built on comradery, friendship, and support. The local and national support that was given this past month to one of our own in need truly assures how strong we are together as a community and makes me particularly proud to be apart of it.

Sincerely,

RUSSELL HARRIS

Chapter President

FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Maureen Sharples

GROWING OUR FUTURE

My first week as Executive Director was spent at GIS San Antonio. I had the opportunity to attend a seminar comprised of leaders from all the chapters around the country. That day was by far one of the most beneficial work experiences I've had since I began as your Executive Director. Learning about GCSAA initiatives and goals and how other chapters are relaying them to their members was a valuable tool for me.

One of the sessions focused on First Green and the field trips they help facilitate with school aged children and golf course superintendents. The First Green has developed as an educational outreach program using golf courses as learning labs for students grades 5 and up. Superintendents are the driving force of the program, instructing a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) focused curriculum on a field trip.

This year, First Green merged with GCSAA in hopes to introduce our industry to a new generation and recruit more members to host a trips. While the program introduces the profession to students, it also encourages environmental stewardship. For many students it is their first experience on a golf course, giving young people an introduction to the sport and a glimpse of the care and effort put into successfully maintaining a golf course.

Our member and Forest Hill Field Club's superintendent, Frank Tichenor has hosted the students of Clifton on his course for the past five years. The success of Tichenor's field trip has influenced the growth of the program. Frank has since become an ambassador of The First Green and recently attended a conference at GCSAA headquarters in Kansas.

I encourage all our members to visit www.thefirstgreen.org and consider hosting a trip. I am happy to assist you in the logistics in finding a local class and connecting you with the organization for the curriculum. The program is a rewarding and valuable tool for the growth of our industry in New Jersey and nationwide.

MAUREEN SHARPLES

Executive Director, GCSANJ



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Thursday, August 16th
Forsgate Country Club, Monroe Township, NJ

District 4 Golf Meeting
Monday, September 17th
Deerwood Country Club, Mount Holly, NJ

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Thursday, September 6th
Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton, NJ

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THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

2018 Board Meeting Review

By Tyler Otero

Even though the summer temperatures bring longer hours for turf professionals, it doesn't mean the GCSANJ Board of Directors slows down. We have been busy continuing to make this Association one of the strongest in the country. Some of the highlights from the past few months include the award of a BMP Grant from the GCSAA due to the tireless effort of our BMP Committee that was previously headed by Tim Connolly, CGCS, and now directed by Jason Pierce.

In other board news, be on the lookout for new updates to the GCSANJ website. The site received a new layout design and will be even more user friendly in the near future. The update will also include a news page giving our member current industry news. The updated website will bring added value to both our members and our partners. The scholarship committee recently finished grading the applications, and the Foundation should be releasing the names of the winners shortly. We had an extremely talented pool of students who applied this year, making the grading process difficult.

Finally, our golf events started off the year with some bad luck due to weather, but we are ramping up now after a successful 9 and Dine at Skyway, and an equally successful District 2 meeting at Shackamaxon Country Club. The Civil War has been rescheduled for September 6th at Indian Spring Country Club. We look forward to seeing everyone at future events and let's hope Mother Nature cooperates for those meetings.

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GCSANJ APPOINTS TYSON KARCHER TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

➔ Chapter President, Russell Harris has appointed Tyson Karcher to the GCSANJ Board of Directors. Tyson is a Director At-Large fulfilling the vacancy left by Tim Connolly who has accepted a position at TPC Sugarloaf in Duluth, Georgia.

Tyson is the Golf Course Superintendent of Mattawang Golf Club in Belle Mead, NJ, a position he has held for the past ten years. He previously was the Assistant Superintendent at Hamilton Farm Golf Club. Tyson is an Ohio native and a graduate of Ohio State University. He resides in Hillsborough, NJ with his wife Tiffany.

The Board of Directors is excited to welcome Tyson, as he has been an active member of our chapter for many years. We all wish Tim Connolly great success in his new position and thank him for his Board service.



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GROWING FAMILIES

- ➔ Dennis (Jr.) and Vicky DeSanctis welcomed their first child, Dylan DeSanctis, on May 7th. Grandpa DeSanctis is happy to have a “DD3” join the team and plans to have his grandson operating equipment at your golf course by the age of three!



Phil Page of Finch Services and his wife Taylor welcomed their first child, Lily Day Page on April 13th.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

- ➔ Kyle DeNuys former golf course superintendent at Canoe Brook Country Club "South Course" is now the superintendent at Peninsula Golf & Country Club, Millsboro, DE.

Jillian Desmarais was promoted to the position of GCS of the "South Course" at Canoe Brook Country Club.

Matt Castagna is now the golf course superintendent at TPC Jasna Polana, Princeton.

Tim Connolly has relocated and is now the golf course superintendent at TPC Sugarloaf, Duluth, GA.

Michael Tardogno is now the golf course superintendent at Skyway Golf Course, Jersey City.

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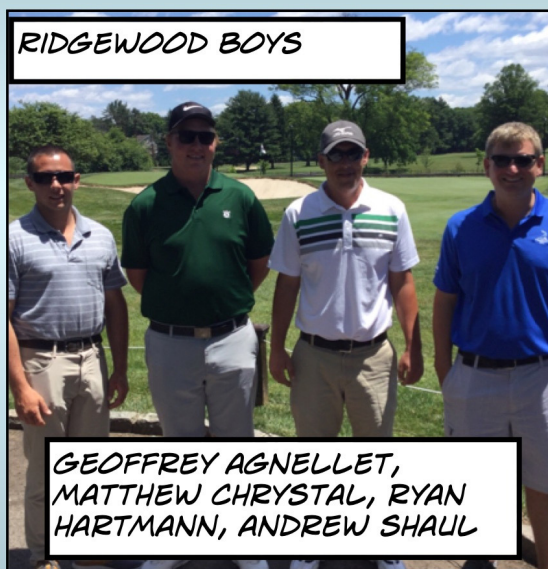
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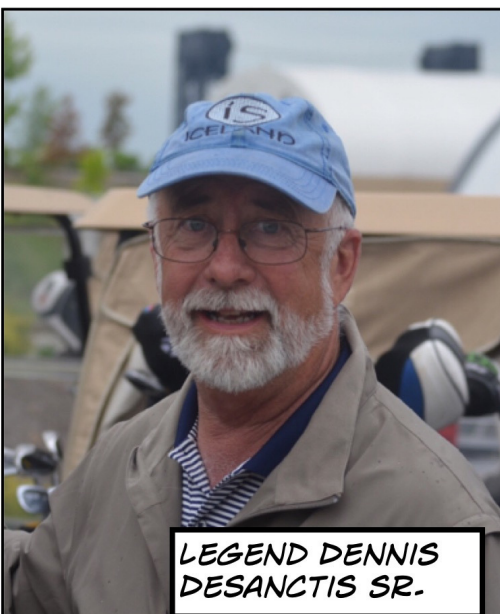
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ON THE COURSE AT SHACKAMAXON



9 AND DINE AT SKYWAY GC



15 QUESTIONS WITH JIM DEVANEY

By Todd Raisch

INTERVIEW

While the Lower Course at Baltusrol Golf Club receives many of the accolades due to its hosting of major championships like the U.S. Open and the PGA Championship, the Upper Course often is referred to as the favorite of the two courses at Baltusrol by members and guests alike.

Jim Devaney is the superintendent of the Upper Course and he recently sat down with The Greenerside to discuss his career, Baltusrol and the upcoming USGA Junior Amateur.

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

I grew up in Landing, New Jersey on Lake Hopatcong. My parents are still in the same house. I went to Rutgers and have lived in Bedminster and now Basking Ridge. I just love the taxes in Jersey so I'm in it for the long haul.

2. How long have you worked at Baltusrol Golf Club?

I began working at Baltusrol as an intern in 2004 and 2005. I had a brief stint in graduate school at Rutgers and have been on the management staff since 2007.

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

In 2007-2008, I was the assistant during the master plan renovation with Rees Jones. This was some of the most extensive work done on the Upper Course and included re-working three holes, bunker restoration, and the addition of championship tees. There have also been a few iterations of bunker work, and what seems to be a never ending expansion of practice facilities.

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

No day is ever the same...one hour I'm an agronomist, the next I'm a plumber. And some days I feel like a kindergarten teacher.

5. What are your interests outside of work?

Time with the family, acting slightly older than my 3-year old daughter, and pretending to know what I'm doing while working on our 100 year old home (good thing my wife doesn't get the Greenerside magazine).



6. Tell us about your family.

My wife and I met at Rutgers University our senior year and she (surprisingly) stuck around while I was an intern during the 2005 PGA Championship - so I knew she could support me being in this industry. We got married in 2011, took some time to travel and had our daughter Cora in 2015. She's your typical, active 3-year old. We enjoy traveling as a family, going to the beach, and hiking with our 8-year old Boxer, Sadie

7. Why did you become a superintendent?

Please see answer number 4. I truly enjoy the challenges each day presents, be it logistics, agronomy, management, or dealing mother nature (maybe not during majors though). My first job in the industry was supposed to be in the pro shop so that I could golf for free. My resume made it to the Picatinny Arsenal grounds department instead. And here we are.

8. What are the unique aspects of the Upper Course? The topography — especially on the first six holes, the fantastic NYC skyline view from 5 tee, the routing of the holes and the solitude it creates while being 3 miles from Rt. 78 in Springfield, New Jersey. Like many Tillinghast layouts the course provides a good challenge for the average golfer, but I feel the Upper simultaneously offers more decision making moments for low handicap players.

9. What are your biggest on course challenges at Baltusrol?

Being proactive with regards to the details. Everyday, there is a new guest on property - it's important that we provide an experience that exceeds our members expectations.

10. What does a typical summer day look like for you on the Upper Course?

Aside from consuming unhealthy amounts of shop coffee and assigning the crew out in the morning, the only thing else that's typical is changing my plans for the day at least 3 times. I consider myself a planner, but truth be told I think I'm better at adapting.

11. Tell us about the influence Mark Kuhns has had on your career.

He has taught me the importance of giving back to the industry, one example being the internship program that he has fostered here are Baltusrol. We really are preparing students to become assistant superintendents. Additionally, he has consistently pushed the facility to improve our environmental stewardship. He has also showed how to set people up for success, and have the restraint to let them be accountable decision makers. The ability to delegate, hand off, and trust is something that I'm still working on.

12. Baltusrol recently signed with Gil Hanse to produce a master plan for both courses. What changes or restorations are you hoping to see with the plan?

This is an unprecedented opportunity to ensure Baltusrol remains a relevant championship venue for decades to come. Based on his proven success in doing so, I look forward to seeing Tillinghast's original design philosophies for each hole be restored with his twist for today's game at all skill levels. I also look forward to seeing his vision regarding improving the continuity between the two courses.

13. In recent years you have worked with both the PGA of America and the USGA. What have been the unique differences in working with each?

Both organizations have been a pleasure to work with and I would say there is more in common than not.

The overarching goal is to make the event a success for all entities involved. Both put the ball in our court and rely on our skill set to achieve the desired result.

They are accommodating, incredibly prepared, and very responsive. Most noticeable difference would be the number of individuals involved in certain aspects of on course decisions, marking, and set up.



14. The Junior Amateur is during a tough time of year for golf courses in New Jersey. Will you manage the course any differently leading up to the championship?

In all honesty you never know what you're going to get in Jersey anymore. Spring and Fall seem to not exist anymore, and September is more like August than August is. With that being said, we should have events around here in October because Mother Nature makes you look good without even trying. Having gone through the PGA two years ago to almost the same week we will mirror our strategies that include additional bunker bank and rough applications to bolster our scoring defense. Ensuring we come into mid-July healthy, well rooted, and prepared to sustain a lean dry down period (or a deluge that we saw in 2016).

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

1. I repeat myself ...a lot, especially to crew members and interns.

2. I have a 1968 Mustang Fastback.

3. I never drive my 68 Fastback (My Father commandeered it, which is fine, because apparently car seat anchor points and seatbelts were not a priority then.)

4. Amongst my inner circle I'm considered to be a sandbagger.

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Dear Fellow Members,

I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Rounds 4 Research auction. Whether you donated a round or bid on one, you made a great impact on our cause.

This year's R4R program set new records raising over \$300,000 nationwide, which will be donated to the Environmental Institute For Golf (EIFG). Their efforts include valuable research, funding the Melrose Leadership program as well as assisting our industry with educational opportunities and scholarships.

I am proud to report due to all your efforts our chapter also set records and reached new heights. Our goal was 40 courses and we came very close with 38, a 20% increase compared to last year's 31 courses. Again, GCSANJ was one of the top ten chapters in the country.

The best news of all is that our chapter has gained a 40% increase of revenue from the auction! This year our share is \$14,884, which is a \$4,527 increase from last year! GCSANJ also held the record for highest bid in the country. The foursome from Somerset Hills C.C. sold for over \$3,000 in a bidding war, which was the most of any round nationwide.

Although I retired last season, I really enjoyed the opportunity given to me by the Board to continue leading the program and am enjoying my time on the Foundation Board. I want to give special thanks to our new Executive Director Maureen, she was fantastic and I could not have done it without her.

I want to personally thank all the people who donated and for taking my calls and emails when I was looking for support. This program and the monies earned have really bolstered the GCSANJ scholarship program and our Foundation. If you didn't participate this year please consider for 2019, it is a small gesture from your club that can make a big difference.

Thank you,

Les Carpenter
Rounds 4 Research Chairman



Madison McMahon Benefit Outing

By Shaun Barry

GCSANJ Foundation and Eagle Ridge Golf Club Host Benefit Golf Outing

The GCSANJ Foundation has been busy in 2018. It was created in 1994 and has for most of that time functioned quietly doing the things found in their Mission Statement. Research and scholarships are constants but there have been several times when members and their families have needed help. That is when the Foundation and the GCSANJ have immediately stepped up to help.

In September of 2017, Pat McMahon's daughter was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Madison was almost 2 years old so she couldn't understand what that meant but her parents understood and I can only imagine their fears and sleepless nights.

Madison was fortunate that the doctors at CHOP were excellent. The tumor was benign but it had to be removed. The operation was a success but only time will tell if there are any lasting complications.

Pat is the superintendent at Eagle Ridge GC and he has a great relationship with everyone there. Allen DePuy is the manager and he immediately started organizing a fundraiser to help Pat. During the initial planning stage Pat mentioned that the GCSANJ Foundation might be helpful.

Pat contacted Keith Bennett and they met with Allen and immediately plans were made for a joint effort for the fundraiser. Both organizations worked well together and on the day of the event we had over 175 golfers. Eagle Ridge ran registration with some help from Keith. They had a 50/50, a putting contest, several CPs & LDs. There were many sponsors and a large offering of auction prizes.



Pat, Susanne, Madison and family members were in attendance to thank everyone who was there to support them. Allen had been in touch with two other foundations and they made presentations of money and support. The GCSANJ Foundation closed the evening with a big check presentation. Included in the total was a donation of \$12,000 with \$10,000 coming from the Wee One Foundation and \$2,000 from the GCSAA. With this help we expect that the final total will approach and may exceed \$40,000. We still have several people who expressed interest in donation and the Foundation will continue to receive donations with 100% of these donations going to the McMahon Family.

The night ended with lots of hugs, laughs and good wishes and Allen noted that superintendents do more than just grow grass. He is absolutely correct and we all share in the success of an event that we wish had never been needed.

About Wee One Foundation

The Wee One Foundation was founded in 2004 when friends of Wayne Otto, CGCS banned together to financially assist him in his battle with cancer. Wayne was a pioneer in the turf industry always searching for new and better ways to produce a finer playing surface.

Those that knew Wayne, knew a man small in stature and a man that placed more effort and enthusiasm into his friendships and care for his fellow man. Wayne died in the fall of 2004 but his passion for life and his willingness to help still live on because of the work of the Wee One Foundation.

Through the perseverance and hard work of several friends of Wayne, the group developed its mission of helping those in need.

Founded on the principle of assisting golf course management professionals (or their dependents) who incur overwhelming expenses due to medical hardship without comprehensive insurance or adequate financial resources, the Foundation has evolved into a cause that goes way beyond its initial reason for existence.

Since its inception in 2004 the Wee One Foundation has gifted over \$1,000,000 to those in need. The Foundation raises money through its membership, golf outings and sponsorships.



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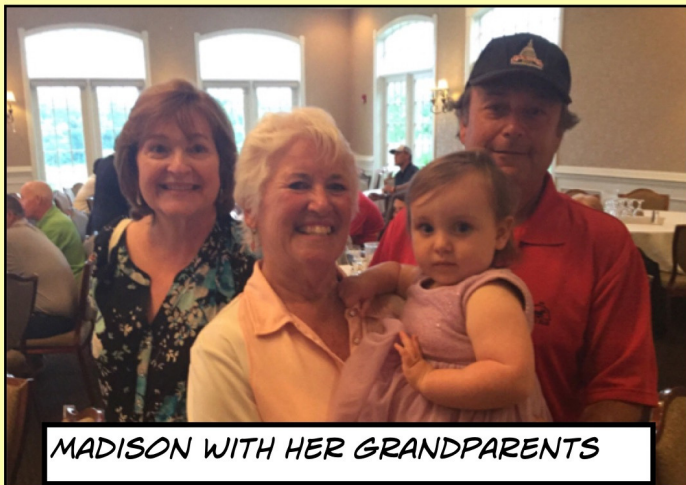
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2018 RUTGERS TURFGRASS CLASSIC



By Shaun Barry

On May 7th, Fiddler's Elbow C.C. hosted the 23rd Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classic which is run by the NJ Turfgrass Foundation with lots of help from the Center For Turfgrass Science. The Classic Committee benefits from the superb efforts of Drs. Bonos, Clarke and Meyer. Bill and Stacy reach out to their contacts in the seed industry and when these two world class turfgrass breeders ask for help very seldom are they turned down. The results are the same when Bruce asks. Everyone recognizes what Bruce stands for and that the results are fair and accurate. The CTS results are the benchmark for cool season turfgrass and the scientists working in the program are always thinking of ways to keep expanding the horizons of turfgrass research.

The final number of golfers who committed to play was 372 which is our second highest number ever. Many of these people come from the 13 Premier, 2 Eagle and 10 Birdie Sponsors that Bill, Bruce and Stacy are responsible for signing-up. Looking at a quick breakdown of who supports this industry event we are not surprised by some of the different parts of the Green Industry in attendance. 304 of the attendees have a direct connection to the golf industry. Golf Course superintendents (93), suppliers and vendors (84), university staff & students (37), seed producers & suppliers (90) make up the number. Included in those numbers are 6 associations.

As expected we had several people whose schedules changed and caused them to miss the day. We had 354 actual golfers who headed out to one of three courses and it is awesome watching all of the carts leaving the staging area. Registration of these people were handled by Karen Plumley, Rich Buckley, Sabrina Tirpak, Classic Committee members and 10 volunteers from the Turfgrass program.



The weather was excellent. The temperature was moderate and a nice thin layer of clouds kept everyone feeling comfortable. In a year that it seems rain is an everyday occurrence we were quite lucky.


Matt Willigan, Ben Messenger and Steven Saxe had to deal with lots of construction this Spring and with all of the rain, getting that completed in time was quite a challenge but they did it and while the courses are always in great shape this may have been their best year yet. They and their staff deserve a warm round of applause. In addition to their efforts our thanks go out to General Manager, Tom Hurley, Chef Michael and Ryan Buckley who is Fiddler's Outing Coordinator. These folks and everyone at Fiddler's is committed to making this day special.

Jeff Weld, Matt Lindner, Cece Peabody and her staff ran the biggest Silent Auction that I have ever seen. Last year we had about 85 items and this year we had 125 items. Anybody who took the time to browse through the items was sure to find something of interest.

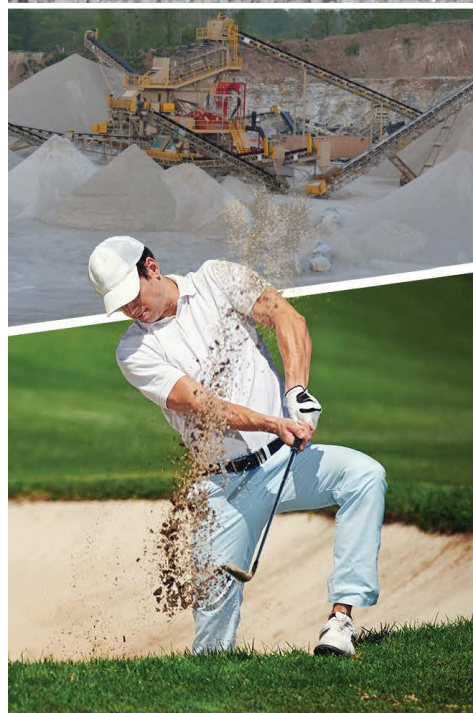
The extended cocktail reception is always so popular most people don't even move inside for the introductions and awarding of the prizes. Dean Robert Goodman was introduced by Dr Clarke and he spoke for a few minutes expressing the appreciation of the university for this event and he touched on some of the new directions that are being considered. Bruce was very gracious in defeat as he acknowledged Dr Meyer's victory in their annual competition to see who can bring in the largest amount of support. Bruce got closer this year but it appears that the only way he will win is if Bill retires before he does.

I hope that anyone who has attended the Classic enjoyed it enough to make sure you are part of the day in 2019. The need for everyone's support grows every year and for the CTS to continue as a leader in research it cannot do it without your help.





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By Shaun Barry

Hamilton Farm Golf Club Hosts The 2018 Shootout

The GCSANJ Foundation's 5th Annual Shootout was held at Hamilton Farm Golf Club. The Club has a great reputation and everyone in attendance could see why. Our members and guests were given first class treatment which is the way the club treats everyone.

Jason Harrison was our host along with Brad Jones and Casey Utton. They and their staff had prepared the course over the weekend for a major club event and those conditions carried over to our tournament. The weekend green speeds were over 13 feet on the stimp meter and they didn't get any slower for us.

A few folks got to the club early enough to play the Hickory Course and enjoyed it immensely. I believe this is still the only 18-hole par three course in America that has a USGA slope rating. That is quite impressive.

The Foundation normally limits the number of players at the Shootout to 100 golfers but due to a strong interest in the club we upped the number to 112 players. We didn't want to disappoint anyone, if possible.

The weather was warm and dry, but the 95 degrees did eventually lead to a wild thunderstorm as people were heading to their cars. Good timing. The heat forced us to dine inside with the air conditioning and there were no complaints from anyone.

Before and during dinner we acknowledged our hosts and sponsors. The sponsors are listed below, but several need to be mentioned here because their level of sponsorship was new this year. Their sponsorship came from them asking how they can do more. The executive committee led by President Tony Hooks, Vice President Tyler Otero, Treasurer Keith Bennett and Secretary Pat Husby in conjunction with GCSANJ Executive Director Maureen Sharples were able to accommodate them.

This was the first year that we had title sponsors. Both Helena and Textron were quick to assume the title sponsor level. Shortly after that was completed BASF agreed to be the reception sponsor. The level of support from the industry has never wavered and that support for this event means the Foundation can continue to fulfill its mission statement.

A search for the 2019 site has begun and several clubs have been contacted. Once we have a signed contract we will let you know so you can put it on your calendar. It no doubt will be a meeting that you won't want to miss.

Shootout Results

RTJ CUP, LOW GROSS

PLANT FOOD:

TONY HOOKS & STEVE RABIDEAU (67)

THE FOUNDERS CUP, LOW NET

RUTGERS CTS:

JIM MURPHY & DON KOBAYASHI (63)

LOW NET:

SECOND PLACE

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TOM HIGGINS & RON SIMPSON (64 MC)

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CP: PAUL KACANDES - 12 FT 0 INS

CP: PAUL KACANDES - 8 FT 4 INS

CP: STEVE WHIPPLE - 2 FT 11 INS

LD - KEATON JUERGENS

LD - DAN MCCRAKEN

NOTE: EVEN THOUGH ROB ARNTS & ROB JOHNSON
DIDN'T WIN IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT ROB
ARNTS SHOT A 69 ON HIS OWN BALL WITH 3
BOGEYS. PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.

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GCSANJ THROUGH THE DECADES

PART SEVEN

By Ken Kubik, Grass Roots Inc.



1926: Greenkeepers Association of NJ is founded with fifteen charter members. They first meet on 9/14/1926 under a big tree next to the barn at Crestmont CC with John Anderson, head greenkeeper. Mr. Anderson was the the first recipient of the GCSANJ "Hall of Fame" award initiated in 2017. The goals of the association are to elevate the greenkeeping profession to a dignified status, advance welfare of its members and to establish a system of education and training. The first chairman (later changed title to president) is Riggs Miller, Richmond County CC, which is actually located on Staten Island, NY.

1936: The Greenkeeper Association of NJ receives a charter of affiliation from the National Association of Greenkeepers of America. John Anderson is elected president of the National Association. The US Open is played at Baltusrol Golf Club "Upper Course," Mason R. Avery Jones, GCS.

1946: Association votes to allow salesmen to attend meetings. Bill Riley, GCS Crestmont CC uses new weed killer 2, 4-D with a homemade boom. Turf Tournament for Golf Course Research is held to raise funds to hire a golf turf research individual at the NJ Experiment Station. The tournament is discontinued eight years later. Rutgers University initiates a ten week winter short course in turf management.

1956: Many golf courses including Essex County CC, Frank Votta, GCS and Rumson CC, Ed Brittain, GCS install fairway irrigation systems after a severe drought strikes NJ. New Jersey GCS are surveyed on their thoughts about electric golf carts.

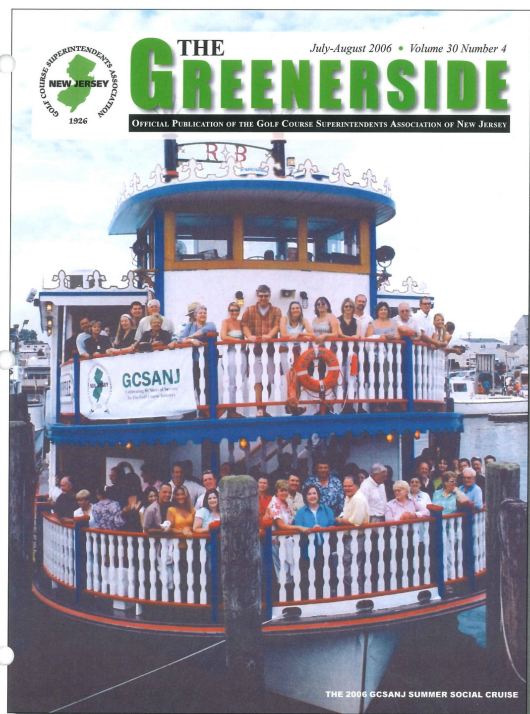
1966: First Association Invitational is held at Colonia CC, Al Caravella, GCS and is won by Ridgewood CC, Bob Kapher, GCS. Ted Roberts, GCS at Fairmount CC is president of the GCSAA.

1976: The district concept for the Association begins. Dr. Henry Indyk, Rutgers University is named executive director. Joe Flaherty, GCS at Baltusrol GC chairs Golden Anniversary Gala held at Shackamaxon CC, Jack Martin, GCS.

1986: Hazardous Waste, Underground Storage Tanks, and Right-to-Know Laws become latest environmental issues. Dr. Ralph Engel, Rutgers University, retires after 40 years of turf research. Al Radko, USGA Green Section is awarded the first GCSANJ Distinguished Service Award. The initial ShopRite LPGA Classic is held at the Stockton Seaview Resort & Golf Club, John Boyer, GCS. Steve Cadenelli, GCS at the developing Links at Vista Center is nominated for Director of the GCSAA. EPA cancels the registration of the insecticide Diazinon for use on golf courses.



Bob Kapherr, Ridgewood C.C. team, 1966.



1996: Soft spikes enter the turf management vocabulary. Shaun Barry, Aventis E.S. is awarded the first GCSANJ Member of the Year Award. Ken Krausz becomes the fourth Editor of the “Greenerside” and the newsletter again wins an award from the GCSAA. John Boyer, GCS at the Marriot Seaview Resort wins the GCSAA Environmental Steward Award for the resort golf course category in the Northeastern Region. The GCSANJ Field Day returns to Rutgers Golf Course/Stadium Complex after a three year hiatus due to stadium and bubble construction. The 1st Annual Rutgers Turfgrass Research Classic is held at Fiddlers Elbow CC, Tom Breiner, GCS and Dave McGhee, GM.

2006: The Water Supply Advisory Council Bill is signed into law by Governor Richard Codey. The bill is sponsored by the Alliance for Water Conservation (AWC) and they recommend to the Governor that one of the seats be filled from the ranks of the GCSANJ. Mickey Stachowski, GCS at the Golf Course of Concordia is named a recipient of the prestigious GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Award. The first GCSANJ Summer Social Cruise is held. The weather is perfect and 144 people attend and have a fantastic time on the River Belle, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ.

2016: The NJ Open is held at Galloping Hill GC, Russ Harris, GCS. It is the first time the event is held at a county owned golf course. The 98th PGA Championship is held at Baltusrol GC, Mark Kuhns, Director of Grounds, Dan Kilpatrick, Lower GCS and Jim Devaney, Upper GCS. After expenses are paid from sponsorship monies received from industry partners, \$27,275.15 is donated to turfgrass industry foundations, associations, and university turf clubs.

2026: The 100th Anniversary of the GCSANJ and it will continue to be the benchmark of the GCS Associations throughout the world.



“We learn from experience that men never learn anything from experience.”

**-George Bernard Shaw
(circa 1856-1950)**

GOLF COURSE GREEN CERTIFICATION

BY KEVIN DOYLE, GCSAA NE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE



Golf courses are often misunderstood, tagged as hazards to the environment. Much effort is put into setting the record straight. One way to differentiate higher standards is through specifically designed environmental programs.

Before GCSAA's 50 by 2020 best management practices initiative, some state and local programs were already in place. One such comprehensive program developed in conjunction with Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) is the Rhode Island Golf Course Green Certification, a collaboration with the Rhode Island Golf Course Superintendents Association (RIGCSA).

In 2010, the RIGCSA, led by then president John LeClair, CGCS, worked hard to develop the voluntary point-based program and have touted the benefits ever since.

With a score of 300 points need to achieve certification, and a further 350 points required to re-certify, these totals are indeed lofty goals.

More than simply turf, this program looks to touch all aspects of the golf facility and you are rewarded with points for practices or changes that are positive for the environment. As always, the benefits of environmental programs come from the resulting data, and I recently learned that the data does indeed impress!

GCSAA class AFC member Pat Hogan, government relations director for the RIGCSA, updated the group at a recent chapter meeting on RI DEM data. Ann Battersby, Senior Environmental Scientist at the DEM, compiled information from seven golf courses recently recertifying through the Golf Course Green Certification program.

Here are some of the highlights:

Pesticide reduction: 32 pounds

Fertilizer reduction: 98,690 pounds

Water reduction: 243.8 million gallons

Hogan's employer, Sodco, is also a noted environmental business earning Sustainable Turf Farm Certification designation. Sodco's

recertification numbers are stunning as well:

Pesticide reduction: 61 gallons

Fertilizer reduction: 103,455 pounds

Water reduction: 129.2 million gallons

Whether by using your current or future BMPs, state sponsored programs (as RI has done), or utilizing lake/river friendly opportunities, the intrinsic or perceived value of environmental programs and their recognition is real. When voluntary efforts large or small can result in differences as noted above, it continues to prove the stewardship of our industry.

As of February 2018, 13 courses in Rhode Island are Golf Course Green Certified:

Button Hole GC
Shelter Harbor GC
Goddard Memorial Park GC
Alpine CC
Rhode Island CC
Sakonnet GC
Wannamoisett CC
Point Judith CC
Agawam Hunt Club
Potowomut GC
Pawtucket CC
Weekapaug GC
Newport CC

Kudos to the seven recertified Rhode Island Golf Course Green Certification on their accomplishments and I look forward to the data 13 courses can develop in the future! Want to learn more about the program? Check out the Rhode Island Golf Course Green Certification workbook link here:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/assist/grn-cert/pdf/rigolcer.pdf>

Again, if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me.



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THE SECRET TO FINDING HIDDEN MUSCLE

By Kyle Newell

Well, well, well. It turns out that we do have some areas that are waiting for us to unlock some hidden muscle.

Ok, I suppose that the first thing I should address is the idea of adding muscle. If you are like most men, you've been inundated with the idea of gaining weight is bad, no matter the type of weight you gain.

YOU need to gain muscle and fight to gain muscle your entire life. Muscle is your foundation for every other physical quality. Muscle is your fountain of youth. Once we cross the age of 25, it's bye-bye muscle unless we actively fight against the cannibalization of 'it'. As we gain muscle, I can guarantee that you will lose body fat. Don't worry how I know this, just trust me on this point.

Now, if you've hired a trainer before or have been going to a Globo-gym, I am sure that you have been taught the wrong way as far as training goes.

Screeeeccchhhhhh..
That was me putting on the breaks, I am getting ahead of myself again.

We have two different types of muscle groups. And yes, we do have over 600 muscles in the body, but to focus on all of them would be silly. Let's focus on the big global muscles, the 'bang for your buck' muscles.

Tonic muscles are the ones that get tighter as we get tired or age. Phasic muscles are those that tend to weaken under stress or age. So, bad things happen when we are tired, stressed or not aging gracefully.

The tonic muscles include the upper back, your pecs (chest), biceps, the hip flexors and piriformis, hamstrings and calf muscles. I want you to think for a minute of how you sit when you are at work.

If you are similar to the masses, you sit with a rounded back, leaning forward. This only exacerbates the issue of the tonic muscles getting tighter.

The phasic muscles include the rhomboids, mid-back, triceps, gluteus maximus, deep abs, external obliques and deltoids (shoulders). These muscles are for the most part on the back side of the body or aren't readily visible.

Most men head to the gym, if at all, and train the tonic muscles, well, because that's what the magazines have shown you to do or better yet, Jimmy the personal trainer thought what you really needed were bigger biceps and a better set of pecs.

Again, this training the tonic muscles exclusively will only speed up the shortening process of them as we age. What would be the logical thing to do with tight muscles? Oh yes, stretch and move them through a range of motion! Back to that in a minute.

HEALTH FEATURE

The phasic muscles are those that'll be the first to have gravity destroy them, meaning they will get saggy and droopy first. These are areas that can put a lot of muscle on and that'll keep us young and full of vitality. I have always had our athletes train the heck out of these areas because most of the athletes need to gain muscle and gain it fast.

And if you have fallen into the trap of thinking that the bench press is king for a man, here is some good news for you. By training the mid-back, delts and triceps, your bench will continue to get stronger and stronger in your bench press (the bench isn't done correctly by 99.9% of the people to develop and train the chest).

So, what to do?

Without addressing nutrition here, let's talk training. I am sure that you don't have hour upon free hour to train. With that in mind, we need to think efficiency. The first thing that I'd advise you to do is to stretch the tonic muscles.

Specifically, I'd have you stretch the pecs, biceps and hip flexors and roll out the hamstrings, piriformis (a deep muscle of the glute region) and calves. This is more effective for those areas than performing simple static stretching. For the stretching, either use a TRX strap or find a door way, bend elbows at 90 degrees, brace one arm on each side of the door way and lean forward slowly.

For strengthening and packing on muscle in the phasic muscles, I will provide you four exercises.

That means that anyone can do these three things as I have the novice in mind, but just because these movements are simple it doesn't mean that you can't make them extremely challenging.



I want you to first do a 'Bat-wing'. To perform these, you will lay face down on a bench and keep your feet on the ground. Grab a pair of dumbbells off of the ground and pull up to your rib cage, bringing the elbows straight up to the ceiling. Hold that for 5 sets of 10.

For the glutes, I want you to perform a goblet squat. Take a dumbbell or kettlebell and hold it goblet style on your chest. Sink down into a full squat, elbows touching the insides of your knees. I'd recommend 5 sets of 10-20 reps each and every workout.

Finally, I'll give you two options for the delts and triceps. The first one is a simple pushup, but make sure your elbows are facing forward, not bent at 90 degrees like nearly everyone does them (that is a HUGE failure of physical education teachers, world-wide, in my opinion. Hey, I can say that, I was a PE teacher.) Perform 100 reps each and every day.

The second exercise for this region is the one arm overhead dumbbell press. Keep your heels together and start with a light dumbbell and press it from shoulder all the way to lock out. Let's go with 5 sets of 6-10 reps here.

Remember when I said you can make these extremely hard? Here is what I meant in terms of what very hard would be:

goblet squats with 5 sets of 20 reps at 100 pound dumbbells, 100 pushups with 60 pounds of weight added in the form of chains or a weight vest, goblet squats for 5x20 with 100+ pound dumbbells and finally, 5 sets at 10 seconds of bat wings with 60+ pound dumbbells.

Alas. You now have the tools to keep your muscles young and supple while packing on a boat load of muscle. Yes, it is that effective. Don't let the simplicity of it fool you. The treasure trove of hidden muscle is there for the taking.



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BACK WHEN BOTTLES WERE MADE OF GLASS

By Doug Vogel

Long before going green meant going brown, pink was the color any greenskeeper worthy of his title was striving for. Having your course described as being in The Pink of Condition was a compliment of the highest order during the first 50 years of American golf course maintenance.

Fast forward to 2018, “dialed in” would be the modern-day equivalent.

The American greenskeeping profession has changed tremendously during the past 100 years, but has it really changed at all? The vocabulary may have changed, the chemistries may have changed, and the techniques may have changed, but the end result has not. Grass still needs to be cut, cups still need to be cut and sometimes budgets need to be cut.

Let’s look back and compare at how things were done differently while somehow achieving the same results.

Fertilization circa 1950

Artie - “Have you tried that new fertilizer Agrinite?”

Al - “Yeah, I put it down in the late fall, just after Thanksgiving when the grass goes dormant.”

Artie - “But the grass is frozen isn’t it?”

Al - “That’s why they call it dormant feeding.”

Artie - “What rate you going out with on your fairways?”

Al - “Wide open.”

Artie - “What about your greens?”

Al - “Bag a green.”

Fertilization circa 2010

Elliott - “When you going out with your Fall app?”

Doug - “Late Summer. I’m spoon feeding weekly up until Thanksgiving.”

Elliott - “I see. You’re just tickling the turf with a little N?”

Doug - “No, I’m just spoon feeding.”

Elliott - “That’s a lot of labor expense, isn’t it?”

Doug - “Not really, it’s my labor and I’m salaried and I can fit it in my 80-hour work week.”

Elliott - “Any kelp in the mix?”

Doug - “No, the soil test saw no need for it.”

Elliott - “Who would have thought you didn’t need any kelp?”

Green Speed circa 1936

Henry - "Did you hear Bobby Jones say that the U.S Open's greens were the fastest he ever putted on?"

Monahan - "Yes I did, and unfortunately, so did my green chairman. Now he wants our greens cut just like theirs."

Henry - "That's crazy. Did you tell him it was only for the week of the U.S. Open?"

Monahan - "He didn't want to hear it."

Henry - "What height were they cutting them at anyway?"

Monahan - "3/16 of an inch."

Henry - "3/16 of an inch? Yikes! That's low."

Monahan - "Yes, 3/16 of an inch and six days a week."

Henry - "Six days a week? I hope my chairman never finds that one out."

Grubs circa 1968

Ed - "I heard you have grubs on your greens."

Pete - "Who told you that?"

Ed - "Your least favorite salesman."

Pete - "I should have known. I don't buy anything from him."

Ed - "What happened?"

Pete - "My assistant dropped four jugs of chlordane on the cement floor of the barn. Glass and poison everywhere. Smelled like hell. There was no money in the budget to buy anymore."

Ed - "Four jugs! What rate you going out with?"

Pete - "One gallon per 1/2 acre."

Ed - "Well, don't say I didn't tell you so."

Pete - "What d'ya mean?"

Ed - "I told you upgrading your barn floor with cement would come back to haunt you."

Green speed circa 2005

Asst. Supt. - "Did you hear Tiger Woods say that the greens at the U.S. Open were slow?"

Intern - "Slow? I thought they were cutting them at .095. How could they be slow?"

Asst. Supt. - "Because Tiger said so."

Intern - "I saw them double rolling them. What were they stimping at?"

Asst. Supt. - "Between 12 and 13."

Intern - "That's sick."

Asst. Supt. - "Bobby Jones would have thought so."

Intern - "Who's Bobby Jones?"

Grubs circa 2013

Brad - "I heard you have grubs on your greens."

Gary - "Who told you that?"

Brad - "An anonymous posting on the web."

Gary - "Web this! My greens are cherry."

Brad - "How did you get them so cherry?"

Gary - "My spray tech went out and bombed the greens with an app of Imidachloprid this spring?"

Brad - "May I ask at what rate?"

Gary - "Yes you may."

Brad - "Everyone has to be a wise guy. What rate?"

Gary - "1.6 ounce per 1/4 acre."

Brad - "WP or F?"

Gary - "Neither. WSP. Only way to go."

Brad - "Did it do a good job?"

Gary - "Yes, but if we miss a few I will have my five interns hand pick the adults and crush them between their fingers. You know-IPM."

Brad - "Any problems with the ASPCA with that method?" (laughter)

Gary - "Not yet."

Brad - "Sounds pretty simple to me."

Gary - "Don't tell anyone, but I go out with trichlorfon in the early Fall just in case."

Brad - "Just in case what?"

Gary - "Just in case you find out I don't have any interns and you post it on Facebook."

Irrigation

Old Timer - "Back in the day we made 40 minute moves on the greens."

Youngster - "What do you mean...moves?"

Old Timer - "You know, you set up the sprinkler in the back of the green and after 40 minutes you walk over, pick up the sprinkler and move it to the front of the green for another 40 minutes."

Youngster - "That sounds like you're putting down a lot of water on the greens."

Old Timer - "Exactly, they were green and lush by the next morning."

Youngster - "Didn't that promote advanced fungal activity?"

Old Timer - "Son, what do you think Mercury was for?"

Youngster - "Freddie Mercury?"

Old Timer - "No, the heavy metal poison."

Youngster - "Sir, Poison thinks they were heavy metal. You must mean Megadeath."

Old Timer - "No, I didn't mean Megadeath. That only took care of worms."

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we asked, you answered



"A summer vacation would be spent traveling to a location my family has never been. Preferably, a trip to northern New England to get a glimpse of some October weather and maybe even lobster fishing trip!"

-Jason Osterhoudt



"I intend to take summer vacations once our little girl gets a bit older. I would go see some of our National Parks or rent a cabin/house on a lake somewhere."

-Joe Kinlin

"I would spend my vacation not on a golf course. One thing I miss about summer is firing up the barbecue and relaxing with friends and family back home. My ideal summer vacation would be going back to New England and renting a lake house. "

-Justin Adams



"I would like to vacation on the beach in the Outer Banks with my children and grandchildren. Actually a summer vacation anywhere with my family would be great by me."

-John O'Keefe



If you could take summer vacations, how would they be spent?



"If I could take summer vacations it would have to be somewhere we could escape the summer heat for a bit and do some camping and fishing. Maybe head up north to Lake George and rent a cabin for a week, or two. This way we could get away from hectic pace of New Jersey as well. A complete change of scenery would be nice."

-Justin Dorman

"I WOULD DEFINITELY SPEND TIME AT MY HOUSE IN NORTH CAROLINA. I HAVE HAD IT FOR 4 YEARS AND HAVE NEVER SEEN MY WARM SEASON LAWN WHEN IT IS GREEN, ONLY WHEN IT IS DORMANT IN THE WINTER MONTHS. ASIDE FROM MY HOUSE, IRELAND, ITALY AND AN ALASKAN CRUISE ARE ON THE HIT LIST AS WELL, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY AS LONG AS I CAN SPEND IT WITH MY FAMILY!"

-PAUL DOTTI



"They would be spent with my wife and 3 daughters. As a kid, summer time meant vacationing in my family, and it hurts knowing that my children might not get to experience the same family time in the summer that I had growing up."

-Steve Juhring



"For my family our favorite vacation is to Vista Verde Ranch in Steamboat Springs, CO. It's an all inclusive dude ranch where you get assigned a horse, a saddle, and a pair of cowboy boots for the week. Along with horseback riding, you can hike some awesome trails in the National Forest by the ranch, fly fish the Elk River and close by lakes for trout, mountain bike some exciting and beautiful trails. But the greatest thing about the ranch is that there are no TVs, no internet, and no cell service, so you are totally off the grid. It's a great chance to unplug and unwind with the family."

-Dennis Granahan

"A compromise with my wife and 2 young daughters: I get to play golf in the early morning, (first one on the course), then we spend the day doing the beach/ boardwalk thing; Ocean City, NJ and Rehoboth Beach, DE are both great for families with quality golf nearby."

-Michael Grillo



WHO ARE THEY

1.



When this picture was taken, Tom Cruise got his debut in "Risky Business"

Die hard Bengal Fan!

High school picture of this young stud! APro Sheen, disco and the Mac Davis look was a hit!!

2.



3.



One guy has won 14 majors, the other guy should be a 14 handicap.

Grew up in Buffalo and I love the Jets!



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