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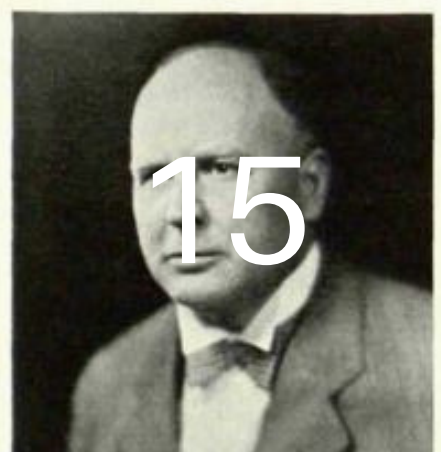


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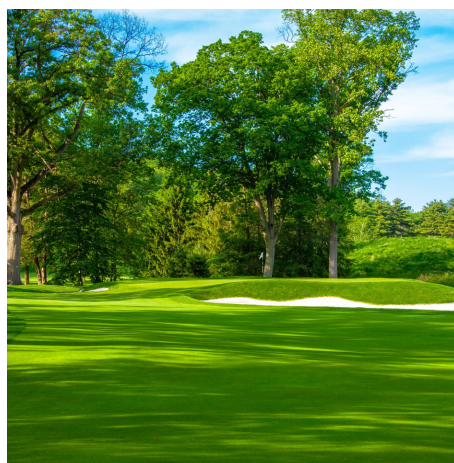
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Russell Harris, Chapter President
Gallop Hill Golf Course*



MIND OVER MATTER

As we anticipate the season to start, these few weeks give us the opportunity to relax and reflect. I feel it's more important than ever to take this time to focus on ourselves. Whether it is mentally, physically, or emotionally, the health of our minds and bodies is not something that should be compromised or placed on the back burner.

The trials and tribulations of 2018 are hopefully behind us for good, but we all know that even in the good years, our jobs are probably one of the more stressful ones around. Many of the challenges we face are brought to us by things completely beyond our control which in turn causes stress.

With that being said, it's imperative that we all take time to focus on ourselves. The stigma surrounding mental health these days makes it harder for some of us to admit, confront, and treat head-on. We in the golf industry are just as susceptible to these problems as any other person in any other industry. If the care involves talking to someone, going for a run, or simply watching a good movie then DO IT.

The tools and resources for accomplishing all of those things are all around us and are readily available. If you feel the need, make that call to have a talk, hit the gym or go for that run, or simply throw the tv on and take that time just for you. In order for us to be good grass growers, good leaders, good spouses, good parents, and even better people, our focus needs to be our own self-care. A strong sense of self and a positive mindset will always trickle down to the people around you.

Without proper health, in any sense of the word, we as people cannot begin to realize our true potential in life and how much our presence influences the those around us.

Sincerely,

RUSSELL HARRIS
Chapter President

FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Maureen Sharples

CAREER CHECK-UP

If I had to guess I would say most of us have gone into a job interview and have been asked the ubiquitous question, “Where do you see yourself in five or ten years?” Looking back on your answer, did you achieve your goal? Does that answer still apply to your current situation? When was the last time you sat down and reviewed your long and short-term career goals?

Many of us can become complacent in our current position and lose sight of goals. These goals can be becoming a superintendent, reaching a high sales quota, or planning retirement. Whether you have been in your current role for twenty years or just starting out, every professional should give themselves a career check-up once a year. Maybe the question might be “Where don’t you see yourself in five or ten years?”

Take some time to review your resume, edit or start a portfolio, or review your professional reference list. You may not be looking to make a move today but being prepared will help you progress in your goals.

As a member of GCSAA, there are a great number of professional resources at your fingertips. The GCSAA website offers contract/salary negotiations tips, portfolio templates, public speaking and presentation advice, and resume building. The website is also helpful if you are looking to hire a new member for your team. There are a variety of job description templates and interview questions to help you find the right candidate.

In addition to these resources, be sure to update your LinkedIn profile. This is typically one of the first tools used to research potential candidates. It is a great platform to highlight your specific skills or successful projects/initiatives.

I am always here for assistance and guidance or even to proof your professional documents. Just reach out, I am here to help.

MAUREEN SHARPLES
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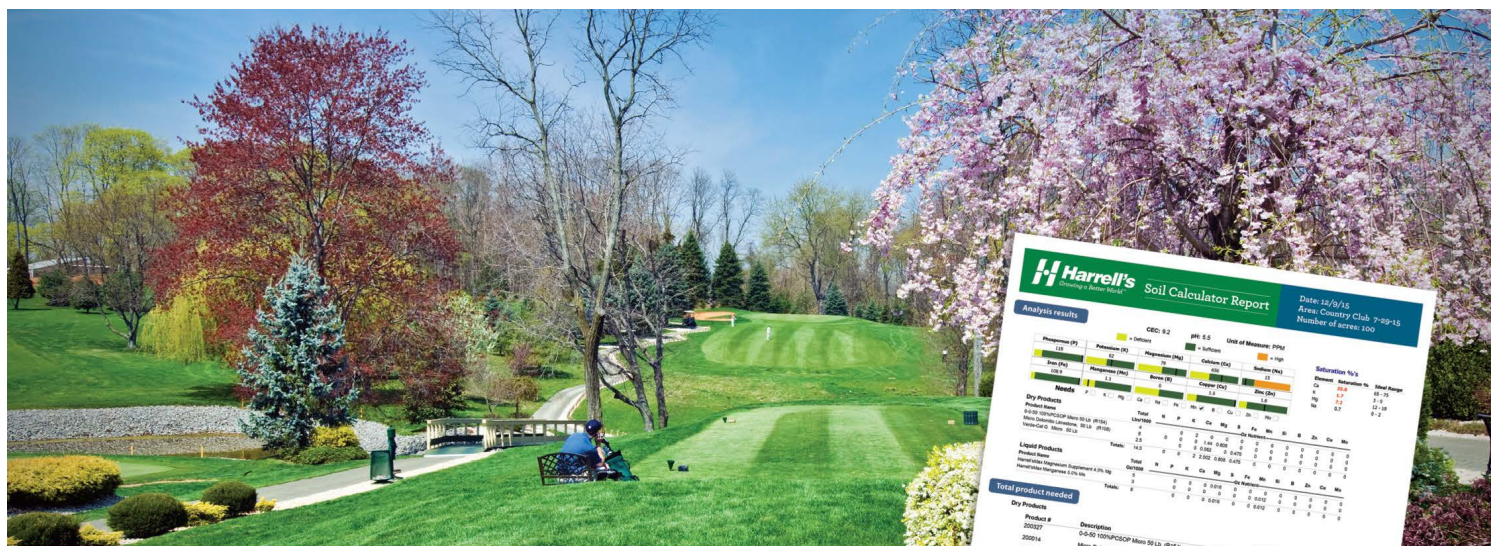
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Tyler Otero of Harrell's and his wife Meredith welcomed their son, Charlie on December 29th.



➔ MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Greg Boring is the new Director of Grounds & Golf Maintenance at Baltusrol Golf Club. Greg was previously the Director of Clubhouse and Grounds Operations at The Country Club of Scranton.

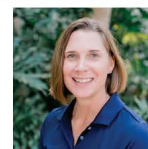


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Host: Jason Osterhoudt



DISTRICT 1 GOLF MEETING

June 12th (Nine & Dine)
The Ridgewood Country Club
Host: Todd Raisch, CGCS



CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP

October 21st
The Ridge at Back Brook
Host: Alan Bean

THE STANLEY CUP & THE LESLIE CUP

Stanley Cup

Rob Johnson of Fisher & Son and Rob Arnts of Stanton Ridge C.C. claimed the Stanley Cup in their final round against Jeff Haas of Golf Cart Services and Joe Kinlin of Bea Ley G.C. at The Bedens Brook Club.



Leslie Cup

Josh Kopera of Harrell's and Gabe Wochley of Glen Ridge C.C. claimed the Leslie Cup in their final round against Tony Hooks of Due Process and Brett Scales of Navesink C.C. at Bayonne Golf Club.



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➔ RUTGERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

At the recent Rutgers Scholarship Awards Banquet, Jennifer Torres was presented with the Professional Golf Turf Management School Award For Professional Excellence.

Presenting the award is Dr. Richard Edwards. Dr. Edwards is the past Chancellor for Rutgers University and is currently the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at Rutgers University.

This award is only given to one graduate each year. It is an honor given to a graduate who has utilized the knowledge gained at Rutgers to successfully move forward in their chosen profession.

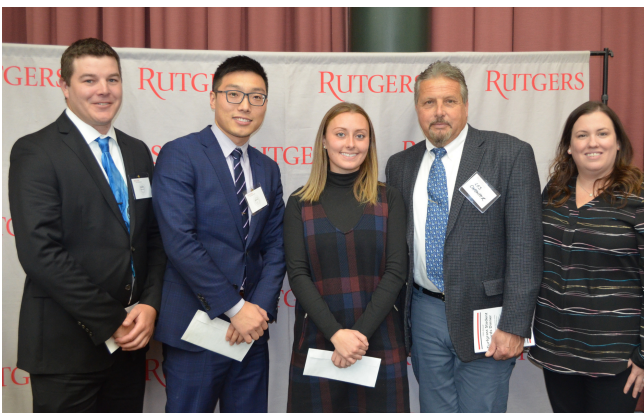
Jennifer grew up on a farm and has never been afraid of hard work. Her strong work ethic and her desire to be the best superintendent that she could have led her to her current position as Superintendent at Makefield Highlands Golf Club. This award is well deserved.



➔ GCSANJ FOUNDATION RUTGERS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The GCSANJ Foundation presented 3 scholarships at the Rutgers Scholarship Awards Banquet. The winners are shown below.

L-R: Austin Grimshaw (Graduate Student), Yuanshu (Henry) Qu (Graduate Student), Raquel Swartz (Undergraduate Student). Representing the Foundation is Les Carpenter, CGCS and representing the GCSANJ is Maureen Sharples.





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➔ LOCAL BOY SCOUTS WORK WITH SOMERSET COUNTY GOLF COURSES

MEMBER NEWS

By Darrell Marcinek, CGCS Director of Golf Maintenance, Somerset County Park Commission

This year I was contacted by two separate Boy Scouts looking for service projects to fulfill their requirements to become Eagle Scouts. It needed to be a small-scale project with a 6-8 hour service window. In the past, I've had scouts build bat boxes and birdhouses and many of these are still intact throughout the five golf courses. In fact, we have a plethora of extras on hand to replace any rotted or damaged structures.

After some brainstorming, I came up with the idea of having the scouts build butterfly hibernation boxes and owl boxes. Brandon Mark from Basking Ridge constructed butterfly hibernation boxes. Butterfly boxes offer a safe, secure location for butterflies to hibernate or metamorphosize.

Tyler Tomczak from Hillsborough constructed Barn owl boxes. Barn owl boxes have a unique design allowing owls to safely nest without having to worry about predators (raccoons) entering the dwelling.

The main reason for selecting these boxes is, of course, to promote the environment, but also satisfy goals we have set with the River-friendly Golf Course program, Groundwater Guardian Green Site initiative and Audubon International.

I highly recommend taking part in these voluntary programs and also reaching out to your local scouts as there is always an opportunity to give back to your community and help a local scout achieve his or her goal.



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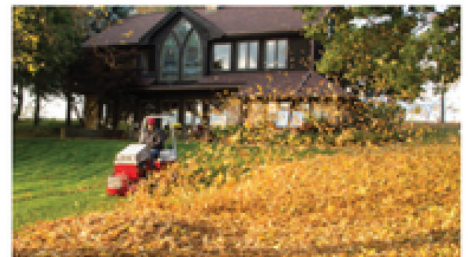
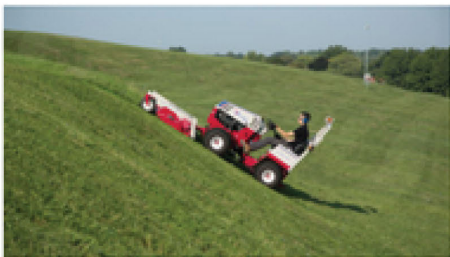
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A special thanks to Canoe Brook Country Club for hosting our event

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Class C Rep - Mike Williams, Indian Spring Country Club

Also in Today's Paper



Fred Parcells joins our board.
Golf course superintendent at
Shackamaxon Golf Club



Tyson Karcher serves our board
and is golf course superintendent
at Mattawang Golf Club.



Past and Present GCSANJ board members



From L-R, Keith Bennett
(Member of the Year/Grass
Roots), Jamie Devers (GC
superintendent/board member and
host of meeting) and Ken Kubik
(legend/Grass Roots)

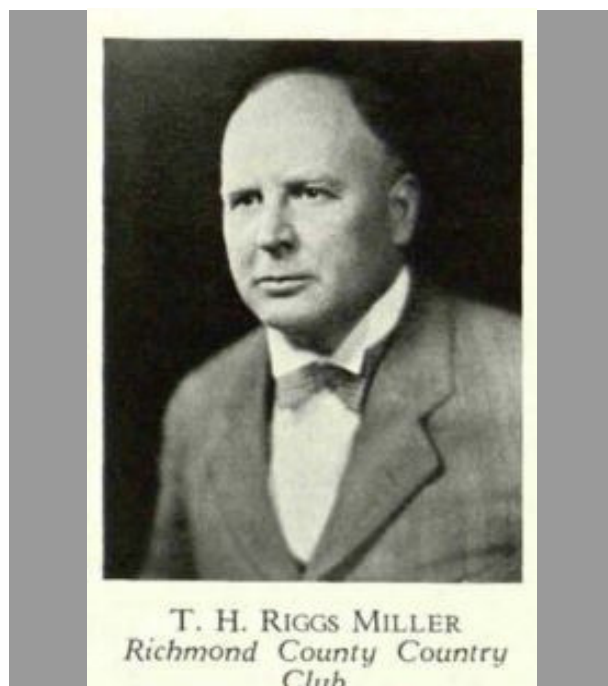
REWRITING GCSANJ HISTORY...

the truth about Riggs Miller

By Doug Vogel Golf Course Superintendent, Preakness Valley Golf Course

The year was 1926 and greenkeeping associations were just starting to pop up around the country. The New Jersey boys were one of those pioneering groups. They first met at John Anderson's Crestmont Country Club to hear him speak of the need for unity and brotherhood amongst fellow greenkeepers. Anderson's dynamic personality impressed the small group and they left Crestmont that day having sown the seeds for what would become the New Jersey Greenkeeping Association. Curiously, John Anderson- a leader among leaders- wasn't chosen to become the first president. That historical footnote belongs to a gentleman by the name of Riggs Miller.

Fast forward to 1998. The 75th anniversary of the GCSANJ was three years away and it was suggested that a history of the association be put in writing. I don't remember if I was asked or if I volunteered, but I do remember having a tremendous amount of fun researching and writing it. The process started by going through six dusty cardboard boxes filled with three quarters of a century of papers, directories and meeting minutes. As was my good fortune, the late Dr. Henry Indyk at some point during his tenure as Executive Director of the association, had all the paperwork neatly cataloged and filed by year starting with 1926. This provided the bulk of association history but there were some gaps that needed to be filled and trips to the USGA research library was necessary.



But this was the late 1990s and researching skills were only as good as your knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System and the operation of the two animals known as the Microfiche and the Microfilm machines. The internet was in its infancy and historical databases were pretty much nonexistent. I was barely computer literate anyway. So after months of using these old-school research techniques, countless revisions and fact checking, the GCSANJ 75th Anniversary Journal was published and sent to members for their reading pleasure. But what about Riggs Miller?

Riggs Miller was listed in the 1932 membership directory as having been the first president of the association serving from 1926-1927. He was the greenkeeper of the Richmond County Country Club in Staten Island and he was a charter member as well. Yes, a greenkeeper from New York was New Jersey's first president. And that's all the information I could come up with in 1998 about Riggs Miller.

In the ensuing years, the internet exploded and became a powerful resource-a researchers dream come true. Newspaper and magazine archives where made available. Club histories, historical photos, and film could be searched all from the comfort of your desk. Type a few words and the Google search engine spewed out pages and pages of previously unknown Riggs Miller information. I learned Riggs Miller came over from England and established himself as a top-notch greenkeeper in the Metropolitan area. He was a prolific writer on greenkeeping topics having been published in The National Greenkeeper, Golfdom, and Golf Illustrated. He was an active charter member of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America (now GCSAA). He became a naturalized citizen on December 2, 1930 while living at 123 Bache Ave in the New Dorp section of Staten Island while employed by Richmond County CC.

Twenty years ago I had little information on Miller but now I'm able to Google Earth his address and see that the house he lived in still exists!

And then there is the smoking gun I recently unearthed with all this new technology about our first president. Mr. Miller authored his articles under the name T.H. Riggs-Miller. His obituary revealed that he moved to the Midwest and set up a turf and architecture business and his full name was Thomas Henry Riggs-Miller. My original research led me to believe that Riggs was his first name. And why wouldn't I? All our association files were printed or written Riggs Miller. No initials, no first names. Just Riggs Miller. Riggs sounded like it could be a cool nickname for a greenkeeper so I went with it. I assumed. And you all know the saying that goes along with the word assume.

We now need to right this wrong that I started and have perpetuated for the past two decades. Please join me by uniting together in the formation of the T. H. Riggs Miller Appreciation Society which will allow us to petition the board to revise our history. A true greenkeeping industry pioneer, Thomas Henry Riggs-Miller deserves nothing less.

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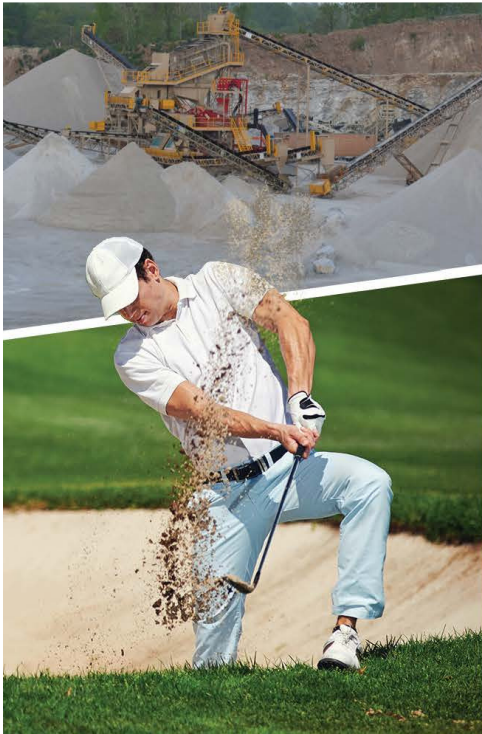
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15 QUESTIONS WITH FRED PARCELLS

By Todd Raisch, CGCS

INTERVIEW

As the newest member of the Association Board of Directors, Fred Parcels III of Shackamaxon Country Club recently sat down with The Greenside to discuss his career, family, and Shackamaxon.

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

I grew up in a military family and had the opportunity to live in many places including Illinois, California, and Georgia. My family moved to Middlesex, NJ in 1993. Currently, I live in the neighboring town of Dunellen, NJ.

2. How long have you worked at Shackamaxon Country Club?

I started at Shackamaxon in February of 2014 as the Assistant Superintendent and became the Superintendent at the end of 2016.

3. What are some of the major changes you have seen since you have been there?

This could be a story of its own. But to keep it short there has been a lot of work done to accommodate the new construction at Shack. With a new main entrance to the club and new homes being built in the middle of the property we have been very busy. To list a couple of the major changes that needed to be done to make this happen was to completely rebuild the 13th hole, relocate the 9th tee and fairway, rebuild the 2nd tee after a water main was installed. We removed and relocated irrigation main lines and over 100 irrigation heads. We are still working on putting it all back together but it has been a great project to be a part of from day one.

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

No day is the same. Every day you come to work with a plan for the day and most of the time the plan changes in the first hour. Being able to handle the change and working with the staff to overcome the challenge of the day is what makes this career both a passion and an obsession.



5. What are your interests outside of work?

I love spending time with my family and watching both my daughters play basketball and grow into the beautiful ladies they are becoming.

6. Tell us about your family?

I was lucky to marry my amazing wife in 2003, and we were blessed with two daughters, Isabel and Addison. We enjoy taking family trips to NYC and the beach. My wife is a teacher, so needless to say, our schedules conflict. Her summers off are my summers on.

7. Why did you become a superintendent?

I began my first job on Fort Sheridan Golf Course, a military golf course on Fort Sheridan Army Base in Illinois. Like most of us, I just fell in love with being on the course and fulfilling the quest: providing the optimal playing surface to play. I decided to turn my job into a profession and attended SUNY Cobleskill to get an education in Turf Grass Management. My first position out of college was with Matt Dobbie at Bamm Hollow Country Club, and with his guidance, I learned that this career is the most amazing job in the world.

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

Shack was designed by A.W. Tillinghast over 100 years ago in 1916. We have the only island green hole built on a course. The fact that the course still plays as Tillinghast intended and still challenges the members and guests is one of its most unique features.

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

Water! This year too much instead of too little. We had a lot of challenges with drainage as most of the course drainage was installed many years ago. Currently, run-off from the surrounding creeks competes with the course drainage. We spent a lot of the summer running trash pumps to remove water from the playing surfaces

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

I get to the club in plenty of time before the crew comes in and the sun comes up. I drive the course and make sure there are no major issues that need to be addressed, enjoying a fleeting moment of solitude. Then, at the staff meeting, we review the morning assignments. When the crew gets going on the course, I check in on them and make sure everything is going as planned, but on any given day you will find me alongside them, knee deep in mud or chain saw in hand.

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

We just finished a major drainage project on the 14th fairway and have more planned for this winter. We are also working on a tree pruning and removal plan. Last year we started a very aggressive soil modification program to our greens Through lots of aeration and topdressing we are working to accomplish. Next on the list would be to do some drill and filling to get to the next level in the soil profile of the greens.



12. With the rich history of Shackamaxon and the Tillinghast design, were there any challenges you had to overcome during the ownership changeover including the construction of housing on the course?

When I started at Shack, the new ownership was in place for about two years. All I can say is that working for Metropolitan Golf and Mr. Schiavone has been amazing. The ownership is very hands-on and is always looking to help improve the club. When changes to the course needed to be made, there was a lot of thought and research dedicated to keeping the Tillinghast design intact. The new #13 hole was made to make room for the new club entrance and was designed after a Tillinghast hole design.

13. You recently joined the GCSANJ Board of Directors. Why did you decide to run and what goals would you like to see the Board pursue?

I decided to run for the Board to try to give back to the GCSANJ. I have been a member for many years and thought it was time to try and help keep the association strong. All members of the Board work at courses and volunteer their time. I wanted to be a part of that and learn from the experience of other dedicated superintendents. My first goal is to just take it all in. It has been amazing to see what it takes to make it all work. I have been asked to work with the membership committee, so now I just want to get my feet wet and help in any way possible.

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

Turning it off; just ask my wife! I'm a workaholic and I love being at the course. And even when you step away, you can't get it out of your head. A sunny day is just that to the laymen, but to us, it's a potential threat or a potential blessing...as is a rainy day or a humid day or a frost...you get it. That quest for perfection is in your blood and hard to ignore.

15. And just for fun, list four things we don't know about you?

- 1) My father works with me at the course.
- 2) I love to play. But don't play enough.
- 3) I'm a fan of The Fan .
- 4) Despite the gourmet chef in the kitchen, I eat grilled cheese for lunch every day.



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2018 SHAUN M. BARRY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT **MARK D. KUHN'S, CGCS**

By Shaun Barry

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor any GCSANJ member can receive. Its first winner was Al Radko from the USGA Green Section in 1986. Since then this award has been presented every year. Many of these names are not familiar to some of our current members but each winner was chosen because of a lifetime of service to the GCSANJ and the turfgrass industry.

I have known all of these people and none of these individuals ever did anything to try and win this award. They were too busy doing their jobs to even consider receiving this award. Everyone that I have spoken to was overwhelmed by this honor but they expressed their opinion that they hadn't done anything worthy of being chosen for the DSA.

Most named other people that they felt were more worthy. As it turns out most of those named eventually did win.

Any GCSANJ member can nominate an individual for the DSA or the MOTY. They are asked to include supporting information that should be considered in the decision-making process. The MOTY is chosen by the current GCSANJ BODs because they all know the nominees. The DSA committee is comprised of past presidents of the GCSANJ because they will know the nominees and what they have done in their careers.

As I stated in the title, Mark Kuhns was chosen this year. He was one of three deserving

candidates and my guess is that those two will win in the near future.

We have all gotten to know Mark in his position of Director of Grounds at Baltusrol for the past twenty years. I won't include everything that he has done since he started working on a golf course when he was eight years old. I will just present a partial list of some of his highlights.

- **Past President of the Mountains & Valley GCSA**
- **Past Trustee of the GCSAA Environmental Institute**
- **Former member of Penn State University Agronomy Advisory Council**
- **Served on the O.J. Noer Foundation BODs.**
- **Member of the Tri-State Turfgrass Research Foundation**
- **Past Director of the PA Turfgrass Council**
- **GCSAA Chairman For Student Relations Committee**
- **GCSANJ representative to NJGIC**
- **Current president of NJGIC**
- **Hosted 2 PGAs, 1 USGA Amateur, and 1 USGA Junior Amateur at Baltusrol Golf Club**
- **Hosted 2 US Open Championships**
- **In 1993, Mark brought 5 staff members from Oakmont to rake bunkers for the US Open. He and his staff members raked bunkers the entire week to help Joe Flaherty. Joe never forgot his generosity and professionalism.**
- **Host course for the 2017 Can/Am Cup**
- **Hosted Rutgers Turfgrass students and instructors every year since 2012.**
- **Supports the Rutgers Turfgrass Field days every year by bringing his entire staff of interns.**
- **Hosted the GCSANJ Hospitality Suite at 2005 and 2016 National PGA Championships.**
- **GCSAA Past President**



As you can see, Mark has always been active wherever he has been. He has worked in PA and NJ supporting their associations. He supports Turfgrass Research anywhere because it will help everyone. He was recognized with the 2016 PA Turfgrass DSA and now is our GCSANJ DSA winner.

The committee chose wisely because Mark has dedicated his working life to improving the status of all who work in our industry. His name is added to this list continues the tradition of honoring great service.

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2018 MEMBER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT **KEITH BENNETT, CGCS**

By Maureen Sharples

Each year our members are given the opportunity to nominate a fellow member who has shown great dedication and service to our chapter for the Member of the Year Award. This year, the Board of Directors received several nominations all for the same person. The nomination forms were filled with sentiments about dedication, commitment, generosity, and strong friendship. On behalf of the chapter, I am proud to award Keith Bennett, CGCS as our unanimous and deserving recipient of the Member of the Year award.

Keith wears many hats. He is a Technical Sales Representative for Grass Roots covering South Jersey, the Treasurer of the GCSANJ Foundation, Vice President of the NJGIC and Government

Affairs Representative for our chapter all while being a devoted husband and father to his wife Lauren and young children Briana and Beau. To say that Keith is dedicated to this industry and our community is an understatement.

His passion for the golf industry started as a teenager working in the pro shop and golf range at Mattawang Golf Club in his hometown of Belle Mead. The superintendent quickly recruited him to the grounds crew, and he spent his days working in both departments. He continued his education at Messiah College and then graduating from the Penn State Turf Program. Keith interned at Baltusrol Golf Club where he met his wife, Lauren.

His career continued as an assistant at Royce Brook Country Club and Hominy Hill, later becoming the superintendent at Charleston Springs South.

Three years ago, Keith began working for Grass Roots. Although he didn't possess a sales background, Grass Roots President, Keith Kubik was impressed by his strong business acumen noting, "Keith is easy to talk to, when you meet him, you trust him." Since his career change, Bennett introduced a South Jersey client base to the company and is known for his low-pressure sales technique and desire to help superintendents with issues they face. When asked what he loves about his new career he quoted Ken Kubik, "Every day is a pop quiz and you never know what subject it will be." Grass Roots has a long history of supporting GCSANJ, so when Bennett wanted to become more involved in the association, Ken and Keith Kubik were happy to support him and are proud of his accomplishments.

Keith's commitment to the GCSANJ Foundation began as a scholarship winner while he was earning his MBA. With the desire to give back and through the guidance of the Foundation Trustees, he was eager to get involved. Since serving on the Foundation Board he has been instrumental in raising funds for our members in need including organizing this year's golf outing for Pat McMahon's daughter, Madison.

Many of us can't comprehend how much time Keith dedicates to his work with government affairs. His advocacy to this area of service makes him our voice and the voice of our profession in Trenton.

Certainly, Keith Bennett is well deserving of the distinction of Member of The Year and on behalf of the chapter I thank you for your dedicated service to GCSANJ.



GCSANJ THROUGH THE DECADES

PART NINE

By Ken Kubik, Grass Roots Inc.



All the presidents at the Presidents Ball (L-R): Chris Carson, Sherwood Moore, Steve Finamore, Edward Walsh, "Skip" Cameron, Jack Martin and Dave Pease.

- **1924:** The cinder track at Newark Athletic Club's Crestmont CC is the venue for the International Track and Field Championship. Two years later it is the venue for the Olympic Trials, noteworthy because Jesse Owens is one of the qualifiers. It is also the site where the creation of an association is first discussed.

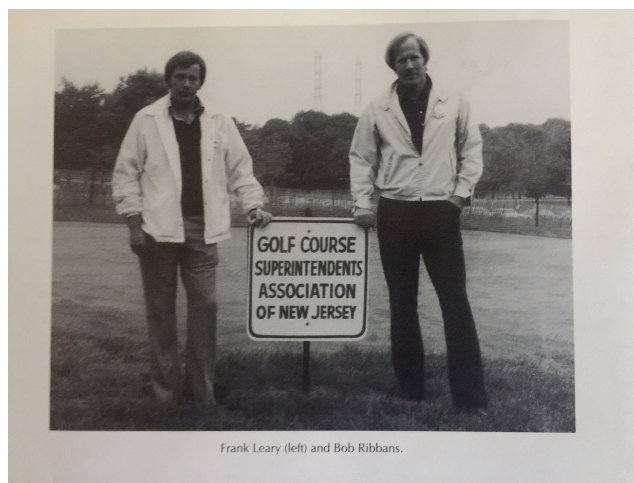
- **1934:** The Greenkeepers Association of New Jersey holds its monthly meeting at the Mountainside Inn in Union County. The meeting had been previously held at the Newark Athletic Club. A.V. Eaton, GCS Trenton Country Club is president of the association.

- **1944:** An unnamed Category Two hurricane strikes the Jersey Shore in September and affects coastal golf courses during wartime. German U-boats are trolling the coastal waters so a "radio silence" is maintained so as not to give strategic weather information to the enemy. Therefore the fanfare that precedes hurricanes today was nonexistent. The Second World War has taken its toll on country club memberships, leaving many clubs teetering on the edge of insolvency. Arsenate of lead is the product of choice for the eradication of earthworms on the putting green. GCS are being directed to a postwar rehabilitation program which will bring their courses into good playing condition as efficiently as possible when the hostilities of World War II have ended.

- **1954:** Baltusrol GC, Ed Casey, GCS hosts the 54th US Open won by Ed Furgal. This is the first US Open to be nationally televised. Ropes are utilized for the first time to separate the gallery from the golfers. It is far and away the best attended US Open which creates an additional obstacle for the GCS to deal with.

Dr. Ralph Engel, Rutgers University reports that the Annual Turf Tournament for golf course research will be discontinued. The Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classic will be resurrected in 1995 and the 24th Annual will be held in May 2019.

- **1964:** Englewood GC, Alec Ternyei Pro/GCS, which hosted the US Amateur and the 1909 US Open is bisected by the New Jersey Turnpike's approach ramp to the George Washington Bridge. This eventually leads to the demise of this private country club. Hominy Hill GC one of New Jersey's Best Public Courses opens. It was designed by Robert Trent Jones and Harvey Driebelbis is the GCS. The GCSANJ Golf Championship is won by Peter Pedrazzi Sr., GCS Suburban GC. First Annual NJGCSA Field Day is held at Deal G & CC Gary Crothers, GCS. There are 103 attendees with 23 commercial exhibitors.

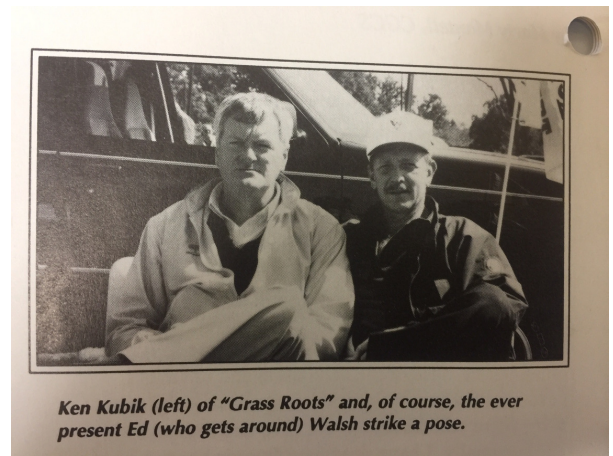


Frank Leary (left) and Bob Ribbens.

- 1974: Governor William Cahill vetoes bill #1004 which would have allowed controlled burning. Harvey Dreibelbis, GCS Hominy Hill GC writes an article about composting as an alternative to burning. Paul Boizelle, GCS, Fiddler's Elbow CC submits an eight regional district plan to the Association Board of Directors. Peter Pedrazzi Sr., GCS Crestmont CC becomes the first New Jersey GCS to achieve certification from the GCSAA. The first NJ Turfgrass Expo is held in Cherry Hill, NJ.

- 1984: "The Greenerside" is awarded overall best newsletter by the GCSAA, Ed Walsh CGCS editor. The GCSANJ Invitational is won by Madison GC, Larry Dodge GCS. Tim McAvoy, CGCS Fox Hollow GC wins the GCSANJ Golf Championship. Mountain Ridge CC Tony Bifano, GCS is the first golf course to receive the NJTA Recognition Award. Computers become an asset for Golf Course Management. Angelo Petraglia, GCS Navesink CC wins the NJSGA Mid-Amateur Championship at Montclair GC, Ed Nickelsen GCS.

- 1994: The US Junior Amateur is hosted by Echo Lake CC Chris Carson, GCS and president of the GCSANJ. The Greenerside editor Ilona Gray receives a Category 3 award from the GCSAA. Bob Prickett, GCS Pennsauken CC wins the Sherwood Moore Cup at the Montclair GC where Greg Vadala is the GCS. Maurice "Skip" Cameron, GCS Canoe Brook CC, receives the GCSANJ "Distinguished Service Award" twenty years after being president of the GCSANJ. Winter Kill hits NJ golf courses hard. There is 30% to 70% turf loss reported by many courses due to the extended blanket of ice and snow. Tom Grimalac, CGCS Tavistock CC hosts over 200 GCS, green chairmen, owners, and USGA officials at an emergency meeting to discuss Winter Kill ramifications.



Ken Kubik (left) of "Grass Roots" and, of course, the ever present Ed (who gets around) Walsh strike a pose.

- 2004: The inaugural GCSANJ maintenance "Shop Tour" is held and hosted by Mark DeNoble, GCS Shackamaxon G & CC, Chris Carson, GCS Echo Lake CC and Mark Kuhns, CGCS Baltusrol GC. The September GCSANJ meeting is held at Pine Valley GC, Rich Christian GCS. John O'Keefe, CGCS Preakness Hills CC is president of the GCSANJ. Eleven years later he is to be elected President of the GCSAA. The first Annual Three Day Seminar and Team Golf Championship is held at Crystal Springs Golf Resort, Craig Worts GCS.

Winners of the GCSANJ Four Man Scramble Crystal Golf Classic are Paul Dotti, Mark Griff, Rich Lane, and Brad Sparta.

- 2014: Dr. Bruce Clarke, Rutgers University liaison to the GCSANJ, and Steve Cadenelli, CGCS receives the Col. John Morley Distinguished Service Award from the GCSAA. Matt Ceplo, GCS Rockland CC, is elected to serve on the Audubon International's Board of Directors. The first GCSANJ Foundation Shoot-Out is held at Trump National GC in Colts Neck, Jeremy Batz GCS. The Ridgewood CC, Todd Raisch, CGCS hosts the Barclays for the third time. The GCSANJ Social is inaugurated at the NJ Green Expo in Atlantic City.

- 2024: 98th Anniversary of the GCSANJ.



"History doesn't repeat itself; but it does rhyme."

-Mark Twain (1835-1910)

DRIVING CHAPTER SUCCESS

BY KEVIN DOYLE, GCSAA NE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Over two years ago, I received a call from a member in western New York. The chapter board revisited a long-bantered notion that consolidating with some area chapters would be beneficial and wondered if I could help reach out to area chapter leaders for a potential meeting to discuss the matter. Just over two years later, the Western New York GCSA became the first of four chapters to vote to consolidate. The other three chapters (Northeastern GCSA, Central New York GCSA, and Finger Lakes AGCS) will discuss and vote by spring 2019.

Lots of hard work was done by more than a dozen members spanning the four chapters. That is a great story in and of itself. The topic I'd rather focus on now isn't the journey, but the final message they discovered on that journey: increased efficiency and better communication will lead to more value for their members by consolidating.

Coming off the historically wet and challenging 2018 season, try and imagine the GCSANJ without Maureen Sharples. Your board members trying to manage a facility of their own while conducting chapter business including promoting and executing beneficial events would not have come close to the standards you expect as GCSANJ members. Because of that, and every other important task Maureen covers in her duties for GCSANJ, the value to you as a member would have suffered. Of the four chapters consolidating in New York, only one has very

little outside assistance, as they are nearly exclusively volunteer driven. The consolidation committee considers a paid executive a key for efficiency and a tremendous value for members.

Communication is another key uncovered by the consolidation committee. A newsletter like yours only exists for one of the four chapters and social media is underutilized by most. Having dedicated members to spearhead communications initiatives with a chapter executive running point is tremendously valuable. Do you read the Greenerside? I hope so, because no matter how engaged you are, your member editors work very hard to add value to your membership through this newsletter. While calling the GCSANJ membership directory a communication tool might be a stretch, should you wish to reach out to any of your fellow GCSANJ members, that directory offers several means to do so. Communications at the chapter level is a huge driver of value.

Delivering additional value is an end goal of the consolidation initiative in New York. Even if they successfully fulfill the efficiency and communication goals above, the challenge still remains in engaging the membership. Even though your chapter fulfills the items above, they must attempt to engage members too.

What piece are you playing in the success of the GCSANJ? The value proposition turns both ways. The more you put into your local chapter, the more you will get out of it. Serve on a committee, write for Greenside, volunteer at an event, consider serving on the board. Take the initiative and you will get more value out of your GCSANJ membership than you ever thought possible.

On the wall at GCSAA headquarters, you will find a quote from founder Colonel John Morley, who firmly believed, "No life is, or can be, self-existent. We depend on each other." In New York, just as in New Jersey, it must be the members who make the chapter and those within it successful, not the chapter who drives the success of the membership.

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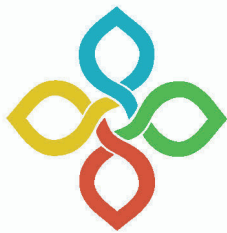
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-Tyler Otero

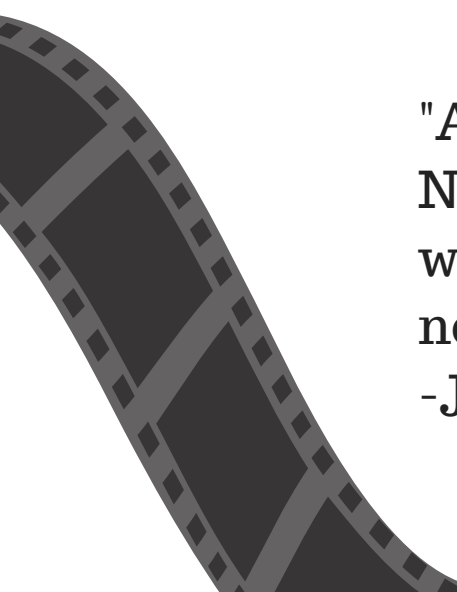


"I cry every time Field of Dreams is on."

-Russ Harris

"Apollo 13, because it shows that even NASA engineers have to MacGyver things with duct tape to get the job done every now and then."

-Jim Devaney





"Every December I put the "National Lampoons Christmas Vacation" DVD in the DVD-player and it stays there basically all month. A light-hearted comedy classic that gets me laughing and also gives me that warm old fashion family Christmas feeling. But dozens of classic "quotes" from that movie roll off my tongue all year long! For instance, 'Oh Eddie...if I woke up tomorrow with my head sewn to the carpet I wouldn't be more surprised than I am right now.'"

-Dennis Desanctis Jr.

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-Andrew Shaul

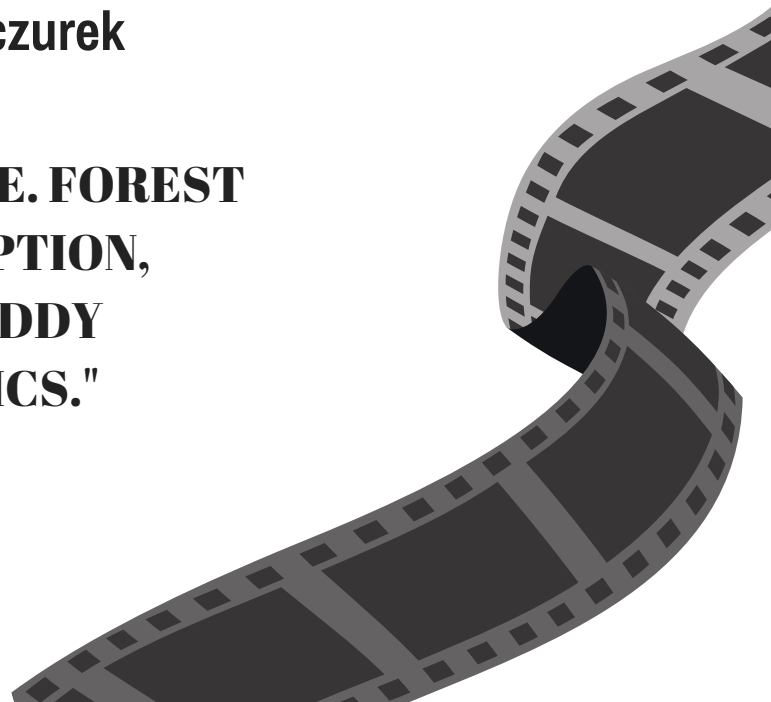


""Dances With Wolves' I read the Michael Blake book in '89 & saw the movie in '90. Yes, the book is better than the movie. It's the story, cinematography & the story behind the struggles in its production that make me love it. If it's on TV, I'm watching it almost every time if I can."

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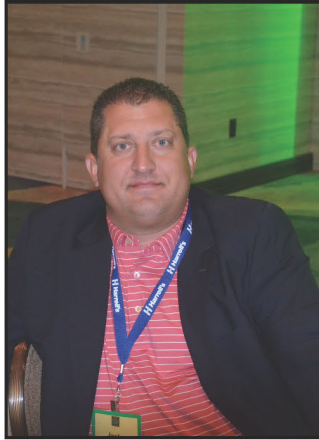
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