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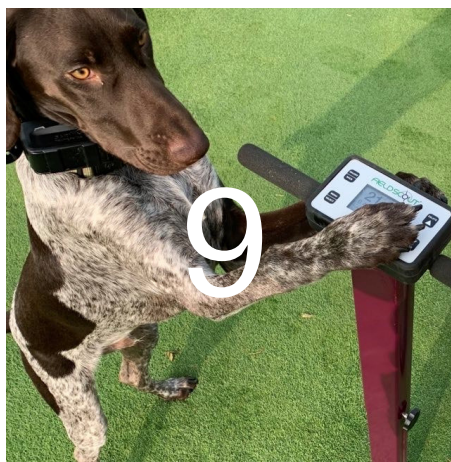
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Joe Kinlin Chapter President
Bey Lea Golf Course*



As we welcome the new year, I am confident all of you are hopeful for what promises to be a return to normal. I'm sure I'm not alone in wanting to return to events that we look forward to on the calendar each year. For me, January is a time of reflection and resolution. I took time over the holidays to look back at this incredibly challenging year. What did I get right? What did I get wrong? What am I thankful for? How can I be better? Answering these questions, and perhaps a few more, allows me to set goals and grow as a father, a husband, and yes, as a superintendent too.

I think it's important that even though we want to forget 2020, we need to remember it. We need to remember the people we lost, how we got things done, and how we helped each other. We also need to remember that what we do as superintendents helped so many people get through these trying times, as golf gave many a sense of normalcy.

I want to ask for your help in supporting our Association. There are so many ways to do this. You can serve on a committee, host a meeting, help a fellow member in need, call your neighbor, or donate to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey Foundation. All of these are opportunities for you to help someone else, and I can promise each time you give, you will feel good. It's through member actions that our Association remains strong and takes care of each other.

Thank you for being such a valued part of our community. I wish you, your family, and your facility a happy and healthy New Year.

Stay well,

JOE KINLIN
Chapter President



FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Maureen Sharples

The Greenerside has always been our members' source for industry news and chapter information, but it is also a great tool to get to know your fellow members. For each issue, our committee works hard to highlight members all over the state and from different backgrounds and experiences. Our features, "Take It Back to the First Tee," "15 Questions," and "We Ask, You Answer," give our readers a chance to meet a member and get to know them. Because aside from being a professional association, we are also a community. One of the most significant values of membership in our chapter is friendship.

Personally, writing the timeline article is one of my favorite parts of this job. Interviewing and writing about our more seasoned and experienced members' lives teaches me about our association and industry's history and how much it has evolved.

Each person gave our readers a lesson to be learned or an attribute to admire. Joel Jacquemot lives life to the fullest and always seems to seek out the next adventure. I admire Glenn Miller's patriotism and commitment to his country, family, and community. Paul Ramina's timeline was a reminder to seek new opportunities, explore your interests, and go for it. With this issue, I had the pleasure to interview Ed Walsh, who has played a significant role in the success of our association and *The Greenerside*. He emphasizes the importance of networking and friendship and how they can get you through your most challenging times.

Whether you are a new member or have been with us a while, I hope you take the time to read these features and learn something new about your fellow members.

MAUREEN SHARPLES
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- ➔ Mike Weber of Fisher & Son and his wife, Samantha, welcomed their son, Brandt Robert Weber, born on Jan 17th. Brandt is welcomed by his big sister, Michaela.



MOVERS AND SHAKERS

- ➔ Andrew Shaul is the new Golf Course Superintendent at Manufacturers' Golf & Country Club in Fort Washington, PA.

James Bryson is the new Golf Course Superintendent at The Bedens Brook Club in Skillman, NJ.

James Cunningham is the new Golf Course Superintendent at Medford Lakes Country Club in Medford, NJ.

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Dr. Jim Murphy, extension specialist in turfgrass management, and Dr. Stacy Bonos, professor of turfgrass breeding, have been named director and associate director of the Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science.

Dr. Bruce Clarke and Dr. Bill Meyer served as director and associate director of the Center since the 1990s. Together, they have provided many years of outstanding leadership of the Center and its award-winning programs. They will both continue their roles as faculty in the Rutgers Turfgrass Program.

On behalf of GCSANJ, we would like to thank Dr. Clarke and Dr. Meyer for their leadership and congratulate Dr. Murphy and Dr. Bonos on their new roles.



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2021 DOG DAYS OF GOLF CALENDAR FEATURES NJ DOGS

BY DONOVAN MAGUIGAN

Meet the New Jersey dogs featured in GCSAA and LebanonTurf's 2021 "Dog Days of Golf" calendar.

The 18th annual "Dog of the Year" contest will be held on the virtual Golf Industry Show floor in February, and attendees' votes will determine which of the featured dogs will win "Dog of the Year in 2021." The winning dog will earn \$3,000 for his or her golf course superintendent's local golf course association and a \$500 cash prize from LebanonTurf.

BOGEY

Owner: Jeff Breyer

Home Course: Tavistock Country Club

Breed: German Shorthaired Pointer

Age: 10 months

Favorite Treat: Freeze Dried Chicken Strips

Favorite Toy: Blue/Orange Chuck Ball

Favorite Place to Sleep at Work: He Never Sleeps!

Messiest Day on The Course: Bogey was working alongside the crew digging drainage in a new tee, and he constantly dropped his ball down into the trench and dove in to get it. He was covered head to toe in mud and had to get a bath as soon as he got home!

Celebrity Personality: Dwight from The Office because he's super hardworking and driven but also a huge goofball.

Ride in the Cart? / Run Alongside?: Ride in the cart.

Adopted / Breeder: Breeder in Lancaster, PA



RUSTY

Owner: Jennifer Torres

Home Course: Westlake Golf & Country Club

Breed: Border Collie

Age: 2 years

Favorite Treat: Blue Buffalo Bites

Favorite Toy: Tug Toys / Anything Sadie (Jennifer's Lab) might have.

Favorite Place to Sleep at Work: Rusty hates to sleep at work, but if left for a while, he curls up on his pillow by my desk.

Messiest Day on The Course: After a long cold day of chasing geese on the course Rusty was covered in mud from head to tail. He did enjoy a warm shower at the shop, just wish I had brought a change of clothes for me. That was a wet ride home at the end of the day.

Ride in the Cart? / Run Alongside?: We start each ride on the cart, but once we see geese I will stop, give him the lie-down command, and then get the geese. He's off and leaves me in the dust.

Adopted / Breeder: Won at GIS. Bred and trained by Flyaway Geese.

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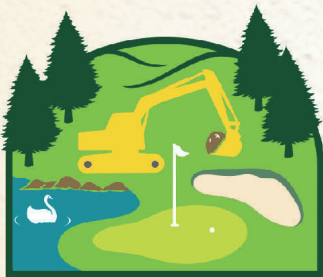


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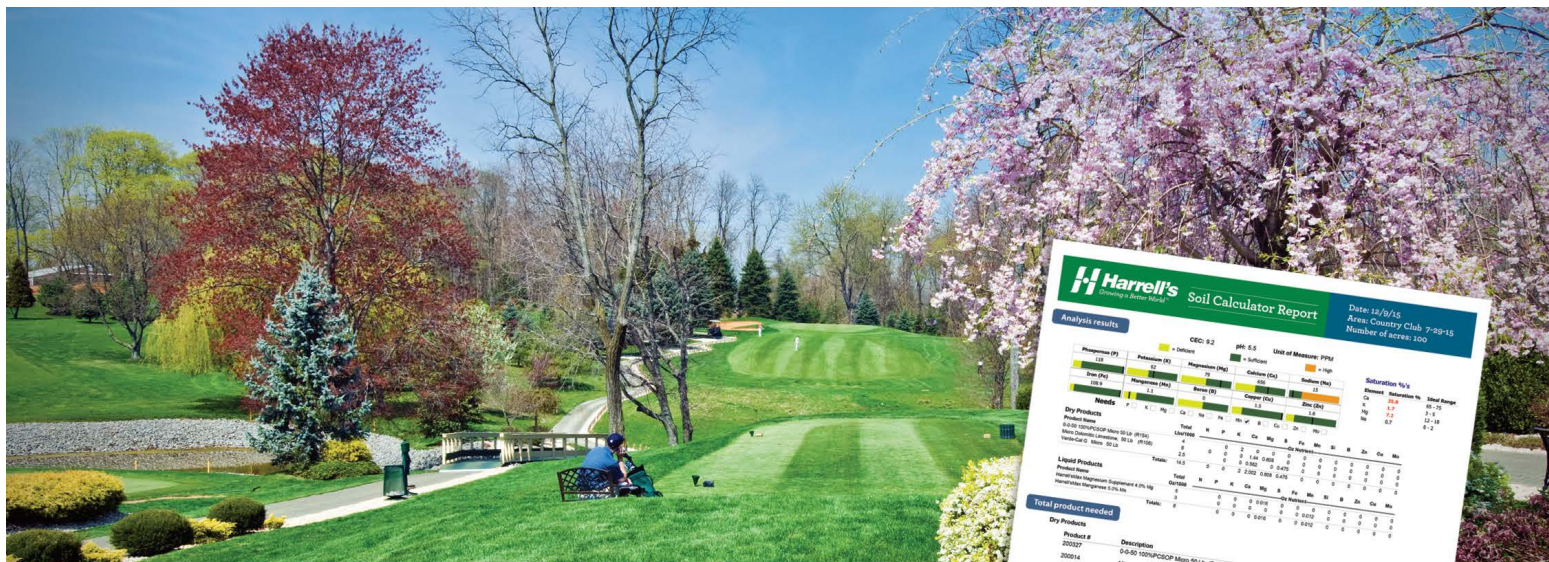
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Statistically, family businesses rarely make it to the third generation. Less than 1% of family businesses survive to the fifth generation. So what makes Fisher & Son Company special?

Owners get asked frequently about whether there is 'family feuding'. And the true answer is this: no! Values start at the top. Family members work together productively and with mutual respect setting the tone for the entire company.

It starts with integrity. Integrity is at the heart of the family relationships within the business. It was the example set and learned from the prior generation, who learned it from the prior generation, and so on. Integrity is the quality Fisher & Son seeks in its staff when they hire.



The foundation of integrity and mutual respect paves the way to address issues that arrive and deal with them head on – with honesty, hard work and a focus on solutions.

Additionally, it is expected that all family members have a strong work ethic and always strive to produce high-quality work; recognizing that the work of family members can impact the entire organization.

The ability to effectively adapt to any situation presented is critical in any business, but

OUR HISTORY



1894

Thomas Fisher becomes a partner of Thomas & Haines

1918

Thomas Fisher & nephew form Fisher & Nolan



1928

Nolan withdraws and Fisher & Son Company is formed by Thomas and son, Guilford.



1929

The Great Depression strikes



1936

Thomas retires, 2nd generation Guilford is sole owner.



1948

Lincoln University plant opens



1953

Partnership is formed between Guilford and his two sons, 3rd generation Frank and Henry





especially in family business. It is the core values of the company and the family that enable family members to work together to productively solve problems and create innovative solutions.

Fisher & Son strives for longevity and is what the Fisher family is most proud of. Soon approaching its 100th year in business, Fisher & Son continues to focus on its long-term vision!

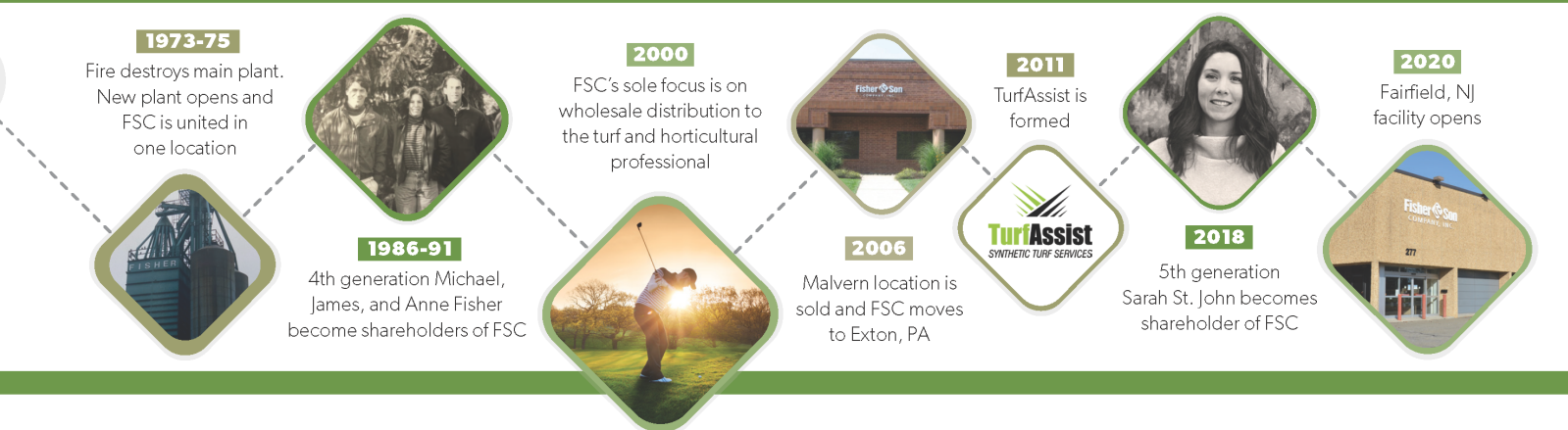
Fisher & Son's commitment to service is the foundation of its success. Deep rooted into the core values of the Fisher family, service is Fisher & Son's top priority and is what continues to drive success.

Throughout the past 93 years, the company has survived and flourished despite many potentially crippling events: the Great Depression, a devastating fire, and recessions of the past nine decades. At the heart of perseverance and resilience are core values; values established by the Fisher family ancestors and passed down to

each generation. The culture of Fisher & Son is based on integrity, adaptability, longevity, and commitment to service.



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NEW JERSEY GOLF INDUSTRY BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES GUIDE

The New Jersey Golf Industry Best Management Practices Guide has been completed and published by GCSANJ.

It provides an overview of best management practices (BMPs) in golf course maintenance to support environmental stewardship while providing ideal course conditions. The BMP provides guidelines for GCSANJ members and is a resource for stakeholders, including regulators, lawmakers, general managers, and our communities.

The GCSAA, supported by the USGA and PGA TOUR, started the nationwide initiative by providing a base template. The development of the New Jersey Golf Industry Best Management Practices was made possible by the GCSANJ BMP Committee and the scientists at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. As a chapter, we greatly appreciate those individuals that provided their time and expertise to develop and review drafts of best management practices to protect the natural resources of New Jersey.

Our BMP committee chairman, Jeremy Hreben, CGCS, Indian Spring Golf Course, and Dr. James A. Murphy, Extension Specialist, Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) and Cooperative Extension, led the committee and volunteers during this three-year project. They engaged various regulatory agencies, industry experts, and GCSANJ members to provide the most up to date and detailed information.



The committee members for this effort included the following;

- Jeremy Hreben, CGCS, BMP Committee Chairman, Superintendent, Indian Spring Golf Course
- Darrell Marcinek, CGCS, Director of Golf Maintenance, Somerset County Park Commission
- Brandon Perrine, Superintendent, Deerwood Country Club
- Michael Tardogno, Superintendent, Skyway Golf Course at Lincoln Park West
- Matthew Castagna, Superintendent, TPC Jasna Polana
- Dr. James A. Murphy, Extension Specialist, Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) and Cooperative Extension

In addition, the following Rutgers NJAES and Cooperative Extension personnel assisted in the development of this document:

- Dr. Bruce Clarke, Extension Specialist in Turfgrass Pathology
- Dr. Matthew Elmore, Assistant Extension Specialist in Weed Science
- Dr. George Hamilton, Extension Specialist in Integrated Pest Management
- Dr. Albrecht Koppenhöfer, Extension Specialist in Entomology
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Moving forward, our goal will be to utilize this state guide to help develop and implement individual facility BMPs in 2021. In the coming months, the Education Committee and BMP Committee will be providing resources and educational tools to help our members navigate the template to create a facility BMP.



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Storr Tractor Company was formed in 1944 in the New York City area, primarily as a tractor sales and service facility. In 1966, the husband and wife team of Mary Lou and Paul Des Champs, acquired the Toro brand, and by 1984 they earned the highest Toro award, Distributor of Excellence. During this time, they expanded and operated their current facilities out of Branchburg, NJ and Ronkonkoma, NY, on Long Island, where Storr Tractor Company became synonymous with quality and excellence. After Paul's passing in 1990, Mary Lou continued the legacy by creating a culture of pride and loyalty that transcended the community, her employees, and the turf industry. In December of 2018, after the passing of Mary Lou, The Toro Company acquired Storr Tractor with the intention to own and operate the company through a transition period with the goal of finding an appropriate partner to purchase the company. That goal was accomplished in November 2020 with Storr Tractor Company being purchased by Kevin Monaco and Lance Ernst, owners of your neighboring Toro distributor to the south, Turf Equipment and



Supply Company. However, the legacy created in 1944 will continue with the same great products, services, and support from the same great team of people who are still committed to superior customer service.

What are the future plans for Storr Tractor Company under new ownership?

The strong culture similarities between Storr Tractor Company and Turf Equipment and Supply Company allows for a natural fit for this purchase. Both organizations have a legacy of providing turf industry products and the highest level of customer service. In order to minimize disruption to you, our valued customer, the plan for now is to maintain the Storr Tractor brand and operate as two separate companies. In addition, we will continue to serve you from the same two facilities you already know, in Branchburg, NJ and Ronkonkoma, NY. The commitment and dedication to customer care is the foundation of Storr Tractor, Turf Equipment and Supply, and The Toro Company. These things will remain unchanged for you as the mission for Kevin and Lance and their teams is to exceed your expectations by providing relevant solutions and superior customer service.

What product solutions are represented by Storr Tractor Company?

Storr Tractor Company is an award-winning distributor that proudly represents the industry's leading equipment and irrigation brands including Toro, Ventrac, Case Tractors, First Products, Otterbine, Bernhard, Flowtronex, and many more. By partnering with brands like The Toro Company, Storr Tractor is an extension of a global leader in turf equipment and irrigation that has been helping customers maintain sports venues, golf courses, amenity venues, public green spaces and commercial landscaping to the highest standards for over a century.

What service solutions are provided by Storr Tractor Company?

The experience of the members at Storr Tractor Company is unmatched throughout the industry. We have been dedicated for over 75 years to provide world class service from a factory-trained, industry certified, and experienced staff. We aim to be your partner for the life of our products and beyond by solving your problems and training your staff to be the best they can be.



What makes Storr Tractor Company different from other distributors and suppliers?

Storr Tractor Company has one mission: To always exceed our customers' expectations by providing relevant solutions and superior customer service. To achieve that goal, we rely on the combination of a focused and highly experienced employee group backed by global influencers like Toro that ultimately lead to loyal and satisfied customers. From state-of-the-art products to experienced mobile service and after-sales support, we have all the resources to help our customer partners succeed.

What is the future of Storr Tractor Company?

Storr Tractor Company looks to continue the legacy that began in 1944 by building and maintaining strong relationships that are built on trust and integrity. The foundation of our company is to be the most trusted and preferred turf care distributor with the best team of people and the most loyal customers. We look forward to serving our customers for many years to come.

For more information about the solutions that Storr Tractor Company can provide, please contact our local Branchburg, NJ location at 908-722-9830.

TAKE IT BACK TO THE FIRST TEE

Edward Walsh, CGCS
Through the Years



1964

Ed Walsh grew up in Metuchen, NJ. As a kid, he played basketball and was introduced to golf by his grandfather. He would take Ed golfing and have him rake the bunkers. Soon enough, Ed was playing with him.

Ed graduated high school in 1964 and took his first golf course job during the construction of Warrenbrook Golf Course in Warren, NJ. Al Rathjens was the superintendent.

1965

He wasn't sure what he wanted to pursue, so Ed tried a few different careers. He worked as a plumber's apprentice and then for a landscape construction company in Edison, NJ. The owner sent him to Rutgers for the landscape design winter program.

1968

Ed met his wife Mary, and after six months of dating they got married. Ed says, "it was love at first sight."



Ed and Mary Walsh

1971

Ed learned the value of networking. Alan Hunter of Storr Tractor encouraged Ed to go work for a seasoned superintendent to gain more knowledge of the industry. He introduced him to the GCSANJ President, Jack Martin of Suburban Country Club. Ed became Jack's assistant superintendent.

1971

Ed switched to the Turf Management program at Rutgers. His classmates were Bob Ribbens and Joe Alonzi.

Ed and Mary have their second child, Jennifer.



1969

Ed was an avid golfer and became friends with the owner of Princeton Hills Golf Course, who offered him the job to maintain the course. It was less money than he was making at the time, but Ed felt that he might have finally found the career he was searching for.

Ed and Mary welcome their first child, Christopher.

1973

Bert Jones from Andrew Wilson, Inc. suggested Ed apply for the open superintendent position at Colonia Country Club.

Ed was the superintendent at Colonia CC for three years.

Ed and Mary have their third child, Bethanne.

1976

Bert Jones again reached out and suggested Ed go work for Bob Kapherr at The Ridgewood Country Club as an assistant superintendent. While waiting to hear from the hiring committee, Ed was asked to interview for the superintendent position at The Country Club of Troy. He was offered the job on the spot. He asked to think it over and ultimately decided to go work for Bob Kapherr. Ed described Bob as "a gracious gentleman, who always knew how to conduct himself professionally."

1977

It was tough for Ed to go back to the assistant role after being a superintendent, but he stuck with it. Bob was very understanding and chose to start to transition Ed into the superintendent role in anticipation of his retirement. Bob Kapherr had been at RCC for 49 years. Ed took over as golf course superintendent in January of 1977 with Bob's full support.

1997

Dana Distributors, one of the largest Budweiser distributors, hired Ed to oversee the construction and grow-in of Mansion Ridge Golf Club in Monroe, NY.

2000

Ed managed Course Contractors, a subsidiary of Tree-Tech.

1994

After 18 years, Ed was dismissed from RCC. He wanted to find a constructive way to channel his grief and decided to create a talk about "what to do when you get fired." It was so popular that he ended up giving the talk at GIS and several chapters throughout the area.

Ed became the superintendent at Essex Country Country Club.

1991

Ed received the GCSANJ Distinguished Service Award.

1990

The Ridgewood Country Club hosts the 1990 U.S. Senior Open.

WALSH GAINS CERTIFICATION

Edward W. Walsh, Golf Course Superintendent at Ridgewood Country Club, Ridgewood, N.J., recently completed the stringent Certification requirements of his national professional organization, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Ed, Superintendent of the Ridgewood Country Club since 1976, was honored in a presentation at the Colonia Country Club, Colonia, N.J., during a meeting of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey. Joseph Tabery, President of the Association made the formal presentation.

To attain Certification, Ed was required to meet eligibility requirements of tenure and experience and then successfully complete a six hour written examination. Areas covered in the test included the turf management, pesticide usage, business administration, leadership, the game of golf and knowledge of GCSAA.



2001

Keith Evans of Rees Jones Designs recruited Ed to be the superintendent for the construction of Wending Creek Golf Club in Coudersport, PA. It was owned by the Rigas Family who owned Adelphia Cable. Just a few months from completion, the two-year project was shut down when owners, John Rigas and his two sons, Michael and Timothy were arrested on bank fraud, wire fraud, and securities fraud charges.



Ed and Mary at GIS

2003

Thanks to Ed's networking efforts, Dana Frye asked him to apply for the superintendent position at his new project, Shelter Harbor Golf Club in Westerly, RI. Ed was hired and worked there until his retirement.

2010

Ed retired in 2010. Ed and Mary continued to live in Rhode Island. After he retired, Ed kept volunteering his time by announcing the basketball games at Westerly High School.



Ed's Family

1987 Elected GCSANJ Chapter President.

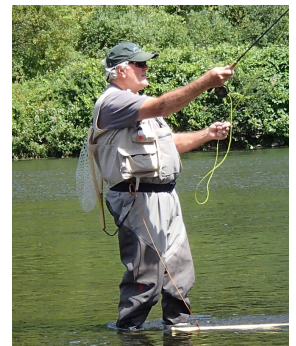


Chris Carson, Sherwood Moore, Stephen Finamore, Ed Walsh, Skip Cameron, Jack Martin, and Dave Pease

Present

In 2019, Ed's beloved wife, Mary, passed away. Ed and Mary were happily married for over 50 years.

Ed moved back to New York to live closer to his children and grandchildren. He enjoys spending time with his family and fly fishing in the Catskills.



Ed fly fishing in the Catskills.

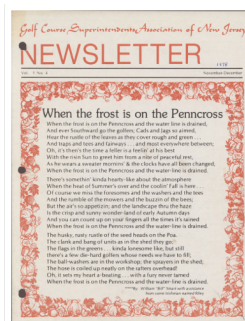
1978

Ed was the District I Director on the GCSANJ Board of Directors and became the Editor of The Greenside. Under his leadership, the publication won several awards from GCSAA. His committee included, Ken Kubik, Jerry Schoonmaker, and Dennis Desantis Sr.

Ed became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent.



1981 The Ridgewood Country Club hosts the 1981 LPGA Coca-Cola Classic.



Ed's first Greenside as editor.



Seaview Golf Club's long history dates to the early 20th century with its guestbook filled with multiple U.S. Presidents, musicians, and celebrities. The club has a professional golf pedigree by being the perennial host of the Shoprite LPGA Classic, but deep in that professional golf history is an important first for one of golf's legendary players, Sam Snead.

Ron Witten described the property in 2006 to Golf Digest as, "You couldn't ask for a better contrast between resort 18s. The Pines is a fairly modern pine barrens romp, while the Bay is an old-school, early American seaside stroll." No event better showcased this than the PGA Championship held at Seaview in 1942. In a unique blending of layouts, the routing used for the 1942 PGA Championship utilized the current front nine of the Bay Course along with the first, second, and twelfth through eighteenth holes of the Pines Course. Nine holes from two separate courses with two distinct courses design philosophies during the game's golden age of architecture.

The Bay Course complicated design history started in 1914 with the designed started by Hugh Wilson and then completed by Donald Ross. The history of the Bay Course's design is partially obscured and lost to

the ages. Ron Witten's research for a Golf Digest article in 2006 states his challenges in tracking down the validity of all the information, "It took me 25 years of searching, but I recently stumbled upon a 1918 Atlantic City newspaper article on microfilm. It was a rambling review of the history of Seaview, especially its massive clubhouse [. . .] The article did mention the course: 'Hugh Wilson laid out course and Ross did the trapping,' a subhead read." The resulting design for the Bay Course is a challenging layout defined by tall fescue mounds, deep bunkers, windswept fairways, and views of Reed's Bay and Atlantic City.

Across the street from the Bay Course sits the quiet, but challenging in its own way, Pines Course. At the time of the 1942 PGA, the Pines Course was only a nine-hole layout designed by William Flynn and George Toomey in 1927. Carved out of the pines, this winding parkland style design is a challenging from tee to green with the scotch pines of the New Jersey Pine Barrens creeping in on both sides of the fairways.

While both courses sit within a three hundred forty-acre footprint in southern Atlantic County, the golf courses have strikingly different agronomic challenges. The Pines Course sits surrounded by tall

Looking at the 1942 PGA Championship tournament field facing this composite layout, a unique challenge was needed. Reviewing the field, the names of players in the event are etched in golf's history: Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson, Jimmy Demaret, Walter Hagen, Sam Snead, and Gene Sarazen. Prior to 1958, the PGA Championship was contested via match play instead of the current format of medal play. The tournament required twelve rounds of golf over seven days with thirty-six holes of stroke play narrowed the one hundred eight player field down to thirty two players who would face off in 36 holes of match play. Two notable names are included in the list of players who failed to qualify including Walter Hagen and Gene Sarazen.

1942 PGA Hole Number	Current Hole Number
1	Bay #1
2	Bay #2
3	Bay #3
4	Bay #4
5	Bay #5
6	Bay #6
7	Bay #7
8	Bay #8
9	Bay #9
10	Pines #1
11	Pines #2
12	Pines #12
13	Pines #13
14	Pines #14
15	Pines #17
16	Pines #18
17	Pines #16
18	Pines #15

SPORTS

THE NEW YORK TIMES, MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1942

SPORTS

Sneed's Rally Beats Jim Turnesa, 2 and 1, for P.G.A. Championship

50-FOOT CHIP WINS FOR VIRGINIA PRO

Ball Lands in C to Cash by Sneed on Last Hole for U.S. Pro Title at Seaside

TURNESA 3 UP IN FIRST 10

Jim. Near Another Surprising Victory, Leaves Tour and is Overlooked at 27th

By WILLIAM D. BUSHAGARD
 SEASIDE, CALIF., May 31.—(AP)—The P.G.A. championship, which was won by the 27-year-old Seaside, Calif., professional, today was a surprise to many of the spectators who gathered here for the last week-end. Sneed, who had been a long time in the shadows of the game, today won the title by a 50-foot chip on the last hole of the 18th green. Sneed, who had been a long time in the shadows of the game, today won the title by a 50-foot chip on the last hole of the 18th green. Sneed, who had been a long time in the shadows of the game, today won the title by a 50-foot chip on the last hole of the 18th green.

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P. G. A. CHAMPION MAKES A PURCHASE AFTER HIS VICTORY

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Boston Defeated Wingless 64-11, 9-11

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AUKER AND BINGGEL WIN

Labels and Singles To First Game With Hawks, Then 2 Run Is Scored

By ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 31.—(AP)—The Browns today won their first game since the season began, beating the Indians 5-4 and 3-3. The Browns today won their first game since the season began, beating the Indians 5-4 and 3-3. The Browns today won their first game since the season began, beating the Indians 5-4 and 3-3.

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RED SOX SET BACK

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Tide Talks to Writers Ahead in New York

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Hole-By-Hole Golf Score

MORNING ROUND						AFTERNOON ROUND					
Hole	Yards	OUT			Tur-nesa	Hole	Yards	OUT			Tur-nesa
		Par	Snead	Even				Par	Snead	Even	
1.....	360	4	4	4	Even	19.....	360	4	4	5	T. 2 up
2.....	435	4	4	3	T. 1 up	20.....	435	4	6	4	T. 3 up
3.....	460	4	4	5	Even	21.....	460	4	4	4	T. 3 up
4.....	370	4	3	4	S. 1 up	22.....	370	4	4	4	T. 3 up
5.....	300	4	4	3	Even	23.....	300	4	4	4	T. 3 up
6.....	396	4	4	4	Even	24.....	396	4	4	5	T. 2 up
7.....	185	3	3	3	Even	25.....	185	3	3	3	T. 2 up
8.....	305	4	4	3	T. 1 up	26.....	305	4	3	4	T. 1 up
9.....	520	5	5	5	T. 1 up	27.....	520	5	4	5	Even.
Total. 3,331		36	35	34	T. 1 up	Total. 3,331		36	36	38	Even
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		Par	Snead	Even <th>Par</th> <th>Snead</th> <th>Even</th>				Par	Snead	Even	
10.....	396	4	5	4	T. 2 up	28.....	396	4	4	5	S. 1 up
11.....	454	5	4	5	T. 1 up	29.....	454	5	4	4	S. 1 up
12.....	146	3	4	3	T. 2 up	30.....	146	3	3	4	S. 1 up
13.....	370	4	4	3	T. 3 up	31.....	370	4	4	4	S. 2 up
14.....	425	4	4	4	T. 3 up	32.....	425	4	4	4	S. 2 up
15.....	427	4	4	5	T. 2 up	33.....	427	4	4	4	S. 2 up
16.....	466	5	5	4	T. 3 up	34.....	466	5	5	4	S. 2 up
17.....	213	3	3	3	T. 3 up	35.....	213	3	2	2	S. 2 up
18.....	362	4	5	5	T. 3 up	Snead wins, 2 and 1.					
Total. 3,259		36	38	36	T. 3 up	Grand totals, 6,590 yards; par, 72.					

At its conclusion, this event would hold historical significance in two contrasting ways; it would be the first professional major of Sam Snead and the PGA Championship would be canceled in 1943 making it a year without majors, due to the Second World War. In The New York Times coverage of the championship on June 1, 1942, the event's news falls fourteen depressing pages into the paper with the news of war dominating parts of the world including North Africa, Japan, and Europe. For the duration of the United States involvement during war, the Masters would not be played from 1943 to 1945, the US Open Championship from 1942 to 1945, and the Open Championship from 1940 to 1945. Only the PGA Championship was contested in 1944 and 1945, with Byron Nelson reaching the finals in both years and winning his second in 1945.

Snead was unable to defend his title in 1944, despite being released from the Navy. Snead was discharged due to a back injury that he sustained while stationed in San Diego as an "athletic specialist" according to a St. Petersburg Times article on September 13, 1944.

A potential repeat PGA Championship event was scheduled again at Seaview as the NY Times article includes a small paragraph stating, "The P.G.A., setting a precedent, voted tonight again to hold its next championship over the Seaview Club Course."

Next Tourney at Seaview

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 31 (AP)—The P. G. A., setting a precedent, voted tonight again to hold its next championship over the Seaview Club course.

President Russ Austin of the Atlantic City Golf Association issued the invitation. Because of the war, the pros do not know whether they will hold a title tourney next year or the year after. When they do play again, it will be at Seaview.

The New York Times

Published: June 1, 1942
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Following the PGA, Seaview's Pines Course layout would be changed multiple times. In 1954, William Gordon designed an additional 9 holes, forever changing the routing between the 2nd and 3rd Holes. Instead of heading back towards the hotel, players would now loop further out into the pine barrens before rejoining the original holes at the 12th Hole. The next change to the routing used in the '42 PGA included renumbering of the 14th-18th Holes and the changing of the current 15th Hole to a Par-three after the expansion of the hotel.

Sam Snead's win and the history of the 1942 PGA Championship are enshrined in several areas at Seaview. Historical markers can be found on the first hole of both courses in addition to the history of their designs. On the holes used during the 1942 PGA, small Wannamaker Trophy markers can be found near the tees indicating which holes were used during the championship. A plaque can be found on the 16th Tee, commemorating Snead's chip-in and first professional major win.

Mike Bair has been the Director of Agronomy at Seaview since 2012 which is managed by Troon Golf with Alex McGann serving as Director of Golf.



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Founder's Philosophies

Grass Roots Turf Products, Inc was founded in 1978 by Ken "The Root" Kubik with three principles in mind...Service, Technical Support and Quality Products. These three ideas continue to guide our actions over four decades later.

Service

In the late 1970s, Ken Kubik identified service as a key to customer satisfaction. This was a challenge right from the beginning since the company opened its doors in the midst of a global oil crisis resulting in government-imposed gas rationing. Ken likes to say, "The grass doesn't know the difference between a Wednesday or a Sunday." It is also fair to say that turfgrass didn't care about gas lines that stretched for blocks or a global pandemic.

The Golf Course Superintendent hires us to sell to them, and our service is often a key reason why. Our team of Service Representatives understands how important they are to our success. Our newest addition, Cody Lyman, said, "Grass Roots goes above and beyond to get our clients what they need when they need it. We strive to be the Best in the Tri-State Area."

In mid-March 2020, it was unclear whether Grass Roots would be affected by a COVID shutdown. As a result, there was a mad dash to get our customers the products they needed faster than ever before. It was all hands on deck. Our Service Team worked seven days a week, starting early and staying late.



Ken Kubik (R) at EXPO in 1979. John van Brunt (L) of Randolph Twp. Parks and Rec

Our managers spent countless hours on forklifts pulling orders, and our Sales Team came in to help with deliveries. Keith Kubik, President, stated that "I cannot remember a stretch where more product left the warehouse than it did that third week of March 2020."

Technical Support

"We're like a pharmacist to a golf course." This is a line Ken Kubik uses to explain what we do to people outside our industry. "You can walk into any grocery store and buy aspirin. With a pharmacist, you explain your issue, and they guide you in the right direction providing technical advice specific to your situation."

Our Sales Team is highly trained to know our product line inside and out. This group has a diverse background in turf. We have sales representatives



Cody Lyman with the Newest Addition to Our Fleet

who are former Golf Course Superintendents and Assistants. Our team includes graduates from some of the world's best turfgrass institutions, including Rutgers, Penn State, UMASS, and Delaware Valley. Members of our Sales Team have had experience working for manufacturers and other distributors of turf products.

Our strength is our wide variety of experience. We are in constant contact with each other to "group think" solutions to new problems and share stories of success from the field. The pandemic challenged our ability to get together like we are used to for sales meetings, product training, and industry events. Not wanting this to get in the way, Keith Bennett CGCS, Sales Manager, made sure that the team stayed engaged using various web conferencing platforms, phone calls, emails, and texts.

Quality Products

Among the first distributorships, Grass Roots secured Lebanon Seaboard, Aquatrols, Standard Golf, and Cleary Chemical (acquired by Nufarm in 2013). These are brands still synonymous with quality in our industry.

When assembling a portfolio of products, we have made it our goal to remain brand focused. Not only do the top brands represent the highest quality products, but they are also responsible for innovation. As an industry, we understand the need for new products to tackle new challenges.

In addition to the original four, we have added direct distribution agreements with Syngenta, Bayer, BASF, Corteva, PBI/Gordon, Par Aide, and many more. This portfolio allows us to offer the best possible solutions to our customers' wide variety of situations.



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The Golf Audience at our 2020 Winter Seminar & Open House (Pre-Pandemic!)

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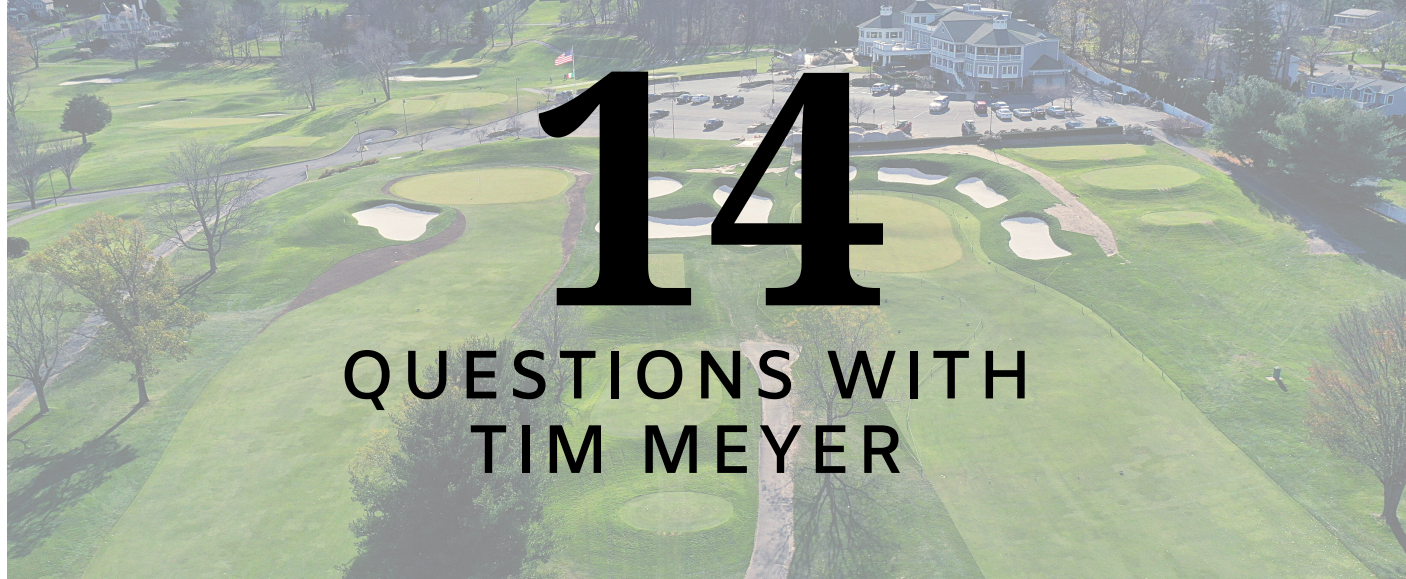
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By Todd Raisch, CGCS

Beacon Hill golf course superintendent, Tim Meyer, recently sat down with The Greenside to discuss his career, family and Beacon Hill.

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

I grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, about a mile from Blue Mound Golf and Country Club. My grandfather was an avid golfer and got me interested in the game, so I caddied there when I was old enough. I moved on to the grounds crew a couple of years later, where I developed a passion for golf course maintenance.

2. How long have you worked at Beacon Hill Country Club?

I've been at Beacon Hill for just over seven years now. I was previously an assistant at Plainfield CC for eight years prior to being offered the job at Beacon Hill.

3. What change would you most like to see to your operation or Beacon Hill?

We are very much in need of a new maintenance facility. We currently work out of a relatively small building that contains the mechanic's shop, office space, and break room. Our equipment is stored in an outdated pole barn that has seen better days. We also don't have dedicated storage bins or any way to keep topdressing sand dry. I would love to see the club commit to improving the facility with better equipment and material storage.

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

I love how every day is different and the challenges that may bring. I don't like to sit still or get stuck in a rut, so the variety that comes with managing a golf course fits my personality well. I appreciate the peace and quiet of early mornings on the course and enjoy being able to catch beautiful sunrises.



5. What are your interests outside of work?

For the last three years, I have really enjoyed coaching my son's flag football team. It's very rewarding to be a part of something he has come to really enjoy. I also like to spend time in the colder months skiing. The Nor'Easter ski day has been a highlight of my winters the past few years.

6. Tell us about your family.

My wife, Lori, and I met back in 2005 at Penn State. We've been married for twelve years now and are fortunate to have a son, Nate, who is 8 years old. We enjoy going on walks around the neighborhood with our dog, Wilson.



7. Why did you become a superintendent?

My grandfather piqued my interest in golf as a child. I caddied for a few years, but there was always an allure to the grounds crew. When I was old enough to work on the crew I applied and was hired. I had no idea that being a superintendent was a viable profession until then, and I became hooked. Since I've always been interested in the game, enjoyed working with my hands, and being outdoors, becoming a golf course superintendent was a natural fit and checked all the boxes for me.

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

Beacon Hill is unique in that the entire property is only 90 acres. The course has been influenced by many designers since 1899, but the original architect is not known for certain. Originally the course was 9 holes, but it was renovated in 1962 to include 18 holes. As you can imagine, this makes for a fairly tight 18-hole layout. Being on such a small property, the course rewards accuracy above all else.

9. What are your biggest on course challenges at Beacon Hill?

Beacon Hill has several different types of greens. We have six modified pushup greens, two 25-year old USGA greens, four "California" greens, and seven modern USGA greens. Achieving consistency often requires taking several different management strategies all at the same time. This, coupled with extremely variable soil types from the higher portions of the course to the low areas, makes irrigation management interesting.

10. What does a typical summer day look like for you as a superintendent?

I arrive at the course before sunrise. Once the crew and assistants are off and running, I check greens, tees, fairways, meet with the starter or golf pro, etc. and modify the day's plan as necessary. I reserve mid-mornings for completing office work, making phone calls, and attending meetings. I head back out onto the course after lunch to check greens and whatever else is necessary and round out the day, making sure the course is in a place to set up for a great day tomorrow.

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

Managing people has become the hardest part of my job. Keeping a full crew has been quite difficult the last few years. I'm fortunate to have a rock-solid core group of guys, but it's hard to get things done the way we want when we are short-staffed. We have made adjustments to nearly all aspects of our operation and the way we manage people, but it doesn't seem to be getting any easier.

12. You spent some time before Beacon Hill at Plainfield CC. What did you take from your time with Travis Pauley?

Travis taught me how to be proactive, anticipate issues, and prevent problems before they occur. I feel that these lessons have helped tremendously as I now manage a modest-sized operation where getting the best bang for the buck is vital in producing the conditions our membership expects. We do our best to prevent the things that can set us back so we can make the best use of the time we do have.

13. You are in the midst of a renovation at Beacon Hill. What is being completed?

Our primary objective with the project was to rebuild the aging bunkers to improve drainage and playability. We also took the opportunity to rebuild six greens that had either become unplayable at modern green speeds or to enhance the character of the golf course. The practice green and surrounding area were redesigned to make the green practical and make better use of limited space. We've also expanded our fairways by about 25% to make the tight layout more playable for higher handicap golfers.



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

1. I originally wanted to go to school for civil engineering as I'm particularly interested in bridges.
2. I've become more aware of the importance of taking care of myself. In an attempt to stay healthy, I ride a mountain bike a few times per week.
3. I'm a bit of a gadget nerd. My recent favorite is a drone that we have been using to photograph the progress of our project.
4. I decided to attend Penn State University because my first superintendent at Blue Mound G&CC was a Penn State alumni and nudged me in that direction.

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ENGAGE YOUR BIGGEST ASSET, YOUR TEAM

By Kevin Doyle, GCSAA Northeast Field Representative

With autumn passed by and the agronomic practices in the rearview mirror, the frosty and snowy mornings are the norm, and staff numbers have lightened. Planning projects may be part of a larger master plan for the facility. These are great tools to ensure the projects undertaken by the club are done in a fiscally responsible manner and keep progress moving forward on a schedule. A very beneficial undertaking for the facility, but what impact does that have in your department? While budgeting offers a chance to plan for equipment and staffing numbers, have you done any planning specific to the grounds team at your facility?

The winter offers the perfect time to engage your biggest assets, your team. Why not consider a SCOR analysis with them? Getting their feedback on team dynamics could be key in making improvements you never saw. Where are the **strengths** of your team, what **challenges** do they see? Are there **opportunities** that would improve the processes you already have in place? What **risks** do your staff see within the grounds department? Would you benefit from this information? Would your team be more effective after engaging them in developing such an analysis?

Effective planning includes a lot of input, and your staff is poised to provide that information. Planning for a successful 2021 season could easily begin on a wintery morning this off-season. GCSAA conducts such strategic planning sessions for chapters. Utilizing that same process and providing your board of directors' similar opportunities to plan for improvement is a great benefit and assists in creating value for your association members.

Do you challenge or set goals for your staff? We thrive in an industry that blends science and art while newer techniques trend towards quantitative, measurable data. GCSAA offers two great programs that will benefit individuals on your staff, your team, and the facility. These professional development opportunities for key staff members can assist you structure advancement or benefit increases for your people, all while increasing their value to the facility. What better time to encourage participation than the off-season?

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"I am fascinated with the rise of Atlantic City so this winter I decided to watch Boardwalk Empire. I also treated myself to West Wing and Entourage."

-Josh Kopera, Harrell's

"What are you binge-watching on TV this winter?"

"I would consider binge-watching ANYTHING if I could ever get the Hallmark Channel eternal Christmas movie marathon off the television! As the only male in the house, I am repeatedly outvoted 3-1. Even the cat is a female so I'd lose that vote too."

-Kevin Doyle, GCSAA

"If my 3-year old son has anything to say about it, Paw Patrol or Thomas the Train. Is it sad that I can sing all the theme songs to every cartoon?"

-Scott Rose, Ballamor Golf Club



"The show that I've been binge-watching this winter is Sons of Anarchy. Now all I have to do is convince my wife to buy a motorcycle."

-Drew White, Riverton Country Club

"This winter I have enjoyed The Queens Gambit and The Crown. I typically steer toward political/CIA dramas, so these two series were a nice surprise. I also like to throw in something funny to mix it up. Big Mouth has been in rotation to fill that spot."

-Brian Bontemps, Noble Turf

"We binge-watched Ozark, Bloodline, and now working on Yellowstone."

-Paul Dotti, Arcola Country Club

"I am binge-watching Parks and Rec this winter. I can relate to many of the storylines as I am approaching my 19th year in county government. I am not as lax as Ron Swanson or as over-the-top as Leslie Knope or as goofy as Andy Dwyer, but I can say I am a combo of the three at times!"

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