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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

JEREMY HREBEN, CGCS
Indian Spring Country Club



Well, Spring is finally here. It seems like it comes later and later every year, even if she tries to arrive early as she always does for a week in February. However, regardless of the phenology or weather, it is never officially Spring until The War at the Shore begins at Atlantic City Country Club. This year Mark Beaumont, with the help of Mother Nature, was able to show its teeth. We couldn't hold on to the title against Philly, but as usual, it was a fabulous day, wind and all!

There are exciting events for everyone to take advantage of in the near future. This year, the Foundation Shootout is being held at Trump National Bedminster hosted by our District 2 Director, Rob Wagner. I suggest registering early as this is a must-play golf course and raises funds for a great cause.

One of our goals this year was to host more non-golf events. Thanks to Pat Quinlan at Fairmount Country Club, our first cornhole tournament was a success, and we look forward to having it again next year. We are also hosting a Family Night on June 21st at the Somerset Patriots game in Bridgewater, NJ. Stay tuned for the registration details. I hope you and your family can come out for a great night with your fellow members.

I spoke in the last issue about the importance of being an active member by participating and giving back. A great way to do both is by volunteering at one of the many tournaments being hosted in our region this year. The LPGA ShopRite Classic at Sea View and the U.S. Amateur at Ridgewood Country Club and Arcola Country Club are all in need of volunteers. If you can help, please reach out to the host superintendents for more details.

I am excited about the upcoming year. I plan to take advantage of the great events and spend time with my fellow members, and I hope you do too. Seeing some new faces this year would be icing on the cake.

Please reach out to me, Maureen, or any board members if you have an idea, concern, or just want to help!

SINCERELY,

JEREMY HREBEN, CGCS
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FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I recently read an article about fostering happiness in the workplace, and according to an Oxford University study, happy employees are 13% more productive at work. I quickly assumed that these employees were happy because of their salary, but that wasn't the case. Multiple studies show that friendships are the leading factor in happiness in the workplace. Encouraging friendships at work creates happiness, but studies show it also increases employee retention. People are less likely to leave a job when they have formed friendships with their coworkers.

I read this article right after War at the Shore with PAGCS, which is one of my favorite chapter events. I quickly realized that I like this event so much because I get to plan it and work it with a workplace friend, Kristen Liebsch, the Executive Director of the PAGCS.

My position is atypical because I work from home. Most of my communication is via email or over the phone, so when I can work and spend time with a fellow chapter leader, I leave that experience more engaged and excited about my work.

I bring this up because mental health and recruiting/retaining employees are two prominent topics in our industry. While many clubs and courses recognize the need for pay raises and budgetary improvements, not everyone can or is willing to do that. Focusing on your and your team's happiness may be a step in the right direction. Aside from the benefits mentioned earlier, friendships are shown to lower stress levels and promote peer-to-peer learning and collaboration.

It may be time to evaluate your workplace culture and start taking small steps to encourage friendships to create newfound happiness at work.

Sincerely,

Maureen Sharples
GCSANJ Executive Director

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PAGCS TAKES THE WIN AT THE WAR AT THE SHORE

A full field of GCSANJ and PAGCS members came out to Atlantic City Country Club to compete in this year's War At the Shore on April 11th. Although we didn't take the cup this year, the day was filled with camaraderie and friendly competition.

Winner: PAGCS

Hosted by: Mark Beaumont

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Representatives from Harrell's and Turf Equipment and Supply awarded PAGCS the cup.

LIVE BRACKETS

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www.gcsanj.org/stanley-leslie-cup

We look forward to crowning our winning teams in the fall.

MEMBER BENEFIT

All participants must have an active GHIN with current scores posted to be eligible for net prizes at our golf meetings. If you do not have a current GHIN, we are more than happy to sign you up for one free of charge as a member benefit.

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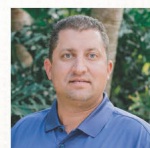
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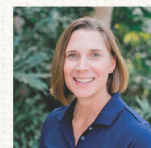


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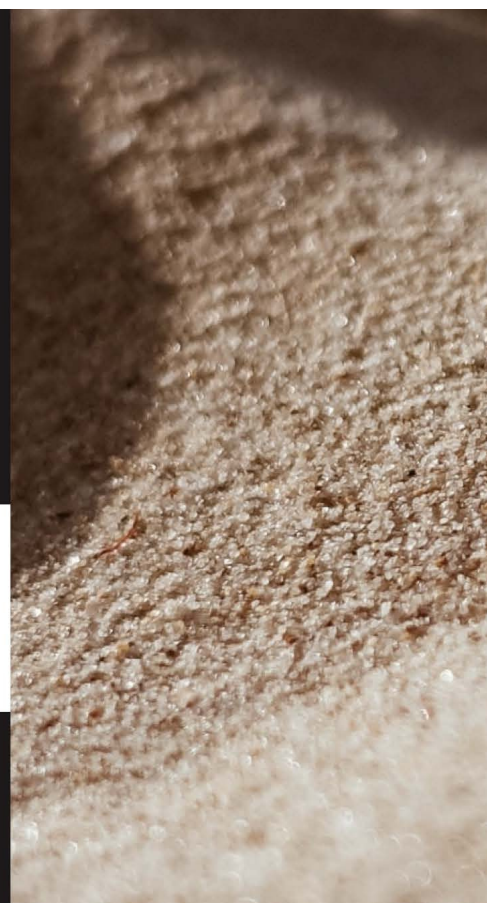
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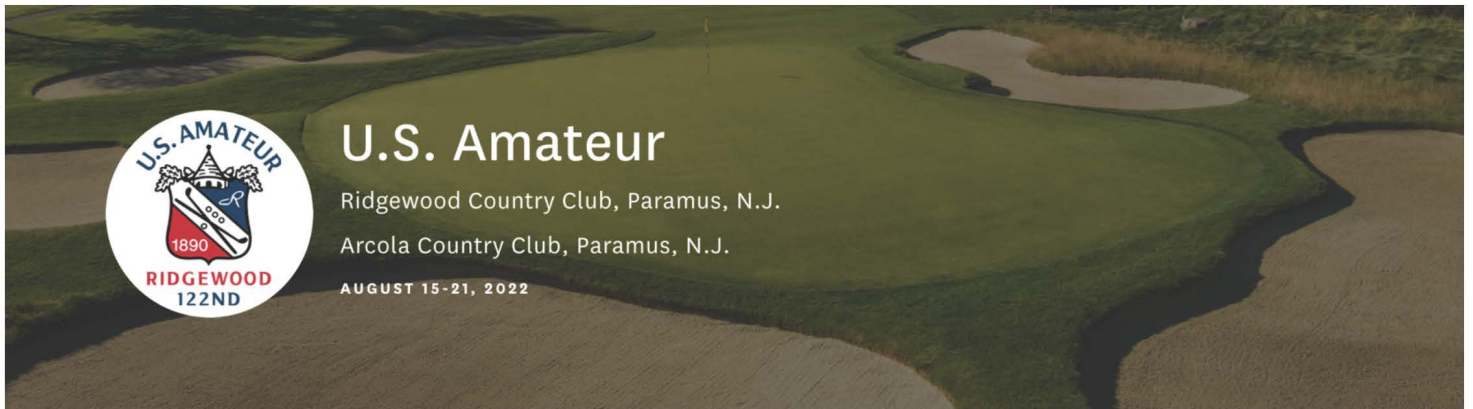
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If you are interested in volunteering at Ridgewood for the championship, please go to <https://forms.gle/BBme8dYJAnRbw5BK7> or scan the QR code below to indicate what days and times you would be available to volunteer. While we will take any help we can get in the evenings, we are most in need of morning volunteers on Saturday the 13th through the following Sunday the 21st. Any time you could donate though would be greatly appreciated.

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

Practice rounds will begin on Saturday the 13th and our morning prep at 4:00 A.M. Although the times have not been determined yet, the PM schedule will begin in the early evening.

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

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

Todd Raisch, CGCS
The Ridgewood Country Club



MEMBER NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Nathan Frick

Class C, Somerset Hills CC

Ben Brace

Class AF, Genesis Turfgrass

Cody Lyman

Class AF, Grass Roots Turf Products

David Szegda

Class D, Pine Valley GC

Thomas Sporn

Class C, Charleston Springs GC

Hunter Haas

Class C, Canoe Brook CC



THE CHIRIP CUP

The Poconos Turfgrass Association has named their Match Play tournament, The Chirip Cup, in honor of Steve Chirip's 45 years of service to our industry.

Steve Chirip, Sales Representative at Grass Roots Turf Products, is a member of the PTGA, PAGCS, and GCSANJ. He helped create and chair the Rutgers Golf Classic for the first ten years and is a Rutgers Turfgrass Hall of Fame member.

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Syngenta is excited to announce that applications are now open for the 2022 Syngenta Business Institute professional development program, which will be back in-person at the Graylyn International Conference Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Dec. 6-9.

Golf course superintendents have until Aug. 22 to apply online.

To apply, visit
GreenCastOnline.com/SBI.

Superintendents can also contact their local Syngenta territory manager for more information.



GCSANJ FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The GCSANJ Foundation has a long tradition of supporting our members by providing college scholarships for members, their children, or their spouse.

Last year, the GCSANJ Foundation awarded \$18,000 in scholarships. The 2022 scholarship application is posted and the deadline to submit a complete application is June 20th.

The application and instructions can be found on gcsanj.org/gcsanj-foundation.

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BATTLE ACROSS THE RIVER

GCSANJ Foundation hosts the 1st Annual GCSANJ vs PAGCS Hockey Game.

By Joe Kinlin, Golf Course Superintendent Bey Lea Golf Course



It all started with an idea; Tyler Otero and Eric Shilling of Harrell's wanted to have a friendly hockey game—if that's possible—between the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents and the Golf Course Superintendents of New Jersey. Eric already had a team that played together in the Philadelphia area, so Tyler tasked me with putting together the Jersey squad. Once we got a team together, Tyler and Keith Bennett helped us get all the details ironed out.

On Saturday, January 15th, Winding River Skating Center in Toms River, NJ played host to our

event. The concept was to play hockey, but we wanted to include families in the fun so we brought in Pizza Vita food truck from Jersey City and enjoyed some tasty beverages from Icarus Brewing of Lakewood. The second period of the hockey game was replaced with a "family skate." This was the first time on the ice for my 4-year-old, who took full advantage of the skate walkers! The post-game pizza and beverages stretched into the evening and allowed ample post-game recovery and camaraderie.

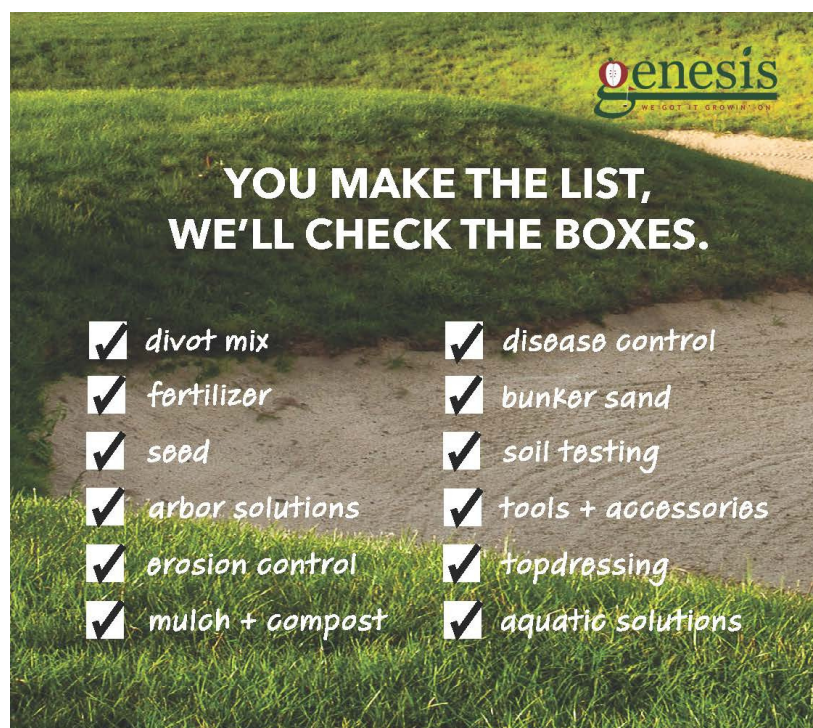
Thanks to our corporate supporters, this family fun day

was free to all who attended. The GCSANJ Foundation decided to match the \$1,000 surplus and donate it to the Wee One Foundation in the names of PAGCS and GCSANJ. The Wee One Foundation has supported our members in need and it was wonderful to give back to such a worthy cause. These generous sponsors were BASF, Finch Turf, Grass Roots, Harrell's, Helena, Noble Turf, Turf Equipment and Supply, The Turf Trade, and Syngenta. We are grateful for the financial support and feel fortunate to do business with such great companies.

The game proved to be a real test, with fast-paced hockey going back and forth. At the end of the first period, PAGCS had the edge in play 2 to 1. The family skate was a chance to mingle, spend time with family and friends, and hydrate! When the third period started, GCSANJ made a push to take a 3-2 lead, but PAGCS scored twice more to make it 4-3. And then, with mere seconds to go, Dan Kilpatrick shot the puck from the right point and tied it up. I am not sure if the NJ squad was happy with Dan at that point; perhaps we wanted beer and pizza instead of an overtime period! But we got nearly an entire period of overtime until PAGCS prevailed on a 3-on-2 break. PAGCS took the 5-4 victory and bragging rights as winners of the 1st Annual Battle Across the River.

Thank you to both our players and fans who came out to enjoy the ice on a very chilly winter day.

Next year's event moves across the river to the Philadelphia area. Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Battle Across the River on January 22nd, 2023, at Center Ice in Oaks, PA.



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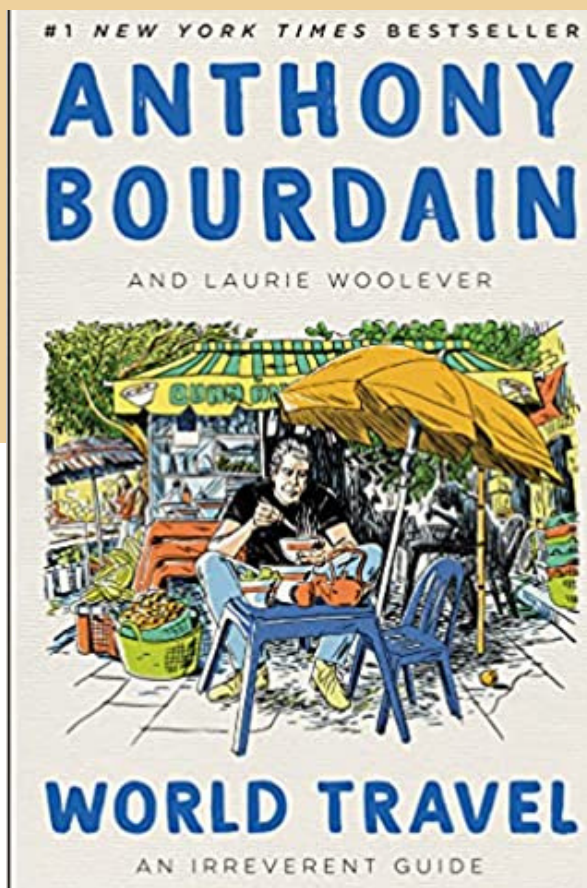


The Kinlin Family

WISDOM IN UNCOMMON BOOKS

By Donovan Maguigan

World Travel by Anthony Bourdain



I shared an amazing meal in New York City with my general manager and two Springdale members ahead of a concert that we attended together that night. Despite our attendance together being based around our relationship at Springdale, the dinner never transpired into a discussion about our golf club, but more so about our lives, homes, and our favorite topic, food. A thought was shared by our hosts that, "Sharing food is one of the most intimate things that you can do with a person." While we continued to dine, this deeply philosophical statement echoed in

my head as I thought of meals shared with my family over the holidays, the many dates with my wife, and the many times that I have eaten with my fellow superintendents over food whether in Atlantic City for Expo, breweries for casual drinks, or post-golf event dinners. This month, we even asked our district directors to share their favorite places to eat as well as the personal question, "How do you like your coffee?" To eat with someone is to know them and the book I selected this month shares that thought while opening our eyes to the world around us,

exposing us to new customs and dietary adventures.

Before his sudden death in 2018, Anthony Bourdain had been working on a travel guide called *World Travel*, which would be completed posthumously by his brother and long-time assistant. This book is extensively researched and fully of travel details from around the world, especially the off the beaten path locations that Bourdain was known for exploring and savoring food from. As it was written posthumously, the book used bold blue lettering when drawing

directly from Bourdain's work on the book, capturing his spirit among the pages. It serves as a delicate mix of travel guide, journal, and food culture history book. *World Travel* is great when read cover to cover or cracked open to find a place to eat on your next trip.

For a book called *World Travel*, you might be shocked to know that he has a section dedicated to New Jersey, sharing the Garden State's culinary contributions that stretch beyond beach pizza and pork roll (and Taylor Ham). Growing up in Leonia, New Jersey, Bourdain held a nostalgic relationship with his home state, returning multiple times in his television career to share its culinary delights. In this book, he states, "As I always like to say,

good is good forever: great music, great songs, and a classic Jersey sandwich."

You might be tempted to only explore the places listed in New Jersey, New York, or Philadelphia and place the book back on the shelf, but I implore you to open the book, pick a location, and learn something new about the world. I have been fortunate enough to have traveled extensively including living in Singapore as a child, but I still crave to know what the far corners of the world can share. Take a moment to try local restaurant that specializes in a foreign cuisine, talk to the people who work there, and sample what the world can offer. Be sure to invite your friends, share food with them, spend the evening

talking, and enjoy the time you spend together.

If you are interested in more reading like this, I recommend the following:

- *Kitchen Confidential* by Anthony Bourdain

- *Eat a Peach* by David Chang



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TAKE IT BACK TO THE FIRST TEE

Leslie Carpenter Jr.
Through the Years



Les and Dana Carpenter

1967

Les grew up in Hackettstown, NJ. His father, Les Carpenter Sr., was the golf course superintendent at Musconetcong Country Club, now Mine Brook Country Club. His mother, Wanda, was the restaurant manager there. He and his younger siblings, including his brother Scott, golf course superintendent at Brooklake Country Club, spent most of their time on the property helping their parents. Les began working on the golf course after school and on weekends at ten years old.

1969

Les loved the game of golf at a young age and played whenever he could. At 12, he started competing in youth golf tournaments.

1971

At 14, Les became a member of GCSANJ as his father's assistant superintendent Braidburn Country Club, now known as Brooklake Country Club.

1975

Les graduated from high school. He enrolled in the local community college and took some liberal arts courses but knew he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and be a golf course superintendent. He enrolled in the Rutgers Turf program. His classmates included Joel Jacquemot and Michael Hocko.



1986

A member at Picatinny Golf Club encouraged Les to apply to the golf course superintendent position at Newton Country, where he was also a member.

When Les took the position at Newton CC, the club's leadership wanted to elevate the member experience by renovating the golf course. Les and his team did a lot of in-house construction projects during his 32 years at Newton CC. He also worked with Stephen Kay on more significant projects throughout the course.



Newton Country Club

1983

Les marries his wife, Dana. They grew up in the same area and began dating when Dana worked at Picatinny during her summer breaks.

1978

Just two weeks after graduating from Rutgers at 20 years old, Les was offered the golf course superintendent position at Picatinny Golf Club in Dover, NJ.

1989

Les and Dana welcomed their first child, Daniel.

1991

They welcomed their second son, Stephen.

Stephen followed in his dad's footsteps and is the assistant superintendent at Cedar Hill Country Club.

1998

Les was always passionate about nature and the environment. In the 1990s, when the golf industry was facing a lot of political scrutiny from environmentalists, with the support of Newton's membership, Les worked hard to implement a sound ecological plan for golf maintenance operation at the club.

In 1998, Newton Country Club became a certified member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.

1999

Les receives a GCSAA Environmental Steward Award.

He becomes an Audubon International Steward, and is still active in that role today.

2017

Les retires from Newton Country Club after 32 years.

He is the recipient of the GCSANJ Member of the Year Award.

After his retirement, Mr. Peter Kellogg, a member of Newton CC and the owner of Hudson Farm Club in Andover, NJ, recruited Les to work part-time as the Grounds Manager of the 4,000-acre property.

Hudson Farm has a strong culture and passion for environmental stewardship.



Hudson Farm Club

2016

Les is selected to receive the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School's Award for Professional Excellence.

Newton Country Club was also presented with the Arthur P. Weber MGA Club Environmental Leaders in Golf Award.



Keith Kubik presenting Les the Environmental Stewardship Award.

2018

Les becomes a GCSANJ Foundation Trustee. He hosts the first annual Charity Sporting Clays Shoot and Pig Roast at Hudson Farm for the Foundation. He has since hosted it every year.



Les instructing at the GCSANJ Foundation Clay Shoot



Les and Dana enjoying retirement.

2019

To celebrate his 60th birthday, his family gave him a trip to Newfoundland for a 5-day moose hunting excursion. He brought home 400 pounds of meat. Les loved the experience so much that he has plans to go back in 2023.



Les on his Newfoundland moose hunt.

Present

Since starting his position at Hudson Farm, Les has become a Level I Sporting Clays Instructor, Range Safety Officer, Level I NRA Pistol Instructor.

He enjoys spending time with his family, especially his granddaughters Olivia and Chloe.



Stephen, Danielle, Olivia, and Chloe Carpenter

2015

Les is the recipient of the NJ Turfgrass Association's Environmental Stewardship Award.

Les is selected for GCSAA's The Melrose Leadership Academy for GIS San Antonio. Since attending, he has become an advocate for the program and encourages NJ members to apply.

2012

GCSAA introduces the Rounds4Research program. Les volunteers to become the chairman for GCSANJ. Since its introduction, Les and the GCSANJ Foundation have raised over \$70,000 through the Rounds4Research program for the GCSANJ Foundation.

Les also serves on the GCSAA Rounds4Research Task Group.

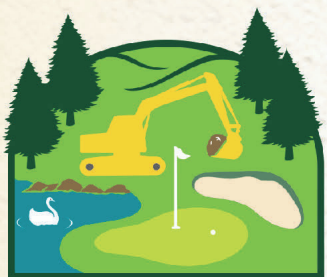
He was elected to the GCSANJ Board of Directors as the District I Director.



Les' son Daniel and his daughter-in-law, Samantha



Golfdom feature about Les and his environmental initiatives.



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REMEMBERING MAURICE "SKIP" CAMERON

On March 22nd, our longtime member, Maurice "Skip" Cameron, passed away at 87. Skip was a member of GCSANJ for over 60 years and served as president from 1973 to 1974. Skip received the GCSANJ Distinguished Service Award in 1994.

Five years ago, Skip wrote a short article about his career in hopes of sharing advice and encouragement with new professionals in our industry. Ken Kubik was able to track down the article and graciously shared it. We hope you will take the time to honor his memory and service to our chapter by reading his story.



I was born in Springfield, MA on November 8, 1934.

My wonderful mother grew annuals and other plants inside and outside of the house. I took after her and her side of the family which included Sherwood Moore who all the old-timers in the Metropolitan area will remember.

During Sherwood's tenure, he was President of GCSANJ, The Metropolitan, and The National Assoc. and a constant speaker at most meetings.

When I was 12 years old Sher invited me to live in N.J. with him and his wife Marie in his house on Crestmont Golf Course in W. Orange, N.J. Weather permitting, we would get up at dawn and walk to the maintenance shop. When he got the men started, we would walk 9 holes on the golf course and he would show and explain the many grasses, weeds, shrubs, trees, and all about nature.

This went on through high school and two years at Stockbridge School of Agriculture until going into the U.S. Air Force.

After the Air Force, Sherwood and I talked about my future, Sher said it was time to move on and get experiences on another golf course. At that time Mr. Ed Casey needed an assistant at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J. What a Job. It was four years as the only assistant at a 36-hole course with about 45 men during the season. Winter was rest time with a skeleton crew and Ed Casey spent the winters in Florida.

Again, I went back to my mentor Sherwood, and he said that Elmwood Golf Club in Westchester, N.Y. was looking for a new superintendent to work at their 18-hole club. I got the job and took my new wife Phyllis on a new adventure. I met the greatest boss and some of the nicest people ever.

After 4 years there, I made a mistake and was talked into a job building a golf course and within a year they went broke and closed. Then I heard that Mountain Ridge Country Club in West Caldwell, NJ was open and again I was lucky enough to get that job.

Again, I worked with wonderful people and stayed there for 7 years. Canoe Brook Country Club opened up and I always wanted to get back to a 36-hole golf club because they were more active with outings and tournaments. This worked out great and I spent 21 years there up to my retirement.

Looking back, we had some tough times, but overall I really enjoyed getting up early and keeping busy under great conditions as seeing the morning sunshine with no one on the golf course and thinking what a nice place to spend the day.

How lucky was I to learn from the best at the time? Learning must include joining and being active in the local and national turf associations. It is the only way to stay abreast of the times including chemicals, new grasses, fertilizers, etc.

Thank you for reading this and hope it might be of help to the young people looking for a lifetime career.

Maurice "Skip" Cameron
(1934-2022)



40 PLUS YEARS OF GCSAA MEMBERSHIP

BY SHAUN BARRY

In the recent GCM issue, the magazine continued its annual tradition of listing all its longtime members, starting with 25 years of membership. I am sure most members are too busy to spend much time reviewing these names other than finding themselves or friends.

Below, you will see a list of current and former GCSANJ members who have maintained GCSANJ membership and GCSAA membership. Most of these names represent people who did the jobs our members are doing now. Like today's members, they were part of a brotherhood whose lineage goes back to Old Tom Morris Sr. and even further. This lineage doesn't have a clever name like The Long Gray

Line or The Thin Blue Line, but our connection to the past is just as strong.

Most current GCSANJ members will recognize a few names, but as the length of years of membership increases, only a few of our current GCSANJ members will remember these people, but others will know most of these people. We are all working hard to succeed, and hopefully, we will be remembered for what we did at our jobs and our commitment to our industry. Please review the list, and I hope you make it a goal to be a part of this lifetime connection to all of the Greenkeepers, Course Managers, and Superintendents that have struggled, so we have been able to rise to levels of success.



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TECH TIPS UNPLUGGED

by Donovan Maguigan

Here's a tech tip...grab your smartphone, turn it off or unplug it, and leave it in another room. Well, first check Twitter for what is going on in turf, finish today's Wordle, read your e-mail, log your calories, like some posts on Instagram, and check the tracking on your Amazon package. In that time, you probably will receive a few text messages, an email or two from the club, and you just got a friend request from someone you think you went to high school with. Of course, as you were looking at your Wordle, you accidentally opened up Untappd and now you are looking for a beer that your buddy just posted. It won't be long before you descend into another internet rabbit hole, completely forgetting what you originally opened your phone for.

It's no mystery how connected we are to this rectangle of aluminum, glass, plastic, silicon, and lithium. Our entire worlds are held within these devices and every day more items become entwined with smartphone technology including our wallets, IDs, photo albums, notebooks, and activity trackers. Smartphones are technological Swiss Army knives, but there should be a point when you should put them down and provide yourself some distance. The constant notifications and distractions can derail your brain, remind you of stresses, and potentially even curve your spine.

Before smartphones, emails were not as freely moving as text messages, social media was nonexistent, and we didn't check the weather nearly as much but nowadays, our entire lives are encapsulated in a device that you are technologically required to replace every two to three years or your technological world comes to a screeching halt. Despite the handcuff that we have with your smartphones, there is hope in a few things that you can do for yourself to provide a respite.

Schedule Do Not Disturb

Both Android and Apple phones include the option to turn on a Do Not Disturb mode, a setting that can quiet all or some notifications. This option can be tailored to allow certain notifications from favorite contacts or repeated calls. I personally have a number of these focused settings on my iPhone that tailor who I receive messages, calls, and notifications from depending on what I am doing that day. It's a simple way to put up some temporary walls that might help you stay on track and distracted less.

Charge It in Another Room

Free yourself from the distraction of picking up your phone by placing it in another room when charging, even if only at night. If your phone remains in arm's reach, you will likely pick it up for a multitude of reasons.

Delete Unnecessary Apps

If you open your full list of smartphone apps, you might notice several that you have not opened. It's almost May. Do you still have the Masters app? Haven't opened Snapchat in a few months? A periodical purge of excess apps on your phone can provide both a freeing of space on your phone as well as limit distractions.

Notifications on Your Wrist... Beware!

After several years of wearing multiple brands of smartwatches with notifications, I recently switched back to an automatic watch (Yes, it only tells the time, but looks great). I found myself constantly checking my watch for notifications, looking at the weather, or playing with the watch dial. Every vibration or notification sound grabbed my attention away from what I was working on or trying to relax from. It's a great tool just like your phone, but can itself become a distraction.

Be Aware of Your Phone Usage Around Others

Self-awareness is important when you find yourself using your phone too much or constantly checking notifications. Turning off notifications or keeping your phone elsewhere can help you remain in the moment and professional.

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QUICK QUESTIONS

New board members Mark Miedler, Pat Quinlan, and Rob Wagner answered our quick questions to share their experiences as superintendents and anecdotes about their courses and careers.

Why did you join the GCSANJ Board?

Why did you become a superintendent?

Tell us about your golf course?

MARK MIEDLER



**Essex Fells Country Club
Golf Course Superintendent**

I have met a bunch of great people over the years, learned a ton from fellow members, and enjoyed a lot of great events hosted by GCSANJ. It was time for me to give back a bit.

The game of golf brought me into this career. The challenge and reward have kept me here. We have the greatest office space in the world.

Essex Fells CC is a golden-age golf course dating back to 1896. A few different renowned architects have put their imprints on the property. We are currently creating a master plan for the course and facilities. I am excited to see the place evolve over the next five-plus years.

PAT QUINLAN



**Fairmount Country Club
Golf Course Superintendent**

I am friendly with many of our board members and thought I would enjoy working with them.

I knew I couldn't work in a cubicle every day, and the thought of commuting to NYC was a nightmare. I always enjoyed working and being outdoors, along with playing golf. I worked landscape construction during high school summers and played golf on the weekends. I ran into the superintendent at the county course I would play, and he explained the business to me. The rest is history.

The course was designed by Hal Purdy and, more recently, updated by Robert McNeil. I took over from the retiring superintendent four years ago, and we have been focusing on modern agronomic procedures and drainage. We installed a 5-row Rainbird HDPE irrigation system and most recently have been working with XGD on greens, approach, and fairway drainage. The result of these changes is finally starting to show.

ROB WAGNER



**Trump National Bedminster
Director of Grounds**

When Jeremy asks, you have to heed the call.

I grew up across the street from a maintenance shop. My morning alarm clock was the equipment, followed by the metal spikes of the golfers. I always looked up to the superintendent and got hooked when I was old enough to be on the crew. I was fortunate to have great mentors, which influenced my path toward a career in turf.

The course I work at is great because it's a nice, quiet spot. Seriously though, Trump National Bedminster has always had great people in all facets of the operation. That's what makes working here great. Although chaotic at times, it most certainly is never boring here. If I hadn't signed an NDA and my memory was better, I could write an entertaining book.

What is something unique about your golf course?

Apparently, the Mulligan evolved at EFCC. The locker room attendant was Buddy Mulligan. He would play afternoon matches with the club pro. The golf professional played much more golf and had plenty of warm-up before the afternoon games with Buddy. The pro always spotted Buddy an extra tee shot off of #1 as a warm-up, and this later became known as the "Mulligan," that we are all familiar with today.

What is the biggest challenge that you face at your property?

Drainage, hands down.

What is something that you have continued to do non-stop since the start of your career?

I love to hand water greens. It gives me a chance to see them day in and day out through the toughest stretches of weather. Plus, it helps with the mid-section, haha!

If you could go back in time, what is one piece of advice you would tell your younger self?

Ask your management or board for what you need, no matter the cost. Have a good sales pitch and all the answers to why you need the funding, but never be afraid to ask. Our job is to put out conditions and be upfront about what it costs and takes to get to the next level. We all know that's what the golfers want, put the ball in their court and fight for what's right for the golf course and yourself.

Fairmount CC is located in The Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

Heavy clay swampy soils.

Network.

Don't let work cause you to miss so many family functions. You can't get that time back.

One of the buildings on the property is haunted by the ghost of a British sympathizer that lived here during the American Revolution. He was placed under house arrest by George Washington after the conclusion of the war and for all of eternity...

Our biggest challenge we face is keeping our local goat herd from ripping apart fertilizer bags and out of the mechanic's office.

Since the start of my career, I have continued non-stop to always reply "yes" whenever a coworker asks if I want a coffee.

If I could go back in time I would have told myself to wear better ear protection when I was younger.

QUICK QUESTIONS *Rapid Fire Edition*

Pork Roll or Taylor Ham?

- **Mark:** Taylor Ham
- **Pat:** Taylor Ham
- **Rob:** Taylor Ham

Favorite place to eat in NJ?

- **Mark:** Steves Sizzling Steaks on Rt 17. It reminds me of my dad. Miss hanging out with him!
- **Pat:** Serenade in Chatham
- **Rob:** Uncle Vinny's in Raritan

Last movie you saw?

- **Mark:** N/A. Not a big TV or movie guy. I only watch baseball and golf.
- **Pat:** Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle
- **Rob:** Missing in Action 2: The Beginning

It's your day off, what are you doing?

- **Mark:** Hanging out with my 4-year-old son Anthony. He's awesome.
- **Pat:** Take a nap.
- **Rob:** Spend time with my wife or fish with my dad.

You just won \$1 Million, what are you doing with it?

- **Mark:** Buying a house in South Carolina to retire to, investing the remainder.
- **Pat:** Purchase a second home in Rhode Island.
- **Rob:** Pay off my mortgage, invest the rest if anything is left after taxes.

How do you like your coffee? Or what do you drink?

- **Mark:** Black, the stronger, the better.
- **Pat:** Just cream
- **Rob:** Cream with no sugar + extra shot of espresso

If you could have footage from one memorable moment in your life, what would it be?

- **Mark:** My wedding after-party.
- **Pat:** My father's face when we took him back to Notre Dame for a football game. The last time he was there was with his father in 1967.
- **Rob:** Catching my first fish with my grandfather.



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We have provided a schedule below with our anticipated shifts and any help would be greatly appreciated. Food will be provided to volunteers in the AM and PM Shifts with access to the tournament.

<u>Day</u>	<u>AM Shift</u>	<u>PM Shift</u>	
Monday, June 6	3:00AM-8:00AM	5:00PM-9:00PM	<i>Practice</i>
Tuesday, June 7	3:00AM-8:00AM	5:00PM-9:00PM	<i>Practice</i>
Wednesday, June 8	3:00AM-8:00AM	5:00PM-9:00PM	<i>Pro-Am</i>
Thursday, June 9	3:00AM-8:00AM	5:00PM-9:00PM	<i>Pro-Am</i>
Friday, June 10	3:00AM-8:00AM	5:00PM-9:00PM	<i>Round 1</i>
Saturday, June 11	3:00AM-8:00AM	5:00PM-9:00PM	<i>Round 2</i>
Sunday, Jun3 12	3:00AM-8:00AM	No PM Shift	<i>Round 3</i>

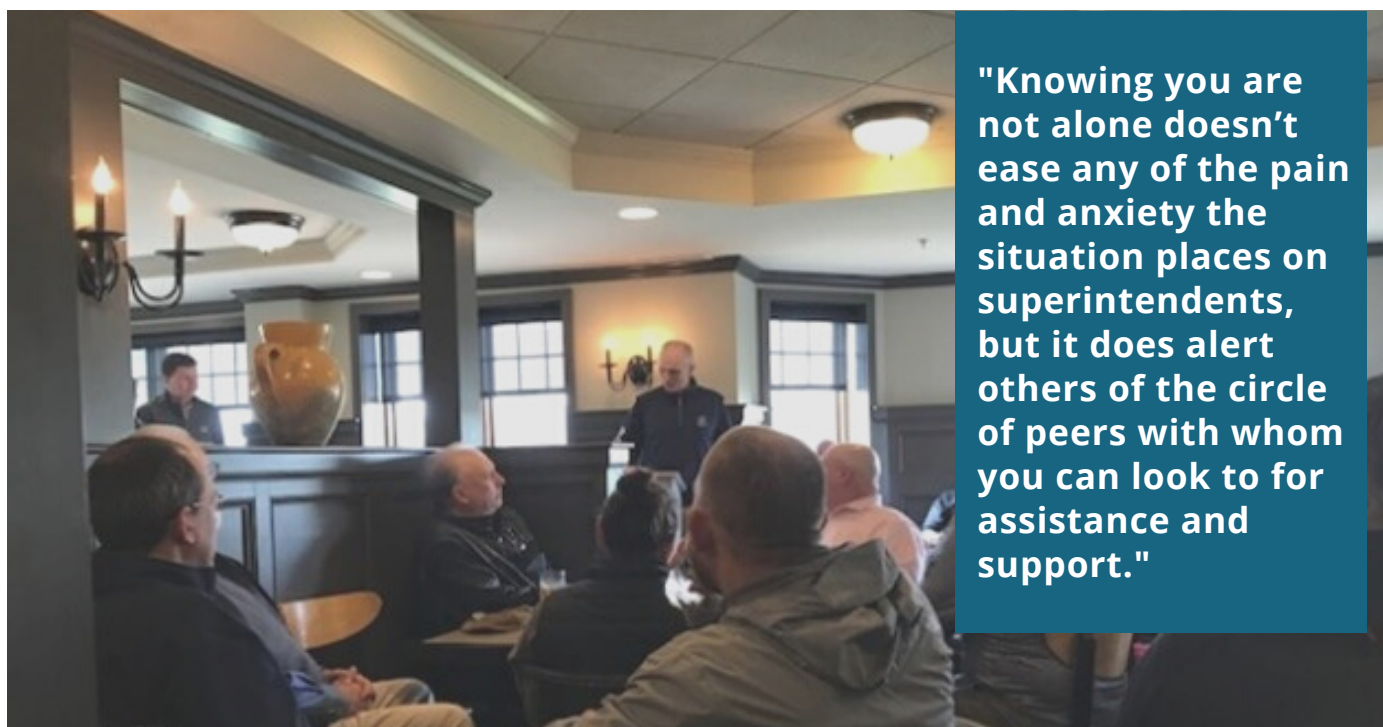
Any help that can be provided for either the AM or PM shifts would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mike at (717) 808-2047 or mbair@troon.com with your name, shifts, experience, and contact information for the tournament.

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Director of Agronomy

IN CHALLENGING TIMES, WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER

By Kevin Doyle, GCSAA Field Staff



"Knowing you are not alone doesn't ease any of the pain and anxiety the situation places on superintendents, but it does alert others of the circle of peers with whom you can look to for assistance and support."

We often talk about the networking and camaraderie this industry exemplifies. Sharing knowledge amongst ourselves is standard practice. Mother Nature dished out anxiety to most, while some came through in good to great shape, others did not. Superintendents, through a swath of central New York, the Capital District of Albany, western Massachusetts down through Connecticut, areas of New York and northern New Jersey are dealing with damage of various proportion. On Friday April 1, Springfield Country Club (MA) superintendent Jedd Newsome

put together a roundtable meeting, as he did in 2015, inviting area superintendents with Michelle DaCosta, Ph.D., of UMass, and John Daniels, regional USGA agronomist, to add their input. Club officials were asked to attend; meeting content was geared toward all attendees.

DaCosta gave a summary of the winter weather including the warm December, very cold January, followed by the roller coaster February. Data sensors being utilized by ongoing research showed January soil temp (at a

one-half inch depth) less than 20 degrees, followed by a February that included three or four events where soil temperatures reached 40-60 degrees!

DaCosta noted these swings in temperature are more in line with March, not February. Huge moisture releases were measured by the sensors in February, even under ice, creating potential for injury to Poa which de-hardens easily with temperature and easily absorbs moisture.

Sensors under ice showed less fluctuation in temperature and

much less moisture release, yet the drop in oxygen levels were severe. Noting how carbon dioxide levels have yet to be addressed, DaCosta engaged Mohawk Golf Course superintendent Andy Eick regarding his green tied to this data. Eick explained to the attendees that the green under ice turned out to be the best green on the property to date.

Daniels discussed results of his many site visits from New York to Massachusetts, and many in between. The importance of sunshine in fall turf health headed into winter and spring recovery was highlighted. Daniels stressed the importance of photos in documenting these difficult growing conditions.

Use of permeable and impermeable covers was discussed. Daniels addressed the benefits of each in preventing damage, issues that can occur and the use of covers to aide in recovery. Newsome highlighted his use of covers on his historically difficult greens and the success this effort has made.

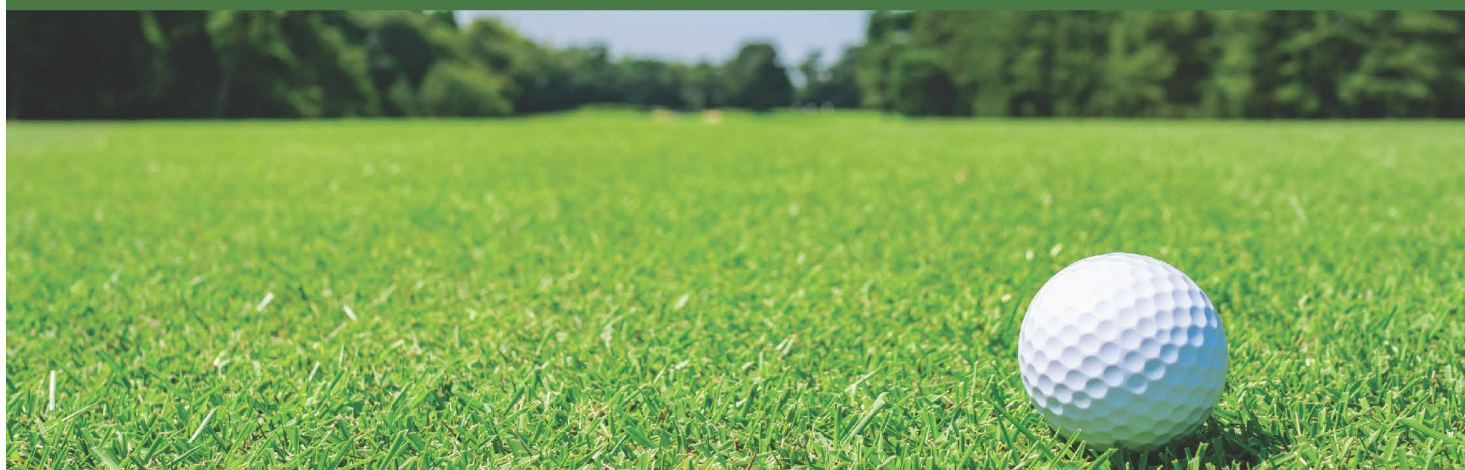
Newsome wrapped up the day by noting during his 13-year tenure at Springfield Country Club, he's endured six years of significant winterkill issues. He extended his thanks to the club for their patience and understanding during recovery. He stressed the need to stay off the greens until they recover while admitting the pressure on municipal and public facilities might make that

impossible. Newsome's mantra for keeping the stress off the greens: By June 1, the golfers will all have forgotten what happened. Newsome thanked the club for allowing him to host, the Tom Irwin Company for providing lunch, and all who attended. There were great questions with fantastic information provided by speakers and attendees alike. Knowing you are not alone doesn't ease any of the pain and anxiety the situation places on superintendents, but it does alert others of the circle of peers with whom you can look to for assistance and support. A rising tide raises all ships; let the healing process begin.

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-Dick Neufeld, Plant Food Co.

"My favorite golf hole in New Jersey is the par 3, 2nd hole at Somerset Hills CC. It's one of the most intimidating Redan holes I've ever played. Par is a very good score there."

-Lance Rogers, Colonia Country Club

"My favorite golf hole in NJ is the 11th hole at Crystal Springs. It's a long par 3, probably 170-190ish, with a huge "butterfly" shaped green. The tee is probably almost 100' high where you're hitting off a cliff and over water depending on where the pin is located. The views are stunning, and it's located in a beautiful part of not only the state but also the United States."

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