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# EDITORIALS

## WORDS/PICTURES

THIS EDITION OF THE GREENERSIDE breaks new ground for the editorial staff: pictures instead of words. We are presenting a pictorial essay of the Field Day, the Invitational, and the Golf Championship. Being the kind of year it has been, we exhausted all our words and let the camera do the work. Someone did say "a picture is worth a thousand words".

JIM GILLIGAN

## OFF SEASON

WITH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME gone for another season, it is a pleasure to go to work in the daylight hours and regain the lost hour of sleep. Also the frost thaws earlier, eliminating those dreaded frost delays on Saturday mornings. If we stayed on Standard Time all year we wouldn't have those long days in the summer. Something to think about.

Most of the leaves have fallen, littering the landscape with a sparkling hue. It hurts sometimes to herd those beautiful leaves into a leaf mulcher, but the game of golf must be played and no lost balls.

Soon our attention will be focused on snow warnings and snow plows, and ice, and cold, and paddle tennis at -5° F.

The Greenside will have a booth again at Expo '87, visit us and share some thoughts about the newsletter and maybe consider joining us next year.

We wish everyone a joyous Thanksgiving and happy Holiday Season!

JIM GILLIGAN

## PGA LESSON NO. 1: Don't get stumped by the Stimpmeter

PALM BEACH GARDENS—Not everyone who attends the PGA Championship was an avid golf fan, and that's OK. One of the best parts about a big event like this is the thrill of discovery. One need not know Italian to enjoy an opera, nor is it necessary to break down and reassemble an engine as preparation for a day at the Grand Prix of Palm Beach.

What do you say when a term totally alien comes up in conversation?

### Simply rolling along...

The one that might be bandied about the most, however, is the daily Stimpmeter rating for PGA National's Champion Course. Only Richter scale readings are discussed as much and understood as little.

Actually, Stimpmeters were largely unknown—even to the golf course superintendents who use them most today—until the last 10 years or so. It seems Edward S. Stimpmeter was a great idea man but a lousy publicist. Some 40 years ago he came up with a simple but effective means of measuring the putting speed of greens. The world's major golfing bodies have come to gauge the readiness of tournament sites with this contraption.

The Stimpmeter is no meter at all, and it's as user friendly as a yardstick. A 36-inch section of rain gutter would work as well, providing it were milled to specs and sold for an exorbitant amount through a Nevada Bob's mail-order catalog. The established procedure is to place a golf ball on one end of the green trough, lift the thing slowly until the ball rolls off a perch and down the ramp, and measure how far the ball rolls. Do it three times in one direction, then turn around and repeat the steps. The average of all the distances is your Stimp number, measured in feet.

### No concrete comparisons

Luke Majorki keeps his Stimpmeter sheathed in a cardboard box and carries it around PGA National like a royal scepter. Across the sprawling property, which includes four championship courses, there is only one Stimpmeter.

Extensive testing conducted by *The Palm Beach Post* Friday produced astounding results to the contrary.

A flat expanse of concrete carries a Stimp rating of about 31.5. Findings may vary slightly if the test balls don't get rerouted by pebbles and cigarette butts the way these did. Tile floors measure somewhere higher than 40. It's impossible to be more exact because Majorki ran out of office floor space before test balls ran out of steam.

Courtesy: Dave George, *The Green Sheet*  
Reprint from *Palm Beach Post*

# President's Message

We have been very encouraged by the response to our 1987 Golf Course Operations survey. Approximately 50% of our eligible members have responded. We are presently tabulating the information and hopefully will have it in the hands of the *participating superintendents* on or around the time this newsletter goes to print.

I want to thank all the superintendents who participated. The response shows we have hit a vital point in our Associations' responsibilities. We must be an avenue for exchange.

We will not only evaluate this year's survey, but give serious consideration to future surveys. Should this be done on a yearly or biyearly basis? Please let us know what you think. As your Association Board of Directors, we are here to fill your needs. Let us know what those needs are.

A very special thanks to the committee members who helped organize this survey; Pete Pedrazzi, Mike Leary, Jeff Scott, Bill Gaydosh, and Chairman, Steve Finamore, did an outstanding job. Special thanks also goes to District III for initiating this format last year and to Steve Malikowski and Len Forlenza for their involvement. ■

Ed Walsh, CGCS, President

# Willet Wilt says:



## "Buttoning-Up the Course"

When we last left the Golf Course Superintendents, they were going down for the third time. Now attempts are being made by the survivors to mellow-out for the winter.

It is time to apologize to your family and friends for not seeing or speaking to them for the last eight months. Of course, although they may not realize it, they were probably better off.

A central Jersey paper asked a local Superintendent, "How do you button-up the golf course for the winter?" If you have not been committed to some rehab facility because of the summer, this is not too great a problem—you just pray for snow!

Running the crew is not a great feat in the fall during the buttoning-up period, because you're practically "crew-less." The high school and college kids have left for school, most often to the relief of the Golf Course Supt. (Note: Most Superintendents have a greater appreciation of teachers after they have had students on their crew for a couple of months.) And, many of the others that you thought would be your full-timers have left to get real jobs. So, therefore, you have a mountain of work and not enough workers to raise a mole hill.

In the fall you can't really worry about the turfgrass, mainly because you can't see it under six inches of leaves. At this time of year, you wish you had a golf course in the pine barrens. The only people who like the leaves are the "ball hawks."

But relax and mellow-out because soon there will be ice on the pond and a blanket of snow on the golf course. Then you will only have to worry about the sledgers, skiers, ice skaters, and snowmobilers trying to destroy your course or burn down the rain shelters.

Willet Wilt will begin his series of winter lectures on "The Repair and Maintenance of Sand Trap Rakes" soon. If you would like a copy of his itinerary so you will be sure to avoid having to sit through any of them, send a self-addressed picture postcard to Ken Kubik, P.O. Box 336, Mt. Freedom, NJ 07970. ■



Ed Walsh exiting Grass Roots booth after conferring with Willet Wilt.

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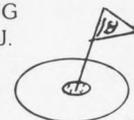
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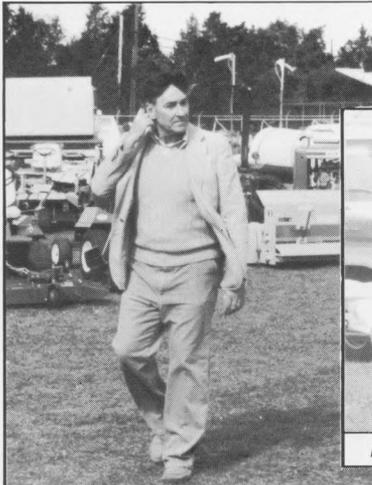
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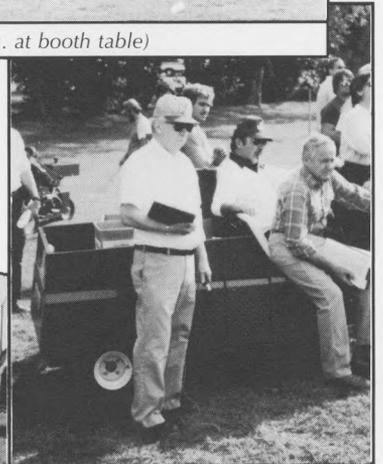
Dr. Lou Vasuary, wondering where the bugs are?



Bob Beatty, Geo. Schofield, Inc.



Where's Rip? (Ans. at booth table)



Warner Thurlow pausing between takes.



Pat O'Neil, supporting his products.



Jesco and John Deere, great combination.



Mark Ericson, Steven Willand, Inc., making an adjustment.



Joe Meross and Keven Driscoll.



Clyde Ashton, Double Eagle, holding court.

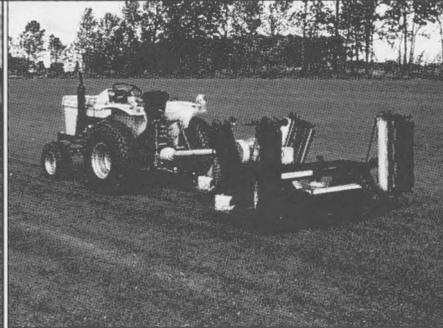


Shawn Barry, extolling virtues of capatability.

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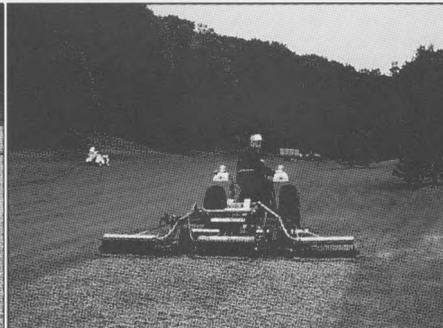
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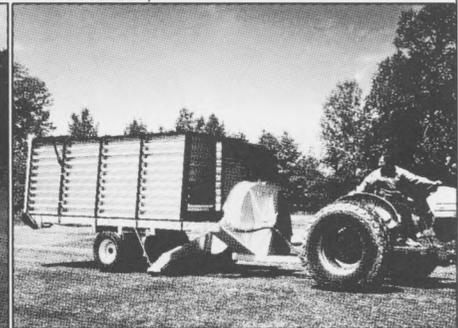
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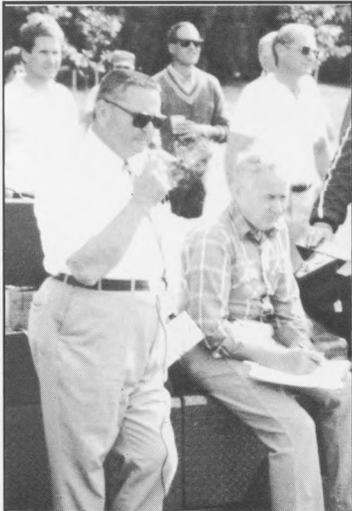
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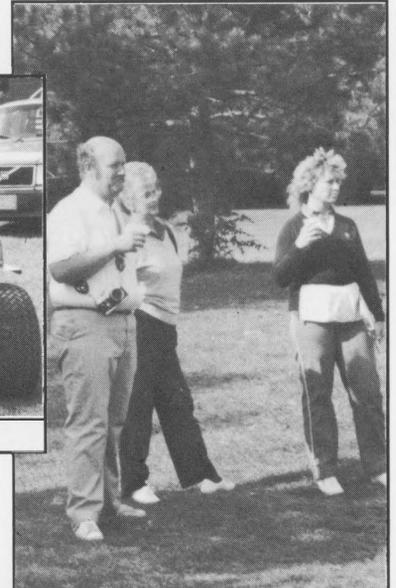
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Jack Poksay, JEP Sales at demo-mike.



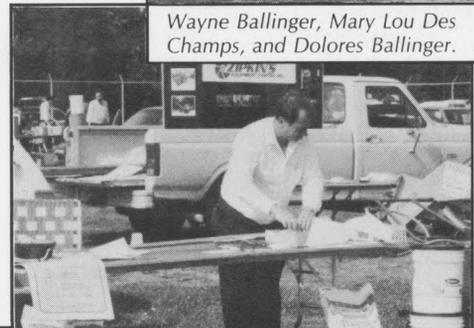
Jacobsen 4-Wheeler!



Wayne Ballinger, Mary Lou Des Champs, and Dolores Ballinger.



John Nistrand, Metro Milorganite.



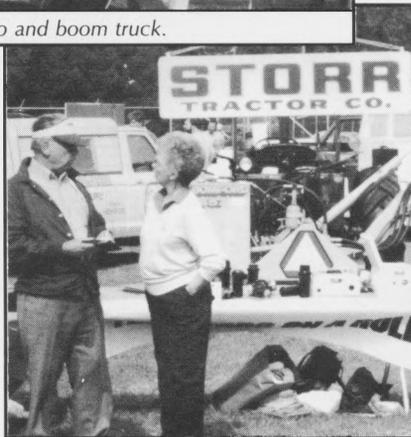
Marty Futyma, Fertl-Soil, keeping everything boxed.



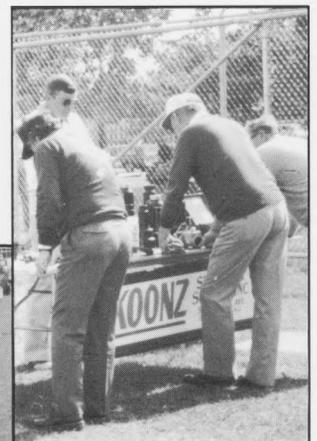
Phil De Marco and boom truck.



Bill Smith with interested customer.



Art Elmers conversing with Mary Lou Des Champs.



Bill Koonz, anchoring table.



Bob Dwyer on Lesco five-gang.



# Invitation



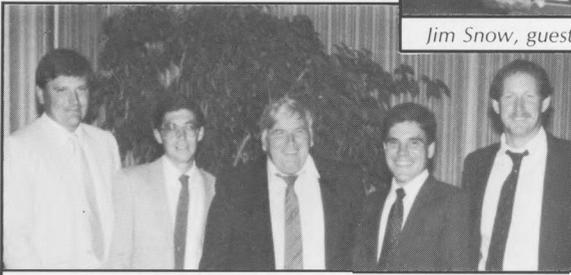
Paul Samanchik, John Wantz, Ray Ferguson, Bob Papa, North Jersey C.C.: Invitational Champions. (Net 58)



Monmouth Round Table!



Jim Snow, guest speaker.



Dave Pease, Matt Clement, Gene Mack, Ron Luepke, and Bob Duncan.



Ed Walsh, Master of Ceremonies.



Gene Mack acknowledging introduction.



Steve Finamore, Steve Pro Winners. (63)



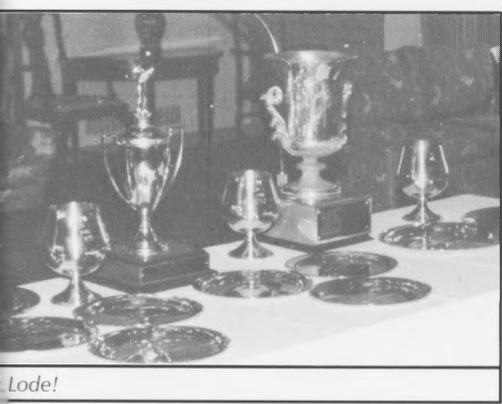
Jim Snow thanked by Bruce Cadenelli.



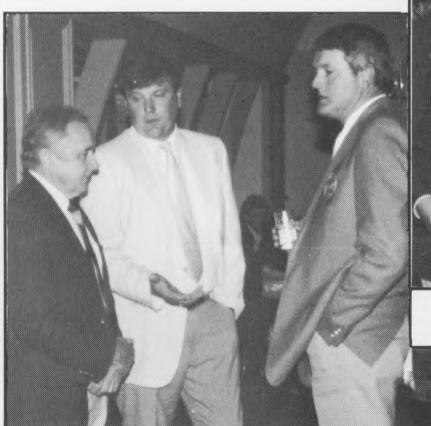
Bill Rose, Chris Carson, Mike Preston, G.C.C.: 2nd Place. (Net 59)



## Hominy Hill Golf Course



Lode!



Henry Indyk, Dave Pease, and Ed Walsh in deep discussion.



Bob Vostal, Steve Finamore, Sandy McWilliams, Steve Seig, Essex Fells C.C.: 3rd Place. (Net 60)



Seig, Supt.-



Ron Luepke accepting plaudits from guests.



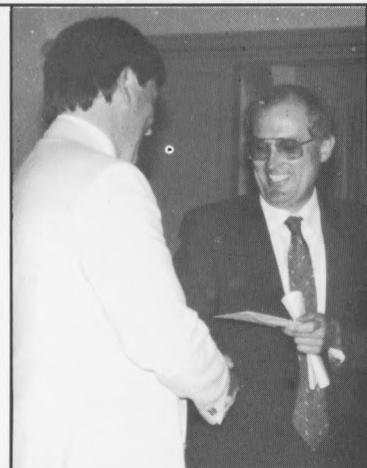
Bill Ryan, Greg Closs, Pat Romano, Vic Cranston, Madison G.C.: 4th Place. (Net 60)



Dave Pease, gracious host.



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Dave Pease accepting envelope from John Wantz.

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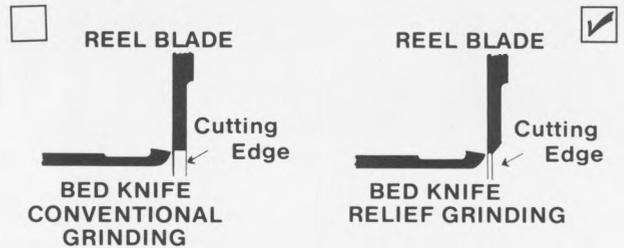


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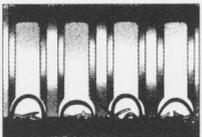
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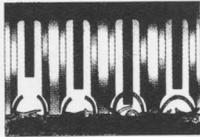
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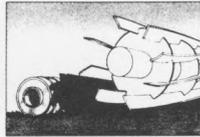
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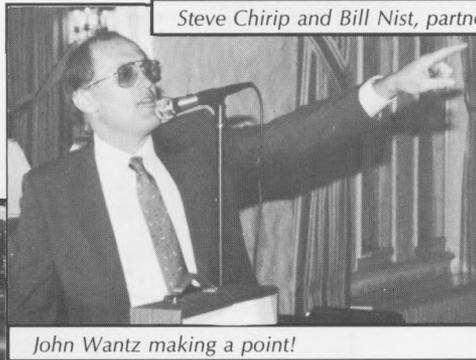
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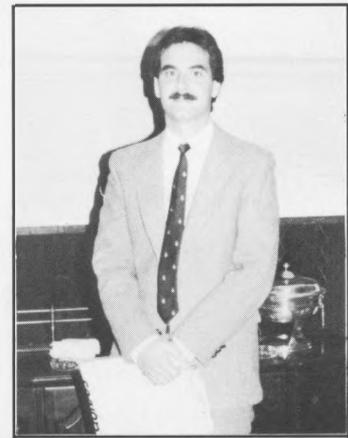
Steve Chirip and Bill Nist, partners.



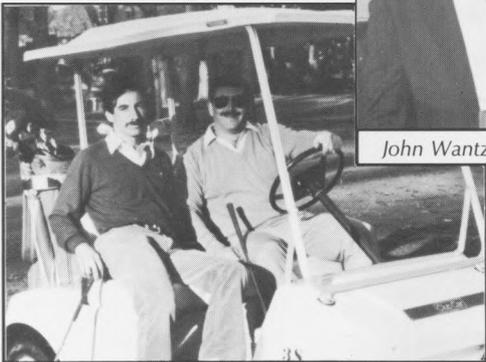
Roy Griffiths, Steve Hesser, John Carpenelli, Rick Broome on the tee.



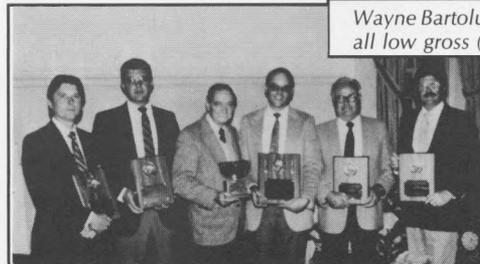
John Wantz making a point!



Wayne Bartolucci, guest—overall low gross (75).



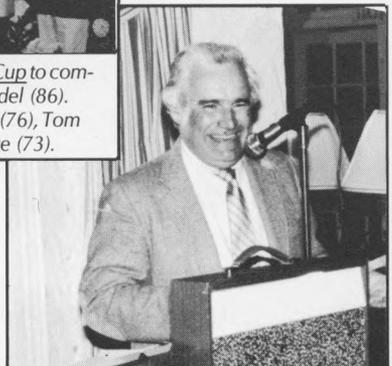
Rob Hendrickson and Bob Matthews on old #38.



Dr. Paul Sartoretto presenting Sartoretto Cup to commercial low gross winner Richard Brandel (86). Other net winners include: Paul Granger (76), Tom Sawyer (77), Bill Beverlin (77), Ron Lake (73).



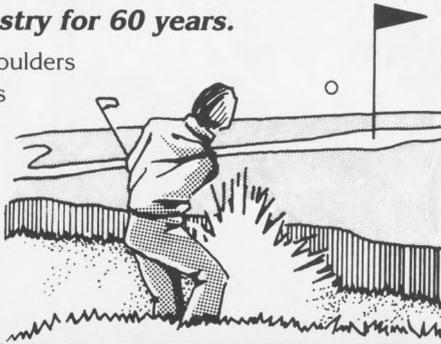
Len Forlenza, best shot of the day.



Skip Cameron trading barbs with Ed Walsh.

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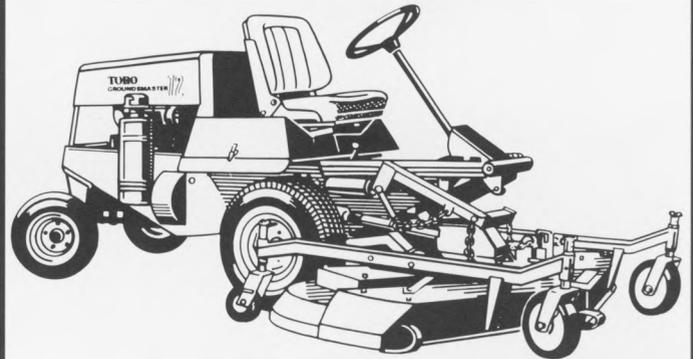
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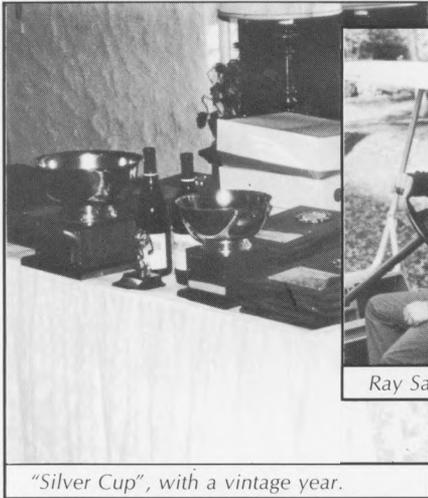
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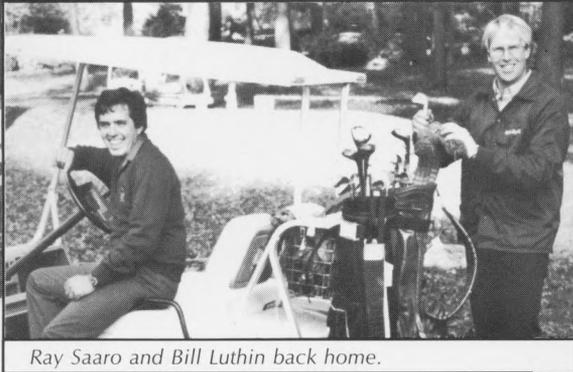
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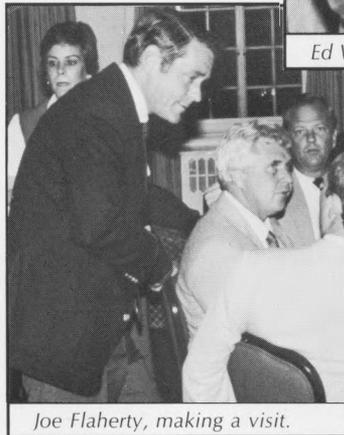
"Silver Cup", with a vintage year.



Ray Saaro and Bill Luthin back home.



Ed Walsh, congenial host and leader.



Joe Flaherty, making a visit.



"B" Group Net Winners: Skip Cameron (76), Jack Martin (76), John O'Keefe (73), John Carpenelli (72).



"C" Group Net Winners: Rich Broom (75), Jim McNally (74), Ed Mellor (77), Gene Mack (72).



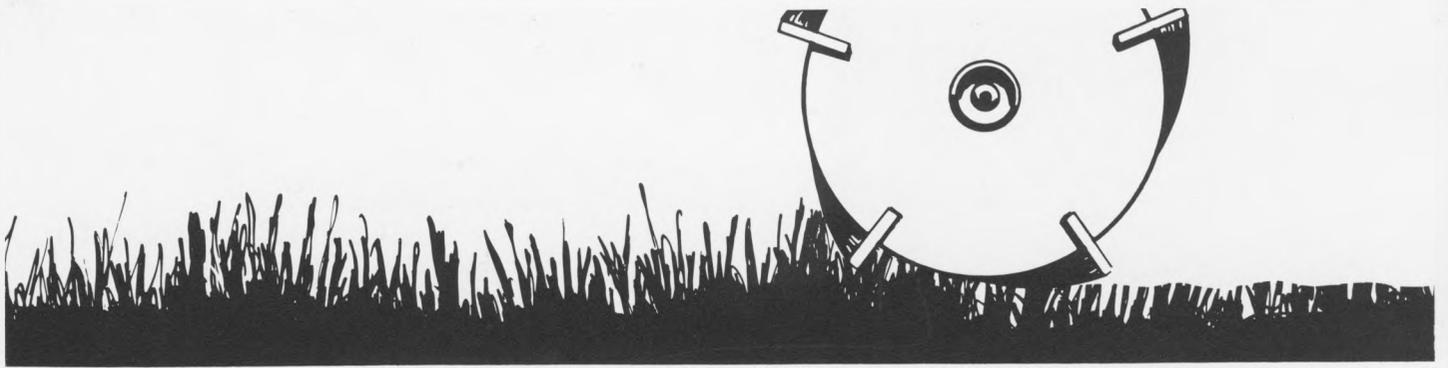
Jared Smith and Charlie Edgar resting between shots.



Matt Ceplo (78) accepting Moore Cup from John Wantz; flanked by John Huda (79), Terry Stanley (83), and Bob Prickett (82).



Steve Chirip and Shawn Barry contemplating skins winners.



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### Reading List \_\_\_\_\_

Being a superintendent who receives a number of turf related publications but does not have the time to read them, I'm offering a service to my fellow immates, a suggested reading list from recently published magazines and newsletters.

**Landscape & Irrigation**—October, 1987—*"The History of American Irrigation: An Unfinished Story"*.

**Tee to Green**—October, 1987—*"Met GCSA Announces New Sherwood A. Moore Award"*.

**Sports Turf**—October, 1987—*"Fiber Technology: Protecting the Old With the New"*.

**Farm Chemicals**—October, 1987—*"Our Waste Management Record Needs Upgrading"*.

**The Newsletter**—October, 1987—*"Fast Greens, Fast Food, and Other Headaches"*.

**Landscape Management**—October, 1987—*"The Seed Supply: The bentgrass market is expanding faster than ever."*

**Greenmaster (Canadian)**—Sept./Oct. 1987—*"How Small Can a Golf Club Be?"* or *"Un Petit Terrain de Golf?"*

**USGA Record**—Sept./Oct. 1987—*"Getting Your House in Order—An Equipment List Update"*.

**Golf Course Management**—October, 1987—*"Rallying From the Raging Rains"* and *"The PGA National: What Happened to the Greens?"*

### 1988 GCSANJ Meeting Schedule \_\_\_\_\_

Work has begun on finding host clubs for our '88 golf and meeting schedule. To date, our only firm commitment is for our June meeting at Essex Fells C.C. We have made contacts with clubs for our May, July, September (Invitational), and October events. This presently leaves open the months of April, August, and November. If you are interested in hosting a GCSANJ meeting during one of the above mentioned months please contact **Bruce Cadenelli** at Hollywood Golf Club, 531-3609, to get the ball rolling for next year. Thanks!!

On January 4, the GCSANJ will be conducting a Golf Course Construction Seminar on the campus of Rutgers University. Contact **Dan McGlynn** at 201-687-2622.

## NJ Turfgrass Expo '87

The Annual Turfgrass Educational Conference and Trade Show, sponsored by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension in cooperation with Cook College - Rutgers University and the New Jersey Turfgrass Association, offers more in '87. Sessions will include: Workshops (Computers, Basic Soils, Turfgrass Selection, Diseases, Insects, Golf Supt. Business Mgt.) and Lectures by recognized authorities on the establishment and maintenance of turf on golf courses, athletic fields, lawns of various types and use of sod. The Trade Show will feature the latest technology in turfgrass equipment, irrigation and products. Credits for applicator recertification offered.

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For information contact:

**Dr. Henry W. Indyk**  
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## Annual Meeting—Alliance for Environmental Concerns

The Alliance for Environmental Concerns held its Annual Meeting at Forsgate C.C. on Wednesday, October 14. The Alliance is a pro pesticide user group composed of 179 members representing all segments of the green and chemical industries. **Ilona Gray** serves as their Executive Director.

**Dr. Tom Watschke**, noted Penn State turfgrass researcher, was the featured speaker during the morning portion of the program. Dr. Watschke spoke on his research into pesticide leaching and runoff studies. This research is still in its infancy so Dr. Watschke spoke in broad terms of what his initial findings have been. To date he sees very little evidence of ground water contamination from the fertilizers, insecticides, or herbicides he has applied to the turf plots. He sees a greater concern over the runoff from non-impervious sources, such as roof tops or roadways. The petro-chemicals used in these materials seem to carry more contaminants into our groundwater than the pesticides applied to turf. Dr. Watschke's studies will be expanded in '88 to include fungicide applications.

Dr. Watschke noted in his presentation that Cornell University has taken the lead in researching the relationships between turfgrass pesticide applications and groundwater contamination.

One of the more interesting comments Watschke made was his observation concerning the amount of runoff seen on his sodden plots vs. those that had been seeded. His seeded plots, even after two years, were still producing nine to ten times the amount of runoff that the sodded plots were. He attributes this to the compaction that occurs on the surface soil structure during the period of turfgrass establishment. A very interesting observation that may change the way we look at grassing a particular area.

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## GCSANJ Annual Meeting

On Tuesday, November 17th, the GCSANJ will hold their Annual Meeting at the Forsgate Country Club.

The order of business will include a proposed addition to the By-laws establishing a GCSANJ Distinguished Service Award honoring someone each year who has significantly contributed to the GCSANJ through a continuing lifetime commitment. Candidates are nominated from the general membership to a committee composed of the immediate past president, the current vice-president and the current directors. The committee makes the final decision for the award.

## New Jersey Turfgrass Expo

Beginning on Monday, December 7th, the New Jersey turfgrass industry will begin to assemble in Atlantic City for the New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '87. The Expo will run through Thursday, December 10th. Further information can be obtained by contacting **Dr. Henry W. Indyk**, General Chairman at (201) 932-9453.

GCSANJ members taking an active part in the proceedings include: **Bruce Cadenelli, Pierre Coste, Bob Dickison, Jim Gilligan, John Hyland, Dave McGhee, Dan McGlynn, Dave Pease, Pete Pedrazzi, and Ed Walsh.**

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<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<i>November 26</i>	United States of America	Home
<b>N.J. Turfgrass Expo '87</b>	<i>December 7-10</i>	Atlantic City, NJ	Henry Indyk (201) 932-9453
<b>Winter</b>	<i>December 22 @ 4:46 A.M.</i>	Northern Hemisphere	Frosty
<b>Christmas</b>	<i>December 25</i>	The World	St. Nicholas
<b>Eastern PA Turf Conference</b>	<i>January 13-15</i>	King of Prussia, PA	Dr. Thomas Watschke (814) 863-1613
<b>GCSAA Conference</b>	<i>February 1-8</i>	Houston, TX	(913) 841-2240
<b>GCSAA Seminar: Managerial Productivity</b>	<i>February 23-24</i>	Albany, NY	1-800-GSA-SUPT
<b>Rutgers Advanced Seminar</b>	<i>February 24-25</i>	New Brunswick, NJ	Ned Lipman (201) 932-9271
<b>GCSAA Seminar: Golf Course Design Principles</b>	<i>March 14-15</i>	King of Prussia, PA	1-800-GSA-SUPT
<b>GCSAA Seminar: Disease Identification And Control</b>	<i>March 17-18</i>	New Brunswick, NJ	1-800-GSA-SUPT

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