

## August Meeting

### Pilgrim's Oak Golf Course

**August 17, 2006**

**10:30 AM - Registration begins**

**11:00 AM - Speaker**

**12:00 PM - Lunch**

**1:00 PM - Shotgun**

**There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors Meeting at 9:00 AM.**

## Superintendent Profile

This is the second season as superintendent for Jed Vail at Pilgrim's Oak. He originally started in the landscape management field in the Reading area in 1997. After 3 years and a terrible drought in 1999, a friend recommended he try a job as an irrigation technician at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, MD. After one season he decided to make golf course management his career path. He worked at several courses throughout Maryland, and ended up at Heritage Hills Golf Resort under Tony Goodley for two seasons before taking his first superintendents job at Pilgrim's Oak. Jed is a graduate of Pennsylvania College of Technology with an Associates degree in Landscape/Nursery Management, and a graduate of the Golf Course Management program from the University of Maryland. He is also a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 166<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, and works as an instructor in his spare time. Jed is married to Sarah, and has one son, AJ who is 2.

## Golf Course Profile

Pilgrim's Oak Golf Course is a family owned and operated public golf course located in Southern Lancaster County. Opening in 1996, Pilgrim's Oak has been rated 4 stars by Golf Digest places to play. The course's contrast of Bentgrass Tees, Greens, and Fairways along with bluegrass and tall fescue rough make it a well conditioned playing surface with 18 unique golf holes. Pilgrim's Oak was designed by Dr. Michael Hurdzan. Dr. Hurdzan used the natural terrain of Pilgrim's Oak to design a course that has all the tradition of a classic northeast course, the design of a modern stadium course, and the playability of a great public venue.

## Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

### Stressful Times

**By Darin S. Bevard, Agronomist**

**July 30, 2006**

Recent hot and wet weather patterns have superintendents on edge.

Hot temperatures have taken hold in much of the Mid-Atlantic Region with even hotter weather predicted in the coming week. Such weather patterns require patience from golf course superintendents and golfers alike. We are observing symptoms of stress-related diseases such as anthracnose and summer patch on greens. On creeping bentgrass, the mystery "patch" disease is beginning to occur regularly. When samples are sent to diagnostic labs, pathogens cannot be isolated. However, it is obvious that the turf is not healthy and under stress. To date, the summer has not been severe, but the next two weeks will be challenging.

To lessen the potential for damage from stress related diseases, implement conservative maintenance practices, especially on greens. Raise mowing heights, use solid rollers, and depend on periodic rolling of greens to enhance green speeds rather than double cutting and low mowing heights. More importantly, communicate to the golfers why these temporary changes in maintenance programs are necessary. In 2005, the majority of turf loss was ultimately the result of pushing the turf too hard under stressful conditions. Do not make the same mistakes this year.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The dog days are truly upon us. Mother Nature has thrown us a lot of junk: from floods to intense heat and humidity to moisture sucking-no humidity windy days. The physical and mental drains of this time of the year are some of our biggest challenges. Hang in there, because we are almost through it...only a few more weeks until Labor Day!!

Our last meeting at Heidelberg CC was one of those H and H days. It was a lot of fun though. Tom, Chad and the Maintenance staff deserve a huge congratulatory hand for all their efforts to get the course from, literally under water, to excellent conditions!! Having spent a few minutes with Tom and Chad, they shared to where the water level had risen. WOW!!! I thought my course was under some water, but not to their severity. In the middle of the night, they moved their maintenance equipment and supplies to the upstairs of their building, which ultimately had 3 feet of water flowing through it. It's just another one of the "little things" that we, the Superintendents, have to do, to keep our clubs in shape, without a lot of fanfare.

This year, we were able to give away two scholarships to deserving individuals. Thanks to the membership, who attends our meetings and purchases scholarship raffle tickets; thanks to the winners, who donated their winnings back; and thanks to the affiliated members, who donated monies from their company functions.

Our August meeting will bring the Supers Cup, a Ryder Cup style match play event. Come out and help us defend the Cup verses Philly at Pilgrim's Oak. Also, nominations for the next Board of CPGCSA will be gathered, so if you're interested in becoming a part of the BOD, let someone know ASAP!

Take care and hope the weather cooperates for you in all your endeavors. See ya at the Oak on the 17<sup>th</sup>!

Faron Stoops

## Bylaw Amendment

This is a written notice that we will be making a change in our by-laws to comply with the GCSAA.

As a part of our Affiliation Agreement with the GCSAA, we need to make a language changes to our by-laws. We are not changing anything as to the body of the by-laws, but only in wording.

The change that is being made is that a "Class B" Superintendent will now be called a Superintendent Member (SM).

If you have any questions, please contact a Director.

## Annual Meeting

**The September Meeting at the Lebanon Country Club**

**will be the Annual Meeting with the**

**election of officers and directors for the 2007 meeting year.**

**If you are interesting in serving on the board, please contact  
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## Membership News

The following individual has applied for membership into our association. If there are no written objections within the next seven days, he will be accepted into CPGCSA at the next meeting.

Scott Giles ..... Class A  
Pure Golf Management, Superintendent

We would like to welcome the following individuals into our association.

Jon Cuny ..... Class AF  
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Dave Milore ..... Class AF  
Golf Cart Services, Sales Manager

James G. Rattigan ..... Class B (SM)  
Schuylkill Country Club, Superintendent

Christopher Small ..... Class C  
Dauphin Highlands Golf Course, Assistant

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Terry Bennett, 717-770-4725 or Matt Strader at 717-352-7360.

## Golf Results

I would like to thank Tom, Chad and their staff again for a wonderful day. I am still thinking about the condition of those greens on the hottest day of the year, wow they were awesome! I would like to also thank all who attended for leaving their courses and businesses for a great meeting on such a stressful day. The turn out was the biggest golf meeting this year! I appreciated your understanding with some of the changes we had to make at the last minute. Just a reminder, preferred playing partners is a tool for us to do the pairings, not a guarantee, we do the best we can.

### Winners of July's Two Man Scramble were as follows:

#### Low Gross

1<sup>st</sup> Joe Sellers, Dan Achenbach,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ted Zabrenski, Stuart Hartman,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Scott Hunter, Jeff Green.

#### Low Net

1<sup>st</sup> Barry Goodhart, Manny Scalia,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Hiester, Ed Scheck  
3<sup>rd</sup> Don Benner, Dave Weitzel

Closest to the pin #8 - Matt Strader  
Closest to the pin #11 - Ted Zabrenski  
Longest drive - Shawn Cooper  
Longest putt - Bob Jones



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Damage from second generation annual bluegrass weevils has been significant at many golf courses. Recently, annual bluegrass weevils were positively identified on the west side of Baltimore, Maryland. Significant feeding damage was noted. This is a new area with regards to actually finding annual bluegrass weevils in high enough numbers to cause damage. Scouting remains critical for this pest. Do *not* assume that declining *Poa annua* is simply succumbing to heat stress, drought stress, or growth regulation. It may be annual bluegrass weevil damage.

The summer stress season doesn't have much time left, but there are still a few weeks of stressful weather to come. Do not make decisions that you will regret. Carefully manage water and implement conservative programs until the weather breaks. It may be the difference between a good summer or a bad summer.

*As always, if the Mid-Atlantic regional agronomists can be of assistance, contact Stan Zontek ([szontek@usga.org](mailto:szontek@usga.org)) or Darin Bevard ([dbevard@usga.org](mailto:dbevard@usga.org)) at 610/ 558-9066 or Keith Happ ([khapp@usga.org](mailto:khapp@usga.org)) at 412/ 341-5922.*

## Directions To Pilgrim's Oak Golf Course

### From Harrisburg:

Follow 283 East towards Lancaster. Exit 283 East onto Route 741 East. Follow 741 East for approximately 10-15 miles. Turn right onto 272 South. Follow 272 South for about 15 miles. Turn right onto Pilgrim's Pathway.

### From Lancaster:

Follow Prince Street South through the city. This will become 222 South/272 South. Follow 222/272 towards the town called Willow Street. In Willow Street stay on 272 South. Follow 272 South for about 15 miles and turn right onto Pilgrim's Pathway.

### From Reading:

Follow 222 South Towards Lancaster. Follow 222 through Downtown Lancaster. Travel on 222 South for about 3 to 4 miles south of Lancaster City. At this point 222 will bare left. Stay straight onto 272 South. Follow 272 South for approximately 15 miles. Turn right onto Pilgrim's Pathway.

### From Reading:

Follow Route 10 South to Route 1. Follow Route 1 South for approximately 5 miles. Exit Route 1 at the Nottingham Exit which will be Route 272 North. Follow 272 North for about 10 miles. At this point turn right onto Route 272N/222N. The two roads will run together for about 1/2 mile. When the two roads split be sure to bare to the left staying on 272 N. Go 1 and 1/2 miles and turn left onto Pilgrim's Pathway.

### From York (Close to Route 30):

Follow Route 30 East Towards Lancaster. Exit Route 30 at the Exit for Route 741 East. Follow Route 741 East for approximately 10-15 miles. Turn Right onto 272 South. Follow 272 S for about 15 miles. Turn Right onto Pilgrim's Pathway.

### From York (Close to Route 74):

Follow 74 South, until you see signs for 372 East. Turn Left onto 372 East. Follow for about 10 miles until you intersect with Route 272 South. Follow 272 South for about 5 miles. Turn right onto Pilgrim's Pathway.

### From Philadelphia, PA:

Follow Route 1 South until you reach the last exit in PA which will be the Nottingham exit Route 272 N. Follow 272 N for about 10 miles. At this point turn right onto 272N/222N. The two roads will run together for about 1/2 mile. When the two roads split be sure to bare to the left staying on 272 N. Go 1 and 1/2 miles and turn left onto Pilgrim's Pathway.

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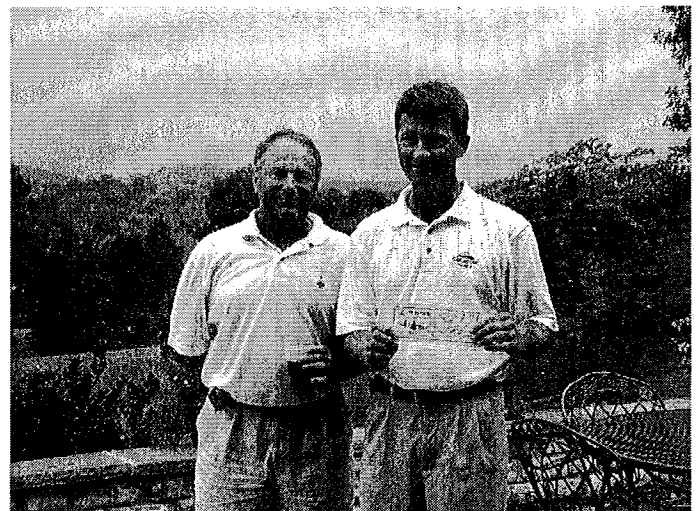
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## Heidelberg Golf Winners



Joe Sellers and Matt Strader

## Heather and Gorse

By Mark DelSantro

*"I just want to walk down the street and have people say there goes Roy Hobbs, the best there ever was!"*

—Robert Redford, as Roy Hobbs in the Natural

Critters, critters everywhere and not a drop to drink! An interesting month has passed where many of the stresses have been caused by moderate heat and humidity, coupled with substantial precipitation. While on the disease side, the usual suspects have been wreaking havoc, it has been more the insects that have been munching on a smorgasbord of turf. Over the past few weeks, I've seen cutworms, bluegrass billbugs, BTA grubs, sod webworms, and more orgasmic Japanese beetles than normal. Additionally, I've heard stories of chinch bugs, armyworms, and even some mole crickets (believe it or not!), although I've not specifically seen these with my own eyes. The bottom line moving forward is that if your turf seems stressed and you're sure you're up-to-date with your preventative applications of fungicides, get down on your hand and knees and start digging... You may be surprised at what you find!

Speaking of surprises... riddle me this Batman... take the current best golfer in the world, quite possibly the universe, and allow him to essentially eliminate the only golf club in his bag that has held him back over the last few years and what do you get? You get an 11<sup>th</sup> major championship title and a third Claret Jug for El Tigre! If Jack Nicklaus is known for confidently stating that he didn't believe any golfer could beat him from the fairway, I believe we have now seen the reincarnation and possibly the redefinition of the best that has ever lived. This was an absolutely masterful performance by Tiger; with the only thing that kept the tournament close being a poor putting 3<sup>rd</sup> round, lest he would have won by at least five shots. As was, he basically three putted the final green to comfortably win by two over a divinely driven Chris DiMarco, who, if it weren't for Tiger, would have won a few major championships himself.

There are a lot of conclusions people can draw from the completion of the British Open Championship at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, one of which being the answer to the question of whether Tiger would ever get over his father's passing. I guess we can conclude that we need not worry about asking that question anymore! Through the tournament, Tiger only hit his driver one time during the opening round on Thursday... the rest was a series of 2 irons, with an occasional three wood mixed in, resulting in a ghastly ~80% of fairways hit in regulation and ~80% of green hit in regulation through the entire tourney. Game, set, match!

Following this victory and coming back home to the states, I wonder if Tiger's philosophy about hitting his driver will change moving forward. Paul Azinger seemed to think that Tiger is really not hitting his driver any better or worse than he has through his career... the difference has been that he has been hitting it more often. Once again that theory about beating him from the fairway comes to the forefront of my mind. Maybe Phil Mickelson can learn a thing or two from watching the films of this major event! Winged Foot bygones!

Additionally, has any other golfer since Jack Nicklaus come through under pressure better than Tiger? I heard an unbelievable stat during the final round... he's never lost a major when leading after the second or third rounds... furthermore, he's something like 33 of 35 (94%) in all tournaments when he's leading going into the final round. That's unbelievable! More unbelievable is the way the world's top golfers, save Chris DiMarco, seem to wilt away when he's in their presence... Sergio, Phil, Ernie, etc. They have to be thinking that if they were born in another time that they'd all have a lot more championship titles to date.

Funny it is how so very many people have questioned his focus, first with his marriage and then with him losing his dad. I haven't quite figured out whether we've come to expect so much out of him that when he fails we're perplexed, or whether there is a distinct group that really wants to see him fail. Either way, I will openly predict that whether you're a fan or not, you ought to stand up and take notice moving forward, because I firmly believe that his father's passing will make him more intensely focused than ever before and in most cases, that has meant everyone else is playing for second place.

Of course, I'd be remissed if I failed to mention how awesome that golf course appeared to play. I thought it interesting how one green keeper from the region described the biggest difference between managing turf in the UK and the US... the goal of the average superintendent in the US is to keep the turf growing, while the goal of the average green keeper is to keep the turf alive. I believe there is a lot we US agronomists can learn from watching our brethren over seas. I truly believe that there is something to this minimalistic approach.

All that being said regarding the US approach towards turf management, I believe that golfing memberships and green committees are largely at the root of these philosophical differences. Tell the average golf course membership that off color turf is much healthier than emerald green turf and they'll look at you sideways like you've been smoking too many of those psychedelic mushrooms growing out behind your maintenance shop! Consistently produce slightly off color conditions and most of you would be looking for a new job and pondering what in the world is meant when your former employers talk about wanting a grass farmer who could take the golf course to the next level! Can anyone define for me the next level? I personally don't know what it means, but I know a lot of good men that have lost their jobs because of it!!!

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## Heather and Gorse.....cont'd from page 5

Furthermore, while I conceptually really like the minimalistic approach, I also like greens that roll true and consistent. One comment I heard from several PGA Tour player interviews pertained to the inconsistency regarding the green speed. While there were no "sun-dried broccoli" criticisms, there were comments about how you could see the ball speed change as the ball rolled between the drier patches of turf, the greener patches, and those somewhere in between.

Inside the perfectly imperfect world of heather and gorse, I'd opt for melding the two extreme philosophies and meeting somewhere in the middle, slightly tilted towards the minimal maintenance side. In my travels over the past five years as a lowly manufacturing rep, I'd say that if I had to give one primary critique of the general turf management of golf courses in the US and how to best improve that management, I'd have to say that the water and fertility management at average golf course needs the most improvement. The primary differentiator between the good, the better, and the best superintendents is that the best have an extremely keen understanding of how water and fertility agronomically impact the quality and playability of the turf surfaces. And by the way, keep in mind that when I speak of fertility I'm not talking specifically about nitrogen, although that's what the average Joe seems to focus upon. Regardless, all that being said, it is substantially easier to be average in this world and, quite frankly, there is nothing wrong with it. In fact, for some people (like me), there is no other place they'd rather be!

That's my critter infested, disease preventing, always on my hands and knees digging around, usually in the fairway, rarely on the green, constantly drawing conclusions, often caving under pressure, minimalistic, always changing speeds, over watered, sometimes malnourished, and easy to criticize point of view from the heather and gorse.

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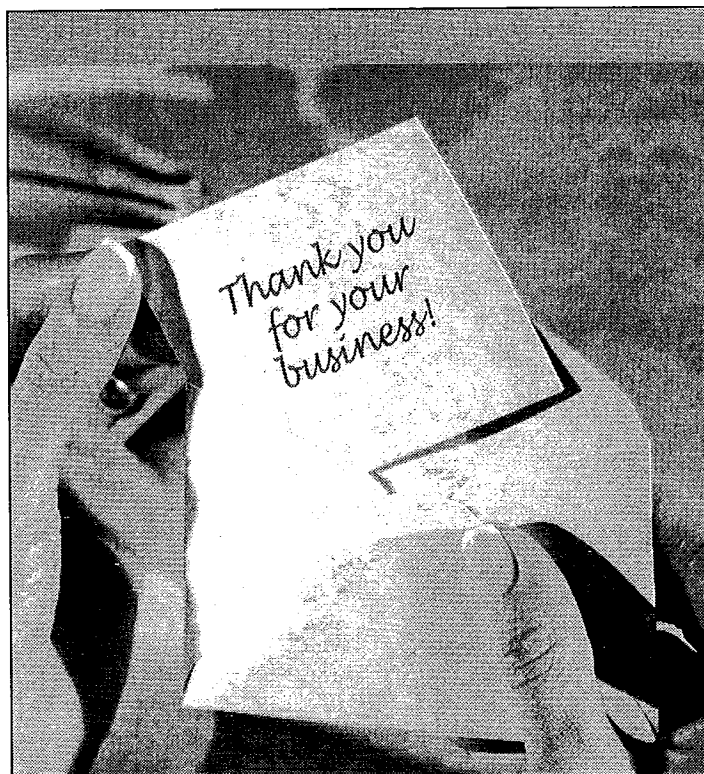
## Upcoming Events

- **The Joseph Valentine Memorial Tournament.**  
Monday, October 9th  
Merion Golf Club
- **Penn State Golf Turf Conference**  
November 7 – 9, 2006  
Nittany Lion Inn, State College
- **Eastern PA Turf Conference and Trade Show**  
January 9 – 11, 2007  
Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA

## CPGCSA Guest Policy

Guests will be limited to the following:

- One guest per member per meeting with the approval of the host superintendent. (As indicated on the reservation form)
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## Did You Know???

- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.
- A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
- A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- A snail can sleep for three years.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Babies are born without kneecaps, they don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about 10.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
- In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.
- If the population of China walked past you, in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
- If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.
- It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- Leonardo DaVinci invented the scissors.
- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.
- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients in dynamite.
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- "Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.
- The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
- The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- There are only 4 words in the English language that end in "dous"...tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
- There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewable Vitamins.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just stripped fur.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

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There will be CPGCSA logo merchandise available for purchase at monthly meetings.

**Golf Shirts ..... \$35.00**  
**Windshirts ..... \$40.00**  
**Hats ..... \$10.00**



## DSL Award Deadline

Nominations will be accepted for the **David Rafferty Dedication, Service, and Leadership Award** until August 16, 2006.

Please take the time to review this form and nominate an individual that you feel should be recognized for their outstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession of the Golf Course Superintendent.

If you need additional forms, please contact Wanda at 717-279-0368 or [cpgcsa@comcast.net](mailto:cpgcsa@comcast.net).

### *Previous Recipients*

James MacLaren  
Charles Cadiz, CGCS  
Terry Wueschinski, CGCS  
Greg Borzok

## CPGCSA Scholarship

The CPGCSA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that we were able to award two scholarships this year to two very deserving individuals.

### *Congratulations to:*

*Gabriel Peters and Brian Aynardi*

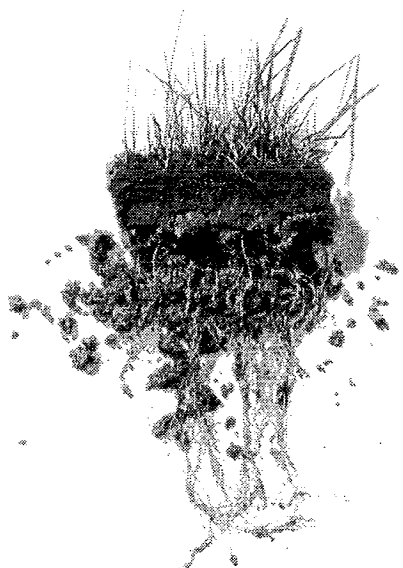
Gabriel works as Assistant Superintendent for Greg Fantuzzi at Carlisle Country Club. He is currently a Sophomore in the Turfgrass Management Program at Penn State University via the World Campus Program.

Brian is currently an intern in Turfgrass Research with Dr. Mike Fidanza. He will be a Junior this fall in the Turfgrass Science Program at Penn State University.

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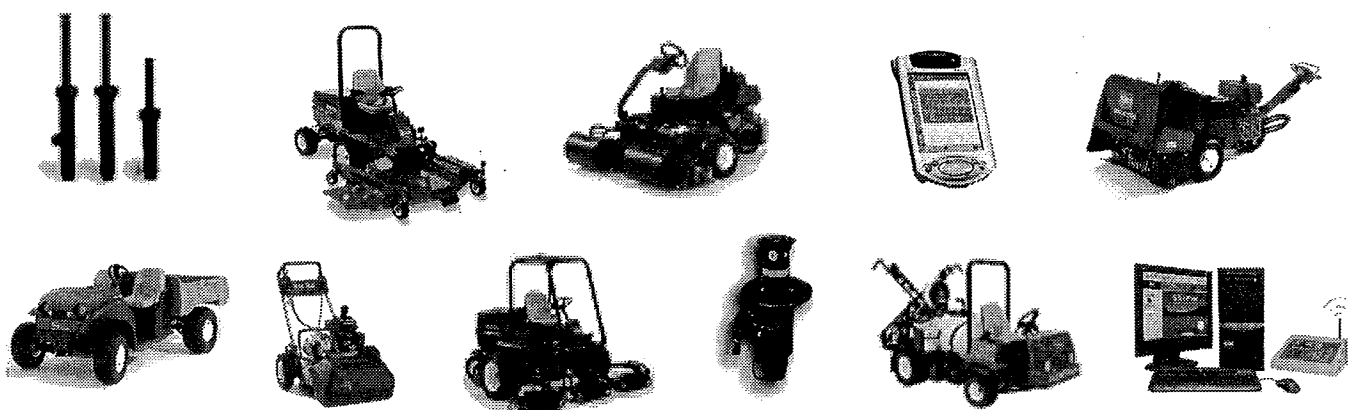


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Shaun, who has been an active Board member of the GCSANJ for 18 years, has shown his dedication to the organization by coordinating their monthly superintendent meetings, which take place from April through November. The meetings provide Superintendents the opportunity to hear educational speakers, play golf, and most importantly, to interact with others in their field.

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