

## Northeast

### RUNOFF STUDY

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy's Pesticide Control Program is interested in conducting a monitoring program for pesticides and fertilizers on golf courses.



Superintendents interested in participating in the program should contact Roy Meyer of NJDEPE Pesticide Control Program at 609-530-4124. Costs associated with sampling will be borne by the PCP, which says sampling will be accomplished with a minimum disruption to course operations.

The program will seek to evaluate the use, accumulation and runoff of pesticides and fertilizers from golf courses. Application records will be examined to determine peak application periods. Samples will be obtained during these peak periods, especially immediately after significant rainfall. The data will be used to assess the

potential risk posed by the pesticides and fertilizers and to help develop and refine guidelines and management practices for pesticide applications on golf courses.

The data will not be used for compliance purposes. The intent is to define the scope of a potential problem and address possible mitigation, with the results useful for both NJDEPE and golf courses.

All results, conclusions and recommendations will be shared with participating course managers.

### MECHANICS ASSOCIATION CREATED

More than 30 mechanics and superintendents helped launch the

New Jersey Golf Course Mechanics Association, electing a full slate of officers and expounding on the group's goals.

Ray Schroeder of Crestmont Country Club is the association's first president, while Bob Lay of Mountain Ridge Country Club was elected vice president, Wayne Frew of Echo Lake Country Club secretary and Gary Drozdowicz of Ridgewood Country Club treasurer.

A Roster and Equipment List Committee was formed, co-chaired by Mike Kompier of Rockland Country Club and Joe Ciecierski of Rock Spring Country Club. A committee to contact equipment manu-

facturers regarding product update information was also formed and will be co-chaired by Paul Givliano of Green Brook Country Club and Mike McKenna of Essex County Country Club.

Members feel a key to success will be the ability to exchange information and experiences, have input in the educational opportunities that distributors offer and to assist superintendents in their search for qualified mechanics with a job referral service.

### CONNECTICUT CHOOSES RACKLIFFE

Steve Rackliffe of Willimantic Country Club in Lebanon is president, heading up a new slate of officers elected by the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

Announced at the CAGCS annual meeting at Pilgrim's Harbor Country Club in Wallingford, the other officers are Vice President John Streeter of Woodbridge Country Club, who is also editing the newsletter; Secretary Philip Neaton of Black Hall Club in Old Lyme; and Treasurer John Motycka of Skungamaug River Golf Club.

The new board of directors includes Thomas Watroba of Suffield Country Club, David Stimson of Tumble Brook Country Club in Bloomfield, Robert Chalifour of Shennecossett Golf Club in Groton, Peter Lewis of Country Club of Farmington, John Napieracz of Stanley Golf Club in New Britain, Peter Pierson of Pequabuck Golf Club in Cromwell, Brian Skelly of Old Lyme Country Club and Peter Hull of Turf Products Corp.

### MOVING ON

Mark Spaulding has taken over as superintendent of Dedham (Mass.) Polo and Country Club, replacing retiring Bob Mucciarone. Spaulding had been the assistant superintendent.

With Norman Mucciarone retired as superintendent, soe David has taken the position at Woodland Country Club.

### CONNECTICUT'S FIRST SUMMIT

The inaugural Connecticut Golf Summit was held March 14 in Rocky Hill. The coordinators — the Connecticut State Golf Association, Conn. Section PGA, Conn. Club Managers and the Conn. Association of Golf Course Superintendents (CAGCS) — have claimed success, as paid registration numbered more than 200.

The purpose of the summit was to bring together golf experts to share their views and advice for the benefit of those in attendance. The program was targeted at club officials, committee chairmen, managers, superintendents, professionals and other individuals interested in the state of golf in Connecticut.

Each participating organization provided speakers to serve as workshop and seminar leaders. The speakers included Steve Cadenelli (immediate past president of the GCSAA), Kevin Delaney, John P. Henry, Don Kiley, Bradley S. Klein and Jack Metheny.

Questions should be directed to Thomas Watroba of the CAGCS at 203-668-2763. GOLF COURSE NEWS

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