

The Horticulture Club has a new crop of enthusiastic freshmen students! Our members are very excited to pursue many activities this year, some of which we have already completed. In October the group was fortunate to have a free guided tour of the Mohonk Mountain House gardens and grounds from former intern and current senior **Matt Robinson**. Upon arriving to the Mountain House we were enveloped in a cloud of fog. Within 15 minutes of our tour the sky cleared and the most glorious weather and tour ensued! Some of the highlights of the trip included the Color Garden, Maze, greenhouse facility, and The Tower. Students on the trip included: **Keegan Bush, Brandi Carufe, Alex Killmeier, Matt Robinson, and Kara Swartz**



**Horticulture Club at Mohonk Mountain House**  
(above from left): **Brandi Carufe, Kara Swartz, Matt Robinson, Alex Killmeier, and Keegan Bush**

Then early in November some our club had a joint bowling social event with the Cobleskill Horticulture Club. Both clubs met at the Holiday Lanes of Oneonta for two games of fun followed by dinner at Dennys! Members of the clubs discussed the upcoming PLANET Student Career Days to be held at Kansas State University in March of 2012.



Future trips and events are to include the New York Botanical Gardens later in November and PLANET Student Career Days in March. Students are also actively fundraising with a bake sale and Penny Social this fall semester. All proceeds will be used to defer costs of the trip to Kansas. If you would like to donate, please contact **Birgitta Brophy** brophybb@delhi.edu or at 607-746-4418.

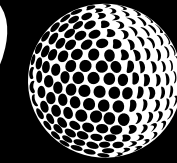
Students in the Planting Design class assisted the local Delhi Senior Housing Community with new landscape improvement ideas for their foundation plantings and courtyard area. Presentations to interested community members were very well received. The director of the facility, Mr. **Rick Ackerly**, welcomed many of the new ideas which will lessen current maintenance practices while enhancing the visual and physical environment of the residents. The same students will most likely be involved in the installation of some of their design ideas this coming spring as part of their Advanced Design and Practices class. Opportunities such as this are a win-win for student learning and the community which has limited resources.



**Matt Robinson discussing landscape ideas with Delhi Senior Housing representatives**

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**Tim Williams Jr.**

**Golf Course Management student awarded competitive USGA internship**

**Timothy Williams Jr.**, a senior in the Golf Course Management: Superintendent program at SUNY-Delhi, has been selected by the United States Golf Association (USGA) complete a one week traveling internship with the Green Section, their agronomic advisory service. **Tim** was one of 13 students selected nationally, and will spend the week traveling with agronomists in the Northeast region.

**Tim** is the third Delhi student in the last three years to be selected for the highly competitive internship (**Michael Ford**- 2009, **Evan Embrey** 2010). "**Tim** is highly deserving of the award. This is a nice reward for a student who has worked very hard to get to this place he is today," said **Dr. Ben McGraw**, professor of turfgrass science. "It is truly an amazing feat for any turfgrass program to have had students selected three years straight. I think that it demonstrates the combination of high-quality students, the effectiveness of the hands-on education, and where the turf program is headed."

**Tim** has completed previous internships at golf courses which include Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, NY, The Stanwich Club in Greenwich, CT, and Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, MD. **Tim** is currently on his final internship at Congressional, where he is preparing to work this year's U.S. Open Championship.

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**Adam (AJ) Davis**  
(photo by Phillipe Nobile)

**PLANET Ambassador Davis**

SUNY Delhi's Landscape Design and Management Program student **Adam (AJ) Davis** was chosen to be one of this year's select group of Student Ambassador's for the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) 2011 Green Industry Conference held this past October in Louisville, Kentucky. AJ is the president of SUNY Delhi's Horticulture Club which is a student chapter of PLANET.

Student Ambassadors expand their green industry knowledge by participating in and assisting PLANET staff during the Green Industry Conference. Ambassadors perform a variety of tasks, such as introducing speakers at educational sessions, assisting with material distribution, registration, attending select educational events, and the GIE+EXPO trade show. Zane Castle, PLANET's coordinator of the Student Ambassador program, was excited to have AJ on her staff. Ms. Castle said that she has been hoping for a while now that a SUNY student would participate as an ambassador.

Last March **AJ Davis** participated in PLANET's Student Career Days held at Jolliet Junior College in Illinois. It was there that AJ was inspired to apply for the Student Ambassador position. "Founded in 2005 through the merger of two long-standing industry associations, the Associated Landscape Contractors of America (ALCA) and the Professional Lawn Care Association of America (PLCAA), the Professional Landcare Network, or PLANET, has grown to become the foremost green industry association in the United States serving 3,500 member companies. These companies represent more than 100,000 green industry professionals from all 50 states and internationally." AJ, who owns Davis Outdoor Jobs, understands the benefits of belonging to an organization such as this. The college education which he has obtained at SUNY Delhi will be kept current with his affiliation with PLANET to improve and continue to build his business in the Binghamton area of New York.



## The Jacobsen Experience

by Peter Bartz

I was honored when my professors chose me to attend the 2011 Jacobsen Future Turf Mangers Program in Charlotte, NC. Upon my arrival, I met up with 30+ kids from all over the world, superintendents and numerous industry people. The next day, the festivities began and our first stop was the Jacobsen Shipping Plant and Warehouse along with the Manufacturing Facility. The shipping plant was huge, with at

least 20 to 50 of every model mower ready to be shipped, as well as thousands of stocked parts on-hand. The manufacturing plant was also intense. We were able to follow the process of the parts being cut from a plate of steel, around the plant through a machine where they are coated with a special fluid that glows under a black-light to ensure there are no leaks. The facility had its own paint areas where the parts could either be powder coated or spray painted. Jacobsen makes everything, from work carts, rough, fairway and triplex units to walk behind greens mowers and individual reels. I was fascinated to learn that they have developed a 15 blade reel that will soon be used on their new greens units. After the tour of Jacobsen we went to Quail Hollow Country Club, where we used some of the equipment we just saw being put together at the factory to mow the 11th hole. We rotated in groups from greens mowers to triplex on approaches and fairway units and finally rough units. It was a great experience.

As part of this educational trip, I also got to visit Sage Valley Golf Club located in southern South Carolina. This club was built by a gentleman who tried to join Augusta National and was denied, so he decided to build a course 5 miles across the border from it. The course was in incredible condition. It was built next to the Sub-air facility and had 3 Sub-air units around the course. After a spectacular tour of the course by the superintendent we headed to the University of South Carolina to see the 2 year old baseball stadium. We received a full tour of the stadium from locker rooms to press boxes, indoor batting and pitching cages to finally a walk on the field and tour of the maintenance shop. We stopped in the trophy room to see the College World Series trophy from the year before. We even had enough time to tour their football stadium and facility.

From the networking opportunities to the tours and fine dining, the Jacobsen Future Turf Managers Program was an amazing opportunity. My favorite part was seeing a raw frame turn into a \$80,000 highly technical mower, that I someday may get the opportunity to purchase. I gained a lot of new friends and knowledge about the machinery used in the industry- both of which will be extremely useful in my career. I truly enjoyed my time and thank my professors for this once in a life time opportunity.



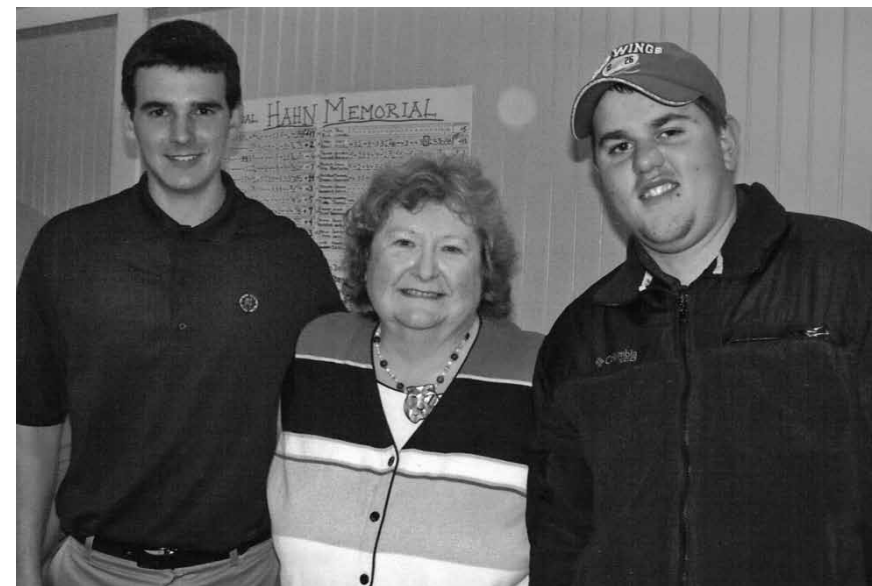
Peter Bartz (center) at Jacobsens

## Turf Club Road Trip

In May, the SUNY-Delhi Turf Club traveled south as part of their annual spring trip accompanied by advisor **Dr. Ben McGraw**. First stop was to Robert Trent Golf Club in Gainesville, VA. Delhi Alum **Scott Thomas ('04)** provided an extensive tour of the grounds, newly constructed 19th hole and practice facilities, and discussed the challenges of managing cool season turf in the transition zone. (**Scott** is now employed at John Deere Landscapes in Richmond, VA). Next stop was to Congressional Country Club (Bethesda, MD) site of the 2011 US Open. First assistant **James Hayes ('09)**, seniors **Tim Williams ('11)** and **Kevin Anderson ('11)** provided a behind the scenes look at the preparations for the upcoming tournament. **Hayes** discussed the challenges that Congressional faced in preparation for the tournament, including reconstruction of many of the putting surfaces and fairway narrowing. Final stop was to the Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, PA. The Merion crew graciously allowed the students to tour the facility on Mother's Day, allowing access to the entire course and maintenance facilities. Agronomist **David Petfield** shared some of Merion's history with the Club members, including the making of the famed wicker basket flagsticks. The students were able to walk all 18 holes of the course and saw the initial phases of the lengthening of the course in preparation for the 2013 U.S. Open.



Turf Club (from left): Tim Bruno, Mike Kincaid, Scott Thomas (alumni), Adam Hicks, Nick Pennella, Cam Cooper and Ben Dewan



Michael Kincaid (left) and Noah Tubbs Golf Course Management majors were recipients of the Hahn Family Memorial Scholarship on Monday October 3rd in Rochester NY. Presenting the awards is Patricia Hahn (center).

### Support the Turf Club!

**This year the Turf Club is working to raise funds to attend the GCSAA Golf Conference Show and compete in the National Turf Bowl competition. If you would like to make a donation to help with this cause, please mail to Julia Ward (club advisor), 156 Farnsworth Hall, Delhi, NY 13753 or contact me at wardja@delhi.edu or 607-746-4415**



Turf Club at Congressional (from left): Mike Kincaid, Tim Bruno, Nick Pennella, Ben Dewan, Cam Cooper, Tim Williams, James Hays (alumni), Kevin Anderson and Adam Hicks

## Internships Summer 2011.

**If you would like to become a part of our internship program, please contact Julia Ward at wardja@delhi.edu.**

### Senior Interns

Ryan Abbate - TPC Deere Run, IL  
Kevin Anderson-Congressional Country Club, MD  
Jeff Ferguson - Knollwood Country Club, NY  
Jason Gumble-Radison Greens Golf Club, NY  
Tim Williams - Congressional Country Club, MD  
Evan Slutsky - Wannamoisett Country Club, RI  
Jon Reynolds - Southern Hills Country Club, OK  
Brian Kuchta - Golf Club of Avon, CT

### Junior Interns

Cam Cooper-Cazenovia Golf Club, NY  
James Fagnani - Leatherstocking Country Club, NY  
Seth Hywarnk - Niagara Frontier Country Club, NY  
Adam Hicks - Saucon Valley Country Club, PA  
Bobby Jewett - Quechee Club, VT  
Jeff Nicolaisen - Edgewood Country Club, NJ  
James Ruff - En-joie Golf Course, NY  
Keith Daury - Kittansett Country Club, MA

### Sophomore Interns

Peter Bartz - Monroe Country Club, NY  
Shawn Brownell - Back O'Beyond, NY  
Curtis Ciulla - Merion Golf Club, PA  
John Evans - Sands Point Golf Club, NY  
Benjamin Czyzewski - Southward Ho Country Club, NY  
Seth Kohler - Eastward Ho Country Club, MA  
Noah Tubbs - National Golf Links of America, NY  
Casey Underwood - The International, MA

### Freshman Interns

Tim Bruno - Hollywood Golf Club, NY  
Steve Carter - Nantucket Golf Club, MA  
Chad Cornish - En-joie Golf Course, NY  
Ben Crawford - Bonavista Golf Club, NY  
Jacob Cronk - Greener World, NY  
Ben Dewan - Irondequoit Country Club, NY  
Ashley Dunn - The Brickman Group, MD  
Joe Erickson - Oakmont Country Club, PA  
Zack Forker - Meadowbrook Club, NY  
Adam Friedman - En-joie Golf Course, NY  
Mike Kincaid - Oak Hill Country Club, NY  
Joe Lambert - Stamford Golf Club, NY  
Bill Lewis - Binghamton Country Club, NY  
Chad Murphy - Shaker Ridge Country Club, NY  
Nick Pennella - Ridgewood Country Club, NJ  
James Suderley - Yahnundasis Golf Club, NY  
Brendan Weinstein - PNC Field, PA  
Evan Weymouth - Sleepy Hollow Country Club, NY

