



The Green Sheet

Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

Educational Meeting Issue

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February 2017

Winter Educational Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Registration begins at 7:15 AM

Colonial Golf & Tennis Club

4901 Linglestown Road
Harrisburg, PA 17112

Lunch/Program - \$75.00

Coat & Tie

CPGCSA 2017 Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

February 22, 2017

The February 22nd meeting at Colonial Country Club will be the Annual Meeting with election of officers and directors for the 2017 meeting year.

If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors, please contact Chad Oxenreider at

ghsupt@gmail.com

2017 PGCSA Hospitality/ Networking Room

Wednesday February 8, 2017

7:30-10:30 pm

Rosen Centre

9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

PA Golf Meets with Susquehanna River Basin Commission

On January 10, the local golf community of central and eastern Pennsylvania met with staff of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) to discuss rules and regulations for “consumptive” users withdrawing from the Susquehanna River Basin. Fifteen representatives from the golf industry including golf course superintendents, owners, irrigation specialists and industry representatives were in attendance for the two-hour meeting.

The SRBC’s mission is to enhance public welfare through comprehensive planning, water supply allocation, and management of the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. In short, golf courses pay the SRBC for water they withdraw from the river basin. The SRBC has a responsibility to protect the water of the basin and make sure there is enough for all users, but also make sure there is enough water emptying into the Chesapeake Bay at an acceptable quality.

The meeting was solicited by stakeholders in the golf industry as a way to touch base with the SRBC, talk about the current state of the golf industry, and share our perspective regarding irrigation withdrawals from the Susquehanna River Basin. The price of water was also discussed (\$0.33/1,000 gallons of water). Since golf is a consumptive user (more than 10,000 gallons per day on a 30-day average), each course withdrawing from the basin is required to apply for a docket.

When a docket is close to expiring, the SRBC requires a complete review. New approvals are effective when old dockets expire, and new dockets last 15 years. Original dockets used to be longer, up to 25 years. In order to continue operation, new applications must be submitted six months prior to expiration. Costs to renew dockets can vary greatly. In some cases, a waiver can mitigate testing fees. Otherwise, applicants are required to perform aquifer testing and planning so starting the process years in advance is smart. Consumptive use regulations have been in place since 1971, and in the 90’s the SRBC started an effort to track down users.

The take-home message was this: Many golf courses are up for review as time nears to re-apply. The SRBC advises that conversations should begin five years prior to docket expiration. The industry also raised its concerns with the cost of this re-application for a new docket, as it can be quite a large fee for courses that may already be operating on thin margins. Other items discussed were drought mitigation plans, the effect of oil and gas industry on the river basin’s water, and golf’s role in re-charging ground water. We hope to host similar meetings in the future.

Chase Rogan | GCSAA Field Staff – Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative

CPGCSA Winter Educational Meeting Agenda

February 22, 2017

Colonial Golf and Tennis Club

- 7:15-8:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00-8:10 **Introductions/Welcome**
Brian Ahrens, CPGCSA Vice President
- 8:10-8:20 **CPGCSA Update**
Chad Oxenreider, CPGCSA President
- 8:20-9:00 **The Impact of Social Media on Our Industry**
Jon Kiger, Turfnet
- 9:00-9:30 **How Herbicides and Adjuvants Work**
Tanner Delvalle, Penn State Horticulture Extension
- 9:30-9:45 Break
- 9:45-10:30 **Soil Health Relating to Soil Testing**
Jack Higgins, Soil First
- 10:30-11:15 **Title to Be Determined**
Tony Leonard, Philadelphia Eagles
- 11:15-12:00 Lunch
- 1:00-1:45 **Customer Care**
Sam Iorio, Dale Carnegie Training
- 1:45-2:30 **Turf Year in Review**
Dr. Mike Fidanza, Penn State Berks Campus
- 2:30-3:00 **Selling and Executing a Capital Improvement Project**
Andrew Dooley, Berkshire Country Club
- 3:10-3:30 2017 Board Introductions and Adjournment

Winter Educational Meeting – Reservation Form

Name: _____ Course/Company: _____

E-Mail: _____

Guest: _____ Course/Company: _____

_____ Program/Lunch \$75.00

Deadline: **February 17, 2017**

**Reminder:
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Meeting**

Checks Payable To: **CPGCSA** or **Payment through PayPal at www.cpgcsa.org**

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