

HARRISBURG

— Founded April 11, 1939

Course:

Cool Creek Country Club

Host:

Carl Runkle

Date: **November 6, 1991**

Lunch: **Anytime**
on your own

Cocktails: 5:00 p.m. — Casual

Dinner: **Buffet - 6:00 p.m. Casual**
COST: \$20.00

There are Shower Facilities

Tee off Time: 12:00 Shotgun

Cost of Carts: \$10.00 (Mandatory)

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Deadline: Friday, November 1, at 10 a.m.

There will be a 10 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting

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President's Message

The month of November is synonymous with cooler weather, football and elections. That's right, our November meeting is our annual election meeting and there is a fine slate of candidates who are ready and willing to serve your organization. Unfortunately the last several years we have had poor member turn-out for this meeting. The people who are running are ready to dedicate their time and efforts for our group, let's show our appreciation by trying to attend this meeting and vote.

I'd also like to mention that I recently played in the Central Pennsylvania Club Managers Scholarship Tournament at Hanover Country Club — Charlie Atland had the place looking great! The purpose of this event is to raise money so scholarships can be awarded to those who have career interests in club management, turfgrass management, or the golf profession. To date, no one in the turfgrass industry has applied. If you know of an interested individual please contact Glenn R. Ebersole, CCM, Harrisburg Country Club or give me a call.

With this, my final President's Message, I would say that it has been another successful year for the Central Penn GCSA, thanks to the membership support. I'm sure every president leaves office wishing they could have done more, but there just doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day — It seems like our jobs consume a lot of time. I want you to know what a terrific job your directors have done in representing Central Penn GCSA in areas that concern us, and I personally appreciate their support.

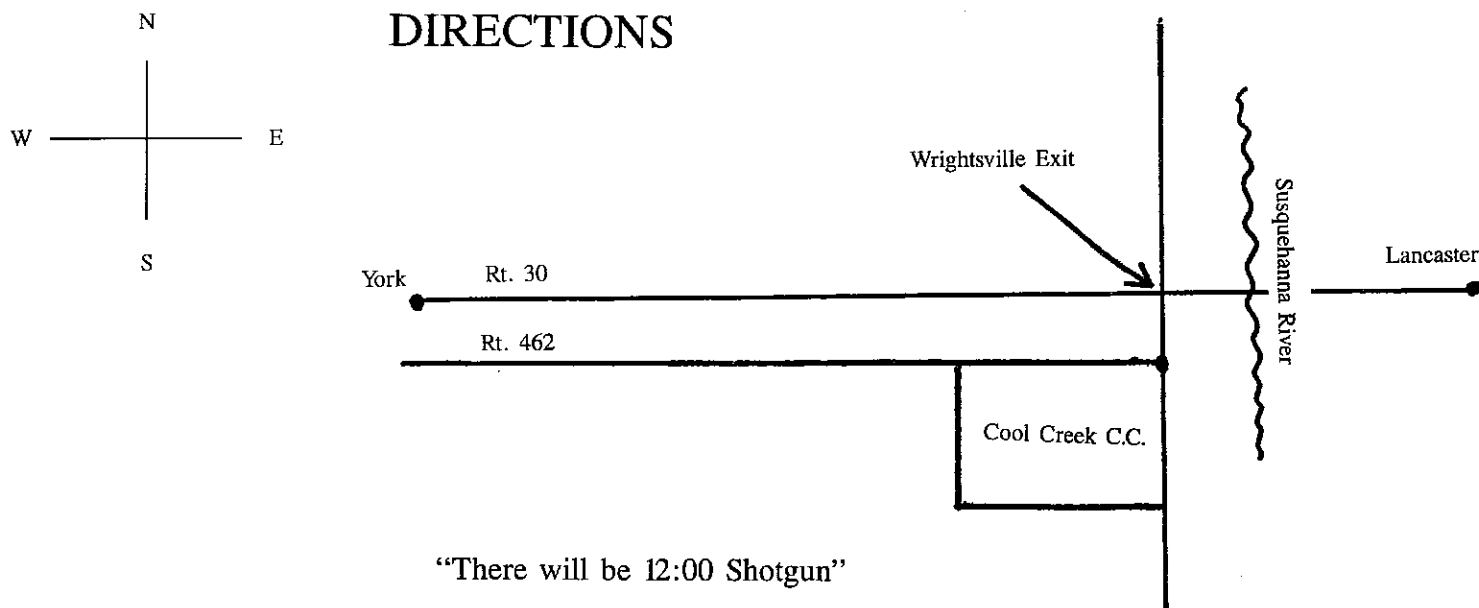
I conclude as always by saying have a nice day and support your organization.

HOST PROFILE

Carl Runkle started at Cool Creek in 1959 on the maintenance crew and took over as Superintendent 7 years later in 1966. He has been superintendent ever since.

COURSE PROFILE

In 1947 the front nine were built by an unknown architect. In 1948 the back nine was designed and constructed by Mike Rooney the Pro and Chester Ruby, the Superintendent. The Club remained private until 1954, when it opened to the public. Ruby remained Superintendent until 1966 when Carl took over.



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Allied Golf Course Superintendents of Pennsylvania

To: Board of Directors / Owner
From: AGCSP
Subject: State Government Representation

With the increased attention given to the environment and the consequential new and pending legislation, it is imperative for Golf Clubs in Pennsylvania to become aware of these issues, provide representation, and have an effective voice at the state level.

Presently there are several bills in legislation aimed at regulating the use of pesticides and fertilizers undoubtedly there will be forthcoming regulations for water use. Most of the bills are very restrictive in nature; their contents displaying disregard and ignorance of the industry on a whole. For example, when drought emergency status was declared in 52 out of 67 counties in PA this July, the Department of Environmental Resources State Water Plan Division eliminated watering fairways on golf courses restricting water use to only greens and tees regardless of the source of water. On most golf courses fairway irrigation represents at least 60% of all water use. Surely the goal of the state was not to reduce water use by 60%, but in fact their goal was a 20% reduction. This unproportional burden beared by golf courses represents the mentality and disconcern that golf is a viable industry and that its success and continuity is very dependent upon sufficient water use. Nevertheless, if a 60% reduction is necessary then why should the government determine for us where to use it. It is possible with the help of Mother Nature that with a 60% reduction greens, tees, and fairways could be kept alive with supplemental applications until the cooler Fall months. Incidentally, 25 acres of quality bentgrass fairways at a conservative rate of \$.75 per square foot is valued at \$817,000.00.

These issues are not solely a superintendent's or golf course maintenance problem and cannot be deemed as simply an inconvenience. Strict emotionally motivated extemporaneous legislation will significantly effect the maintenance costs and quality of all golf courses in the state of Pennsylvania. It must be known to legislatures that we are aware of their work and that we want to participate in, influence, and monitor their proposed legislation. New and pending legislation is being introduced and passed with little input from those being ultimately affected, the general membership or clients of your golf course.

In the past, the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council (an education and research oriented association comprised of all turfgrass areas such as golf courses, lawn care industry, cemeteries, commercial grounds, etc.) has initiated letter writing campaigns and has worked with the Pennsylvania Farmers Assoc. in an effort to look out for the turf industries interests. Presently with the pesticide, fertilizer, and water issue becoming more intensive we are in need of a more direct line of communication to Harrisburg. We also felt that it is important that the golf turf industry have its own vehicle to effectively represent itself.

ALLIED GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Please put the following information in your next newsletter or special mailing. It is important that your members receive it at least one week prior to the Penn State Golf Turf Conference. Note that if your membership is not fully informed about the Allied's efforts please try to include an article that explains what the Allied is all about.

There will be a letter sent out to your club's board of directors or owner from the Allied association sometime in mid-November. The letter will explain the goals and efforts of the Allied Golf Course Superintendents of Pennsylvania regarding state representation/public relations on environmental issues involving golf turf. With this letter we are asking each golf course for a \$75.00 contribution to help finance this effort. Please help us receive a good response by informing club officials of this forthcoming letter and/or following up on it. Please stress the importance of individual club participation through their much needed contribution.

The Annual Allied Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, November 10th prior to the Penn State Turf Conference at the beautiful Toftrees Resort. The format will be a better ball of twosome. Tee times will be between 11:00-12:00 with an informal shotgun if needed. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served between 4:15 and 5:15. Awards will be given after the cocktail hour. The total cost is only \$40.00 per person (this includes carts). Please call either Dave Rafferty at (717) 263-9747 or Ron Garrison at (215) 867-0591 if you would like to take advantage of this great golf and good time opportunity.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter that will be sent to each club.

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In the Spring of 1991, the seven superintendents associations within the state united to form a state wide board of directors for the Allied Golf Course Superintendents of Pennsylvania. The main purpose of the Allied is to keep abreast on new and pending legislation and to investigate and proceed with methods of representing the golf turf industry to legislatures and local decision makers. The Allied has hired a state registered lobbyist that is presently working with us on a part-time basis. Our lobbyist will help us significantly by informing us of pending legislation in its infant stages, guiding us on how to react properly and aiding us with stating our positions. His insight to the legislative process is invaluable. It is anticipated that his services will be expanded as increased funds become available.

The initial funding of the Allied has come from the seven local chapters to expedite the initial start-up and structure forming for the Allied's campaign. This initial funding structure is inappropriate for future years for several reasons. The seven superintendents associations represent approximately half of the total golf courses in Pennsylvania. Many golf courses will not have the opportunity to contribute to the beneficial efforts of the Allied. Local superintendents associations budgets are based primarily on education. Every effort is made to keep local expenses at a minimum to accommodate our many members who pay dues out of their own pockets. Continued financing of the Allied by the local chapters will only serve to increase dues significantly rendering membership unaffordable to many individuals. With this letter we are asking the golf clubs of Pennsylvania for financial support in our effort to represent the golf turf industry on a state wide basis. The Allied will serve as the golf clubs voice working alone and with closely related industries in our quest to have some control of our own destiny. Contributors will receive at least two mailings per year updating the Allied's progress and listing future concerns.

The Allied has received moral support from other organizations such as the Golf Association of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Golf Course Owners Association, Club Managers Association of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, and the Keystone Golf Association. These organizations have agreed to publicize in their newsletters supportive articles on the Allied's campaign.

To aid in keeping the game of golf "green", we are asking each Pennsylvania Golf Course for a \$75.00 contribution.

SUPERINTENDENT SPOTLIGHT

Bill Wall, Armitage Golf Course

Bill started working on a golf course at the tender age of 15 at Navesink Country Club, Middletown, New Jersey, in 1968. Paul Boyzell was the superintendent at Navesink, who later went on to be a National Director for GCSAA. Bill worked for Paul for several years before he entered Penn State's turf program in 1973. Upon graduation, Bill returned to Navesink as Paul's assistant until July 1975 when he became superintendent at Camp Hill Public Golf Course. The golf course was owned by Stanley Armitage, who died in 1976 and left the golf course to Hampden Township. In March 1977, the Camp Hill Golf Course name was changed to Armitage Golf Course. Bill remained on as course superintendent and has been there ever since.

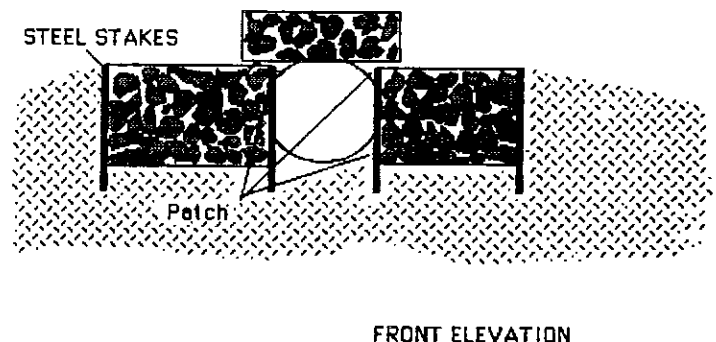
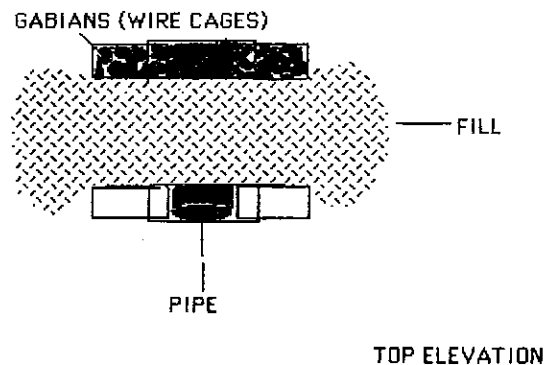
Bill's wife, Patti of 19 joyous years is also our professional secretary for the Central Penn. Turf Assoc. as well as our newsletter organizer, faxologist, organizer, and performs many other duties that allows our association to run smoothly.

One of Bill's two "claims to fame" is his almost 30 years in baseball and softball and at times during the year, plays on five different ball teams, which accounts for 160 games a year. When Bill's not playing ball, he collects Rock & Roll albums, his other "claim to fame". These date from the 1950's to the present. Most notable are his 180 Elvis albums.

As busy as Bill stays, he still manages to raise 4 children; Amy - 18, Jamie - 15, Kelly - 7 and Billy - 3. If that isn't enough, he still hits a mean golf ball and carries a 16 handicap.

QUICK AND EASY BRIDGE (or BULKHEAD)

1. Place corrugated pipe in place, with enough pitch to avoid standing water in pipe.
2. Place bottom gabions, (wire mesh cages), level and pitch the intake inward to force water into pipe.
3. Place steel stakes in each inside corner of wire cages, drive into the ground and attach to the gabions with wire.
4. Fill gabions halfway with 4-6" crushed limestone.
5. Place support wire across and lengthwise to prevent bulging in gabion.
6. Fill gabions, tie down lid.
7. Patch gaps between pipe and gabions with wire mesh.
8. Fill voids between gabions and pipe with crushed limestone.
9. Put on top gabion, fill same as others. Attach to lower gabions with wire.
10. Back fill to make cart path or bulkhead.



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The CPGCSA got pretty wet at the Met. Superintendents Association Tournament in NY, but we managed to take third place. Players were Whitey Krout, Mike Benedict, Danny Davis, Rich Brandel, Jeff Hall, Ken Pepple, John Segui and Paul Brandon.

Patti Wall - 508 Springhouse Road
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CPGCSA now has a FAX machine. Please fax your information to Patti at (717) 761-5404. (Same as Patti's home number). Patti's work number is (717) 761-8353.

Just A Reminder — Should you have any information for the newsletter, please be sure to get the information to Patti at least a month before.