

# GREEN SHEET

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

— Founded April 11, 1939

## HARRISBURG

Course:

**Overlook Golf Course**

Host:

**Ken Pepple**

Date: **September 10, 1991**

Lunch: **11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Sand Trap Restaurant

Keg of Beer / Hors d'Oeuvres

5 - 6 p.m. — Casual

Dinner: **6:00 p.m.** — Buffet — Casual

**COST: \$17.00**

Menu — Steak served Hunter Style

Baked Potato

Vegetable

Roll & Butter

Fruit Pie

Tea, Soda, Coffee

Shower Facilities Available in S. Pool Locker Room

Tee off Time: Anytime between 11 a.m - 1 p.m.

Cost of Carts: \$9.00

Reservations: Call 717-569-6221

Deadline: September 5, 1991

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Due to the October meeting being so early in the month of October, we are combining the September and October newsletter. Please note: WE WILL NOT be using the permanent reservation list for October. You must mail your check to Lehigh C.C. (See insert)



Don't forget our Newsletter supporters. Keep their handy insert ready to call them with your questions or needs, or look them up in the "Green" Pages of your Poster Book. Be sure to thank these newsletter and Roster Book supporters the next time you see them.

## HOST PROFILE

Ken began in the turf profession in 1980 where he worked at Carlisle C.C. until 1986. He then attended the University of Maryland College Park where he graduated with his turf degree in 1988. Ken was an associate at Llanerch C.C. for one year before moving to York to become the Assistant at Outdoor C.C.. He has now taken over Overlook Golf Club under the ownership of Manheim Twp. since December 1989.

## COURSE PROFILE

Overlook was built in 1927, in the traditional on-site construction. Green's are a mix of Bent & Poa, with a cutlass program striving towards all Bent. Tees are P. ryegrass with a strong T.G.R. program. Fairways are P. Rye & some K. Bluegrass but trying to establish all rye with the prograss program.

## Directions:

Rt. 30 to 501 N. Lititz.  
Club is ½ mile after exit on left hand side.

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## *The Allied Golf Course Superintendents Association of Pennsylvania*

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Date: August 7, 1991

To: All Allied Members

From: Dave Rafferty, Pres. A.G.C.S.P.

Subject: Drought Emergency

As most of you know by now the Governor has issued a drought emergency for 39 counties in Pennsylvania and a caution for the remaining counties, with the Philadelphia area being the exception. I have been in close contact with D.E.R. since the drought regulations have gone into effect and they have granted us some variances that the Philadelphia people didn't have in 1985.

Thanks to the work and the lobbying efforts the Philadelphia Superintendents put forth we are able to syringe heat sensitive grasses such as Poa and Bent and we are able to over seed August-October and water up to one inch per week after doing so. They didn't have those variances to work with and it made very difficult to survive.

We have the opportunity to sit down with D.E.R. after this is over and through facts and figures again have the chance to modify these regulations. Those of you who continue to use water in unlimited amounts are only making it more difficult for the future of the golf course industry in Pennsylvania. So do us all a favor and comply with the regulations. The more compliance the more credibility we'll have when it's time to talk.

Patti has information for anyone who would like to "Block" off a group of rooms for the GCSAA's 63rd International Golf Course Conference. Please call Patti for details.

If anyone is interested in forming a CPGCSA Chapter Golf Team for participation in 1992 GCSAA Golf Championship, please call Patti for details.

New Jersey Turfgrass Association  
Expo 91  
December 2-4, 1991  
Garden State Convention & Exhibition Center  
Summerset, New Jersey  
Contact: Rene Conlon at (908) 932-9721

DON'T FORGET OUR PSU vs WEST VIRGINIA BUS TRIP,  
October 26. for \$45.00. Call Patti to reserve your tickets.

Anyone interested in playing in the "Met Tournament" at Fenway in New York; there is one position open on October 15, 1991. Contact Mike Benedict at (717) 469-2400.

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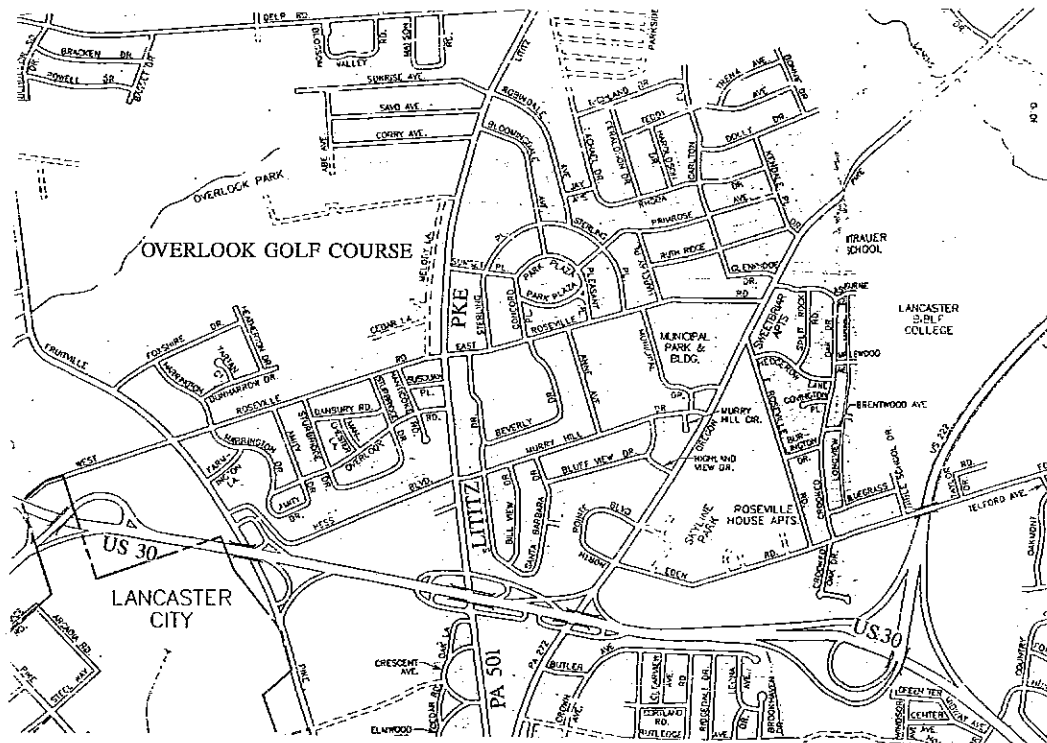
On this page are cards of our loyal supporters of our Greensheet and Roster Book. Please keep this list near your phone or taped to your desk for quick reference.

## SUPERINTENDENT SPOTLIGHT

### David Rafferty, Chambersburg Country Club

When David was eight years old he started delivering papers, one of his stops was at a pro shop, soon he was helping around the pro shop and also ran errands for the pro, after awhile he was working behind the counter. At 12 he started working on the golf course and worked there until he was 18. In 1975, he took an assistant job with Bill Gack at Lake Shore Country Club, he stayed there as assistant until 1980. Since 1973 Dave tried to get into Penn State but they were accepting only so many students for their turf programs, he kept applying but was never accepted. His climb up the ladder of success is attributed to attending numerous turf seminars, on the job training and his persistence in striving for professional excellence. In 1980 he applied for and was appointed superintendent of Titusville Country Club. Dave stayed there until 1986. In 1987 he applied for the superintendent position at Chambersburg Country Club and after several interviews he nailed down the job three days later. Dave was a member of the Board of Directors of Northwestern PA from 1982-1986, President 1985-1986. Dave has been a member of the Board of Directors of Central PA since 1989, Secretary (Treasurer) 1990, and in the fall of 1990 he was appointed President of the Allied Golf Course Superintendent's Association of Pennsylvania.

Dave has been married 14 years. His wife Bonnie is Manager at Valley Bank, they have no children. They do, however, have two dogs, a Lab named Sable and a Scotty named Shelby. Dave's hobbies are golfing (he has a 13 handicap) and hunting for bear, deer and small game.



## “THE THINKING SUPERINTENDENT”

John Chassard of Lehigh Country Club says that one of the hardest things he has had to overcome in this business is communication. “I used to think it would be best if everybody would let me do my job and not ask any questions. I found this can be very detrimental. Rumors get started very easily by my golf course members, and the wrong answers and information get circulated around the men's grill. I discovered very quickly that I need to properly educate the people I work for and the public, for that matter. I began by writing a paragraph in the monthly newsletter called “Chassard's Turf Talk.” I included things we were doing on the course and why we were doing them, and even giving them tips on their home lawn. I also made myself very visible on busy days and mostly weekends around the pro shop and men's grill, so people can ask questions and get the right answers. If possible, I take the time to play golf with some of the members, it's good public relations and I believe the best way for me to see and evaluate the golf course. This fall the grounds committee at the Club is hosting a cocktail party as an open forum to ask questions about things we do on the course and to let people know what we have planned for the future.”

We are no longer grass cutters, golf course superintendents have become professional in many aspects. A major part of this profession is public relations, especially with the increased awareness regarding environmental affairs. The more we can communicate and be visible to give people the right answers, the better it will be for all of us.

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Our elections will be held at our November Meeting. Below is a list of the candidates and the position they will be running for. Any interested in seeking a position should contact Bob Beyer at (717) 764-2576.

President

— John Chassard

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Paul Krout

The following will be for the Board of Directors.  
There will be 2 elected.

MEL LEAVER

KEN PEPPE

JOHN GEHMAN

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**PERMANENT  
RESERVATION  
LIST**

Please be sure to make your cancellation if you are unable to attend, or you will be billed.

Angelo, Jay  
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Mellinger, Warren  
Pepple, Ken  
Rafferty, Dave  
Snyder CGCS, Sam  
Wall, Patti  
Weitzel CGCS, Dave  
Wentling, Scott

**INSECT TIP OF THE MONTH**

You say you've noticed a lot of birds gathering in your fairways lately, not to mention the roughs, tee and green banks, maybe even some skunk or crow damage. Well, dudes, they're not there to pass along the latest gossip or for an annual family gathering, they are eating all those grubs you thought you took care of a few months ago.

Remember around the 4th of July when we were all bombarded with Japanese Beetles, well guess what happened when the males and females got together — Yup! That results in the offspring devouring your golf course. Now is the time to treat for them while their young are still close to the surface. If you don't treat them soon they're going to be around again next spring as they complete their metamorphosis, overwintering deep in the soil this winter and working their way back to the surface next spring, still chomping away at your gorgeous turf. There are many insecticides on the market that will do an admirable job, consult your County Extension Agent or chemical supplier for best results.

**TURF TIP OF THE MONTH**

"Ryegrass Fairways" — not something everyone is totally concerned with but for those who annually overseed their fairways with the millions of new ryegrass blends, this is for you. You're trying so hard to choke out all the other grasses but usually fall short due to disease, drought stress, traffic or just the overwhelming percentage of annual bluegrass (Poa). You've contemplated eradication programs but change your mind when you see the poa filling in all the bare spots, the first sign of cool weather in early Fall. Maybe it's time for you to try a "Prograss Program", I have and it works! One of our Chemical Guru's, Don Hollinger, recommends split applications of Prograss at 1 gallon per acre. The first application just about the time you notice germination in your overseeded ryegrass fairways, the second application 21 days after the first, again at 1 gallon per acre. The results the following Spring will make you an instant hero. Don compares the Prograss to ryegrass "like Cheerios to a kid."