

THE GREEN SHEET



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

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CPGCSA MEETING LOCATION

COURSE:

BUTTER VALLEY GOLF PORT

HOST:

JOHN GEHMAN

DATE:

JULY 13, 1993

LUNCH:

ANYTIME AT SNACK SHOP

DINNER:

5:00 PM BUFFET - \$20.00

GOLF:

TEE OFF TIMES - 10:30 - 12:30

COST OF CARTS - NO CHARGE

LIMITED SHOWER FACILITIES

There will be a CPGCSA Board Meeting at 9:30 AM

HOST SUPERINTENDENT PROFILE:

Working for his father at the time, John helped build the course in 1968. He began managerial duties after graduation from high school. In 1986, he had full responsibility for the business. John and his wife became sole owners of Butter Valley in 1989. John is married to Joan and has four children.

COURSE PROFILE:

Butter Valley Golf Port opened for play in May of 1969. The course is an 18 hole public golf course with a par 71. There is a public use airstrip located on the Back 9 of the course. The club is a member of the PA Golf Course Owners Association, National Golf Foundation, and various airport associations.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's now June 15th and we have already experienced a little dryness, a little humidity, and a little heat. Mother nature's way of warning us of what is sure to come as summer goes on.

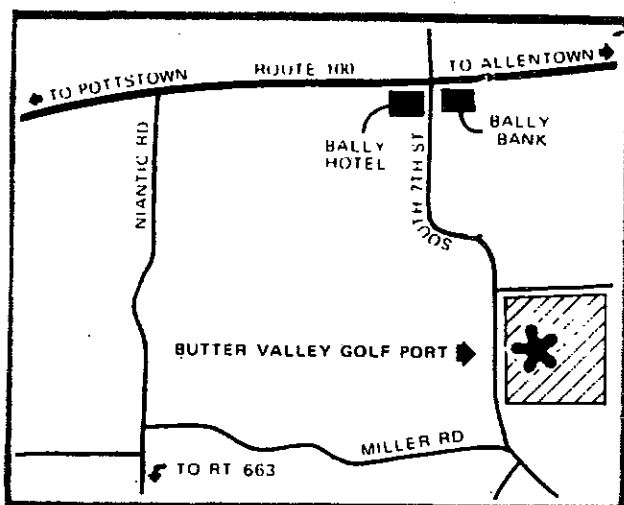
Well I'm wondering how everybody else is doing. I know it's rumored that we have lost our fairways here in Chambersburg. If anybody finds them I would really appreciate it if you would return them. I'm almost willing to bet they are at Fairview.

It's that time of year when everybody that is in this business wonders why. But you know, when the end of the day comes, or even the end of the week, and you are so tired you can't hardly stand. You tend to jump on a cart and look around the course, and obtain great satisfaction from knowing that you helped create the most beautiful thing imaginable. That tends to make all that tiredness disappear and everything worth the effort. Then you are ready to do it all over again. That is why we are in this business.

See you at Butter Valley.

Sincerely,

David Rafferty,
President, CPGCSA



DIRECTIONS TO BUTTER VALLEY GOLF PORT

For most people, head east till you hit Route 100. After you've found Route 100 by traveling North or South you'll come to a small town named Bally. In Bally, turn south at 7th Street (Bank & Bally Hotel on opposite corners).

Stay on road for 1 1/2 miles from town. This will bring you to the entrance of Butter Valley.

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SPEAKER PROFILE
KEN PEPPE,
EDUCATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Our speaker for July will be Robert Hesser. His topic is Pond Management and Aquatic Vegetation Control in Golf Course Ponds.

Bob is a retired Fishery Biologist and former Chief of Fisheries Management, PA Fish and Boat Commission. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Elizabethtown College.

Bob has provided numerous training seminars for golf course superintendents (Greater Pittsburgh, Mountain Valley, and Keystone Chapters), and the general public through PSU AG Extension. He has handled the Aquatic Vegetation Control Permit System for the PA Fish and Boat Commission for 24 years. He also enjoys playing the game of golf.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS
MEL LEAVER,
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

We want to welcome the following individuals into the association.

Matthew Haberberger
Reading Country Club B

Paul Gurcules
Reading Country Club B

Christopher Lahr
Majestic Ridge Golf ClubB

The following individual has applied for membership into our association. If there are no written objections within the next seven days, they will be accepted into our association at the next meeting.

Sherri Kuehne
Heidelberg Country ClubB

At the present time we are unable to accept any AF members due to the percentages of our membership categories according to our by-laws. We will continue to accept applications for this classification to be put on a waiting list.

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the organization, please have them contact Mel at (215) 966-2354.

GOLF NEWS
JOHN DOUGHERTY,
GOLF CHAIRMAN

The following are the winners from the Center Valley Tournament.

Closest to Pin

#13 Walter Zimich 7'1"
#8 Fran Berdine 11'5"

Longest Drive

#6 Hal Parr

Low Gross

1st Place - score of 65

Rich Brandel	Steve Strandzl
Ed Schaffer	Mel Leaver

2nd Place - score of 66

Joe Owsik	Mark Biery
Kelly Kressler	Kevin Trisket

3rd Place - score of 66

Warren Savini	Scott Keener
Ed Sealy	Paul Wickey

4th Place - score of 66

Bob Beyer	Len Predtechenski
Jim Carville	Bill Smith

5th Place - Score of 66

Parker Biery	Tony Gustaitis
Mark Malasavage	Bill Corcoran

Next month's tournament at Butter Valley will be a 6-6-6 tournament.

BOARD NOTES

* Thanks to Ron Garrison, his grounds staff, and the Center Valley Club for a great day.

* If you have any changes in address, employment or telephone numbers, please contact Wanda so that the necessary changes can be made.

* Please remember to complete your reservation forms and return to Wanda before the deadline in the newsletter — It is a big help to the host superintendent and the association!

GCSAA NEWS

GCSAA offers Employment Referral Service

The national unemployment rate continues to hover around the 7-percent mark, where it has been for much of the past three years.

Although the golf industry did not suffer as badly as many other industries, the recession did have an impact. Many clubs saw revenues stagnate or decline as members weathered personal economic crises, or as related real estate developments failed.

Some of these tried to cut corners on golf course expenses by reducing the personnel budget — cutting staff or replacing more experienced, higher paid workers with less experienced, lower paid workers.

Others cut the maintenance budget to the quick, and when they became unhappy with the quality of the golf course, they traded in their superintendent for a miracle worker.

GCSAA members who are seeking new positions in the golf course management field — whether because of economic necessity or personal desire — can learn about job openings through the association's Employment Referral Service (ERS).

ERS subscribers receive weekly listings of job openings throughout the United States and abroad.

According to a 1992 survey, 62 percent of ERS advertisers said they filled the position with a candidate who responded through the service, and 93 percent said they would use the ERS to fill another position.

A six month subscription is \$10 and a full year is \$20. To subscribe, use the order form in the 1990-91 GCSAA Member Services Catalog, or call the membership department at 800/472-7878 or 913/832-4480.

(from GCSAA Newsline, 1421 Research Park, Lawrence, KS 66049-3859)

Special GCSAA S & R Grants Offered to Graduate Students

Outstanding graduate students in the field of golf course management education and research now have a new grant program available to them.

The GCSAA Graduate Student Grants Program will provide annual awards of \$5,000 to individuals pursuing advanced degrees in academic fields related to golf course management.

The goal of the program, sponsored by the GCSAA Scholarship and Research Foundation, is to identify and encourage tomorrow's leading educators and researchers.

To be eligible, students must be currently enrolled in a master's or doctoral degree program related to golf course management. Students must also plan to pursue an academic career in a university setting.

Applicants will be evaluated on academic excellence, potential to make outstanding contributions in research and education, peer recommendations and previous accomplishments in their field. In addition to the cash award, winners will receive an expenses-paid trip to the GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show.

The deadline for applications is October 1. Awards will be presented in early February. Application forms are available from the GCSAA development department (913/841-2240).

Candidates for '94 Board Sought

Nominations for the offices of president, vice president, and director of GCSAA are now being accepted, Stephen Cadenelli, CGCS, chairman of the Nominating Committee, has announced.

All members of the association and GCSAA-affiliated chapters are encouraged to submit nominations for these leadership posts.

Nominations must be received no later than **Sept. 1, 1993**. The Nominating Committee will meet later in the fall to determine the slate of candidates for the 1994 election.

Nominations should be sent to Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS, Nominating Committee Chairman, GCSAA Headquarters, 1421 Research Park Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049-3859.

Explanations of qualifications, terms of office and responsibilities of GCSAA's board of directors have already been distributed to chapter secretaries. Additional copies are available upon request by contacting the membership department at headquarters, telephone 913/832-4480.

Important: This year, the deadline for affiliated chapters to name voting delegates will be **Oct. 1**.

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GCSAA Posters

Additional sets of posters can be obtained through the GCSAA communications department for \$5.00 per set. Please contact them at 913/832-4470 or FAX 913-832-4466 if you have any questions or need further information.

PENN STATE CLIPPINGS

By ANDY MCNITT

Penn State's Turfgrass Museum is being expanded, updated, and set up for public display. The museum will be housed in a new building at the Landscape Management Research Center.

Dr. Pete Landschoot reports seeing several cases of red leaf spot on creeping bentgrass. Lesions are small and difficult to observe without a microscope. Stand symptoms appear as a brown or rust color and thinning can occur in severe cases. Most of the cases thus far have been in central and western PA. Daconil or Chipco 26019 are effective in controlling this disease.

George Hamilton cautions that superintendents be aware that the use of the sterol inhibitor fungicides on Cutless or TGR treated turf can cause a compounded effect. Remember, the full effect from a growth regulator may not be seen for 5 weeks.

Mike Soika reports that the cool, wet, conditions of the 1992 growing season may have caused significant root infection by the fungi that cause patch diseases (take-all, necrotic ring spot, summer patch). Symptom expression was minimal in 1992, due to a lack of environmental stress. However, growers should be alert this season for early and severe patch disease potential. Many of the samples received already this year have shown heavy root infection by patch fungi on bluegrasses and bentgrasses. Symptoms at this time may appear as yellowed, bronzed, or stunted irregularly-circular patches. Roots of affected plants can be checked for patch fungi by washing well to remove soil, and examining with a hand lens for the presence of dark fungal threads on the root surfaces. If such fungi are found, fungicide treatment is required, even though the exact identification of the fungus is not known. A possible treatment regime may be:

on Kentucky or annual bluegrasses - a high rate of Banner alternated at 28 day intervals with a high rate of Chipco 26019

on bentgrasses - a high rate of Bayleton alternated at 28 day intervals with a high rate of Banner

To be effective, fungicides must be applied in the morning to wet foliage and immediately irrigated (1" water) into the root zone.

Kerry Hoffman says watch for changes (relatively minor) in record keeping requirements for restricted use products. The federal government

has passed legislation mandating that states implement requirements that meet the Fed's standards. Pennsylvania should have to make only minor changes to be in compliance. Kerry also reports that the hypersensitivity list notification will become mandatory.

I want to thank the Philadelphia Golf Course Superintendents Association for funding a study of commercially available topdressing mixes. The survey provides the chemical and physical properties of the topdressing mixes studied. The authors feel that the most useful information in the report, is the review of testing procedures and test result interpretation. This information should prove useful when considering testing for future green's construction mixes or in interpreting the results of tests from other labs. The report is available on PENpages, Cooperative Extension's computer data base. A copy is available through any local Extension office. Be sure to remind the office that this report is on Penpages. Presently the Agricultural Experiment Station here at PSU is reviewing the report. Our hope is that they will decide to print the report as an AG. Exp. Station progress report.



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PENNSYLVANIA TURFGRASS COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

John Yakubisin, CGCS, Rolling Rock Club, Ligonier, PA has been elected President of The Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council. John has been the Golf Course Superintendent at Rolling Rock since March, 1992. Prior to that he was Golf Course Superintendent at Youghiogheny Country Club, McKeesport, PA for four years and The Nemacolin Woodlands Country Club, Farmington, PA for seven years. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of PTC since 1986 having served as First and Second Vice-President. He is a member of GCSAA, certified since 1986, Greater Pittsburgh GCSA; currently serving as Vice-President, and the Allied GCSA of PA. Mr. Yakubisin is a 1986 graduate of the University of Maryland's two-year program in Turfgrass Management.

Michael Zedreck, CGCS, Southpointe Golf Club, Inc., Washington, PA has been elected First Vice-President. Mike has been the Golf Course Superintendent at Southpointe Golf Club since April, 1992. Prior to that he was Golf Course Superintendent at Butler Country Club, Butler, PA. He is a member of GCSAA, Northwestern, PA GCSA and Greater Pittsburgh GCSA, currently serving as President.

Samuel Snyder, VII, CGCS, Colonial Country Club, Harrisburg, PA has been elected Second Vice-President. He is a member of GCSAA, Allied GCSA of PA, Central PA GCSA and Greater Pittsburgh GCSA.

Barry Grote, The Scotts Company - Proturf Division, Pittsburgh, PA has been elected Secretary-Treasurer. Barry has been the Executive Technical Representative for Scotts for 16 years. He is a member of the Greater Pittsburgh GCSA, Mountain & Valley GCSA, Northwestern PA GCSA, and Chairman Western PA Turf Conference & Trade Show.

Charles Cadiz, Jr., Eagle Lodge Country Club, Lafayette Hill, PA, is the Past President. Chuck has been the Golf Course Superintendent at Eagle Lodge since 1980. He is a member of GCSAA, Central PA GCSA, and the Philadelphia Association of GCS.

Christine King, Bellefonte, PA, serves as the Executive Director. Others serving on Board include: Thomas Bettle, Quicksilver Golf Club, Midway, PA; Neal DeAngelo, Lawn Specialties, Hazelton, PA; Jerred Golden, Hershey's Mill

Golf Club & Landscape Company, West Chester, PA; Jeffrey Jabco, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA; Mark Kuhns, Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, PA; and William Riden, Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company, Lititz, PA.

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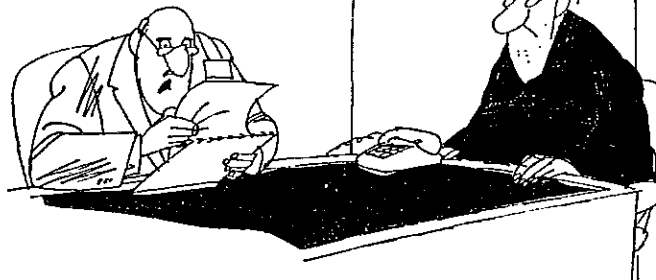
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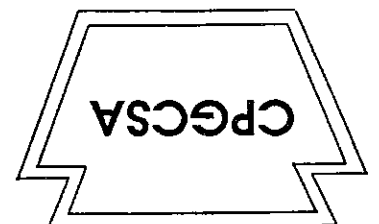
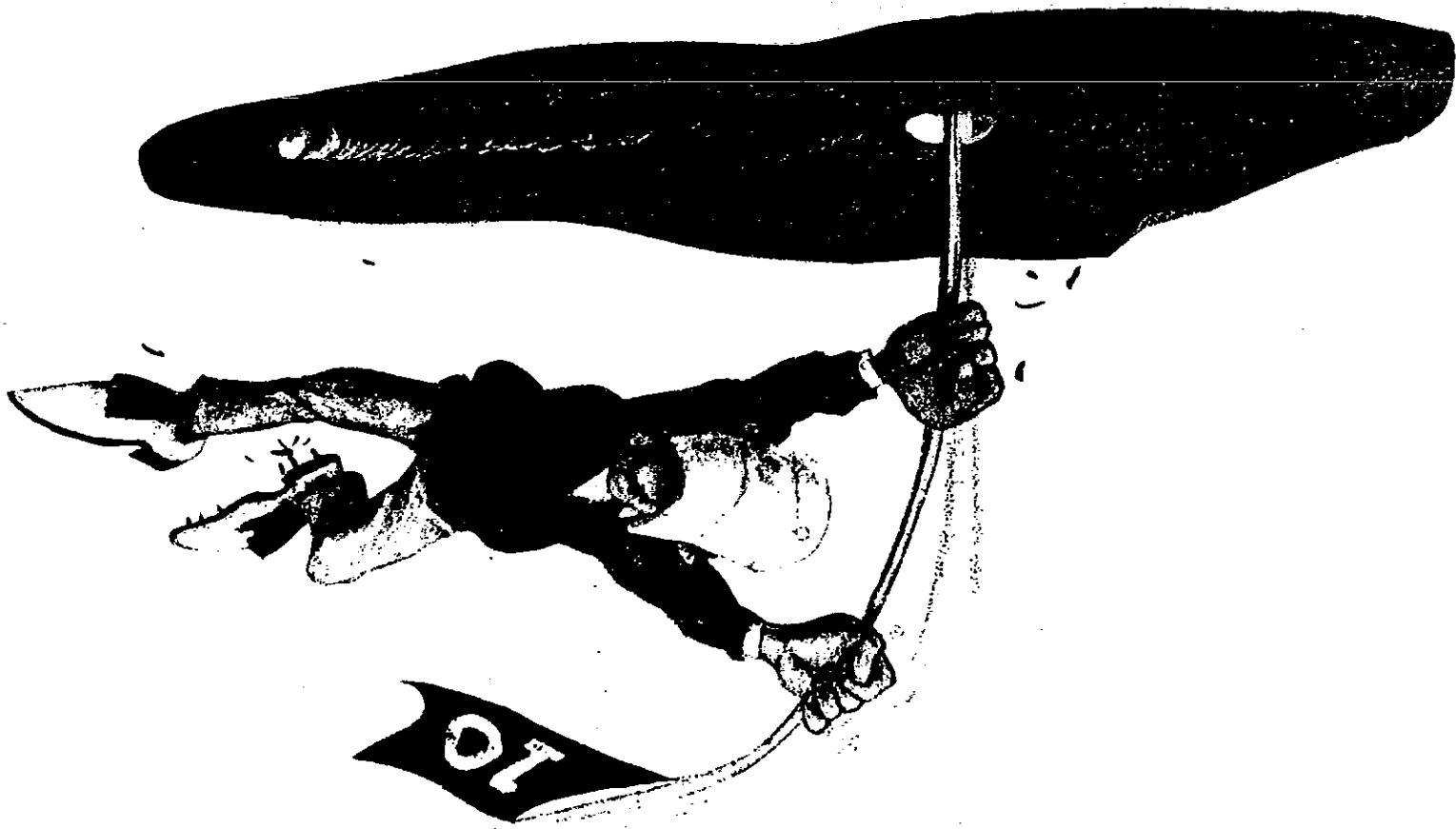
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Should you need to fax information to Wanda, the number is the same as her home telephone number (717) 274-6004. If the answering machine picks up, be sure to let it run through the recorded message, then the fax will automatically turn on.

If you have any accomplishments or things you have done that could benefit other members, please be sure to get the information to Wanda or Jim Jones.

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