THE GREEN SHEET



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

CPGCSA MEETING LOCATION

COURSE:

HEIDELBERG COUNTRY CLUB

HOST:

THOMAS C. OCEPEK

DATE:

MAY 18, 1993

MEETING:

11:00 AM

LUNCH:

BUFFET \$9.00

GOLF:

1:00 SHOTGUN
COST OF CARTS: \$14.00
SHOWER FACILITIES AVAILABLE

COCKTAILS:

6:00 PM - CASUAL

There will be a CPGCSA Board Meeting at 10:00 AM

HOST SUPERINTENDENT PROFILE

Tom is originally from Western PA. His experience on golf courses expands over 22 years, 13 of those in management. Tom has worked at Westmoreland Country Club, Cloverleaf Golf Club, Oakmont Country Club, Wilmington Country Club, and 5 seasons at Heidelberg Country Club. Tom has been married to Louise for 9 years.

COURSE PROFILE

Heidelberg Country Club opened for play in May of 1969. The course covers 180 acres, and is a par 70. The club is a member of the Berks County Golf Association, and has hosted the Betsy King Easter Seals Pro-Am the last 4 seasons. Heidelberg is privately owned and operated.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Believe it or not, I'm writing this column this month without being embarrassed by my close friend Jim Jones.

It seems that every time mother nature rears her mean streak, it's pointed only at you. Well believe it or not, I think everyone within a 500 mile radius of where I write this letter, is in the same condition. So grin and bare it, it could be worse.

Unfortunately it seems the world in which we live, becomes more and more complex. We on the Board of Directors have had to take necessary measures to protect this association, along with those we ask to serve as officers every year. We have been advised by council that in order to do this we must become incorporated. For this to happen we have to ask our membership for a vote to change our by-law structure. Corky Knoll and his committee have worked endlessly on this project since it's inception. We are asking for your utmost cooperation in this matter, for with it we won't exist.

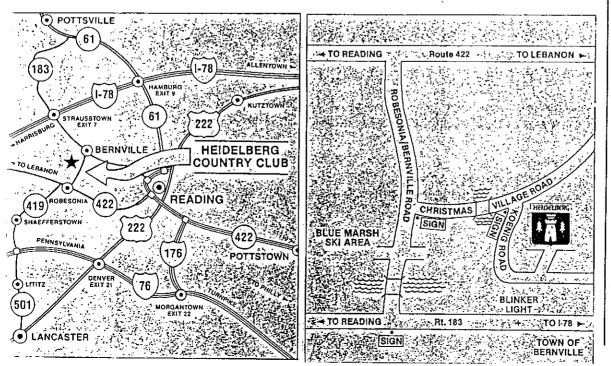
There has been a letter sent to all our voting members concerning this issue. For those of you who may have concerns, please don't hesitate to contact myself or any other director.

Well I hope that everybody has a much better spring and summer than what you have had thus far.

Hope to see you at Heidelberg Country Club.

David Rafferty, President CPGCSA

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ALLIED REPORT

By Sam Snyder

At the last Allied GCS of PA Board of Directors meeting the following topics were discussed:

Nutrient Management - This legislation has passed the House and is currently in committee in the Senate. It is expected to pass and become law in the near future. The golf course industry will not be impacted immediately but in two years DER will propose regulations for all other "non point" pollution sources, i.e. golf courses. The Allied plans to meet with DER officials to present the golf course point of view and the research behind the golf course industry's positive impact on the environment.

Water Management - This legislation will revoke all prior legislation regarding water use in the state. Fees and restrictions are probable. This bill doesn't specifically address golf turf but like the previous legislation, the DER will assess the use of water and propose regulations which will effect us. The Allied plans to meet with DER officials to present the unique needs of golf turf.

A letter from Jered Golden, President of Philadelphia AGCS, was presented. The subject was the use of the PTC turfgrass survey through the Allied to cover the state and have individuals meet with their Representatives and Senators on their home "turf" to discuss the concerns of the golf turf industry. The Allied agreed and will help with the advancement of this project.

Government Relations representative, Bill Brubaker also mentioned the need for the Allied to have each local member maintain contact with their legislators to provide name and face recognition when the "big issues" hit the industry.

The 1993 dues are coming in but many local members haven't sent their's in yet. Each local should promote the Allied at least through their newsletter. The local associations have face to face contact and must promote the Allied when possible.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS MEL LEAVER MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

We want to welcome the following two individuals into the association.

Lloyd Mooney, Sr., Superintendent Penn National Golf Course

Terry Morgan, Assistant Superintendent Penn National Golf Course

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

Daniel Achenbach
Foxchase Golf Club......B

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

If any knows of any Superintendents or Assistant Superintendents that are interested in membership, please have them contact Mel at (215) 966-2354.

AUDUBON COOPERATIVE SANCTUARY PROGRAM

by Tony Goodley, CGCS Vice President, CPGCSA

It is difficult to pick up any magazine or newspaper these days without an environmental issue pointing a finger at someone in the Green Industry. I do not think it is any secret that the general public views golf courses as a place where too many fertilizers and pesticides are applied.

I am not really telling any of you something you don't already know, but our image as Turf Managers as viewed by the average citizen is somewhat distorted from an environmental point of view for the simple reason they just don't know what goes on in our business of applying chemicals.

So what do we do? One of the answers I have found has been very painless, as a matter of fact extremely rewarding. Our golf course has joined the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for golf courses. It is an organization that is sponsored in part by the USGA and is administered by the Audubon Society of New York State. The program encourages you to enhance the habitat "Wildlife of wildlife through Encouragement Programs", and to protect and preserve natural resources for the benefit of your golf courses as well as your communi-

The program will send you educational information that provides details of various wildlife projects. I have found many of these to be a lot of fun and extremely rewarding, and it can do nothing but help the image of the golf courses as good environmental neighbors. All projects and de-

cisions concerning the program are at the decision of the course superintendent so no one will be telling you what you can or can not do. You can take this program as far as you like even to the point of certification in Integrated Pest Management.

Gentleman this is the direction the industry is headed and the sooner we get on the band wagon the better. If you would like information on the program please write me at Heritage Hills Golf Resort, 2700 Mount Rose Avenue, York, PA 17402 or call (717) 755-4653.

FROM THE EDITOR:

We all know what kind of spring this has been trying to get caught up after the past couple of difficult months. Trying to stay focused on the big picture when the day never seems to end can sometimes be a problem.

For many reasons, this person very much included, we sometimes isolate ourselves at work and never look outside the lines. This leads to poor productivity and poor work habits. We all need to step away from our golf courses and experience the outside world. Whether its going to a ball game or dinner out with the family, anything to break the routine can be good. Also, spending a day at a Central meeting can give you some new ideas and a way to share yours with fellow colleagues!

Anyway, hang in there, better days are comings.

JIM

SPEAKER PROFILE BY KEN PEPPLE, EDUCATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Our speaker for July will be Mike Oleykowski talking about "Primo - How It Compares To Other Turfgrass Growth Regulators.

Mike is a Marketing Representative for Ciba-Giegy. He graduated from Penn State University in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture. Mike has been working in the green industry for 19 years. He started work at age 17 in a garden center, worked in lawn care, and worked for Lesco for 7-1/2 years as a Golf Course Specialist.

Has this ever happened to you?

Someone in the first group to follow a cup change will always hit the edge of the fresh cup with the flag stick.

GCSAA NEWS

The U.S. Open will be held June 17-20, 1993 at Baltusrol Golf Club.

All GCSAA members are welcome at the annual GCSAA Member Reception at the U.S. Open Championship. Guest of honor at the reception will be Joseph R. Flaherty, CGCS, at the Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, NJ. The GCSAA Member Reception is set for 7-10 PM on Friday, June 18, at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit, NJ.

GOLF NEWS JOHN DOUGHEKTY, GOLF CHAIRMAN

The April meeting at Susquehanna Valley Country Club was a joint meeting with the Keystone Association. The tournament was Calloway for the Keystone Association and Individual Handicaps for the Central Association. Prizes were awarded for Low Gross in Central and Keystone, and Low Net Combined with both Associations.

Results from the April Tournament are as follows:

Low Gross (Central Penn)	Closest to Pin	Combined Low Net (Keysto	one & Central)
lst - Mike Benedict 80	#9 - Fran Berdine (Keystone)	lst - Jeff Shoemaker	64
2nd - Tom Kintzer 82	·	2nd - Tom Drayer	64
3rd - Ken Pepple 84	#11 - Ken Pepple (Central)	3rd - Mel Leaver	67
		4th - Ken Pepple	68
***If you did not stay around to receive your		5th - Tom Ocepek	7 0
prize at Susquehanna Valley please see		6th - Ted Zabrenski	71
Ken Pepple at the May meeting***		7th - John McCormick	73

ON THE POSITIVE SIDE

By Michael Prest, Assistant Superintendent West Shore Country Club

Don't you just love this time of year? We're all refreshed from a winter of lounging around. Spring has officially arrived! The sun is shining, birds are chirping, flowers are blooming and everything else is greening up nicely. All our aerification is completed, the greens are rolling about "9" on our beloved Stimpmeter and golfers are congratulating us already for what they know will be another successful season. Is this a great business or what?!?!

Let's get back to reality. The only hole punching we've accomplished is our office wall after hearing the latest 5-day forecast, our greens are lucky to stimp at "6" and virtually every golfer wants to know when the heck we're going to mow the rough and what's that darn pond doing in the middle of the twelfth fairway?

Hard to believe, I know, but things could be worse: our courses aren't 20 miles downstream (yet), we're not laying in the hospital as a result of a temperamental 60-foot spruce that did not want to come down (that happened to me but that's another story) and no cult fanatics have taken over our turf.

Things aren't great, but we're professionals. We've handled everything else Mother Nature has thrown at us in the past from Hurricanes to that dusty drought of only a few years back. We will get through these trying and soggy times.

When the work load seems unbearable... prioritize! Get the things done first that absolutely, positively have to get done. Eventually, everything else will get accomplished. Even if it doesn't, the world will go on. Worrying about it will get you nothing, except possibly a few wrinkles and maybe an ulcer or two.

Look on the bright side! Think of how few golfers we've seen this spring. That's not all bad. I confidently predict the sun will shine again for more than on day in a row, the golf course will dry out and someday we'll all play par golf. Well, two out of three ain't bad.

Don't forget to save some time for the truly important things in your life: yourself, your family and maybe even a few round of golf!

DIRECTORS PROFILE

Below is a short profile so you may know a little more about the 1993 CPGCSA Board of Directors.

President – Dave Rafferty – Chambersburg Country Club (717)263-8296

Dave originally hails from Erie, PA. At the age of 10, he worked in the Golf shop at Gospel Hill Golf Course on weekends and after school. At 12 years old Dave began on the crew with rotary work. Dave became the Superintendent of Titusville Country Club 1981-1986. Dave has been the Superintendent of Chambersburg Country Club, in Scotland, PA till present. Dave was a member of the Northwestern PA G.C.S.A., was a director served as Secretary/Treasurer, and was also President 1985 through part of 1987. Dave has been a member of the CPGCSA and is the President of the Allied GCS of PA. Dave is also on the PTC committee for pesticide regulations.

Vice President — Tony Goodley, CGCS — Heritage Hills Golf Resort (717) 755-1919

Tony graduated from North Carolina State with a degree in Turfgrass management. He became the Assistant Superintendent at Shannon Green, VA. Tony then became the Superintendent and Amenities Coordinator at Lake Holiday Estates, VA. After that Tony was the Superintendent at Loudom Golf & Country Club, VA for 9 years, then 3 years as a Superintendent at River Bend Golf & Country in VA. Tony is presently the construction & Golf Course Superintendent at Heritage Hills Golf Resort in York, PA.

Secretary/Treasurer - Sam Snyder, CGCS - Colonial Country Club (717) 545-6760

Sam began his career as grounds crew, then Assistant Superintendent of Iron Master Country Club, PA. Sam then became the Superintendent of Punxsutawney Country Club, to Superintendent of Grandview Golf Club, and then the golf course manager (and Pro-shop manager) of Sheraton Golf Links, PA. Sam is presently the Superintendent of Colonial Country Club, Harrisburg, PA. Sam has held many positions in numerous associations, some of which are: Director, Chairman of Gov't. Regulations of the PTC, and Scholarship and Research Committee, Special Fund Raising Committee for the Golf Course Superintendents Association, Campaign manager for Director Randy Zidik, and Vice President of PTC. Sam has been married for 17 years and has 2 children.

Director of Education - Ken Pepple - Wyncote Golf Club (215) 932-4610

Ken began in the turfgrass field in 1980, where he worked for six years at Carlisle Country Club. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1988. Ken was Assistant Superintendent at Outdoor Country Club until 1990 when he accepted the responsibilities of golf Superintendent at Overlook Golf Club. Finally, January 1, 1992, Ken accepted the grow-in and construction Superintendent position at Wyncote Golf Club in Oxford, PA.

Newsletter Editor - Jim Jones, CGCS - Fairview Golf Course (717) 273-5611

Jim was born in Reading and raised in Orwigsburg, PA. He is a 1977 graduate of the Mercersburg Academy and graduated in 1980 from Penn State University's Turfgrass Management program. Jim has worked at Fairview since graduation and became a Certified Superintendent in 1985. He is also a past president of CPGCSA. Currently, Jim is filling both rolls as Superintendent and General Manager at Fairview. Jim is single and works and lives on the golf course.

Membership Chairman -- Mel Leaver -- Brookside Country Club (215)966-2354

Mel graduated from Penn State in 1980 with a BS in Agronomy. Mel began working as a greensworker at Lehigh where he became the Second Assistant. Mel became the Assistant at Brookside, then the Superintendent at Golf Club of Shepherd Hills. Mel is presently the Superintendent at the Brookside Country Club. Mel has been a member of the CPGCSA and was a Director from 1981-1993. Mel is married to Karen and has 3 children.

Golf Chairman — John Dougherty — Overlook Golf Club (717) 569-6221

John started working on Golf Courses at the age of 15 at Blue Ridge Country Club. He continued working at Blue Ridge C.C. until he finished the 2 year turf program at Penn State in 1982. John went on to become the Assistant at Blue Mountain Golf Club from 1982-1983. He then became Superintendent at Lost Creek G.C. from 1983-1986, then back to Blue Mt. as Superintendent in 1986 and 1987. After working at Davis Landscaping from 1987-1989, John came back to golf as an Assistant Superintendent at Armitage G.C. and is presently the Superintendent at Overlook G.C. John has been married to Robyn for 8 years and has two boys, Shane, 5 and Jason, 3.

Social/Public Relations Chairman -- Jeff Edwards -- North Hills Country Club (215)887-2029

Jeff graduated from Penn State Turfgrass management in 1988. Jeff began his golf course career at Aronimiak Country Club 1978-1979, then White Manor Country Club 1980, to Chester Valley from 1980-1985, Rolling Green in 1985, and back to Chester Valley as an Assistant from 1985-1989. Jeff is presently Superintendent at North Hills Country Club, a position he has held since January 1990. Jeff is a member of GCSAA, the PTC, Philadelphia G.C.S.A., and the CPGCSA. Jeff has been married to Sharon for 3-1/2 years.

By-laws Chairman -- Corky Knoll -- Moselem Springs Golf Club (215) 944-7616

Corky Knoll was born Byron F. Knoll, Jr. on December 3, 1938. He is a Penn State Turfgrass management graduate, class of 1963. Corky became Superintendent of Moselem Springs Golf Club in September of 1966. He was CPGCSA president in 1974.

Past President - John Chassard -- Lehigh Country Club (215) 967-4643

John worked for 3 years on the grounds crew at Indian Springs, and was on the grounds crew for I year at Saucon Valley Country Club, before becoming the Assistant at Lehigh Country Club. John is in his 7th season as the Superintendent of Lehigh Country Club. John is a graduate of the Penn State Turfgrass program. He is married to Susan and has a 5 year old German Shepherd named Gracy, and a 3 year old Golden Retriever named Molly.



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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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Placements Pin Onus on Cup Cutters

By James Achenbach, from Golf Course News

Many golfers believe there is a rule that prohibits pins from being closer than 15 feet, or perhaps 12 feet, from the edge of the green.

Guess again.

There is no rule that specifies the distance of a hole from the collar of the green. It can be five feet from the fringe if that's what a tournament committee wishes to do.

Which brings us to the Masters.

"There were some pins I had never seen before," said Ray Floyd. "There were some pins that were barely on the green. I guess that's all right -- they were on the green."

To spectators, some of the cups at Augusta National appeared to be less than 10 feet from fringe. The daily pin sheets, distributed to players and caddies, listed the closest pin at four paces. One pace is the equivalent of one yard, meaning that 12 feet was the minimum distance.

Floyd said he thought some of the placements were closer to the edge.

Four paces is the unofficial worldwide standard when it comes to minimum distance. The PGA Tour uses it. The USGA uses it.

"It is our unwritten benchmark," said Mike Tate, who works for the European Tour and is director of the 1993 Ryder Cup. "We would never put it three paces.

But would the Masters?

The cup and tee marker placement committee at Augusta National is composed of six club members and a single nonmember. One of the six members is Hall Thompson, founder of Shoal Creek outside Birmingham, Ala. The nonmember is former U.S. Open and PGA champion David Graham.

Graham replaced longtime committee member Jay Hebert this year. Hebert, also a former PGA champion, left the committee because of health problems.

Committee members don't like to talk about how they select pin placements, yet the entire committee was spotted early Saturday morning on the seventh green, meticulously picking the appropriate spot.

"It is done on a daily basis," said Graham. "There are no cast-in-cement rules. The pin placements are selected by a committee of gentleman, some of which have been doing it for 40 years."

Graham refused to talk about how he was chosen, and he didn't wish to elaborate on his duties. "I consider it an honor," he said, "It is one of the highest compliments I could ever receive.



Lady Keystone Open - coming up May 17 - 23 at Hershey Country Club



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- Please return your Superintendent surveys to Jeff Edwards as soon as possible.
- * Thanks to Greg Bingeman, his ground staff, and the Susquehanna Valley Country Club staff for a great day.
- Don't forget to bring your membership pin to all meetings. If you don't, it will cost you a buck.

CENTRAL PA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

Location: Center Valley

MEETING NOTICE:

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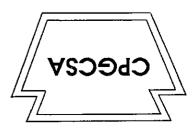
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If you have an opportunity to look at the April 19th issue of Sports Illustrated, you will find a familiar face on page 3. Matt Shaffer from Hershey Country Club was a part of the efforts that made The Masters a success! You'll find Matt pictured with a fleet of mowers.



The Green Sheet

Jim Jones, CGCS Editor Wanda Fry - Executive Secretary P.O. Box 108 Quentin, PA 17083

So Harry, how do you like our new Greens Mower?