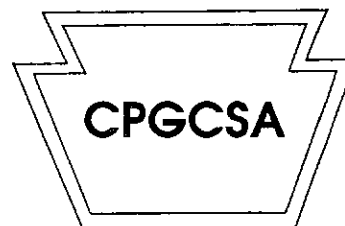


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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## CPGCSA MEETING LOCATION

COURSE:

BROOKSIDE COUNTRY CLUB

HOST:

TED ZABRENSKI

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

LUNCH:

12:00 NOON BUFFET

GOLF:

1:15 PM SHOTGUN

COST OF CARTS - \$12.00

SHOWER FACILITIES AVAILABLE

There will be a CPGCSA Board Meeting at 10:30 AM.

### HOST SUPERINTENDENT PROFILE:

Ted has been the Superintendent at Brookside Country Club since 1982. Prior to being the superintendent he was the Assistant Superintendent as well as being a grounds person at Brookside. Ted is a 1982 Penn State University Turf Management graduate. He is married to Missy and has two dogs, Jake and Caesar (1st and 2nd Assistants).

### COURSE PROFILE:

Brookside Country Club was founded in 1916 and was originally a 9 hole course. It was expanded to 18 holes in 1956. An automatic irrigation system was installed in 1990. Brookside Country Club is a private club with 325 members, 180 of which are golfers and 145 are social. The average 18 hole round is played in under 3-1/2 hours.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's the middle of August now and thankfully mother nature had a change of heart concerning the weather. We have just started over-seeding with rye grass today, that is usually a sign that the weather is headed the other way and things are down hill on route to that glorious fall weather.

This summer has again taught us that hard valuable lesson. You can't get away with taking anything for granted, especially when it comes to dealing with mother nature. You think every year that has gone by you get just that much more comfortable with your job, the environment, or the people around you, then as usual just like every other time, we have a summer like this one and just like those times in the past it blows up in your face. I know superintendents that have one and two year old greens that nobody would have suspected any sort of problem with and just like that they develop problems with summer patch and they're dead. I know superintendents that have unlimited budgets and due to the type of weather that was experienced have had any number of problems. It doesn't matter who you are or where you might be located or the money you have to spend, when dealing with mother nature she has the upper hand and nobody can take her for granted. Maybe this time we can say we learned something but somehow I think at some future time when we let our guard down she'll win again.

I'd like to take the time to thank Tony Goodley for hosting the August meeting (a meeting nobody wants), the golf course looked fantastic.

Hope to see you at Brookside.

Sincerely,

David Rafferty  
President, CPGCSA

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## IDLE THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR.....

It goes without saying that this has been a tough year - probably one that we all will remember for a long time. In retrospect, after picking up the August issue of Golf Course Management, this summer has not been all that bad.

The Board of Directors of the CPGCSA feel that we can help the flood victims in the Mid West, even if it is in a small way. The money collected from the 50/50 drawing at this month's meeting will be sent to the Red Cross in our name. Also anyone wishing to add additional donations may do so just by bringing it to the lunch meeting. It might only be a drop in the bucket, but every little bit counts. Look around your office desk for loose change, or ask the officials at the club to help out. Our tough months are just about over, our colleagues to the west have many of them to go.

Hope to see you at Brookside!

Jim

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From King of Prussia Area: From Route 202 take Route 422 West (Pass all exits for Oaks, Collegeville, Royersford, Limerick and Sanatoga). Take Armand Hammer Exit (hospital exit). Off exit ramp, turn right. Go through first light. At second light (High Street - Hospital on right) cross over High Street to Wilson Street. Veer right. Continue until third stop sign. Turn left on North Keim Street. One block later at stop sign, turn right onto Jackson Street. The Golf Course is on the right side. Go down the hill to the light and turn right onto North Adams Street. The Club entrance is the first road on the right.

\* Do not use the Service Entrance on Jackson Street — you will have to turn back.

From South: Take Route 100 North to Route 422 Junction. Go East on 422 to the Armand Hammer Exit. Proceed as above.

From East: Take Route 422 West to Armond Hammer Exit and proceed as above.

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## HAS ANYONE SEEN MY HUSBAND ???

It's been another one of those golf seasons — so similar yet so different from years past. Late nights, early mornings, no sleep, little sleep, late meals, no meals, drought, floods, wilt, disease, insects, and shall I go on?? Who else would understand this scenario other than a Golf Course Superintendent and of course his wife.

Through all of this, I must concede there is no place more peaceful and beautiful than a golf course. After seven years of marriage to the "business", I am still in awe of how, through all the elements, you guys keep your courses so amazingly manicured. It takes a motivated, dedicated, and extremely flexible person to be a superintendent and you all should be proud of yourselves and the work you do. You provide the ultimate grounds for relaxation, sportsmanship, wildlife, floral and plant exhibitions, and oh yeah, GOLF. Where else can you find all of this?

Anyway, keep up the great work, it really does get noticed!!! By the way, if you see Jeff please tell him to come home because it's vacation time and he has really earned it.

Please relax and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Wanda

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**  
**MEL LEAVER,**  
**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

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.

Please contact Wanda if you have not yet received your nametag.

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the organization or has questions on the status of their application, please have them contact Mel at (215) 966-2354.

**GOLF NEWS**  
**JOHN DOUGHERTY,**  
**GOLF CHAIRMAN**

The golf tournament at Brookside Country Club on September 13, 1993 will be the Association Championship tournament.

The October tournament will be Blind Partners.

**ALLIED NEWS**

Dear Allied Member:

I was recently contacted by Mr. Stephen Runkle of DER Division of Water Planning and Allocation. Based on the working relationship we have developed from working with DER in the past they wanted to inform us that they would once again be doing surveys for water usage on golf courses state wide. This was done five years ago, but in an effort to keep this information current it is being done once again. Please be honest as to your usage, this could be a very valuable tool to us in the future especially if we are rationed as we were in 1991. These forms should be mailed sometime in September. Please fill them out and return them.

Thank you.

Dave Rafferty  
President, Allied GCSP

**CPGCSA**  
**BOARD NEWS**

President Rafferty called the meeting to order at 4:50 PM. Tony Goodley was thanked for providing a great day of golf and enjoyment for all.

Sam Snyder gave the treasurers report, \$17,302.70 income, \$8640.88 expenses for a balance of \$8661.88. Secretary Snyder also reported that a membership roster will soon be printed and distributed to the membership.

Guests were introduced.

Dr. Kevin Mathias was introduced and presented information on insect phenology. Dr. Mathias also passed out a hand out listing degree day information and equipment available to measure degree day data. Dr. Mathias noted that 50 degrees is the base temperature for turf insect forecasting.

President Rafferty informed the membership of the October annual elections to be held at Hershey Country Club. He encouraged members to run for the board of directors and told any interested parties to get in touch with the nominating committee chaired by Tony Goodley.

President Rafferty also noted the DER contacts on the nutrient management and water survey issues as noted in the Board of Director minutes. He also informed the membership of the 50/50 donation at the September meeting and the acceptance of personal contributions to be sent through CPGCSA to the Mid-West flood fund.

Ken Pepple passed out the golf prizes and the 50/50 winners were selected.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

**SPEAKER PROFILE**  
**KEN PEPPLER,**  
**EDUCATIONAL CHAIRMAN**

Our speaker for September will be Ritchie Valentine. His topic will be "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow".

Ritchie was the former superintendent of Merion Golf Club and is presently the owner of "Valentine Golf Associates Inc." consultants, etc. He attended Penn State and Rutgers as an Agronomy major and studied business at Pierce Business school. Ritchie retired in 1989 and is a Golf Course Superintendent Emeritus for Life.

Ritchie's hobbies include fishing, music, hunting and golf.

**CENTRAL PA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING NOTICE:**

Date: Monday, October 12, 1993

Location: Hershey Country Club

Lunch: 11:00 AM - ? (On your own)

Host: Mike Yenny

Cocktails: 5:00-6:00 PM (Coat & Tie)

Golf: 12:00 PM Shotgun

Dinner: \$30.00 (Coat & Tie)

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Showers: yes

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**MEETING RESERVATION AND DINNER POLICY**

All dinners are prepaid and depending on the club, lunch and golf may also be included in the prepaid cost.

All fees due for meeting must be mailed in time to reach the return address by the reservation deadline. If uncertain of your reservation, call Wanda to confirm.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE PREPAID REGISTRATION ONLY - NO EXCEPTIONS.**

You may cancel up to 48 hours prior to the meeting and receive a full refund by contacting Wanda Fry at (717) 274-6004. (not the host or hosting course).

It is in the bylaws of the CPGCSA, that monthly meetings are for members only. Exceptions are made at the discretion of the hosting Superintendent.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

The October Meeting at Hershey Country Club will be the annual meeting with election of officers and directors for the 1994 meeting year. Listed below are the nominees compiled by the Nominating Committee.

**President:**

Tony Goodley, CGCS, Heritage Hills Golf Resort

**Vice President:**

Sam Snyder, CGCS, Colonial Country Club

**Secretary/Treasurer:**

Ken Pepple, Wyncote Golf Club

**Directors:**

John Gehman, Butter Valley Golf Port

Matt Shaffer, Hershey Country Club

Mark Hendrixson, Conestoga Country Club

Ken McFadden, Wyncote Golf Club

H. Jim Loke, CGCS, Bentcreek Country Club

Nominations may also be made from the floor by a Voting Member in good standing at the annual meeting.

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## WORTH MENTIONING

\* Anyone with ideas for a fall social gathering or get together (Hershey Bears Game, Penn National Race Track, Atlantic City Bus Trip, etc.), please contact Jeff Edwards or a board member.

\* Meeting dates are available for next year. Contact Tony Goodley at (717) 755-1919 if you are interested in hosting a CPGCSA meeting.

\* Please contact Wanda if there is a change in your address or employment so she can keep our roster and mailing list current.

\* Wanda will be on vacation from September 6-12. Any cancellations for the September meeting at Brookside can be made by calling Ted Zabrenski at (215) 326-7069. (Remember the 48 hour cancellation policy will still be in effect)

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## **AUSTIN BECKONS GCSAA COMPETITORS**

Austin, Texas, is ready to serve as host city for the 1994 GCSAA Golf Championship, to be held Jan. 31- Feb. 1.

Located near the geographic center of the state, Austin is situated on the eastern edge of the Hill Country, a 32,000-square-mile area of limestone hills forested with oak, cedar, and mesquite.

An abundance of lakes and naturally fed springs dot the area, creating a pleasant surprise for first-time visitors who envision Texas as flat, dry and dusty.

### **Headquarters Hotel**

The Hyatt Regency Austin on Town Lake, the tournament headquarters hotel, has extended a special \$72 room rate to tournament participants. Tournament registration and all tournament functions will be held at the Hyatt Regency.

Overlooking the scenic Colorado River/Town Lake in downtown Austin, the hotel is convenient to numerous area attractions — including the famous Sixth Street entertainment district. Sixth Street's bars, restaurants and nightclubs feature some of the best live entertainment found anywhere.

### **The Golf Courses**

As for the golf, the area's geography has allowed for the creation of a large and varied collection of outstanding golf courses. The four courses selected for the 1994 tournament magnificently capture the natural beauty of the land—and provide an honest test of your game.

First on the list is Austin Country Club, a spectacular Pete Dye layout that stretches to 6,822 yards and features two contrasting styles.

A portion of the front nine is reminiscent of a links style course, with tall native grasses and gently rolling terrain. Three holes border the Colorado River.

The rest of the course was routed through the heavily wooded hillsides, placing a premium on accuracy and club selection.

Bill Hanna is superintendent at Austin Country Club.

(Note: Austin CC is the home of Harvey Penick, the legendary golf teacher whose recent instruction book, *Harvey Penick's Little Red Book*, has become a bestseller. Penick's son Tinsley has succeeded him as head professional, although

the elder Penick can frequently be seen giving instruction on the driving range.)

Our second course is located at Barton Creek Conference Resort and Country Club. GCSAA competitors will play one of the two Barton Creek Courses, the Crenshaw/Coore course.

The design team of Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore let the natural elevation changes and rolling terrain provide the challenge—and plenty of it—on this layout.

Besides providing dramatic scenery, the course is also refreshingly strategic in nature. There is nothing artificial about this course.

Dale Miller was recently named head superintendent at Barton Creek, replacing Tim Long, who has accepted another position with the company.

The third course in the 1994 lineup is Circle C Golf Club, designed by noted architect Jay Morrish.

The course, which opened in 1992, is routed through a heavy thicket of native oak and cedar trees, placing a premium on shot placement. This is particularly important in setting up approach shots to the large, well-protected greens.

Although Circle C doesn't feature elevation changes as drastic as some area courses, it is rapidly earning respect for its challenge and design.

Matt Linscott is superintendent at Circle C.

The final host course for the 1994 Championships is The Hills of Lakeway.

The course was designed by Jack Nicklaus, who was heard to say on his first visit to the site that it was "one of the finest pieces of natural land on which to build a golf course that I have ever seen." He did not disappoint.

Nine-thousand-year-old Hurst Creek meanders through the heavily wooded and rolling terrain, coming into play on 13 holes.

The result is some of the most beautiful and challenging golf to be found anywhere.

Greg Hinton is superintendent at the Hills of Lakeway.

### **Entry Information**

Details about registering for the tournament will be included in the Early Bird brochure, which is scheduled to be mailed to members on Aug. 1.

The September issue of *Golf Course Management* magazine will feature a more in-depth look at the golf courses and the headquarters hotel.

Contact the membership department at (913)832-4480 or (800)472-7878 for more information.





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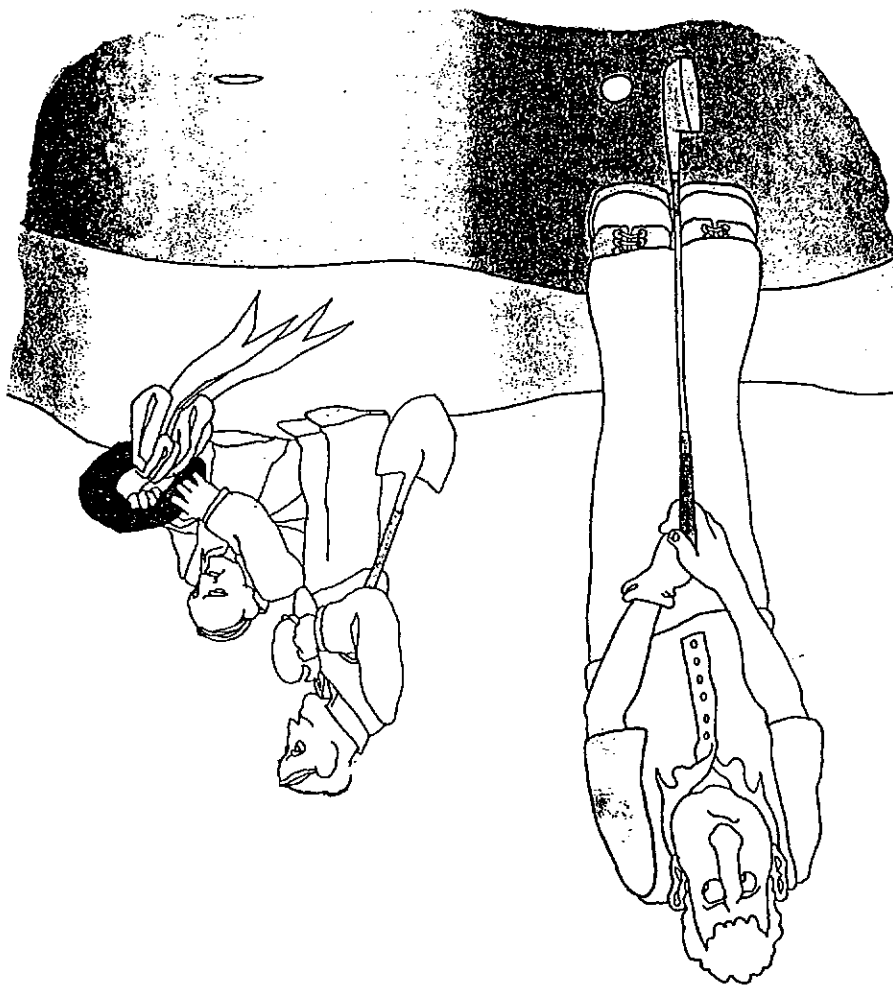
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