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CPGCSA MEETING LOCATION

BERKLEIGH COUNTRY CLUB

HOST:

JOHN MCCORMICK

DATE:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1994

COCKTAILS:

CASH BAR 5:00 PM (COAT & TIE)

DINNER:

6:00 PM (COAT & TIE) - \$25.00

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

HOST SUPERINTENDENT PROFILE:

John began working at Berkleigh Country Club at the age of 13. John's father was the superintendent at that time. In 1968, he became the Assistant Superintendent, and became the Superintendent in 1974. John is married to Mary and has 3 daughters: Keri, age 18; Kelly, age 16; and Erin, age 14. His hobbies include golf and playing guitar.

COURSE PROFILE:

Berkleigh Country Club is a private 18 hole club playing to 6,514 yards from the white tees. The club opened in 1926. The architect was Robert White. Greens and tees are poa/bent and fairways are rye. The irrigation system is manual.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 1994 - CENTER VALLEY CLUB

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just when you thought things were getting better the "monsoon" of late July arrives and your spray rig continues to go out almost everyday. The members are grumbling because they think you are trying to destroy the environment not to mention your over stressed budget. Your wife mentions something about a divorce if she doesn't start seeing more of you and the kids are hollering about some kind of vacation before school starts — but we do love our jobs. Hang in there guys, it's all downhill after September 1st.

The joint July meeting at John Segui's Waynesborough Country Club was a terrific one. The course was in great shape, the weather was perfect, and the food and hospitality were second to none. The Philly folks are a great bunch and the annual get together is an exceptional reunion of friends and foes. We did lose the match to our Eastern brothers but I told them "paybacks are hell" when they come to Central Penn turf next year.

I had the privilege to play in a foursome with Jim Loke, Tony Gustaitis, and Joe Baidy. Joe was exceptionally tired by the end of his long day but it probably had something to do with constantly hitting a SECOND shot if you didn't like the first, after all you can do that when you are national president.

Joe being the evening speaker covered a lot of material on the structure of and breakdown of the current administration in Lawrence, Kansas. It gave us all a better perspective of where our national organization is headed and how tremendous it is growing. He touched on our image as superintendents as well as a national level. Also mentioned and discussed with the audience was where we are at in the certification program and what to expect with it's philosophy and changes and how he needs to hear from all who selfishly hold their own opinions.

OK guys for those who were unable to get away in July, our next meeting will allow you to get back in our good graces, and John McCormick at Berkleigh Country Club has a real special day planned for us — don't miss it.

P. S. Hollinger's score was so high, it made a difference in the match.

Tony Goodley, CGCS
President, CPGCSA

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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.

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CPGCSA BOARD NEWS

On July 18, 1994, the Central Penn GCSA held a joint meeting with the Philadelphia GCS at Waynesborough Country Club.

Tony Goodley brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All guests were introduced. Joseph Baidy, President of the GCSAA was the guest speaker. Joe gave us an overview of the new certification process now going on and discussed the managerial structure at the GCSAA headquarters. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

IDLE THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR.....

What is the definition of the word **NORMAL** ??? Webster describes it as conforming with a type or standard considered usual.

1994 Golf Season - This is not normal !!!

Jim

NEW BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

Our Social/Public Relations Chairman for the 1994 season is Ron Garrison. Ron is a 1987 graduate of the Penn State University Turfgrass Management Program. He worked for PGA Tour Investments as an Assistant Superintendent for 2 years at Tournament Players Club of Connecticut (site of Greater Hartford Open) and Tournament Players Club of Southwind in Memphis, TN (site of Federal Express - St. Jude Classic). Ron then worked as an Assistant Superintendent at Lords Valley Country Club. Ron is currently Superintendent at Center Valley Club.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS MEL LEAVER, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

We want to welcome the following individual into the association.

Barry Bollinger, Assistant Superintendent
Blue Mt. View Golf Course

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 Leaver at (215) 966-2354.

GOLF RESULTS JOHN GEHMAN, GOLF CHAIRMAN

The following are the winners from the tournament at Waynesborough Country Club.

Low Gross	Joe Owsick (Phila.)	75
Low Gross	Mike Benedict (Central)	72

Low Net	Dave Kroll (Phila.)	68
Low Net	Ken Pepple (Central)	64

3rd Place	Ted Huhn (Central)	65
4th Place	Jim Loke (Central)	67
5th Place	Ed Roynen (Phila.)	69
6th Place	Ron Gorniak (Phila.)	69
7th Place	Ken McFadden (Central)	69
8th Place	Charlie McGill (Phila.)	70

Closest to Pin		
Hole #6	Scott Hallam (Central)	13' 9"
Hole #13	Ron Gorniak (Phila.)	8' 2"

Combination of Lowest 10 & Highest 10 Scores Philadelphia vs. Central

Central		Philadelphia	
Low	High	Low	High
72	132	82	128
79	111	77	110
79	110	82	121
83	118	76	113
87	118	89	112
85	144	75	109
85	107	89	104
82	105	89	111
89	105	85	110
89	104	87	105
1984		1954	

Philadelphia wins by 30 strokes.

The format for the tournament at Berkleigh Country Club will be Hot Ball. Please remember to call the Pro Shop at (610) 683-8268 for tee times. If you want to play but are unable to put a foursome together, please contact Wanda. She will be able to help form a foursome.

ATTENTION:

Any member desiring to serve on the CPGCSA Board of Directors or as an officer are encouraged to contact Sam Snyder at (302) 995-3610. Please call before August 8, 1994.

WORTH MENTIONING:

* Don't forget to wear your name tag at all meetings. If you don't it will cost you a buck. If you have lost yours or never received one, please contact Wanda.

* Please remember to complete your meeting reservation forms and return them to Wanda **before** the deadline in the newsletter — It is a big help to the host superintendent and the association. You must have a reservation to attend the meetings. If you want to verify your reservation, please contact Wanda.

* Next month's meeting is at Center Valley Club on September 13, 1994.

* The October meeting at the Country Club of York is scheduled for October 18, 1994. This is the annual meeting.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

We will be advertising Used Equipment for sale in each newsletter. If you have anything that may be of interest to anyone else, please contact Wanda to place your ad.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 17, 1994 - 18th Annual Valentine Memorial Golf Tournament, Chester Valley Golf Club, 430 Swedesford Road, Malvern, PA.

Wednesday, August 10 & Thursday, August 11, 1994 - Penn State Turfgrass Field Days, Joseph Valentine Turfgrass Research Center and Landscape Management Research Center, Penn State University, University Park, PA.

Tuesday - Thursday, November 7-9, 1994 - Penn State Golf Turf Conference, Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, PA.

Tuesday - Thursday, January 10-12, 1995, Eastern PA Turf Conference & Trade Show, Valley Forge Convention Center, 1200 First Avenue, King of Prussia, PA.

A Country Club Member's

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

by Terry R. Smith, Greenfield Country Club
from Indiana Superintendents News, Indiana
GCSA

One day talking to one of our members, he got confused with the terminology that we use every day. So I wrote this glossary of terms which I believe they must think of when we as turf managers use them.

Top Dressing:

When a Superintendent does not let their help go without a shirt.

Right to Know:

The right to know the stimp meter reading of the green everyday.

Winter Play:

The God given right of all Golf Club members.

Green Speed:

Too slow.

Tee Markers:

What you use to straighten the head of your club when it performs badly off of the tee.

Ball Washer:

What you use to straighten the shaft of your driver when the ball goes right or left off of the tee.

Dollar Spot:

What your playing partner spots you when you missed that last five foot putt.

Nineteenth Hole:

Conference room in the clubhouse where long discussions take place concerning the practices and future of the Club's superintendent.

Cart Path:

What they put on a golf course for the maintenance equipment to get from hole to hole.

Ball Mark:

What happens to your ball when it hits a cart path.

Change Cups:

What my wife changed when she got pregnant.

Sand Pro:

A Golf Pro that's good at getting out of a sand trap.

Greens Master:

Last year's champion.

Trap Rake:

What I usually trip over when I get out of a trap.

Ladies Day:

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Poa:

I really don't know what it is, but I know I am supposed to complain about it.

Pythium:

A Greek God.

No Carts:

A sign that you always have to drive around to get to your ball.

Ballmark Repairer:

What's that?

Irrigation System:

The only thing that will make an approach shot hold.

Aerification:

A Superintendent's revenge.

CENTRAL PA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

MEETING NOTICE:

Date: Thursday, August 11, 1994

Location: Berkleigh Country Club

Lunch: Available at Men's Grill - Billing sent
to your home club

Host: John McCormick, Superintendent

Cocktails: 5:00 PM Cash Bar (Coat-Tie)

Golf: Call Pro Shop for tee time at
(610) 683-8268

Dinner: 6:00 PM (Coat-Tie) \$25.00

Cart: \$15.90

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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.

BERKLEIGH COUNTRY CLUB - RESERVATION FORM:

Name: _____ Course/Company: _____

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Guest: _____ Course/Company: _____

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List members of your foursome: _____

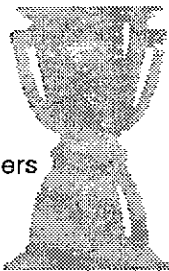
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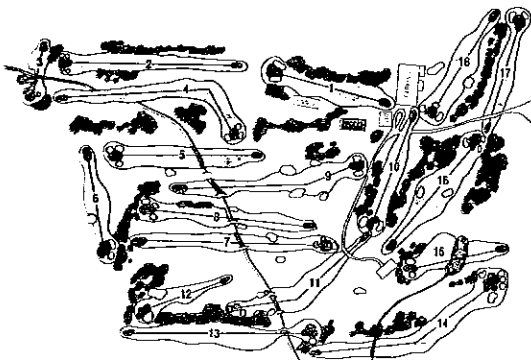
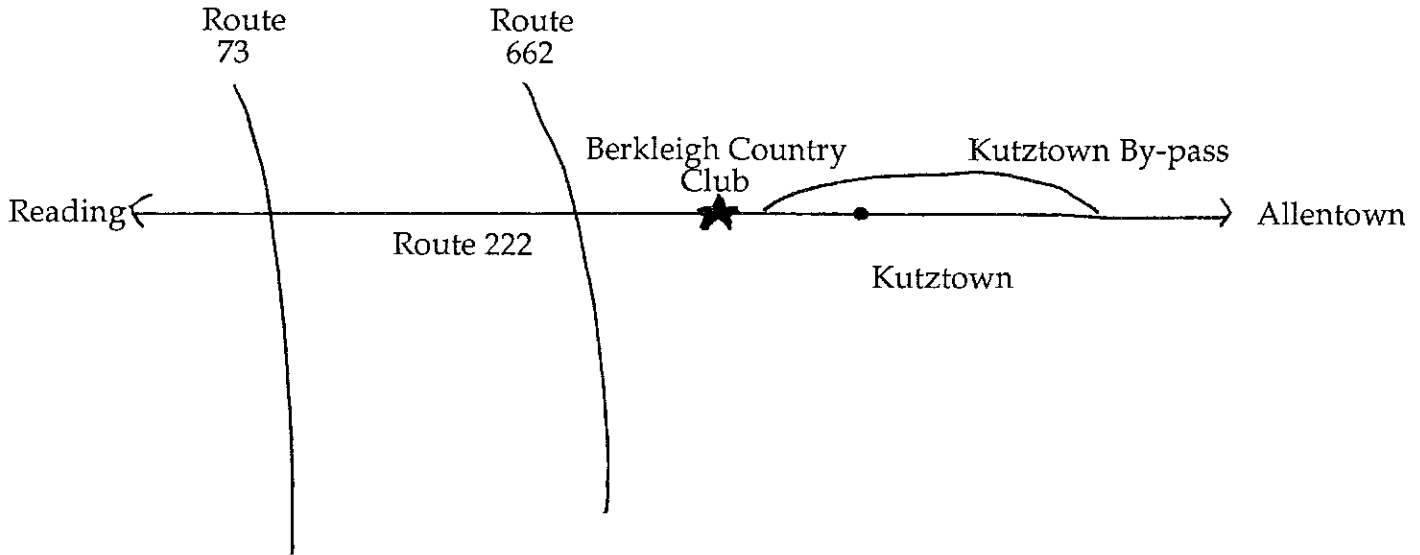
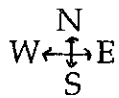


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RICK FLESHER, PGA Professional
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BLUE	72.7 126																								SCORER _____	
WHITE	71.4 124																								ATTEST _____	
RED	70.7 122																									
CHAMPIONSHIP TEES			391	431	169	588	408	201	494	380	545	3607	PLAYER	369	419	205	435	530	221	357	350	328	3214	6821	HANDICAP	NET SCORE
MENS TEES			375	416	158	581	397	189	481	368	513	3478	355	375	190	414	492	211	348	335	316	3036	6514			
SHORT TEES			365	371	134	575	360	160	475	365	468	3273	350	350	185	404	487	181	338	330	308	2933	6206			
MENS HANDICAP			13	5	17	3	1	9	15	7	11		(14)	(4)	(12)	(2)	(6)	(10)	(8)	(16)	(18)					
MENS PAR			4	4	3	5	4	3	5	4	5	37	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	35	72			

FACTS ABOUT GOLF COURSE PESTICIDES

From the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

1. Why do golf courses use pesticides?

Pesticides help to limit the damage that can be caused by insects, weeds and plant diseases. Insecticides, herbicides and fungicides are used very selectively to protect the health of turf, trees and other living things on the course. Fertilizers provide much-needed nutrition for the course's plant life.

It is very important to note that the pesticides and fertilizers are not used primarily for aesthetic reasons. First and foremost, they are tools that help ensure a healthy playing surface for the game. Furthermore, they help to protect a valuable and ecologically important piece of land. Golf courses are tremendous economic assets as well as vital greenspaces for communities. They employ hundreds of thousands of people, enhance local economies through tax revenues and tourism and provide many ecological benefits. For example, golf courses help to filter air pollution and create fresh oxygen, they are excellent groundwater recharge sites and, most importantly, they are critical wildlife sanctuaries in urban and suburban areas.

2. How does a superintendent decide when to apply a pesticide?

Pest problems on golf courses are often relatively predictable or can be diagnosed as part of an ongoing monitoring program. Once the problem has been identified, the superintendent considers the available options. These could include cultural practices (such as physically removing weeds, changing irrigation patterns or clearing underbrush around a problem area to allow more air movement) or the use of biological controls or chemical products. Once the problem is diagnosed and the right treatment has been selected, the superintendent waits for the ideal time to treat the problem in the most effective and environmentally sound manner available. This approach is often called "integrated pest management."

3. What kinds of products are used?

Most people are surprised to find that the majority of the pesticide products used by superintendents are identical or closely related to those used by homeowners.

4. How do we know that these products aren't harmful to humans or wildlife?

Pesticide production is one of the most highly regulated industries in the United States. Before a product is registered by the EPA, it must be rigorously tested for potential human health and environmental effects. This process can take up to ten years and involve more than 120 different tests and studies. Today, manufacturers often invest up to \$50 million in product safety and testing before a new pesticide ever comes to the market.

5. Are golfer's at risk?

No. There is no scientific evidence that golfers face any chronic health risks from the pesticides used to maintain courses. Once a liquid product is applied and the turfgrass is dry or the product has been watered in, there is very little chance of exposure to golfers or others who enter the area. It is worth noting that a small percentage of people may be allergic to a particular product, just as some people are allergic to household cleaners, soaps or perfumes. Golfers with possible chemical allergies are always encouraged to contact superintendents to find out what products might be in use.

6. If the products aren't that dangerous, why do professional applicators wear protective gear?

Applicators work directly with pesticides and are exposed much more often than golfers. Consider the fact that it is safe for a person to have an occasional x-ray, but the technician may actually leave the room to prevent repeated exposure. Pesticide label directions (which carry the weight of the law) require that applicators take certain precautions based on the assumption that the same person will be repeatedly exposed to the same product over many years. These precautions may include the use of rubber gloves, goggles, respirators or protective clothing.

7. Some media stories suggest that pesticides are linked to cancer. What are the facts?

Most of the product testing required by EPA focuses on this question. Before a product is registered, tests are done (usually on laboratory rats) using exposure rates that are considerably higher than any exposure a golfer could ever receive. Although a recent study commissioned by GCSAA to examine causes of death among its members found that some higher rates of certain cancers, researchers said that no cause-and-effect relationship could be established from the data. They also said that lifestyle choices (smoking, diet, stress, etc.) were the most significant factor in the results.

8. Do properly applied chemicals pose a threat to groundwater, lakes or streams?

No. Studies consistently show that a well-managed golf course can actually improve water quality on and around the facility. Research also shows that when pesticides and fertilizers are used properly, they do not tend to seep into groundwater or run off into surface water. Modern products and practices allow superintendents to manage turfgrass so efficiently that there is little chance of harm to our precious water resources.

9. What kinds of training and education do superintendent and golf course applicators have?

Golfers are often surprised to find that most superintendents have college degrees in agronomy, horticulture or a related field. Because it's important to keep up-to-date with new information and technologies, the majority also attend continuing education programs offered by universities and associations like GCSAA. Superintendents are widely considered to be among the best-educated and most judicious users of pesticide products. The vast majority of superintendents are using integrated pest management practices to ensure that both the turf and the environment stay healthy. Applicators are also trained and licensed by the state. A recent study indicated that nearly 100% of GCSAA-member courses had at least one licensed applicator on staff (despite that fact that it isn't necessarily required in some states). This confirms a high degree of compliance and concern about safe and proper usage of chemical tools



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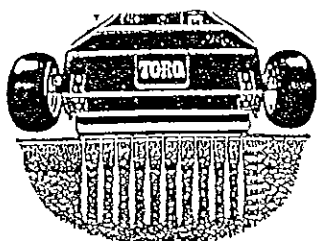
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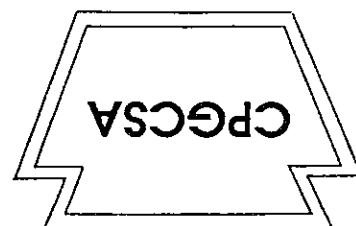
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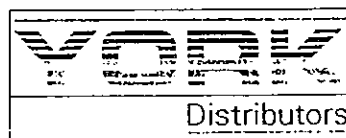
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