

# THE GREEN SHEET



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## April Meeting

Susquehanna Valley Country  
Club

Wednesday, April 19, 1995

11:00 AM Meeting

12:30 Golf

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

## 1995 CPGCSA Committee Assignments

Samuel R. Snyder, VII, CGCS	President
John J. Dougherty	Vice President
H. Jim Loke, CGCS	Secretary/Treasurer
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Byron F. Knoll, Jr.	Membership
John L. Gehman	Newsletter/Social
W. Richard Kauffman, Jr.	Golf
Terry B. Morgan	Public Relations
Gregory Borzok	Affiliate Representative
Donald M. Hollinger	Affiliate Representative

## Superintendent Profile

Greg Bingeman has been at Susquehanna Valley Country Club for 22 years. He is a 1969 Penn State University turf graduate. Greg has been married to Debra for 25 years and she has worked on the course with him for 19 years.

## Course Profile

Susquehanna Valley Country Club was originally a nine hole course. The back nine which was designed by William Gordon was opened in 1958. It is a private club which celebrated it's 75th anniversary in 1994.

## 1995 CPGCSA MEETING SCHEDULE

April 19	Susquehanna Valley Country Club Greg Bingeman, Superintendent (Joint Meeting with Keystone)
May 16	Fairview Golf Course James W. Jones, CGCS
June 20	Moselem Golf Club Byron F. Knoll, Jr., Superintendent
July 10	Commonwealth National Country Club Larry Schlippert, CGCS (Joint with Philadelphia)
August 17	Hanover Country Club William Brooks, Superintendent
September 14	Lebanon Country Club Jeffrey L. Fry, CGCS
October 17	Foxchase Golf Course Daniel Achenbach, Superintendent

## President's Message

As the President of CPGCSA I want to wish each member a prosperous new year and great turf season in 1995. The Board of Directors has met twice since our annual meeting and it appears that the organization is in good hands for the next several years.

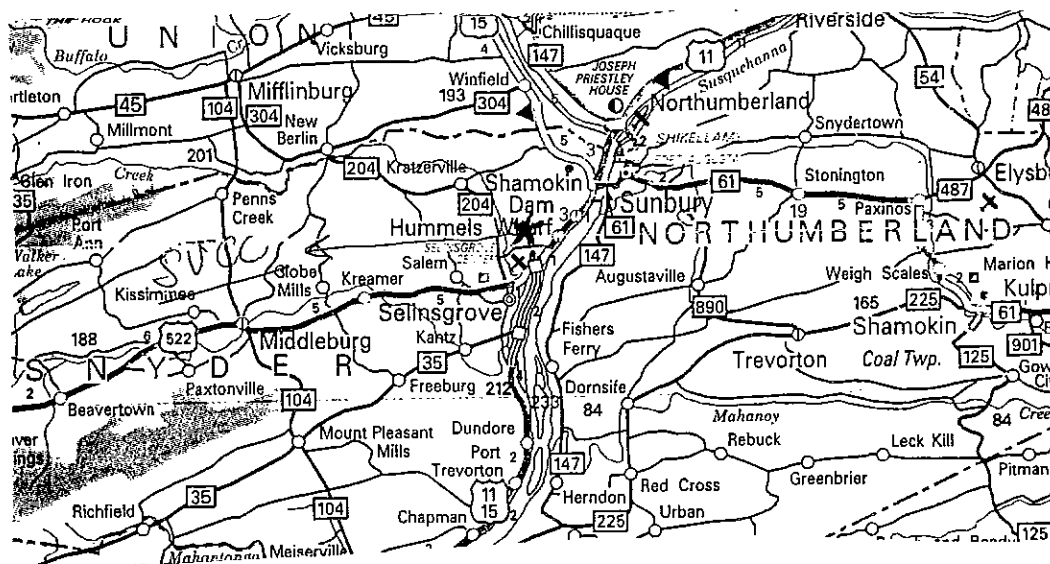
In 1994 the board approved two nonvoting positions to be filled by Affiliate Members. These positions were created to provide input to the board from our affiliate members as well as afford the board a different perspective on the issues we encounter. Greg Borzok and Don Hollinger have been reappointed to fill these positions for the 1995 season. We ask each Affiliate Member to express any concerns or constructive ideas to Greg and Don for their input to the board. To alleviate any concern of conflicts from their positions, Greg and Don were provided written guidelines defining the scope of their activity. Their presence has been positive and we look forward to working with them and fellow Affiliate Members in the future.

On a more sober note, we are publishing the Code of Ethics of our association in this issue. There have been expressions of concern during the last three board meetings relating to ethical activities. Fortunately, no current member has been implicated in these activities, but some members were directly affected.

A personal moral code of ethics will vary among any group of individuals. But when each of us decides to join a professional organization, we subject ourselves to the moral code of that organization. Beyond the code of ethics, we have traditionally honored a code of professional courtesy. This courtesy becomes particularly sensitive when applying and competing for "open" superintendent positions. The advertisement of a job notice by our association implies that the incumbent superintendent has either transferred to a new position or has received notice of termination from their employer. The application for and pursuit of a position without the knowledge of the incumbent superintendent would be difficult to justify while subscribing to a code of professional courtesy. Please consider your actions and remember, the way the incumbent superintendent is treated is an indication of how you may be dealt with in the future.

Samuel R. Snyder, VII, CGCS

## Directions to Susquehanna Valley Country Club



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## Code of Ethics

As a member of the Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association, I accept and fully agree to abide by this Code and pledge myself to:

1. Recognize and discharge all my responsibilities and duties in such a fashion as to be a credit to this Association and profession.
2. Practice and insist upon sound business and turf management principles in exercising the responsibilities of my position.
3. Utilize every practicable opportunity to expand my professional knowledge, thereby improving myself and my profession.
4. Maintain the highest standards of personal conduct to reflect credit and add to the stature of the profession of golf course management.
5. Base endorsements, either written or verbally means of any medium, strictly upon satisfactory personal experiences within the item identified.
6. Refrain from encouraging or accepting considerations of any value without the express understanding of all parties that said consideration is available to all in similar circumstances, and that no actions shall be forthcoming as a result of acceptance.
7. Recognize and observe the highest standards of integrity in my relationships with fellow golf course superintendents and others associated with this profession and industry.
8. Assist my fellow superintendents in all ways consistent with my abilities.
9. Abstain from the untruthful debasement of, or encroachment upon, the professional reputation or practice of another superintendent.
10. Lend my support to, and actively participate in, the efforts of my local chapter and National Association to improve public understanding and recognition of the profession of golf course management.
11. Abstain from any unfair exploitation of my Association, industry or profession.
12. Present information and participate as a witness voluntarily in all proceedings to which there exists evidence of a violation of this Code of Ethics.

Don't forget to mail your dues in today. If you want to retain your membership in the association we must receive your dues no later than April 30, 1995.

## Membership News

The following individuals have 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.

Mark D. Fuller, Green Pond Country Club .....Class A

Janet Schulte, The J. E. Baker Company .....Class AF

We want to welcome the following individual into the association.

John A. Newcomb, Forest Park Golf Course .....Class A

We regretfully inform you of the death of Charles M. Bolton, Class AA member, on December 18, 1995.

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the organization or has questions on the status of their applications, please have them contact Corky Knoll at (610) 944-7616.

## Equipment For Sale

9 Jacobsen Triplex mowing units - 9 blades -- Good condition. Will trade for Toro Triplex mowing units in good condition. Contact Sam Snyder at Hercules Country Club (302) 995-3614.

Please contact Jeff Edwards or Steve Carpenter at Green Valley Country Club regarding the following list of equipment. (610) 825-2520

Lesco ST-212: Diesel, under 500 hours	\$10,000
Saxon Blower-Vac	\$5,000
Toro 216: 1,300 hours, 5 blade reels	\$4,000
3 - Bunton 22: Greensmowers (each)	\$1,500
Toro Reelmaster: 7 gang & 3 spare parts	\$2,000
Foley Bedknife grinder	\$1,000
Foley Rotary Blade Grinder	\$100
Toro Sand Pro	\$500
Jacobsen TriPlex	\$500
25 Gal. Sprayer: Never been used	\$300

Please contact Mike May or Mike Prest at West Shore Country Club for the following equipment. (717) 737-0741

20 - 25 Bamboo Whipping Poles - - Free

Please contact Dave Keeports (Ford New Holland Credit) at (800)777-6308 for the following.

Bunton Triplex Greensmower

Taking Bids

## From the Editor ..... John Gehman

After 26 years in the business, I finally attended my first National GCSAA Conference and Show. With my registration, I elected to participate in a pre-conference seminar on bugs. Two days of intensive interactive learning about life cycles, economic thresholds, control methods and modes of action relating to the most destructive insects currently encountered throughout the country. Harry Neimeczek of Ohio State is good. In the 15 hours of bugs, grubs, and parasitic nematodes, with an occasional fishing story thrown in, I only dozed off 5 times, and that was all during the first morning's session. I can't possibly recall all the information we were given, but with the reference materials we received, I now have a far superior edge over the entomology aspect of turf management than I've had before.

The trade show was incredible. If it wasn't at the show, it probably doesn't exist. It took me 5-1/2 hours to methodically transverse the two huge show room floors. Items that caught my eye included a satellite weather receiver, a spiker/seeder/topdresser for greens and every snake oil that claims to be effective against either summer patch or root pythium.

But not all the education was turf related. My niece, Jane, who resides in San Francisco, invited me to the night club where she works. I arrived there about an hour before opening time and joined her while she organized the staff for the evening's party. It wasn't long before one of the bartenders arrived, a rather muscular young man, wearing a tank top and plaid skirt. Shortly another bartender arrived looking more like she was about to take in a Broadway show, and with maybe just a little too much makeup. His name was Rhoda. This was not a surprise. My niece had informed me earlier, that Saturday night is "gay night". But I'd travelled across the entire country to learn something, I wasn't going home without some material for this newsletter. Anyhow, the joint opened at 10:30, at 10:35 I was out-a-there. That was enough education for me.

Originally, I wasn't exactly looking forward to going to the conference, but all things considered, it was a very educational, very entertaining and very expensive week. And it gave my wife and kids a chance to start moving into our new house while I was gone.

### Point for Thought and discussion:

After experiencing 15 hours with Harry Neimeczek and 5 with Pete Landschoot on specific subjects, I'm seriously questioning the value of the diverse, time constrained seminars, like those put on by the PTC at Valley Forge.

## GCSAA Annual Meeting Report (

The GCSAA Annual Meeting was held at the Moscone Convention Center, San Francisco, CA on February 27, 1995. President Joe Baidy, CGCS called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The annual meeting report was distributed to members present. After completing the typical agenda items the elections were held.

Gary Grigg, CGCS was unopposed as the candidate for President and was elected unanimously by voice vote.

Bruce Williams, CGCS was unopposed as the candidate for Vice President and was elected unanimously on a voice vote.

Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer were Dave Fearis, CGCS, Paul McGinnis, CGCS, and George Renault, III, CGCS. Vote totals were as follows: McGinnis 4285, Fearis 1210, and Renault 260.

Paul McGinnis was elected. CPGCSA cast all 69 votes for Paul McGinnis.

Candidates for the Board of Directors included, Paul Dermott, CGCS, David Gourley, CGCS, Michael Wallace, CGCS, and Tommy Witt, CGCS. David Fearis, CGCS and George Renault, CGCS were nominated from the floor. David Gourley, CGCS removed his name from consideration immediately prior to the election. Vote totals were as follows: Witt 5291, Renault 4571, Fearis 3408, Wallace 1997, and Dermott 1922. Tommy Witt, George Renault, and Dave

Fearis were elected. Michael Wallace received a one year appointment. CPGCSA cast votes for the following: Renault 69, Wallace 69, Witt 35, and Dermott, 34.

No by-laws or other issues were up for a vote this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Samuel R. Snyder, VII, CGCS

CPGCSA Voting Delegate

## CPGCSA Newsletter Supporters

We still have space available for advertisers in "The Green Sheet". The cost of advertising is \$100.00 per year and you would be listed as one of our association supporters. Please send your business card and payment to Wanda by April 30, 1995. The ads should begin in our next issue. If you have any questions, please call Wanda at (717) 274-6004.



# Hints on Greenkeeping

*from Harvey Penick's Little Red Book*

Dr. Alister MacKenzie, the renowned Scottish golf architect who designed Augusta National and Cypress Point in this country, many years ago wrote a short piece called "Hints on Greenskeeping," which I kept on the wall of our golf shop.

What he says is timeless advice, and I quote it here:

The amount of harm done by rabbits is infinitesimal compared with the good they do. They keep land sour and create the best golfing turf, with freedom from weeds and worms.

Remember that golf is a game and no player ever gets any fun in searching for lost balls.

Cut the fairways and greens in the irregular curves of nature, and not in straight lines.

Don't remove the grass cuttings. They encourage a thick carpet of turf. Roots then become thick and strong and the leaf growth fine and plentiful. *(This advice has changed since MacKenzie's day, because doing this encourages disease on the greens.)*

The cost of the best advice is infinitesimal compared with the amount of money frequently wasted without it.

Never take the advice of a gardener or agricultural expert unless he has made a study of the special requirements of golf.

Agricultural grasses want an alkaline soil, whereas golfing grasses require an acid soil.

Lime, basic slag, bone meal and other alkaline fertilizers create rich agricultural grasses, daisies, plantains and worms.

The most common cause of bad greens and muddy fairways is worms. These must be eradicated.

Beware of overfeeding. The most suitable vegetation for golf is to be found on poor, sour, sandy or heathland soils.

Never follow the advice of a golfer, however good a player he may be, unless he is broad-minded enough to recognize that not only has the beginner to be considered, but also a very high standard of golf architecture improves everyone's play.

Golf course construction is a difficult art (like sculpture). Endeavor to make every feature indistinguishable from a natural one.

Most courses have too many bunkers. They should be constructed from a strategic and not from a penal point of

Never destroy undulations, hazards or other features because at first sight they appear to be unfair. Their destruction may detract appreciably from the strategy, interest and excitement of the game.

Never alter a hole unless you are convinced that the change will increase the joy and the thrills of overcoming difficulties.

The best golf courses are those the holes of which have been designed and constructed to conform to the character of the ground at one's disposal.

To attempt to copy a famous hole where conditions are dissimilar is usually fatal.

## Wanted.....

1. User reviews on products or equipment that may have impressed you either positively or negatively. Have you encountered a product that exceeded your expectations or was possibly a grave disappointment? Tell us about it.
2. List of serviceable used equipment you are no longer using. Why not turn that used equipment into cash before it becomes another blob of rust on the scrap pile.
3. Innovative ideas on any aspect of golf course maintenance. Every once in a while someone comes up with an idea that makes life just a little bit easier. Why not share it with the rest of us.

If you have anything you would like to contribute, please contact John Gehman at Butter Valley Golf Port (610) 845-2491.

## Scholarship and Research

On behalf of Stuart Hartman of Golden Oaks Country Club, we have received a check in the amount of \$50.00 from Ciba to be used for scholarship and research in the turfgrass industry.

Thanks to Ciba for the contribution and to Stuart for naming CPGCSA as benefactor.

## Just a Reminder - -

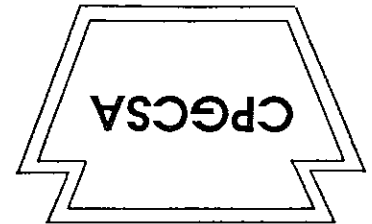
Should you need to fax information to Wanda, the number is the same as her home telephone number (717) 274-6004. If the answering machine picks up, be sure to let it run through the recorded message, then the fax will automatically turn on.

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 John Gehman. John's fax number is (610) 845-3001.

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