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June Meeting

Moselem Springs Golf Club

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

12:30 PM Shotgun - Golf

5:30 - 6:30 PM - Cocktails

6:30 PM - Dinner

**There will be a CPGCSA
Board Meeting at 9:15 AM**

Superintendent Profile

Corky Knoll has been superintendent at the Moselem Springs Golf Club since 1966. Prior to that time he became a graduate of the Penn State University Turfgrass Management Program. He then became Assistant Superintendent at Moselem Springs Golf Course under Harry Carlson. After leaving briefly to work at the DuPont Country Club Louviers Course, he returned to Moselem Springs.

Course Profile

Moselem Springs Golf Club was designed and built by George Fazio in 1962 and 1963. The club opened for play in July 1964. In 1968, this course hosted the Women's U.S. Open under the direction of Joe Dey and Frank Hannigan. The USGA agronomist was Al Radko. Chris Shenkle and Byron Nelson did the ABC Commentary.

What Does CGCS Mean?

Credit: GCSAA Leader Board, May/June 1995

Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) is a coveted title bestowed upon those who successfully complete a rigorous program of study and professional experience. This designation indicates that the recipient has achieved high standards of professional excellence.

To be eligible for certification, applicants must:

- λ Meet stringent education and experience requirements.

To become certified, those meeting the requirements must:

- λ Pass a six-hour, six-part examination covering Knowledge of GCSAA and the Certification Program; The Game of Golf and Rules of Golf; Turfgrass Management; Pest Control, Safety and Compliance; Financial Management; and Organizational Management.
- λ Pass the attesting requirement which consists of an on-site review of their course by two currently certified golf course superintendents.

To maintain a certified status, they must:

- λ Accumulate continuing education units during a specified time or retake and pass the certification exam.

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President's Message

by Samuel R. Snyder, CGCS

Our May meeting at Fairview Golf Course was a big success. Jim Jones had the course in great shape and the hospitality of his staff was exceptional, as usual. Thanks again Jim for a great day!

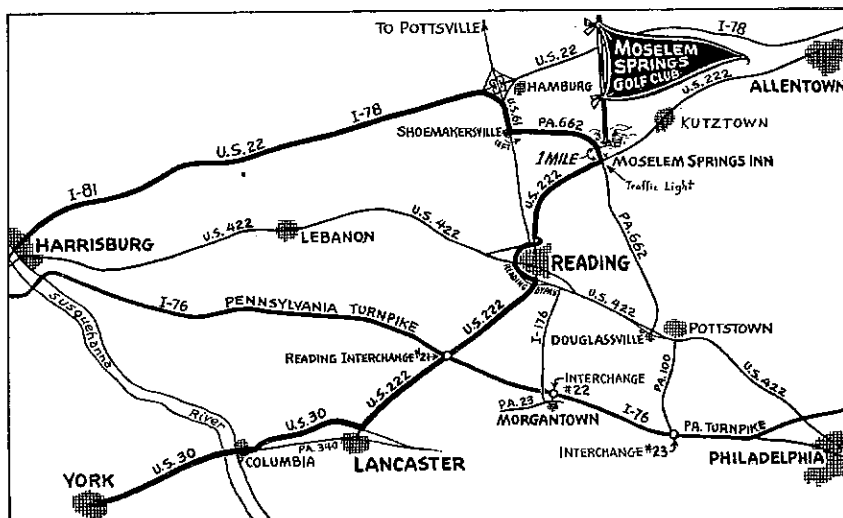
The educational presentation on weather information by computer or fax machine was timely. At the GCSAA conference in San Francisco a number of weather services were present at the trade show. Some of our members have purchased these systems and are successfully using them. Here is an invitation to any member using a weather radar system to write an article for our newsletter detailing the benefits and drawbacks before we take the plunge.

At the May Board of Directors meeting we decided to go ahead with a new roster book later this year. Since our last printing there have been many changes and our hope is that this printing will serve our needs for at least one year. The check off on this year's dues statements was successful. We received interest from speakers, meeting hosts, committee members, and even those desiring to serve on the board. Thank you to all the future volunteers.

GCSAA will distribute a Compensation and Benefits survey in June. Please take time to fill it out completely and accurately. These reports can benefit our profession if the return rate is good. Remember, those who complete the survey and return it will receive a complimentary copy in September. GCSAA will charge non-participating members \$50.00 for the report and \$260.00 for non-member purchase. Expected time to complete is 15 minutes so it shouldn't be a major burden to participate. When you receive the 75 page report you will be glad that you took the time.

Our June meeting will be held at Moselem Springs Golf Club. There will be a limited field and no guests will be allowed. Reservations will be accepted on a first come - first served basis. Don't wait too long for this one, it will be filled very quickly. Hope to see each of you there.

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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.

Frederick Brubaker, Assistant Superintendent

Lebanon Country ClubClass B

Timothy Davis, Assistant Superintendent

Range End Country ClubClass B

Thed Fraleigh, Jr., Turf Agronomist

Brubaker Agronomic ConsultingClass AF

We want to welcome the following individuals into the association.

Nathaniel Binns, Superintendent

Schuylkill Country ClubClass A

Alan Jones, Superintendent

Penn National Golf CourseClass A

Thomas Shonk, Superintendent

Tanglewood Manor Golf Course.....Class A

Robert E. Wert, Superintendent

Harrisburg North Golf Course.....Class A

Jason Barndt, Assistant Superintendent

Brookside Country Club.....Class B

Lee Kozsey, Field Sales Supervisor

ISK - Biosciences Corp.....Class G

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.

1995 CPGCSA MEETING SCHEDULE

July 10	Commonwealth National Country Club (Joint Meeting with Philadelphia)
August 17	Hanover Country Club
September 14	Lebanon Country Club
October 17	Foxchase Golf Course



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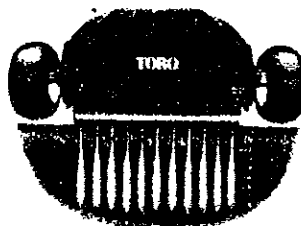
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From the Editor..... John Gehman

An editorial appeared in my local newspaper by a golfer who was upset, at the greater than the rate of inflation, increase in golfing fees. While his anger was not directed at me, the issue parallels my own situation. There are a number of Central Penn members who hold general management responsibilities and may have fielded similar complaints. Following is my editorial response to that gentlemen's concerns.

...I certainly understand the complaint, and as a golf business manager, I wrestle with that issue each season. Our goal is always to offer a quality product at a competitive price that will cover our costs and allow a reasonable return on our labor and capital investment. What may look like price gouging, as implied by the letter, is in reality, the necessary response to maintain a quality product.

While the cost of inflation may only be 3 to 4 percent, the cost of operating a golf course has increased astronomically. Fertilizer has increased 50% since last spring due to the methanol additive now being put into your gasoline. Methanol is a key ingredient in the fertilizers we use to keep our grass green and growing. The highly effective, broad spectrum, cost efficient chemicals of the past for controlling bugs, diseases, and weeds, are no longer available. As our stocks of those chemicals dissipates, they must be replaced with the high cost, less efficient pesticides that are currently being developed. New turf diseases, undetected until recently, are having devastating effects on many courses. The result is a wide variety of chemicals being applied more often, with no real guarantee of control, driving budgets through the roof.

In recent years, the golf business has become increasingly competitive. Many courses are having financial difficulties. Newly developed courses are opening each year and spreading out the number of available golfers. A decrease in revenue, resulting from an inadequate rate structure, produces a forced decrease in expenditures, followed naturally by a decrease in product quality. It has been my experience however, that the majority of golfers prefer a well maintained golf course at a competitive price over cheap rates at a cow pasture!.....

As "Newsletter Editor", I've come to realize something. If I submit it, Wanda prints it. Let's see if this one makes it to the printer.....With all the disease nonsense we all encountered last year, one of my customers came up with a whole new theory which might be worth consideration. The whole problem may be related directly to the increase in the number of women playing the game today. The problem might be a yeast related infection. Possibly we should encourage Pete Landschoot to begin some Monistat 7 research.

My wife said, "that's sexist and politically incorrect". I said, "yea, what's your point?"

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SHOW TIME 2:00 - 3:30

Side tour -- to be determined

Depart NYC 5:15 pm

Dinner Enroute

Arrive Lehigh Valley 9:00 pm

Arrive Lancaster 10:30 pm

COST

Trans./Show Ticket/Side Tour

\$69.75 per person

(minimum 30 people)

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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No. tickets requested _____ @ \$69.75 =

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_____Other:

Return form with down payment to: John L. Gehman, R.D. #2 Box 59, Barto, Pa. 19504

Make checks payable to Perkiomen Tours -- Note: CPGCSA NYC Bus Trip

Golf Results

The following are the winners from the 2 ball scramble at Fairview Golf Course.

1st	Dale Kintzer/Tom Kintzer	65
2nd	Dan Achenbach/Steve Graybill	65
3rd	John Chassard/Bill Brooks	68
4th	Sam Snyder/Bob Wert	68
5th	Dave Rafferty/Mark Monn	69

Closest to the Pin #18	Randy Super
Longest Drive #14	Tom Kintzer

The Golf Tournament at Moselem Springs Golf Club will be "Fewest Putts".

- λ The only strokes used to determine the winners will be the strokes taken with the putter on the putting surface.
- λ Keep your gross score, but keep the putts separate.
- λ No handicaps are used in this tournament.
- λ Prizes - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Fewest Putts, Closet to Pin, Longest Drive

Equipment For Sale

For information on the following pieces of equipment, please contact John Dougherty at Overlook Golf Course (717) 569-6221.

- λ Used steel cups - good condition (FREE)

We will continue to advertise used equipment each newsletter. If you have anything that may be of interest to anyone else, please contact Wanda to place your ad, FREE. Remember, one person's junk is another person's treasure.

Congratulations

The following individuals have gained their status as Certified Golf Course Superintendents. We congratulate you both on your accomplishment.

Paul Krout, CGCS

Kenneth Pepple, CGCS

Please let us know if your employment, address, phone, CGCS, etc. changes so we may keep our records current. Thank you.

Speaker Profile

The speaker for the June meeting will be Charles Priestly, CGCS. Charles is the President and Senior Designer at CADLinks, Inc. His presentation will demonstrate the use of Terrain Mapping and Modeling in the design of Bunkers and Greens Complexes. This will be produced from an as-built they compiled from an existing golf course.

Charles is a former golf course superintendent with course construction and grow-in experience. During his tenure as a superintendent, he saw a need for a golf course designer who encompassed both a maintenance background as well as engineering experience to design and implement courses of the future. In addition, having the expertise to work with the superintendent to produce high-quality, cost efficient as-builts for existing golf courses.

CADLinks, was incorporated in 1993 and procured high tech Computer-Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) systems to assist in the venture. Now, with a staff of Landscape Architect, Civil Engineer, Environmental Specialist, and Administrative support, CADLinks coordinates all facets of course development or renovation thereby alleviating costly mistakes and poorly designed facilities.

CADLinks is currently working on projects in Vietnam, South Korea, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Alabama.

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 if (610) 845-3001.

Scholarship and Research

On behalf of Ted Zabrenski of Brookside Country Club in Pottstown, we have received a check in the amount of \$25.00 from Ciba to be used for scholarship and research in the turfgrass industry.

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

Please contact Wanda at (717) 274-6004 if you need a CPGCSA application or know of someone who is interested in membership.

Product Review

After more than 15 years of loyal service, my Meyers tow behind sprayer was placed into the retirement home. To replace it, I wanted a dedicated machine as opposed to a truckster mounted unit. The Smithco Spray Star was relatively new, but seemed to be about the only thing that really appealed to me. It now has 350 hours on it, and has served me well. The biggest asset is that I've been able to easily and inexpensively modify it for 5.4 gallons per thousand. The pump seems to be about maxed out at that point, but it gets the job done quite efficiently. I don't have a Raven flow regulator nor do I see much value in it. Improvements I'd like to see incorporated in future models include a factory modification for high volume capabilities, adequate electrical system charging capacity for night operation, and a stretch version for tall operators with big feet.

Social News

The Whitewater rafting trip has been redesignated a "FAMILY STYLE FLOAT TRIP". It has been scheduled with Pocono Whitewater Adventures for Tuesday, July 25, 1995. By then we'll all be ready for a relaxing day cooling off in the river, enjoying the scenic beauty of the Lehigh River Gorge and simply beating the heat of summer. The price is \$29 per person for a group of 20 or more and the first child goes free with two paying adults. The cost also includes a riverside hot dog barbecue lunch at noon. All the details will appear in next month's "Green Sheet". I will need a final count by July 10th. Call John Gehman at (610) 845-3008 to reserve your raft.

Plans are also underway for a bus trip to New York City for the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Pageant. This will be on a Wednesday sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas. (I won't make it the first week of buck season.) There will be one pickup point in Lancaster around 9:00 AM and one in the Lehigh Valley an hour and a half later. After the show, we will be able to take in one or two additional sites. Our plan is to arrive back in Lancaster by 10:30 PM including a stop for supper along the way. Call John Gehman at (610) 845-3008 to hold your seat(s).

Press Release

Tony Goodley, CGCS from Heritage Hills Golf Resort won the Envirogenesis grand prize drawing at the GCSAA Conference in San Francisco. The prize, a Browning Lever action 270 hunting Rifle was presented to Tony by Douglas Anderson, president of Envirogenesis.

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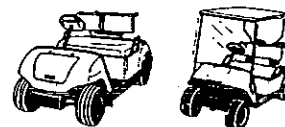
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Honoring Distinguished Service

Do you know a golf course superintendent, turf researcher, educator or other individual deserving of GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award?

Nominations for the prestigious award are being accepted through August 15 for the 1996 DSA.

DSA nominees must have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the golf course superintendents' profession. This contribution may be regional as long as it also had national or international impact. Individuals who received a GCSAA Distinguished Service Award within the past 10 years are ineligible.

Nominations must be submitted to the board of directors on official DSA nomination forms. Members and chapter leaders may obtain an official form by calling GCSAA headquarters at (913)832-4400.

Officer/Director Nominations Open

Members of GCSAA and affiliated chapters are encouraged to submit nominations for association leadership posts for the 1996 election.

Nominations for the offices of president, vice president, secretary/treasurer and director will be accepted through July 1, announced Nominating Committee Chairman Randy Nichols, CGCS.

The Nominating committee will meet in late July to determine the official slate of candidates. The committee's candidates will be invited to participate in a "Meet the Candidates" forum at the annual chapter delegates meeting, which is scheduled in early September.

Explanations of qualifications, terms of office and responsibilities of GCSAA's board of directors have been distributed to chapter leaders. Additional copies are available from the Membership Department at (913)832-4480.

Send nominations to: Randy Nichols, CGCS, Nominating Committee Chairman, c/o GCSAA Headquarters, 1421 Research Park Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049-3859.

Green Speed

Credit: Northern Ohio Turf

Shaig Logan, the late greenskeeper at Muirfield Golf Course in Southpointe, England, was handed a stimp meter before a British Open there years ago. Logan appeared dumbfounded. "What's this for?" he asked.

For measuring the speed of the greens, someone told him.

"Why would I want to do that?"

To make all the greens the same speed, he was told.

"Why would I want to do that?" Logan said.

So the eighth green is not faster than the seventh, the 13th is not slower than the 18th, and so on.

"Laddie," Logan said, "That's why you play a practice round."



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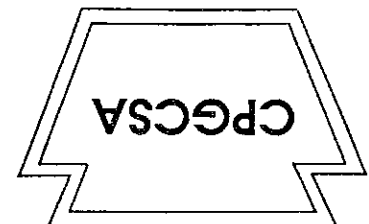
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