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# October Meeting

Foxchase Golf Club
Tuesday, October 17, 1995
12:00 PM Shotgun - Golf
5:00 PM - Cocktails
6:00 PM - Dinner

There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors Meeting at 9:15 AM.

## **Superintendent Profile**

Daniel Achenbach has been at Foxchase Golf Club since February 1993. Prior to that he was Assistant Superintendent at Royal Oaks Golf Course, Lebanon, PA and also worked at Fairview Golf Course, Quentin, PA. Dan received his Bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1985 and is a 1992 graduate of the Penn State Turf Program. He lives in Mt. Gretna with his wife Patti, 2 German shepherds, and a cat.

## **Course Profile**

Prior to being an upscale daily fee golf course, Foxchase was a Dairy Farm that has been in the family for 75 years. The course opened in May 1991. The intent of the Graybill family was to build a fun and challenging course maintained like a country club. The course is built on 170 acres with a lot of tall fescue, mounding and large Pennlinks bent greens, rye tees and fairways.

## Support Available to GCSAA Members Battling WeatherRelated Problems

The spring and summer of 1995 have been among the most challenging weather years the industry has faced. Heat damage across much of the Midwest and flooding in the Southeast have left superintendents struggling to save greens - and jobs.

In response to that challenge, GCSAA has taken a number of steps to assist members. GCSAA's support will come from two approaches: 1) Communicating the facts about the weather crisis to golfers via media outlets; and 2) Offering a practical information kit to members needing assistance.

First, the September 15 episode of "Par for the Course" on ESPN featured a story about the drought-like conditions facing much of the mid- and eastern United States. The story presented facts regarding the agronomic reasons for the weather-related damage and talked about what superintendents are doing to bring courses back into condition.

Next, several major golf publications and networks, including Golf Digest, Golfweek and Golf World magazines and the Golf Channel, will be approached about the serious situations facing much of the country's courses.

Finally, a news article is being developed and will be distributed through a syndication service to newspapers across the country. The article will present the facts about the weather-related problems facing golf courses across the country ...continued on page 5...

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## President's Message

by Samuel R. Snyder, CGCS

The September meeting at Lebanon Country Club was a "big" success. Over 70 members attended the event on a bright sunny day, strangely, we were hoping for rain. Congratulations and thanks to Jeff Fry, his staff, and Lebanon Country Club for a great day.

Joe Hoffman, of the Department of Environmental Protection, spoke about impending water restrictions throughout the state. A drought warning could be declared shortly. The regulations would be the same as in 1991. Greens, tees, and renovated/seeded fairway watering are legitimate. He asked that we address any questions or suggestions through the association with a single spokesman. Feel free to call me at 302/995-3610 to relay any problems to Joe.

A great deal of print and talk has been devoted to "turf stress" recently. We all have suffered to varied degrees from the heat, humidity, drought and thoughtful comments from "informed" golfers as the turf wilted. It is only grass and at least the Poa annua will return soon to provide green turf until the next stress period starts the cycle again. One of our member superintendents, Tom Brown at Chantilly Manor Country Club is currently in a REAL stress situation. Tom's son, Rory, was injured in mid August and remains in a coma at Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Baltimore, MD. Tom and Judy have the stress of watching their child's slow recovery from a terrible injury. We all need to step back and realize that our next breath may bring any form of accident, injury, etc. Life is precious, grass is grass, it's our job but not our life. Our hopes and prayers go out to Tom, Judy, Rory and the rest of the Brown family during this difficult situation.

I had the opportunity to attend the 3rd Annual GCSAA Chapter Delegates meeting held September 9th and 10th. The major topic of discussion was proposed changes to the chapter affiliation agreement. The most drastic change proposed was to have mandatory GCSAA membership for each superintendent and assistant superintendent by 2010. After long debate another proposal was accepted to "grandfather" all local and national members after an arbitrary date. All new local members would have to join GCSAA and all new GCSAA members would have to join a local. The goal was 100% membership but now there is no mandate, attrition will eventually achieve the same goal. GCSAA is very responsive to member input, the debate was lively and although all in attendance agreed that the 100% membership goal was the ideal, the method to reach the goal through mandates wouldn't sell at the local level. GCSAA is beginning a new focus on the importance of the local associations and over the next few years I think we will observe this change. Please call me with any questions.

October brings our annual meeting to the forefront and a new board, officers, and focus will emerge. I hope each member will support our new board through participation at meetings, on committees, hosting meetings, speaking at the winter meeting, and last but not least, serving on the board in the future. I have enjoyed my time working up the ranks of the board, participating in the give and take naturally present in a group of varied backgrounds and perceptions. The time commitment is slight and the rewards are many. We have a strong association which will become stronger each season. I am proud of the current board who have made my job easier. They have supported me throughout the year, asked many questions, and focused on the good of Central Penn. Best wishes to the leadership of CPGCSA in 1996 and the future.



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## **CPGCSA Annual Meeting**

The October Meeting at Foxchase Golf Club will be the annual meeting with election of officers and directors for the 1996 meeting year. Listed below are the nominees compiled by the Nomination Committee.

President:

John Dougherty

Vice President:

H. Jim Loke, CGCS

Secretary/Treasurer:

John Gehman

Directors:

Daniel Achenbach

Alby Gerst

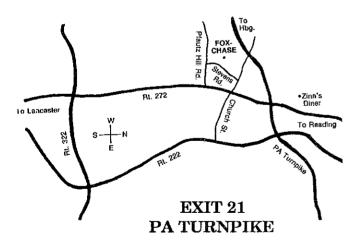
Tom Ocepek

Faron Stoops

Ted Zabrenski

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

## **Directions to Foxchase Golf** Club



Central Penn GCSA has requested through GCSAA for rooms to be blocked at the Omni Rosen (GCSAA Headquarters) for the Orlando Conference and Show. If you would like a special reservation form, please contact Wanda at (717) 274-6004.



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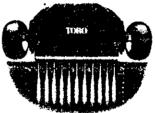


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## **Membership News**

We want to welcome the following individuals into the association.

Kirby Putt, Superintendent

Chester Valley Golf Club .......Class A

Peter McCormick, President

There were no new applications for membership this month.

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.

## **Roster Updates**

Please make the following changes to your 1995 CPGCSA Roster Book.

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and what is being done to save them.

Even with this major media communications effort, there is no guarantee that the message will be effectively delivered. To augment this effort, GCSAA has assembled a package of information that should be helpful to members who face questions or criticism during this stressful period.

The package - available free to GCSAA members - contains articles from the USGA Green Section and turf educators and scientists. The articles are intended to give the members the ammunition to be proactive and not wait until criticism mounts. The package also contains a summary article that members can insert in their clubs' newsletters.

Members are also encouraged to work through their chapters to place articles in local/regional golf publications.

Any GCSAA member can request this free information packet by calling GCSAA Technical Information Services at (800) 472-7878.

#### **Golf Results**

The following are the results from the CPGCSA Championship tournament at Lebanon Country Club.

Championship Flight	Gross
Mike Yenny	77
Tom Kintzer	80
1st Flight	Net
Tom Walsh	70
Dale Kintzer	71
2nd Flight	
Richard Suttles	65
Russ Hutchinson	67
3rd Flight	
Jim McGall	69
John Gehman	71

Closest to Pins	
Champ. Flight	Dan Achenbach #12
1st Flight	Tom Walsh #9 (Hole In One)
2nd Flight	Harry Grove #14
3rd Flight	Don Hollinger #3

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## From The Editor....John Gehman

#### What Is The Purpose Of Our Monthly Meetings?

When I first joined Central Penn, I often felt a little guilty about attending so many monthly meetings. After all, it's a whole day away from my golf course, and I am "playing" golf. I've come to realize that even under the worst of conditions, (and I've had plenty of those lately), the course can function without me for a day. I've also come to realize that we all need that day! Taking a break from the daily pressures and responsibilities can improve personal productivity when back on the job. The only real requirement is that we have fun. Last year at Berkleigh, someone mentioned they knew I was having a good time because they could hear me laughing all over the course. Another time, playing with the worlds three worst golfers was the most wonderful therapy during a most depressing point in my career. If anyone takes this one game a month so seriously as to leopardize someone else's well deserved rest and relaxation. suggest those individuals reevaluate their own worth to this organization, or at the very least, apply their five dollar entry fee toward a tournament where the participants really care who wins or loses. We all need to be periodically educated, updated, rejuvenated, and for some, occasionally intoxicated. Let's keep the game in perspective and remain conscious of all the reasons for which these meetings are organized.

#### \*\*\* Reminder \*\*\*

Don't forget about the CPGCSA Scholarship and Research Fund when calculating your points from Ciba purchases this fall.

## **Product Review**

by John Gehman

#### **Marvel Mystery Oil**

Don't laugh! This stuff works. I've experienced stuck valves in three different engines over the years: an old Ford powered Worthington F-4, a 14 horse Kohler in a greens mower, and a relatively new Kawasaki Mule. The addition of Marvel Mystery Oil to the gas tanks eliminated the need for valve jobs in each one. The old-timers might remember the product as top cylinder oil. The young guys don't have a clue what you're talking about, but if you can find some, get a gallon to keep on hand. It's not a miracle cure, nor will it rejuvenate a worn out engine, but in many cases, it can keep your power plant operational till the arrival of a more opportune time for permanent repair.

## **Upcoming Events**

#### Monday, October 16, 1995

λ 19th Annual Joseph Valentine Memorial Golf Tournament. Lehigh Country Club, 2319 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA. Contact: John Chassard, Lehigh Country Club at (610) 967-4643 or PTC, P. O. Box 1078, Lemont, PA 16851-1078, (814) 863-3475.

#### Tuesday - Thursday, November 7-9, 1995

λ Penn State Golf Turf Conference, Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, PA. Contact: Dr. Peter Landschoot, Department of Agronomy, 116 ASI Building, University Park, PA 16802, (814) 863-1017 or PTC, (814) 863-3475.

#### Monday-Thursday, November 13-16, 1995

7th Annual West Virginia GCSA Turf Conference and Show, Lakeview Resort & Conference Center, Morgantown, WV. Contact: David Tennant, Program Coordinator at (304) 594-1541

#### Tuesday - Thursday, January 9-11, 1996

λ 1996 Eastern PA Turf Conference & Trade Show, Valley Forge Convention Center, 1200 First Avenue, King of Prussia, PA. Contact: Mike Smith, Gulph Mills Golf Club, 300 Swedeland Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406, (610) 828-0253 or PTC, (814) 863-3475

#### February 5-11, 1996

λ GCSAA 67th International Golf Course Conference & Show, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL. Contact: GCSAA, 1421 Research Park Drive, Lawrence, KS, 66049-3859, (800) 472-7878.

#### Tuesday - Thursday, February 27-29, 1996

λ 1996 Western PA Turf Conference & Trade Show, Pittsburgh Expo Mart/Radisson Hotel, 101 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville, PA. Contact: Thomas Bettle, 2632 Fox Chase Court, Bridgeville, PA 15017, (412) 796-5692 or PTC, (814) 863-3475.

## 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.

## **Instructions To Live By**

- λ Live Beneath Your Means
- λ Make New Friends But Cherish The Old
- λ Keep A Tight Rein On Your Temper
- λ Stop Blaming Others, Take Responsibility For Yourself
- λ Eat Prunes
- Forget the Joneses λ.
- λ. Choose Your Life's Mate Carefully - From This One Decision Will Come Ninety % Of All Your Happiness or
- λ Lend Only Those Books You Never Care To See Again
- λ. Leave The Toilet Seat In The Down Position
- λ Take Time To Smell The Roses
- λ Be Tough Minded But Tenderhearted
- λ Wear Out, Don't Rust Out
- λ Don't Plan A Long Evening On A Blind Date. A Lunch Is Perfect. If Things Don't Work Out, Both Of You Have Only Wasted An Hour.
- λ Never Go Grocery Shopping Hungry
- λ Don't Encourage Rude Or Inattentive Service By Tipping The Standard Amount
- λ Don't Take the Chefs' Performance Out On The Waiter
- λ Be Cautious About Lending Money To Friends, You Might Lose Both
- λ Be Modest. A Lot Was Accomplished Before You Were
- λ A Successful Marriage Depends On Two Things: Finding The Right Person And Being The Right Person
- λ Don't Say You Don't Have Enough Time. You Have Exactly The Same Number Of Hours That Were Given To Helen Keller, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Albert Einstein or Thomas Edison
- Never Eat The Last Cookie

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