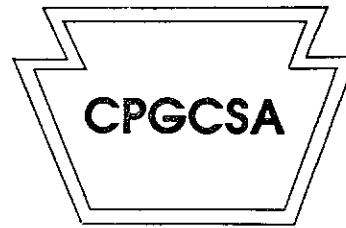


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September Meeting

Lebanon Country Club
Thursday, September 14, 1995
1:00 PM Shotgun - Golf
5:30 - 6:30 PM - Cocktails
6:30 PM - Dinner
Coat & Tie

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

Superintendent Profile

Jeffrey Fry, CGCS has been the superintendent of the Lebanon Country Club since 1987. He is a 1985 graduate of the Penn State University Turfgrass Management Program. Jeff became certified in 1993. Prior to being a superintendent he was the assistant superintendent at Carlisle Country Club as well as being a grounds person. Jeff is married to Wanda and has two children -- Abbey, 4 and Thomas, 1.

Course Profile

Lebanon Country Club is celebrating it's 75th anniversary this year. Research has determined that Mr. Alexander Findlay was the original designer of Lebanon Country Club (but not the builder). The course was opened as a 9 hole course, which is currently the back nine holes. Several years later the front 9 holes were built. Over the past several years, much renovation has been done to the front 9 holes to blend with the same design characteristics as the back. Lebanon Country Club is a typical example of a course built in the 1920's with approximately 6,500 yards, small tees and greens that average less than 4,500 square feet and a variety of wonderful old trees.

Bats Are Good Neighbors

Courtesy of Field Notes, Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System, Volume VI, Number 5 May/June 1993

There are 40 species of bats in North America and none deserve their negative reputation for getting tangled in people's hair, drinking blood, or always carrying rabies.

Less than 3% of bats sampled with rabies are found to carry the virus. In fact, bats can be good neighbors and a vital resource for controlling pests and pollinating flowers.

Bats are furred, warm-blooded mammals with body lengths of 3-6 inches and wingspans varying from 8-12 inches. Most bats hunt flying insects and navigate by emitting pulses of sound through the mouth, their sensitive ears hear the echoes reflected from even tiny insects. This allows them to steer towards prey and avoid obstacles. Bats also have keen eyesight on which they rely for long-distance orientation.

Bats in North America eat primarily insects such as cut worms, corn borer moths, potato beetles, and mosquitoes. A single bat can catch up to 600 mosquitoes in just one hour and consume up to 3,000 insects per night. Given this appetite, you can easily see why bats are the most important natural controller of insect pests that fly at night.

Unfortunately, nearly 40% of America's bats are on the Federal Endangered Species List.

Destruction or disturbance of bat roosting sites (hollow trees, old buildings, barns, and caves) and pesticide use targeted at the insects upon which bats feed have threatened these creatures. Because most bats raise only one "pup" per year, their populations do not increase quickly.

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President's Message

by Samuel R. Snyder, CGCS

Our August meeting at Hanover Country Club was a big success. Many thanks to Bill Brooks, his staff, and the management of Hanover Country Club for the great day they provided to our association.

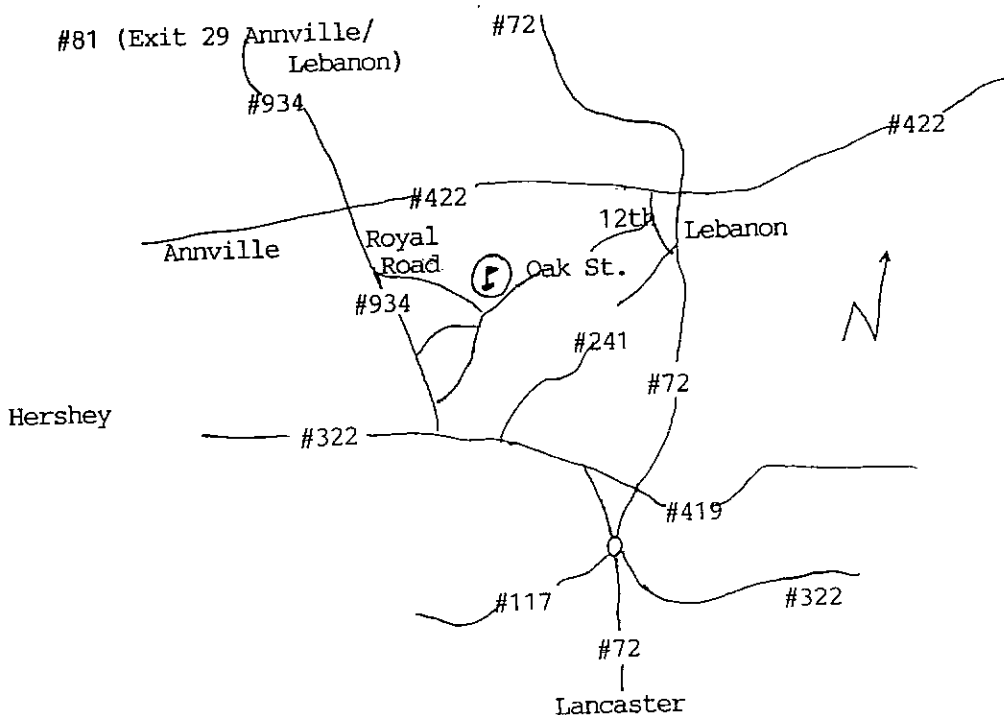
September is finally here and I hope we are experiencing cooler weather than July and August brought. What a pleasure to aerify, seed, verticut, seed, topdress, seed, and water at night instead of mid-day, every day.

Seriously, there are many members of our association who are mentally and physically burned out from the day in - day out stress of coping with the unrelenting heat and humidity over the past two months. It is easy to take your tired body and plop down on the couch. I hope you will consider attending a meeting and have the opportunity to hear the "horror" stories from around the region. We can easily fall into the trap of staying at home and hibernating instead of getting together and sharing our successes and failures over the summer. Lebanon Country Club will be at it's usual high standard for our visit and the "pressure" should be reduced by that time.

After a prolonged bout with turf stress we all need a break, but what about our families. They had to put up with our stellar personalities throughout the heat and in most cases overlooked our personal imperfections. You and your family deserve and need quality time together more than ever at this time of year. It may be a little late to take a vacation if you have school age children but a night out can go a long way to improving attitudes for the whole family. I personally had the opportunity to take a short trip to New England recently and really enjoyed the cool weather, it was only 98 degrees in northern Maine at the time.

Hope to see you at Lebanon in September. Hang in there, Christmas is only three months away.

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You can help to ensure the survival of bat species in your area by:

1) Supporting bat conservation efforts to protect existing natural nest sites.

2) Mounting "bat boxes" to provide additional nesting and roosting sites. A bat box is a simple wooden structure much like a bird nesting box. It can be placed in a variety of locations, but bats prefer sites that are a few hundred yards from streams, lakes, or wetlands. If conditions are right on your property, an invitation to bats will be rewarded with hours of insect control.

This year, incorporate bats into your pest management plan. Both you and bats will benefit.

Editors Note: For information locally you can also contact CPGCSA's own Batman - Tony Goodley, CGCS at Heritage Hills Golf Resort. Tony has recently completed a project installing bat boxes around his course.

Golf Results

The following are the results from the free throw tournament in August at Hanover Country Club.

Net Scores

1st Mark Eichner	49	4th Tom Drayer	51
2nd Faron Stoops	50	5th Kirby Putt	51
3rd John Gehman	50	6th Don Hollinger	53

Closest to Pin #2 Mark Monn

Longest Drive #12 Bob Wert

The golf tournament at Lebanon Country Club will be the association championship.

Product Review

by John Gehman

John Deere 2243 Greens Mower

My two first-generation John Deere greens mowers now have about 1600 hours between them. Overall satisfaction has been good. Handling and operator comfort is exemplary. The offset cutting heads allow the wheel track to be varied by alternating left and right hand clean up rings. Each head can be quickly removed from the machine by releasing two pins and loosening two nuts. Cutting height and reel to bedknife adjustments are relatively quick and simple. The Kawasaki engines provide plenty of power but have required the premature replacement of various component parts. For back lapping purposes, independent operation of the cutting units would be preferred. As a whole, the J. D. 2243 has performed admirably and dealer support has been adequate.



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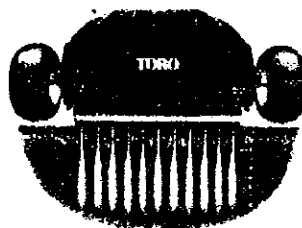
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Membership News

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.

Kirby Putt, Superintendent

Chester Valley Golf ClubClass A

Peter McCormick, President

TurfNet Associates, Inc.Class G

We want to welcome the following individuals into the association.

Irvin Graybill, Owner

Foxchase Golf ClubClass M

Randy Moser, Senior Marketing Specialist

Ciba Turf & Ornamental Products.....Class G

Gregory Nolan, Assistant Superintendent

Blackwood Golf Course.....Class B

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.

Speaker Profile

The speaker for the September meeting at Lebanon Country Club will be Peter L. McCormick. Peter is the president of TurfNet Associates, Inc. of Skillman, NJ, a provider of information services to the golf course industry. After receiving his B.S. in Plant Science and Business Administration from Rutgers University in 1976, he managed a large commercial greenhouse operation for 8 years. After ten years as sales manager for both Toro and Jacobsen distributors, he founded TurfNet early in 1994 to foster communication and dissemination of information among golf course superintendents.

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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Editor's Notes

It's amazing what can happen within the time span of just one newsletter. The turf is just barely holding its own. Whatever is happening on the greens resembles everything, and no matter what I throw into the spray tank, it only works for a couple of days. I've harvested enough algae off my irrigation suction pipe to start my own composting business. The only thing green in the fairways and rough is the healthiest crop of crab grass I've ever seen. And I find the Jacobsen Aero King 1321 Overseeder to be the slickest thing since sliced bread.

A month ago I was optimistic that the turf would make it through the season in rather good shape. Now I'm optimistic that I'll have a real good stand of bent grass next season. It's times like this which cause me to consider going back to baling hay and milking cows. NOT!!!

Think "September"!

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.

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 Bettie, 2632 Fox Chase Court, Bridgeville, PA 15017, (412) 796-5692 or PTC, (814) 863-3475.



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Are you Ready For A Fire In Your Shop?

By Marty Baumann

When was the last time you conducted a fire safety audit of your shop? No, I don't mean you told someone to put out their cigarette when they walked in. I mean a comprehensive safety check. If a fire were to start in your shop, considering the nature of our business, the odds are high you will lose your entire facility.

A safety Audit for fire hazards will do many things for you. First, by having a different person do the audit each time, you will educate an employee on the importance of safety in your shop. Second, your overall workplace will be a safer place for everyone to work in. When doing the audit, every shop will be a bit different, and some things need to be stressed over others. But if you focus on these basic items, you will go a long way toward reducing your chance of a fire...

- 1) Monitor open flame or sources of ignition in your shop. Have a safe area for these kinds of activities.
- 2) A buildup of trash, oily rags and other waste products can cause spontaneous ignition and will add to a fire load.
- 3) Mechanical sparks can ignite a fire. These areas should be monitored also.
- 4) Portable heaters need to be used carefully; placement of a heater and check them for proper operation for use next fall/winter.
- 5) Chemicals, including gasoline, need very special care, signs and personnel training. Keep in mind if you have a fire involving chemicals, even a small one, the EPA will declare any item in your shop that received smoke and/or water damage from the fire a toxic waste and you will not be able to salvage those items.
- 6) Welding/cutting torches need to have full-time, on-going training and a special area for their use.
- 7) Check all fire extinguishers.

Keep in mind that almost all fires can be prevented. Stick to a good audit of your shop and control all sources of flame or heat in the shop and you should be fine. Remember, the cost of fire safety per 1,000 square feet will give you an excellent return on your investment and last many months.

Credit: Northern Ohio Turf

1995 CPGCSA Annual Meeting

October 17

Foxchase Golf Club

Personality Trip: Where to?

Where would you like to go for your vacation this year? Washington? Which Washington? There are thirty-three of them, not to mention the twenty-nine counties and the state. So if you are looking for some place a little more unique, let us offer some suggestions:

Why not pick a place that fits how you feel, like Crummies, Ky.; Tightwad, Mo.; Double Trouble, N.J.; Looneyville, W. VA.; Difficult, Tenn.; Dismal, Tenn.; Odd, Wy.; Worstville, Oh.; or Pysht, Wash.?

Do you need some direction in your life? Head for South of the Border, S.C.; North Pole, Colo.; or Due West, S.C. For a change of direction, try Grand Detour, Ill. If you have a little too much change, pass through Double Tollgate, Va.

Make time for Romance, Ariz. Or just stick with Imalone, Wis.

If it's action and adventure you are looking for, there's Frankenstein, Mo.; Panic, Pa.; Eek, Ak.; and Fearnot, Pa.

If you're on the meeker side, stick with Ordinary, Ky.; Okay, Okla.; Boring, Md.; Modest Town, Va.; Plain City, Ut.; or Dull Center, Wy.

Or just B.U., Tex.


Hungry? Stop for Coffee Pot Rapids, Ida.; Peanut, Cal.; Gnaw Bone, In.; Herring, Ia.; Sandwich, Ill.; Two Egg, Fla.; Noodle, Tex.; or Pickle Street, W. Va. For dessert: Chocolate Bayou, Tex.; Big Rock Candy Mountain, Ut.; Ding Dong, Tex.; Milky Ways, Tenn.; Lollipop, Tex.; or Cheesquake, N.J. And you can end up with satisfying Belcher, N.Y.

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From The Editor.....John Gehman

Superintendent newsletters across the nation take on all different forms, from two page fliers to full blown magazines. The content is usually written by amateur writers thus reflecting their opinions and personalities. The intent of the newsletters is to benefit and inform the general membership, but specifically the superintendents. Affiliate advertising lends financial support without which, we would be forced to increase dues, and/or compromise the quality of the publication. When information is available which is less than flattering to an advertiser, the editor has to decide where, when and how to convey it. While our affiliates make their living off what they sell, we superintendents make our living off what we buy. My priorities lie with the superintendents. The product review of last month was admittedly one sided and I'm sure could have been approached more tactfully. I apologize to those who were offended by the way I reported my findings. Future reports will take on a less personal flavor and will hopefully not lend personal bias toward your own investigations.

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CPGCSA Needs You!

The Annual CPGCSA Meeting and elections are scheduled for the October Meeting and we are in the process of compiling a slate of nominees for the 1996 Board of Directors.

This is an excellent opportunity to become more involved in your association. We are always looking for new and old faces interested in directing the growth of this organization. If you would like to serve on the board of directors, please contact Jim Jones, CGCS at Fairview Golf Course (717) 273-5611.

****Reminder****

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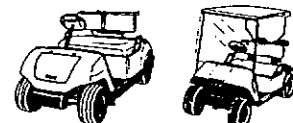
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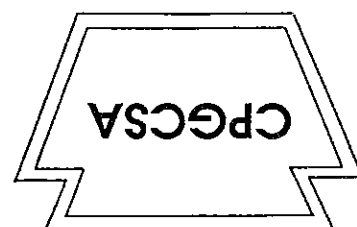
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