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President's Message

by Jim Loke, CGCS

On January 21, 1997, approximately ten Past Presidents of the CPGCSA met with the current 1997 Board of Directors. We spent over three hours discussing many subjects that I would like to share with you. The vast majority of the ideas will hopefully be taken advantage of by our future Board of Directors. The ideas were many, and very thought-provoking for all of us. The following are excerpts from the meeting.

Plan social events for the chapter to interest a wide variety of members, without worrying about how many may participate. Some ideas include:

- ◆ Longwood Gardens at Kennett Square for a tour and possible catered meal.
- ◆ Hershey Bears hockey game and dinner at the arena.
- ◆ Visit a regional US Open Tournament.
- ◆ Dinner Dance at a private country club (or other) with some sponsorship.
- ◆ Visit the USGA in Far Hills, New Jersey.

Future Golf Events and Championship.

- ◆ Keep the Association championship at one round.
- ◆ Keep the other events as fun social events, and not have too many serious competitive events.
- ◆ Use only USGA handicaps vs. an association handicap.

Current Past Presidents

- ◆ All have valued experience and hold a key to our past. Should invite/include one past president to attend each Board of Directors

Congratulations to GCSAA Director Sam Snyder, CGCS

Meeting.

Commercial or Affiliate Members

- ◆ Remind all members that the association began as a golf course (greenskeeper) superintendent's association.
- ◆ The association began for educational purposes first and social second. Both are important to remember.
- ◆ Consider the recommendation that all affiliates not attend any meetings with their trailers. Suggest that someplace else be found to park trailers. This will help with image and professionalism.
- ◆ Ask two affiliates to join Board of Directors.

Winter Meetings

- ◆ Try new and central locations
- ◆ Any volunteers???

Newsletter

- ◆ Wanda Fry is the primary source of and reason for the improvement of our wonderful newsletter over the past few years. Current editor Terry Morgan and Vice President John Gehman have contributed much to our recent improvement as well.
- ◆ Member input is important. Suggestions and contributions are always welcome.

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Winter Educational Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Bent Creek Country Club

Jim Loke, CGCS - Host

Reservations:

**Call Wanda
at (717) 274-6004
by March 10, 1997**

Lunch - \$23.00 -
Coat & Tie
(Pay at Registration)

Registration begins at 8:30
AM.

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From the Editor.....Terry Morgan

I thought this article may be of some benefit as you plan for the upcoming season.

Some examples of ways to save money and make more efficient use of money include:

- 1 Remove unnecessary shade trees. The improved sun and air movement means reduced pesticide usage and better playing conditions.
- 2 Reduce acreage of mowed areas not in play.
- 3 Schedule maintenance with the least golfer interference for better production and happier golfers.
- 4 Plant perennial flowers instead of annuals.
- 5 Perform a labor-flow chart to see how many labor hours are really needed with your maintenance objective in mind.
- 6 Perform a voluntary safety audit with a local state agency to help prevent being fined from a regulatory agency.
- 7 Hire temporary personnel for special projects.
- 8 Hire a good mechanic where the extra money spent on wages is well spent.
- 9 Keep the course as dry as possible for better playing conditions and less pesticide usage.
- 10 Add extra drainage up the bunker slopes to help eliminate costly hand-shoveling and subsequent extra raking of bunkers.
- 11 Consider overseeding with some of the newer drought-tolerant grasses on the market or coming out soon.
- 12 Put a pencil to whether it is sometimes better to buy supplies from out of state to eliminate paying states sales tax versus possibly the extra freight charges involved.
- 13 Use a total-kill-type herbicide around trees, along fences, etc. to help reduce hand mowing.
- 14 Offer free golf for police and fire personnel. This sometimes im-

proves security in and around the golf course.

- 15 Perform a five-year equipment - replacement schedule, update it annually and stay on schedule.
- 16 Tree nurseries can be given a tax credit, in some states, for the acreage they use even if they are not sold but maintained as if they were to be sold or relocated.
- 17 Double-check your fuel-tax refunds, in most states, for non-highway use on unlicensed vehicles.
- 18 Keep everything super simple!

Tidbits from Vegas

- ♠ Don Hollinger did what?!!!
- ♠ Just one more quarter.
- ♠ Kenny and Bertie Dietrich won again?!!
- ♠ What a horrible flight!!
- ♠ These *&@# slot machines!!!
- ♠ Lokie Dokie....Who???
- ♠ Did you win anything?

Membership News

We want to welcome the following individual into the association.

Robert Seltzer, Superintendent
Monroe Valley Golf Course...Class A

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 Tom Ocepek at (610) 488-1255.

We regret to inform you of the death of Honorary member, Richard "Jay" Angelo on January 26, 1997.

Honorary member Christine King from the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council has been recuperating from illness in the Hershey Medical Center.

Equipment For Sale

Please contact Tony Goodley at Heritage Hills Golf Resort regarding the following equipment. (717) 755-1919.

⇔ Foley Bedknife Grinder, Model #384. Excellent Condition \$500.00.

Please contact Derek Fortna at Whitford Country Club regarding the following irrigation equipment. (610) 269-2152

⇔ Aurora Model 411 - 580 GPM Pump

⇔ Berkeley Model B2ZPLS - 250 GPM

⇔ Control Panel - 230 volts/3 Phase

⇔ 20 HP US Horizontal Electric Motor

⇔ 60 HP Marathon Horizontal Electric Motor

⇔ 4" Cla Val: Pressure Regulating Pressure Sustaining.

⇔ 2 1/2" Cla Val: Relief Valve

⇔ Toro VT3 Satellite Control Panels

⇔ Used Toro 670, 630, 650, 730, and 780 irrigation sprinkler heads.

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!!!

Upcoming Events

♣ February, 25-27, 1997. Western PA Turf Conference & Trade Show. Pittsburgh Expo Mart/Radisson Hotel. Contact PTC at (814) 863-3475 for more information.

♣ Tuesday, March 11, 1997. GCSAA Seminar, Irrigation System Scheduling, Repair, and Maintenance at Heritage Hills Golf Resort, York, PA.

♣ Thursday, March 20, 1997. USGA Regional Green Seminar. Woodholme Country Club, Baltimore, MD. Contact Wanda at (717) 274-6004 for registration forms.

CPGCSA Winter Education Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Bent Creek Country Club

Lititz, PA

- 9:00 **What's It Like To Have A Whole Course Full Of Women Telling You How To Grow Grass.** -- John McCormick -- Berkleigh Country Club.
John will relate his experiences in hosting his first LPGA Tournament last October.
- 9:30 **Rye Grass -- It's A Blast** -- Corky Knoll -- Moselem Springs Golf Club
Hear what Corky has learned from his ryegrass blast trial plots (formerly known as Fairways 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, and 18)
- 10:00 **Heritage ... Panacea Or Propaganda** -- Mike Smith, Gulph Mills Golf Club
Listening to all the hype and the sales people, our newest fungicide will make all the others obsolete. Mike has been testing Heritage for two years on his course. Now let's get the real story!
- 10:15 **President's Comment** -- Jim Loke, CGCS
- 10:30 **Coffee Break**
- 10:45 **Delaware Valley College Improves It's Turf Program** -- Doug Linde --
Turf Management Professor, Delaware Valley College.
Can Little Delaware Valley College compete with the big boys? Doug will doing a little P. R. here and give us some background information on Del Val's efforts to be a major player in turf management education.
- 11:30 **Why Do My Flower Beds Look Good Only A Few Days A Year?** -- Judy Schwenk -- Berks County Extension Agent.
Judy's specialty revolves around landscape design. Hear her presentation on color and plant selection as well as maintenance of those sites.
- 12:15 **Lunch**
- 1:15 **Using Your Computer For Day To Day Calculations And Record Keeping** -- Mike Matlock -- Golf Shop Manager at Butter Valley Golf Port.
Ever recalculate an application rate and find that you forgot to move the decimal point? Did you discover it before or after you applied the material? Are you afraid to throw away old Daconil boxes because most of your records and calculations are still on the flaps. A couple entries into the home computer could free up a lot of warehouse space as well as eliminate some costly or damaging errors.
- 1:45 **Surfing The Net** -- John Hrizuk -- Prolog Internet Access Provider.
There is a wealth of information waiting at your finger tips. Join John for a live demonstration of how we can access all kinds of turf related information in just a matter of minutes.

Directions to Bent Creek Country Club

From	Directions
Allentown	Take North/East Extension to PA Turnpike, get off at Exit 21 to Rt. 222 South to Rt. 30 West to Fruitville Pike North Exit - make a right, Bent Creek is approximately 3.5 miles on left.
Baltimore	Take Rt. 695 North to Rt. 83 North to Rt. 30 East to Fruitville Pike North Exit - make a right, Bent Creek is approximately 3.5 miles on left.
Harrisburg Airport	Take Rt. 283 South to Rt. 30 East to Fruitville Pike North Exit - make a right, Bent Creek is approximately 3.5 miles on left.
Lancaster Airport	Make right from Airport Exit onto Airport Road. Continue to Koser Road; turn left. Follow to traffic light, make a right onto Fruitville Pike. Bent Creek is approximately 1 mile on left.
Philadelphia Area	Take PA Turnpike West to Exit 21 to Rt. 222 South to Rt. 30 West to Fruitville Pike North Exit - make a right, Bent Creek is approximately 3.5 miles on left.
Philadelphia Airport	Rt. 95 South to Rt. 322 West to Rt. One South to Rt. 41 North to Rt. 30 West to Fruitville Pike North Exit - make a right, Bent Creek is approximately 3.5 miles on left.
Reading	Take Rt. 222 South to Rt. 30 West to Fruitville Pike North Exit - make a right, Bent Creek is approximately 3.5 miles on left.
York	Rt. 30 East to Fruitville Pike North Exit - make a right, Bent Creek is approximately 3.5 miles on left.

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Speakers at Meetings

- ◆ It can be difficult to find speakers. Our hats are off to those who have done such an excellent job in the past.
- ◆ Education and good speakers are what drives our Association, and we will try very hard to attract quality speakers to our meetings. Member's suggestions for topics or speakers are encouraged. We will continue to ask the experts at Penn State and the USGA.

PTC Championship

- ◆ To be held at Huntsville Golf Club in Wilkes-Barre this coming fall.
- ◆ We will provide information in the future as to how we determine the team that represents Central PA.

Frequency of Meetings

- ◆ Do we need more monthly meetings? At this time the answer is no, and yet we could schedule more if there was a specific need.
- ◆ Maybe half-day educational meetings in the winter, with such topics as time management or first aid/CPR.

GCSAA Elections and Sam Snyder

- ◆ Sam Snyder will be running for the GCSAA Board of Directors. He will be very competitive this year at the Las Vegas Conference because there are more people around the country who now know Sam and realize the experience he can contribute at the national level.
- ◆ Best of luck to our member and friend!

GCSAA

- ◆ GCSAA is asking for an increase of dues to \$250 for Class A & B members. The last increase was in 1990. Since 1990, the general membership of GCSAA has demanded more representation of members at the national level within the committee system. I can

say from my own experience that the committees have been very active and have represented us all very well; they have thus created many ambitious programs which cost money.

- ◆ Within a two year period, there will be a serious need for a dues increase. An increase now will provide a more stable financial situation for GCSAA.

Central PA Club Managers Association

- ◆ This association annually holds a golf tournament for a scholarship program. In the future, we will have more information about how our association will be participating in some capacity. The club managers have donated money to scholarships for golf course employees in the past years, and we want to support their cause as well.

Athletic Field Maintenance Input

- ◆ This is a great opportunity for our profession to make a contribution to our respective communities.
- ◆ So far, Bill Wall from Dauphin Highlands is doing an outstanding job helping out with his local athletic fields. If other members have contributed to their local communities, please let us know. Likewise, if anyone needs help with information on the subject or moral support, give us a call, too.

As you can see, it was a busy meeting! If you see a topic that interests you, or have ideas and suggestions, please contact a Board member or Past President. This is *your* association — get involved, and please let us know what you want and need.

Respectfully,

Jim Loke, CGCS

Future Golf Dates

- * April 22 Silver Creek GC - (Joint with Pocono)
- * May Fairview Golf Course
- * June Open
- * July 14 Bucknell CC - (Joint with Keystone)
- * August Open
- * September Dauphin Highlands
- * October Heritage Hills

F.Y.I.

Whitey Krout from Range End Country Club has this tip:

- The part to fit over the hub on Jacobsen fairway and rough units is called a CR Speedi Sleeve. Part # 99300 produced by CR Services. We got them from Cumberland Truck Parts department for \$18.00 plus tax. The hub cost was approximately \$45.00. Any questions, call Whitey at (717) 432-4213.

From Bob Wert at Harrisburg North Golf Course.

- Trees - 18 varieties from 6' to 15'. 32" balls. Order 1 or 100. Late March to mid April. For more info call Bob at (800) 442-4652 or FAX (717) 692-5682.

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