

The Green Sheet



Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

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September Meeting

Dauphin Highlands Golf Course

Tuesday, September 23, 1997

Golf - 9:00 AM

Lunch - 1:00 PM

Speaker following lunch

There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors Meeting at 7:00 AM.

Superintendent Profile

Bill Wall graduated from the Penn State University Turfgrass Management Program in 1970 something. Bill has been at Dauphin Highlands since 1994. He served as Superintendent from 1994 - 1996 and as General Manager/Superintendent from 1996 to present. Bill was previously at Camp Hill Public/Armitage Golf Course from 1975 - 1994. Bill has been married to Patti (our former CPGCSA Secretary) for 25 years and they have four children: Amy - 24, Jamie - 21, Kelly - 13, and Billy - 9.

Course Profile

Dauphin Highlands Golf Course was built in 1994 on the former site of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Course Architect was Bill Love and the general contractor was Ryan Central Incorporated. The course is owned and operated by the Dauphin County General Authority. The Assistant Superintendents are Scott Fischer and John Szekeres.

From Azaleas to Zoysia, Golf Course Supers Are Experts

News USA

There is a person in your community who can help with lawn care troubles, give tips on composting projects, provide information on the safe application of fertilizers and educate youth about environmental stewardship.

He or she might even be able to help you with your putting.

If you're a golfer or live near a golf course, you already know this professional as the golf course superintendent. The superintendent is the person responsible for the physical management of the facility and is equipped with science, business and communications skills. An overwhelming majority of these professionals grew up around the game of golf, and therefore also understand how the game is meant to be played.

"Since the golf course superintendent deals with a variety of issues, you typically find him or her involved in numerous community projects outside of normal job responsibilities," says Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) President Paul McGinnis.

"Many superintendents serve as consultants to schools and recreation departments in the maintenance of athletic playing fields. Others are regular guests on outdoor-type radio shows or provide a periodic column in a newspaper. Still some host field trips for civic and education groups at their local course. This professional is truly a community asset."

A recent Golf Digest surveycontinued on page 6.....

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President's Message by Jim Loke, CGCS

I want to thank Tony Gustaitis, CGCS, President of the Philadelphia Association, for the wonderful meeting we had at Downingtown Country Club on August 19. And thanks to Jeff Broadbelt and Mike Ward for hosting the event. Lots of excellent work, thoughtful bunker design and landscaping went into the job that Jeff and Mike have completed over the last few years. The golf course is now a nice test of play for all handicaps. This completes our series of 3 joint meetings with neighboring associations.

Thus far in 1997, meeting attendance has been high. I assume this has been due to the excellent meeting sites with equally stimulating speakers. I expect this high standard to continue — we must remember that the primary reason for our monthly meetings is to continue our education. It is an on-going (endless!) process.

Hopefully in the near future we will have the results of our Superintendent Survey. I am sorry for the delay, but during the time of compiling the numbers, most of us were scrambling through a super challenging spring with small crews, many projects, and cold weather.

Directions to Dauphin Highlands Golf Course

From Rt. 81 and north of Harrisburg: Pick up Rt. 283 south; once on Rt. 283 take the Swatara Exit (exit 1); at top of ramp turn right; at traffic light turn left onto Eisenhower Blvd.; continue south on Eisenhower Blvd.; turn right onto Quarry Road. (opposite Congress Inn); at stop sign turn right onto Harrisburg Street; golf course is on your left.

From Hershey, Lebanon, and east of Harrisburg: Follow the signs for Airport/Lancaster/Rt. 283 at Eisenhower Interchange; once on Rt. 283 take the Swatara Exit (exit 1); at top of ramp turn right; at traffic light turn left onto Eisenhower Blvd.; continue south on Eisenhower Blvd.; turn right onto Quarry Road (opposite Congress Inn); at stop sign turn right onto Harrisburg Street; golf course is on your left.

From Lancaster, Rt. 283 and south of Harrisburg: Continue to end of Rt. 283; at traffic light (Doubletree Inn at intersection) turn right onto Eisenhower Blvd.; continue north on Eisenhower Blvd.; turn left onto Quarry Road. (opposite Congress Inn); at stop sign turn right onto Harrisburg Street; golf course is on your left.

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Nominations

by John Gehman

The October Meeting at the Country Club of Hershey will be the annual meeting with election of officers and directors for the 1998 meeting year. Listed below are the nominees compiled by the Nomination Committee:

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John Gehman - Butter Valley Golf Port

Vice President

Ted Zabrenski - Brookside Country Club

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Dick Kauffman - Village of Olde Hickory Golf Course

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Bill Brooks - Hanover Country Club

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Mel Leaver - Brookside Country Club (Allentown)

The terms for Dick Kauffman and Terry Morgan will expire in 1997. Due to work demands, Terry Morgan has reluctantly declined to run.

If you are interested in running for the board, please contact John Gehman at (610) 845-2491 or Wanda Fry (717) 274-6004. Nominations may also be made from the floor by a voting member in good standing at the annual meeting.

Upcoming Events

- October 7, 1997 - Joseph Valentine Memorial Golf Tournament at Huntsville Golf Club. Contact John Chassard (610) 967-4643, Todd Struse (215) 884-2590, or Jeff Fry (717) 273-1944.
- November 4-6, 1997 - Penn State Golf Turf Conference, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA. Contact: Peter Landschoot, Department of Agronomy, (814) 863-1017 or the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council at (814) 863-3475.
- February 2-8, 1998 - GCSAA's 69th International Golf Course Conference and Show, Anaheim Convention Center.



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Speaker Profile

The speaker for the September meeting at Dauphin Highlands Golf Course will be William R. Love. Bill's educational background includes degrees in Landscape Architecture from the University of Virginia, Architecture from the Catholic University of America and Graphic Arts from Prince George's College. He was the first person in the School of Architecture at the University of Virginia to complete a design thesis in golf course architecture.

Bill has over eighteen years experience in the field of golf course architecture and has worked on over 100 projects throughout North America and abroad, including the design, masterplanning and renovation of all types of golf facilities from private to public. Bill was the designer for the Dauphin Highlands Golf Course and Penn National's new Iron Forge Golf Course. He is currently working on the renovation of the historic Bedford Springs Golf Club.

Actively involved with environmental issues concerning the development and maintenance of golf courses, he is currently serving as Chairman of the American Society of Golf Course Architects Environmental Committee and participates in the Golf and Environmental Conference with other representatives of the golf and environmental communities. He is registered as a Landscape Architect in the State of Maryland.

The firm, W. R. Love, Golf Course Architecture is located in College Park, Maryland.

Golf Results

We thank Jeff Broadbelt and Mike Ward, our hosts at Downingtown Country Club and the Philadelphia Golf Course Superintendents for a great day of golf.

****We will be collecting the \$5.00 tournament fee at Dauphin Highlands prior to the tournament, it was mistakenly omitted from the September Reservation form. We apologize for the inconvenience****

The September meeting is our Association Championship meeting. To qualify to play in the championship you must have attended one meeting prior to the September meeting. You must also have a USGA handicap for 1997. Anyone needing a handicap can call Bob Wert at (717) 692-3664 with three to five scores to receive a valid handicap.

Met Tournament - The Met Tournament is scheduled for October 6, 1997 at the Country Club of Darien in Connecticut. If anyone is interested in participating with the Central Penn GCSA Team, please contact Mike Benedict at Manada Golf Course (717) 469-2400. This is a gross and net tournament, handicaps should not exceed 20.

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- **Congratulations** to Ken & Jan Pepple on the birth of their daughter, Kayla Dawn Pepple on Friday, August 22, 1997.
- **Reminder:** The \$5.00 tournament fee was omitted from the September Reservation form. We will be collecting at the meeting. Sorry for the inconvenience.
- Don't forget to wear your name tags to all meetings. If you haven't received one or can not find yours, please contact Wanda to order a new one.
- Please remind your club of the importance of **mailing** your meeting **reservation** forms by the posted **deadline date**. Many reservations are being received late. If you have any doubt about your reservation, please call Wanda at (717) 274-6004.
- Applications are now being accepted for Penn State's Two-Year Golf Course Turfgrass Management Program for the class beginning in September of 1998. There is an application fee of \$35.00 and the deadline for applications is December 31, 1997. Applications can be obtained by calling (814) 863-0129 or by writing Penn State University, 221 ASI Building, University Park, PA 16802.
- Jeff Shoemaker has relocated to Greensboro, NC working for G & S Turf Equipment (A Division of Stull Equipment). His address is 3011 Manchester Drive, Jamestown, NC 27282. (910) 887-8559. Good Luck Jeff!
- Please contact Wanda if either your home or work address and telephone numbers change, so we can keep our records up to date.

"Ode to Aerifying"

Round and round the greens we went

All our energy is now spent.

Thousands and thousands of little holes

Resembles the handiwork of a million moles.

It had to be done so we all lent a hand

Tomorrow they will be gone filled with peat and sand.

In a week or so they will be like new

And we will sit back and enjoy a brew.

Soon the snow will cover the ground,

We'll all take vacation and won't be around.

Then March will arrive with the sound of a wren,

And we'll all be back to do it again!!!

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revealed that the superintendent was the most important golf course employee.

"I believe the public looks to the superintendent for expertise and leadership," McGinnis says. "We are entrusted by golfers to provide optimum playing conditions, while owners of the facilities are quite cognizant that the value of their investment rests in our abilities to maintain and improve conditions."

"But we are morally and ethically responsible for performing our work in the most environmentally sensitive manner possible. The golf course superintendent is an educated professional who is attuned to the environment. Anyone who spends time with a superintendent recognizes that golf courses are valuable sanctuaries for numerous animal and plant species.

If the superintendent is regarded as the most important person on the golf course, just imagine what he/she can do for your community. You may already have a superintendent who is involved in a multitude of civic activities. But if you notice a void or are in need of advice, give your local professional golf course superintendent a call. He or she might just be the best kept secret in town.

For additional information about the golf course superintendent profession or GCSAA write to: 1421 Research Park Drive, Lawrence, KA 66049, call (800)472-7878 or visit us on-line at www.gcsaa.org.

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- Model 720 Jacobsen Sweeper with vertical mow blades. Best Offer.
- 60 HP Electric Motor from pumphouse renovation. Good condition. Best Offer.

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!!!

Membership News

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 Tom Ocepek at (610) 488-1255.

As of July 1, 1997, GCSAA bylaws require an individual applying for Class A or B membership also be a member of a local affiliated chapter.

1988 Meeting Sites by John Gehman

I am still in need of a few sites to host our 1998 monthly CPGCSA meetings. If interested please call me at (610) 845-2491. I'm not gonna go beggin....any months not filled will be held at Butter Valley Golf Port. (I know the owner real well.)

Golf Course Superintendent's Top 10 List

Barbara B. Beall, who is married to Glen Falls (NY) Country Club superintendent Chris Frielinghaus, submitted the following Top 10 list, in the spirit of David Letterman.

Behold!!! The Top 10 things she has observed being married to a superintendent:

10. He is the only person in the family who gets undressed outside of the house at the end of his work day!
9. "My husband has really strange tan lines."
8. "He never listens to what I have to say when he gets home, but listens to every word that Jenneta Jones says on The Weather Channel."
7. All his co-workers look like the cast from Caddyshak.
6. When he wakes up at 3 AM, it's not to see his girlfriend, but to make sure the irrigation system turned on.
5. "All the post-it notepads in our house say 'Pro-Lawn' on them."
4. "My husband has a spot of black grease on every piece of clothing he owns."
3. "We have the ugliest lawn in the neighborhood."
2. When he talks in his sleep, or, for that matter, when he is awake, he states, 'Ah, the smell of Dursban.'
1. "When he helps me vacuum, he always stripes our carpet in a checkerboard pattern."

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Fairy Rings

The following informational article was downloaded from GCSAA Website (www.gcsaa.org.) and submitted by John Gehman. This is one of the many benefits from going on-line through GCSAA. This article came from Turf Talk in the Members Services area. This area gives you an opportunity to post a question and receive responses from other GCSAA members throughout the country.

Question:

My course is in Central Illinois and we have had only 1.1 inches of rain since June 12. I have been dealing with localized dry spots for about a month by hand watering and spiking my greens and they are under control. In just the last few days I have noticed fairy rings on several of my greens. This is a first for me and I am wondering what to do. Does anyone have any suggestions? I am scheduled to fertilize this week with 15-0-30. Also about 18 days ago I treated for dollar spot with Echo and Banner and I gave the greens 1 quart of liquid Iron Ferromec 15-0-0. The greens turned very lush and I wonder if this has anything to do with the fairy rings. My greens are 30 years old and have an even mix of peat, sand and soil.

Response:

I am a plant pathologist working in arid areas so the information presented here may need some adaptation for your area.

We have been working on fairy ring control for five years and have found that Prostar at 6 oz/1000 sq. ft. applied with a non-ionic surfactant and only lightly watered into the surface of the turf is the best control of fairy rings caused by *Bovista plumbea* and *Agrocybe pediades* (a puff ball and little brown mushroom respectively). Heavy watering the Prostar into the turf did not work as well for these thatch degrading fairy rings. You can tell if they are degrading the thatch by stepping on the rings or small patches to feel the sunken areas. The Prostar applications work best in a preventative program.

Primer at 6 oz/1000 sq. ft. applied monthly gave great results for control of dry spot. The combination of Respond surfactant and Prostar also gave ideal results with dry spot and the fairy ring being controlled. Included in the trial was a monthly application of Heritage at 0.4 oz/1000 sq. ft. preventatively beginning in May controlled both the dry spots and fairy rings.

We think the fairy rings and dry spots are directly related. However, we had some treatments this year that suggest the interaction between the fairy ring and dry spots may be more complicated. Try the Primer, Prostar and Heritage on several greens and be sure to leave some areas non-treated so that you can tell what happened and what works. Wait about 14 days before rating the response to the products.

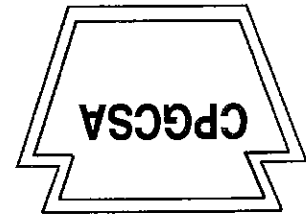
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Just A Reminder

Should you need to fax information to Wanda, the number is the same as her home phone 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 so that it can be included in the newsletter.



**1997 CPGCSA
Annual Meeting Date**

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