

The Green Sheet



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August Meeting

Carlisle Country Club

Thursday, August 5, 1999

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Tee Times

5:00-6:30 PM - Cocktails

6:30-7:30 PM - Dinner

7:30 PM - Speaker

**There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors
meeting at 9:30 AM**

Golf Course Profile

The Carlisle Country Club is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. It was established in 1924 (9 holes), designed by its founders, and in the early 1930's became the 18 hole par 71 course you see today. It is considered a somewhat short, but very challenging golf course. Carlisle Country Club has survived floods, tornados and even an 18 wheeler on the golf course. "There have been many changes to the club since I first started working here" notes Greg Fantuzzi, "but the present management, staff and members make this an enjoyable working environment".

Superintendent Profile

Greg is a 1975 graduate of Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture. Following graduation, he started working for an industrial landscaping company in Eastern PA. He became the Assistant Superintendent at the Lehigh CC in Allentown, PA under Superintendent Marty Nadenichuk in 1977. Then in 1980 he accepted the Superintendent position at the Carlisle Country Club where Greg contends each year brings new challenges. However, this year is surely climbing to the top of his list of the most challenging.

Greg is married to Tracy and they have a 10 year old son who loves baseball and the Atlanta Braves. Greg resides in Carlisle and enjoys coaching and watching Sean play ball.

**Please remember to contact the Carlisle CC
ProShop at (717) 243-6866 to set up your Tee Time.**

USGA "Tip of the Month"

By Keith A. Happ

While traveling the Mid-Atlantic region one reoccurring theme emerges, drought!!! Throughout the region water reserves are at mid to late August levels. For example, in northwest Pennsylvania, eight counties are asking for voluntary water cutbacks. In Roanoke, Virginia voluntary water restrictions have been in effect for 2-3 weeks and golf courses are rapidly approaching mandatory restrictions that would only allow irrigation to be used for putting green turf! In Maryland it is dry, dry, dry. Central Virginia courses that often overseed are evaluating current water reserves. Without ample irrigation reserves, overseeding bermudagrass with ryegrass may not be very successful. To have a reasonably good playing surface, irrigation is absolutely critical. Alternate strategies may have to be considered. However, if overseeding were not possible, it would provide an excellent opportunity to remove winter weed contamination (*Poa annua*) and thus, greatly reduce competition to the bermudagrass. Cost effective, non-selective herbicide treatments could be implemented this winter. There is always a bright side to every situation!

While water reserves are a big issue, other items have surfaced as topics of discussion during TAS visits. For example, very aggressive Japanese beetle activity has been witnessed. Additionally, there is evidence that northern masked chafers may again be a concern. Northern masked chafers caused a great deal of damage last season, particularly, in the rough or other untreated areas. Control strategies can still be implemented to limit the damage the emerging offspring cause later in the year. With all the irrigation that has been performed, Black cutworms have also been damaging turf. These pests wreak havoc shortly after aerification has been performed. The aeration columns are perfect resting sites during the day and as well as putting green surfaces.

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President's Message

"Respect the Sun"

Greetings from SunBaked Pottstown, PA. There has been no rain here since May 22, 1999 and my course is starting to look like a well done baked potato.

I apologize to Kirby Putt and Pete Ramsey for being unable to attend the July meeting at Range End Golf Club, but I was attending to my sun-baked face. After spending 30 of my last 39 years on a golf course, my face is starting to show wear from being in the sun. A recent visit to my doctor shows that a basal cell growth has reoccurred for the third time, and an MRI was ordered. As I lay motionless in this machine for thirty plus minutes, I thought I might have avoided this problem with the use of a good sunscreen.

It is our job as Superintendent's to educate our crew on proper maintenance of the golf course and machinery, but also of safety on the job. We all use gloves, safety glasses, hard hats, etcetera, so why not sunscreen? We syringe fairways, greens, and tees to prevent wilt. We spray fungicides, insecticides, and herbicides to protect our course from potential dangers so why not protect ourselves from the same elements our course is exposed to? "Thou shalt wear sunscreen!" That is the first commandment from dermatologists, but golf course crew members are often reluctant to wear sunscreen -- is it a guy thing?

Sunscreens give nearly total protection if used correctly and that means paying attention to nose, lips, and ears which are especially vulnerable to long-term sun damage. Do not end up like me wasting hours in doctor's offices for physicals, blood work, tests and pre-admission work --- use the same respect and care you give to your golf course to yourself.

Also, do not overlook the hazard the sun can be to your eyes. I suggest a pair of sunglasses that protect your eyes from both glare and UV light. If you are planning to come to Pottstown to visit me, I will supply you with a very dark pair of sunglasses to prevent the straw colored rough from blinding you!

See you all in August at Carlisle Country Club! !

Respectfully, Theodore S. Zabrenski

Speaker Profile

The speaker for the August meeting will be Mark Coffelt, Ph.D. The topic of his presentation will be "Insect Control for Golf Courses". Mark has extensive experience speaking across the country. As National Business Support Manager for AgrEvo, Mark provides training and technical support for this industry.

Mark attended Iowa State University where he studied biology and pest management. He earned his master's degree in entomology from the University of Nebraska. He then worked as a research scientist in urban entomology at Virginia Tech University, where he received his doctorate in entomology. Mark taught general entomology at the University of Nebraska for two years, and taught entomology and horticultural entomology at Virginia Technical University and Christopher Newport University.

Mark participates actively in many professional associations, including the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, the Entomological Society of America, the National Pest Control Association, the Weed Science Society of America, the American Society of Agronomy, and the Pi Chi Omega Pest Control Fraternity.

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Membership News

We would like to welcome the following individuals into our association.

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Michael L. Wilcox, Assistant Superintendent
Lebanon Country Club Class C

John Fowler, Sales Representative
Novartis Class AF

Scott R. Mauchin, Sales Representative
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There were no new applications presented this month. If you know of anyone who may be interested in membership into the association or has questions on the status of their applications, please have them contact Mark Malasavage at (717) 533-3269.

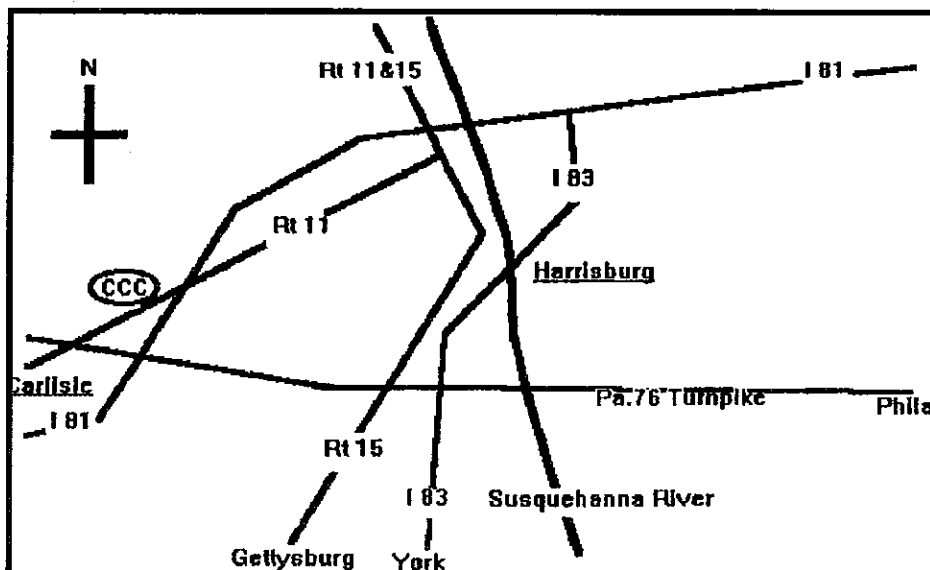
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These insects can crawl nearly 60 ft. in a single evening. This may help to slow their re-invasion later in the season.

Gray leaf spot is a persistent concern. Confirmed diagnosis in central Virginia has alarmed many. However, as of this writing *Dreschilaria siccans* is the only leaf spot organism that has been confirmed, by diagnostic laboratory, on ryegrass in the northern tier of our region. The weather patterns have been ideal for the development of this turf pathogen and ryegrass turf could once again be devastated. Regimented scouting procedures will be needed to control the problem before it spreads. For example, check areas that exhibit drought conditions in bordering rough. Check the moisture content of the soil and examine the foliage of the turf. If adequate soil moisture is present and wilt symptoms are observed, be careful. Other problems may be occurring. Early symptoms are leaf curl (fishhook effect) and leaf twisting. Classic leaf lesions will not be seen during the early stages of disease development. Localized yellowing along the margins of the leaf accompanied by black pin point dots may be evidence that the fungus is active and infection has occurred. Sending a sample to a diagnostic laboratory will be critical and is strongly recommended to confirm your field diagnosis. A definitive diagnosis will allow effective and efficient forms of control to be implemented. As the summer progresses we will stay in contact with diagnostic labs and relay information regarding outbreaks of this disease. This website will be updated every two weeks so, check back.

Keith Happ, Darin Bevard and Stan Zontek

Directions to Carlisle Country Club



From the PA Turnpike:

Take exit #16 to Route 11 North. Carlisle Country Club is about 3/4 mile on the left.

From Route 81:

Take exit #17 to Route 11 South. Carlisle Country Club is about 1/4 mile on the right.

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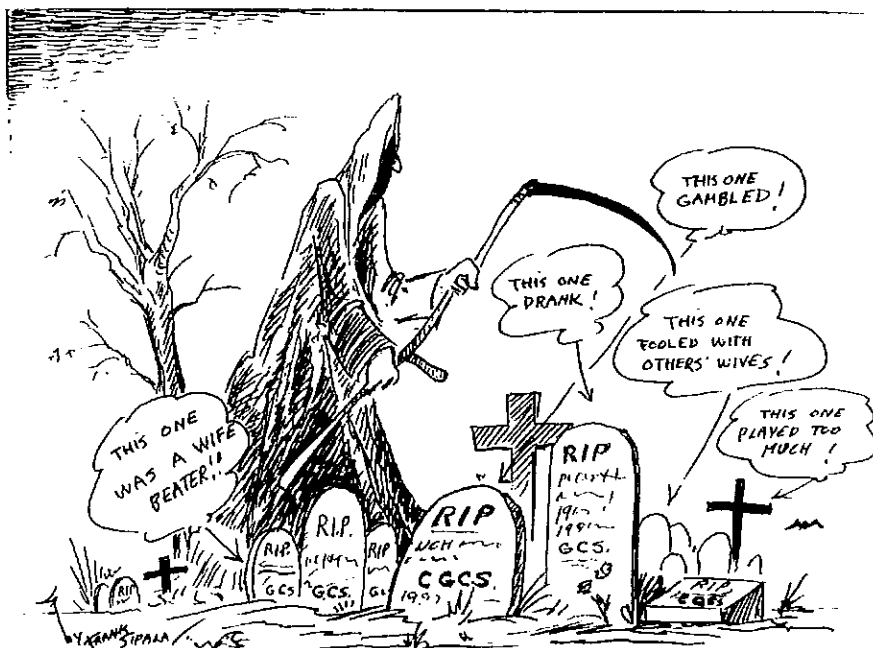
Heather and Gorse

by Mark V. DelSantro, CGCS

What a wonderfully outstanding and all-around enjoyable day that was spent at Range End Golf Club. The weather was fine, and of course the fact that I wish my partners were more beautiful...well, that kind of goes without saying. For the afternoon golf excursion, I was paired with Mr. John Fowler. Mr. Fowler is a very nice, young gentleman who represents Novartis (by the way, that's spelled with a "v" for those of you who flunked remedial spelling 101!). Mr. Fowler is one of the CPGCSA's newest members. After spending nineteen holes of golf with him at Range End, I must say that I feel forced to retract every bad thing I ever said about him. I'm especially proud of the way he kept his cell phone off, at least through the green. He did make one phone call in reference to curing Ascochyta Leaf Blight of Kentucky Bluegrass, but I certainly can't fault him for that. It is said that you can learn more about a person by playing eighteen holes with them, then you can learn in eighteen years of working in the same office. Well, in the five hours I spent with him at Range End, I can tell you that Novartis made a solid choice when they decided on hiring him. As for his golf game, to say "he got game" would not be a fair statement. It took him 16 holes to prove to the rest of us in the foursome that he really could hook the ball, and another two holes to prove that his first hook was no fluke. John led our group with seventeen near hits of opposing golfers, and on the eighth hole, he should have won a free golf lesson for most off-target drive by missing his tee shot, not just one fairway to the right, but a solid two fairways off-line. I can say in all honesty that if golf ever becomes a contact sport, I want John Fowler on my team!

An issue came up recently that I find somewhat thought provoking. Over my fourteen years of striving to "be like H. J. Loke," I've determined that there is somewhat of a double standard amongst the ranks of us who answer to the rich and powerful people of the world. It seems all too often that superintendents around the area are being fired from their positions, not necessarily because of what they have done on the golf course, but rather for what they have done off the country club grounds. Unless you have had your heads buried in the sand traps, you all probably know someone who has bit the proverbial dust for a "faux pas" committed during their so called "free time" away from work. Either the guy has a reputation of being a drinker, or the guy reputedly got caught with his pants down with a member's wife (or daughter), etc. The question that begs to be asked is that in this world of Charles Barkley-type "I am not a role model" attitudes, is getting fired for something that you do on your own personal time justifiable? Furthermore, is it fair? Should you have to worry about where you have a drink after work hours, or whether you get stopped for a DUI, or whether you embarrass yourself at a public gathering? God forbid any green committee chairman whom happens to be visiting New Orleans next February during the GCSAA national conference and tradeshow.

Well, letmetellyouman, Professor/Prophet DelSantro believes life is like the rules of golf; in many circumstances it doesn't seem fair, and in the end, the only one who truly gets hurt in the event of a breach is you. Fair or not, like it or not, this double standard is here to stay! The fact of the matter is that as long as you choose to work for someone other than yourself, the people who control the money will control your activities both inside and outside of the workplace. So much for those who are free from sin casting the first stone! In other-words, "yes Sir Charles, like it or not, you are a role model and please don't throw me through a plate glass window!" I believe that no matter where you work or play, you are representing yourself and any associations/corporations with whom you are affiliated. That includes your family, your employer, the GCSAA and the CPGCSA and if you think about it, there's a lot of responsibility that goes with this territory. How you carry yourself in and out of the workplace, privately or publicly always has the ability to affect your future. So keep this in mind next February when you're walking down Bourbon Street. That drunken, old fart who just bumped into you could be your future green committee chairman. Now that's something to think about from the heather and gorse.



THEY KEPT THEIR COURSES GREEN AND THEIR MANAGERS SEEING RED!!

Drought News Update

Gov. Ridge Declares Drought Emergency in 55 Pennsylvania Counties

Urges continued conservation in remaining 12 counties

In Harrisburg on July 20, 1999, Gov. Tom Ridge signed a proclamation declaring a drought emergency in 55 Pennsylvania counties and calling on Pennsylvanians to conserve water as drought conditions statewide continue to deteriorate. Gov. Ridge said that, should conditions not improve soon, this drought has the potential to be worse than the drought of 1964 – the worst drought on record in state history.

Drought Emergency

This stage is a concentrated management phase of operations to marshal all available resources to respond to actual emergency conditions, to avoid depletion of water sources, to assure at least minimum water supplies to protect public health and safety, to support essential and high priority water uses and to avoid unnecessary economic dislocations. It is possible during this phase to impose mandatory restrictions on nonessential water uses that are provided for in 4 PA Code Chapter 119, if deemed necessary and if ordered by the Governor of Pennsylvania. The objective of water use restrictions (mandatory or voluntary) and other conservation measures during this phase is to reduce consumptive water use in the affected area by 15%, and to reduce total use to the extent necessary to preserve public water system supplies, to avoid or mitigate local or area shortages, and to assure equitable sharing of limited supplies.

Chapter 119. Prohibition of Nonessential Water Uses In a Commonwealth Drought Emergency Area

- 119.4 Section 3 Prohibits the use of freshwater for watering a portion of golf courses, except that fresh water may be used:
- i. To water tees and greens during the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m.
 - ii. To syringe heat sensitive grasses during daytime stress periods at the minimum rate necessary.
 - iii. As part of a necessary overseeding or resodding operation during the months of August, September and October at the minimum rate necessary.

Questions

Can Golf Courses be watered? Tees and greens may be watered between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. Golf course fairway watering is prohibited with two exceptions: 1) Fairways with heat sensitive grasses such as poa annua and bent grasses may be watered for short, 15 minute or less, periods during the heat of day to cool and moisten grasses to keep them from dying; and 2) Fairway overseeding or resodding operations can be watered at minimum rate necessary.

What are heat sensitive grasses? Typically Poa Annua and Bent grass. These may be syringed on fairways for short 15-minute periods during daytime stress periods. The activity should be posted at the clubhouse and on the course so that the public is made aware that the syringing is permitted.

What are the overseeding limits? Overseeding is not just putting down grass seed. It is a planned operation that may include aerification, groove seeding or other techniques. No more than one inch of water may be applied per week for overseeding operations and this watering should be done between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.

What is syringing? Syringing is a short 15-minute watering during the heat of the day to cool and moisten grasses to keep them from dying but not to prevent dormancy.

Sources: PA DEP Watershed Conservation and www.dep.state.pa.us

Golf Results

We thank Kirby Putt, Pete Ramsey, and their staff for an excellent lunch and a great day of golf. The golfing format was a blind partners and the winners are as follows:

1st Place: 153
John Szekeres, Greg Bollinger

2nd Place: 157
Mark Oesterling, Don Benner

3rd Place 159
Mark DelSantro, Brad Shaffer

High Score: 211
Bob Beyers, Tom Drayer

Closest to Pin #10
Kirby Putt

Closest to Pin #15
Joel Simmons

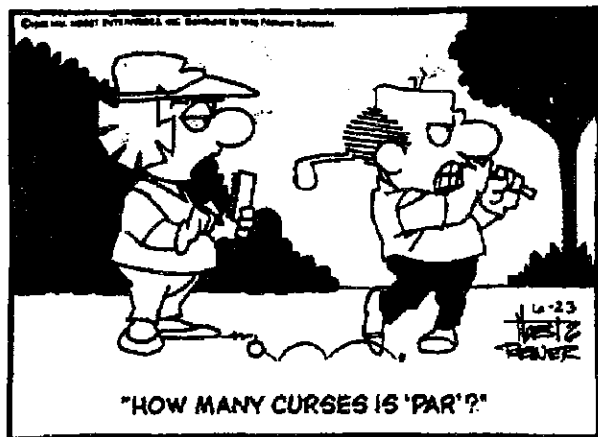
Long Drive #11
Dave Visocan

**Congratulations to
Don Benner!!!
Hole-in-One
on #3**

Also special thanks to Kirby Putt and Paul Wickey for helping out with skins.

Bill Brooks and Scott Fischer, Golf Committee

LOCKHORNS



GCSAA News by Wanda

During the week of June 24 - 26, 1999, I had the opportunity to visit the GCSAA National Headquarters in Lawrence, Ks. The purpose of this trip was to participate in a Chapter Related computer training and to meet with GCSAA personnel. This was quite a learning, as well as enjoyable, experience for me.

We were one of five chapters chosen to attend this session. It was interesting to meet with representatives from various chapters across the country as well as to meet the GCSAA staff that we constantly coordinate with via e-mail, phone calls and mail and mail and more mail.

The computer training was based on the software Microsoft Access, which is the database used by GCSAA. This program will help us to more effectively maintain membership information and to coordinate with their member services. It was quite an intensive program to cover in just 3 days. Anyway, now that I am back, I have locked myself in my office and I'm excited to begin setting up our new database.

Lastly, I encourage anyone that has an opportunity to visit headquarters, the staff of GCSAA could not have been more accommodating and professional and they provide excellent representation for you, the superintendents.

**Congratulations to Mark Malasavage and his
staff at Hershey Country Club on another
successful Nike Tournament.
The course looked great!**

Proposed Bylaw Change

by Thomas Ocepek, Bylaw Chairman

We will discuss and vote on the following bylaw change at the next monthly meeting.

Section 6.05 Class AA - Life Member

- a To qualify for Life Membership, a member must have been an A member for at least twenty-five (25) years
- b A member shall have been a Voting Member of this association in good standing for at least fifteen (15) years and have been an officer or member of the board of directors.
- c A member shall have been a Voting Member of this association in good standing for at least ten (10) years and was a Voting Member in good standing for a least fifteen (15) years in any other chapter association which is a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.
- d A member must be retired from active service as a Golf Course Superintendent. A Life Member shall have all the rights and privileges of the association. He or she shall pay no fees, dues, or assessments.

Proposal: In item c - change the "and" to "or".

Rules of the Game

Most of us know that it is illegal to ask for or give advice to anyone in a golf competition, during a stipulated round, outside of a player's partner and/or caddie. So what are your options when trying to find out what club your opponent just played on a particular hole?

Scenario: You're standing on the seventh hole at Kirby Putt's old golf course Chester Valley. It is a rather long, down hill Par 3, measuring almost 200 yards. The wind is swirling and you are absolutely clueless as to what club to hit. Your opponent, who is sharing the same caddie with you, has the honor. What are the ways you can find out what golf club your opponent hits?

Answer: Essentially, there are three legal ways you can go about finding out what club your opponent hit. First, you can walk over to your opponent's golf bag and provided their clubs are uncovered, you may snoop. Secondly, you may watch your opponent swing and if your eyes are good enough; you may catch a glimpse of their golf club, either during or following their swing. Finally, because you are sharing the same caddie, you may simply ask the caddie. The rules clearly state that you are entitled to seek any information that your caddie might possess.

This scenario actually happened a few years back when I was attending the Bell Atlantic Classic at Chester Valley Golf Club. Just as I arrived at the eighth tee, none other than the Golden Bear, Jack Nicklaus was on the tee. As a front row eyewitness, I stood there and watched Jack walk over to his opponent's golf bag (not five feet from me), while his opponent was playing his shot. The advice paid off for Jack as he knocked the ball about fifteen feet from the hole and rolled his putt in for birdie. Another case in point of benefiting from knowing the rules of golf.

1999 CPGCSA Meetings

- * Sept 21 Wyncote Golf Club
Joint Meeting with Philadelphia
- * October We are looking for a host for this meeting. Annual Meeting

Equipment For Sale

Please contact Mark Biery at (800) 338-1466 if you are interested in the following equipment.

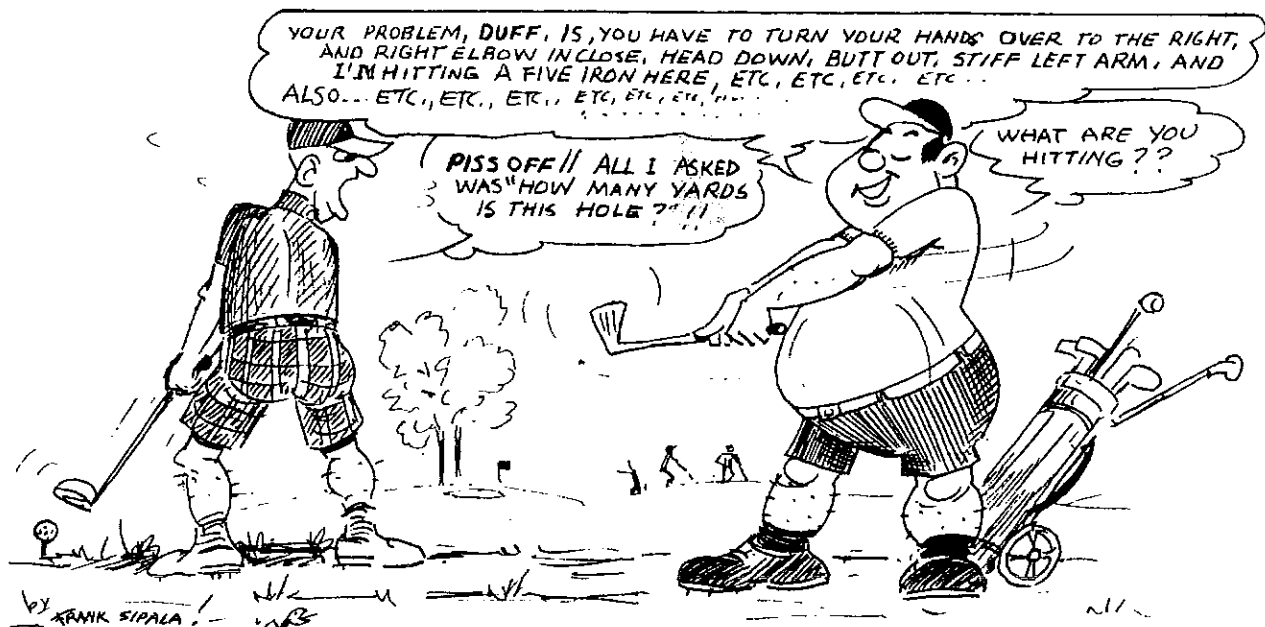
- Toro 5100 Fairway Mower \$8,500
- 6' Harley Rock Rake \$3,500
- Howard Price 180 Rotary (Call for Pricing)
- Toro Greens Aerifier \$5,000

We will continue to advertise "used equipment" and "equipment wanted" in each newsletter. If you have anything that may be of interest, please contact Wanda to place your ad FREE!!

For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the September Newsletter, the deadline for submissions is August 18, 1999.

Please fax information to Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to fry @ nbn.net.



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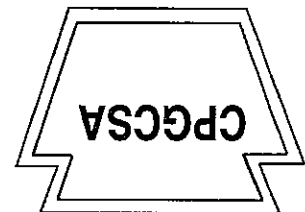
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The Green Sheet



John Graham , Civil Engineer, from the
Susquehanna River Basin Commission will be
joining us on August 5, at Carlisle Country Club
during cocktails from 5:30 - 6:30 PM.

He will be discussing "Water Use Regulations and
How They Relate to Golf Courses" and will also be
available for questions.