

The Green Sheet



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October Meeting

Dauphin Highlands Golf Course

Wednesday, October 20, 1999

9:00 AM - Golf

2:00 PM - Lunch

The Annual Membership meeting and election of officers and directors will be held following lunch.

There will a CPGCSA Board of Directors meeting at 8:00 AM

Golf Course Profile

Dauphins Highlands Golf Course was built in 1994 and opened for play in 1995. The course features bentgrass fairways, multiple tees and excellent visibility of all features throughout. The course is owned by the Dauphin County General Authority and will be turned over to Dauphin County when the debt is satisfied in 2021. The course was designed by Bill Love and built by Ryan Central Inc.

Superintendent Profile

Bill Wall has been Superintendent at Dauphin Highlands since 1994, and became General Manager in 1997. Bill also assists the superintendents at the Bedford Springs and Whitetail Ski Resort golf courses with the renovations, construction, and management of their golf courses. Bill has been married to Patti (Past CPGCSA Secretary) for 27 years. They have 4 children: Amy - 26, Jamie - 23, Kelly - 15 and Billy - 12. When not at the golf course Bill plays entirely too much softball, coaches midget baseball and football, and roots around flea markets for old rock n' roll records and anything to do with Elvis.

Reminder: Lunch and Meeting will be held in outdoor picnic pavilion, please dress appropriately.

USGA "Tip of the Month"

By Stanley J. Zontek

Officially, the drought emergency declared by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been lifted with the exception of Somerset County, PA. Unofficially, the rainfall from two tropical storms has all but flooded eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and the Tidewater area of Virginia. Rainfall amounts have varied. The total for September in southeastern Pennsylvania is approaching 13 inches of rain, in eastern Maryland 10 inches of rain and southern Virginia has received over 20 inches of rainfall. That's too much water under any circumstances. You may count yourself lucky.

What makes these numbers interesting is the fact, when you tally the rainfall amounts for the year, 1999 could well be an average year. We all know that this year has been far from a normal year. Golf courses have suffered but fortunately recovery is underway.

Damaged grass will need extra fertilizer to fill-in voids. How much extra fertilizer? It all depends upon the area. Plan on at least one if not two extra applications of fertilizers to all greens, tees and fairways. What makes these applications to greens all the more important is that, as a general observation, roots have been shallow in greens. The fall and the spring are the best times to regrow these roots.

If you are not already doing so, consider a dormant application of fertilizer to greens and tees. Research has shown that as long as the ground is not frozen, roots continue to grow. That's good news. The extra fertilizer should help keep this process going. Also, dormant application fertilizers tend to get the grass off to a good start early in the spring. This helps the grass recover from any winter injury. The grass is also greener which the golfers appreciate.

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President's Message

"1999" Hopefully Soon Forgotten

Wow what a year! A season of golf that most of us would like to forget. A rainy spring, the drought of the century to hurricane Floyd. What lies next, another ice bound winter??

As my term as President draws near, I would like to thank everyone on the Board who made my term a very enjoyable experience. A special thanks goes to Wanda Fry, for without her our Association would not be what it is today.

Our joint Superintendent meeting with Philadelphia was a rainout, but I don't think too many Superintendents were complaining about rain. Our annual meeting will be held at Dauphin Highlands Golf Course on October 20, 1999. Clean up your clubs and come out to enjoy a great golf course with your fellow Superintendents and friends.

Hope to see everyone there!

Theodore S. Zabrenski, President

1999 Annual Meeting and Elections

The October meeting at Dauphin Highlands will be the annual meeting with election of officers and directors for the 2000 meeting year. Listed below are the nominees.

President: Thomas Ocepek

Vice President: Dan Achenbach

Secretary/Treasurer: Mark DelSantro, CGCS

Proposed By-Law Change

We will also be voting on the following:

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.

"or"

- b A member shall have been a Voting Member of this association in good for at least fifteen (15) years and have been an officer or member of the board of directors.

"or"

- 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 at least fifteen (15) years in any other chapter association which is a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

"and"

- 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: Add "Or" between a,b, and c. Add "And" between c and d. As noted in bold.

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Membership News

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

Ron Diefenthaler, CGCS
Colonial Country Club Class A

Christopher T. LeBarge, Assistant Superintendent
Berkleigh Country Club Class C

Our sympathy goes out to Honorary Member Henry Nixon on the loss of his wife.

Get Well Wishes to Honorary Member Harold Stewart!!

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.

Golf Results

There are no golf results this month due to the fact that our September meeting with the Philadelphia GCS was rained out.

Sincerely,
Scott Fischer, Golf Committee

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We agronomists have occasionally heard that dormant feeding encourages Poa annua. The reality of the situation is that, Poa annua will be aggressive in the spring regardless of whether a dormant application of plant food is made. The fertilizer helps all grass but especially the rooting of bent. It is something to consider.

The rate for dormant application of fertilizer is 1 lb. of actual nitrogen /M sq. ft..

As always, hope this information proves useful and we agronomists of the Mid-Atlantic region wish all of you a peaceful, restful fall.

Equipment For Sale

We will continue to advertise "used equipment" and "equipment wanted" for superintendents 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 November Newsletter, the deadline for submissions is October 29, 1999.

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

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.

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Heather and Gorse

by Mark V. DelSantro, CGCS

Autumn has got to be the most glorious time of year for golf course superintendents. It earmarks the end of another golf season and allows us time to review our performances. In some ways, superintendents are like professional coaches. How our fans and critics measure us depends strictly on how our products perform during the season. Whether or not we have the best resources, the greatest knowledge or the highest payroll factors into our reviews, but the bottom line, what we're measured on is did we win or lose? And the off season we all take the time to begin rebuilding and improving our products in preparing for next season's schedule. The irony is interesting. Of course, components of our products aren't necessarily greedy and won't hold out on a signed agreement.

Speaking of sports, did anyone watch the Ryder Cup soccer matches? A few weeks ago the ugly Americans reared their omnipotent heads in an event in which Samuel L. Ryder likely rolled over in his grave more than once. The 1999 Ryder Cup competition was held at the Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts. The event will, without question, go down in history as a combination of as good and as bad as it gets in sports.

The good included one of the best and most exciting comebacks in the history of sport; the team coming back from a 10 to 6 deficit to win 14 1/2 to 13 1/2. The good included the shot making ability of the Europeans over the first two days. The good included the putts that Justin Leonard made down the stretch, coming back from four down with seven to play to halve Jose Marie Olazabal for the deciding last half point. The good included the concession of the hole on the 18th green by Payne Stewart to Colin Montgomery after the team event had been decided. The good included many exciting moments, the list could go on and on.

Unfortunately, the list of ugly far outweighs the good. First, there was the ugly controversy over the PGA event profits and whether the already wealthy, greedy, and somewhat ugly players should have a right to control those profits. Then, in a way that would only impress true Philadelphia sports fans, the ugly Americans insulted the Europeans in the pre-event hype with asinine comments such as "On paper, the Europeans couldn't even carry our golf bags!" and "We have the best 12 golfers in the world on our team." Then, during the final round, the ugly U.S. crowd took it upon themselves to act as the thirteenth member of the U.S. squad. They heckled and jeered many of the European players during the final round on Sunday. The rushing of the ugly American players, their ugly wives, and their ugly caddies and supporters running across the 17th green after Justin sunk his putt, but before Jose Marie played his putt for a half, could be excused to a point. But the honking of a car horn in the middle of Jose Marie Olazabal's back swing on the putt that could have kept the match alive is down right nasty. Finally, there were the ugly American fans, who spat on the wife of European Ryder Cup Captain Mark James'. These people ought to be strung up by their gonads! If winning the 1999 Ryder Cup was based on the belief that "stroke play is the truest test of golf, while match play is the truest test of character," the ugly Americans, with their ugly fans should have conceded the match to the Europeans.

Other annoying observations from the Ryder Cup included Johnny Miller, NBC color commentator. If I had a dollar for every time I heard Johnny say something like, "this shot is extremely difficult, he's got an impossible lie, he'd be lucky to get this ball within ten feet of the hole..." and then watch the player proceed to either make the shot or nearly make the shot, Heather and Gorse would be a magazine. The flop shot the Tiger holed from behind the green is a wonderful example. The hole outs of Jesper, Darren, Davis, Sergio, Steve, and Tom are other examples that come to mind. I'm not saying that these guys aren't good. I'm just tired of the melodramatic set-up that the commentators parlay.

One final observation of the Ryder Cup was the sponsorship of the event by the PGA of America. Numerous commercials each day during the event ... beefing up the image of a professional in the golf field. I thought golfers and nongolfers alike were educated on what being a PGA club professional is all about. The commercials were well done! I wonder what it would be like to be affiliated with an organization that nationally promotes its members in such a grand fashion, at an event such as the Ryder Cup? (Maybe this subject will grace the pages of a future heather and gorse.)

In closing, kudos to our brethren from the PGA of America for promoting their image the way it should be done, kudos to the Europeans Ryder Cup players for keeping their heads high and their lips (for the most part) sealed, kudos to Steve Pate for not running onto the seventeenth green following Justin's putt and kudos to the ugly Americans for a historic presentation of sportsmanship. Like it or not, that's strictly my ugly point of view from the heather and gorse.

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J.M. "Joe" Vargas Jr., Ph.D. is a professor of botany and plant pathology at Michigan State University.

Textbook Information:

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Upcoming Events

- * October 4, 1999 25th Annual Western PA Turfgrass Tournament, Fox Chapel Golf Club, Pittsburgh, PA . Contact Mark Kuhns (412) 828-8000 or PTC (814) 863-3475.
- * October 5, 1999 Joseph M. Duich Turfgrass Endowment Tournament, Saucon Valley Country Club, Bethlehem, PA. Contact Beverly, Saucon Valley Country Club (610) 758-7170.
- * October 18, 1999 23rd Annual Joseph Valentine Memorial Golf Tournament, Gulph Mills Country Club, King of Prussia, PA. Contact John Chassard at (610) 967-4643 or PTC (814) 863-3475.
- * November 9-11, 1999 Penn State Golf Turf Conference, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA Contact Peter Landschoot (814) 863-1017 or PTC (814) 863-3475.
- * January 11-13, 2000 Eastern PA Turf Conference & Trade Show, Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA. Contact Michael Smith (610) 828-0253 or PTC (814) 863-3475.
- * February 9-11, 2000 Western PA Turf Conference & Trade Show, Pittsburgh Expo Mart/Radisson Hotel. Contact Barry Grote (412) 848-1674 or PTC.
- * February 14-20, 2000 GCSAA 71st Conference & Show, New Orleans, LA. Contact GCSAA at (800) 472-7878.

Rules of the Game

Question: A player's ball overhung the edge of the hole. Twelve seconds following the time the player reached the hole, the opponent conceded the player's next stroke for a five, after which the ball fell into the hole. What is the player's score on the hole?

Answer: The player's score was five. It is immaterial that the player's ball fell into the hole after the opponent had conceded the player's next stroke. If the opponent had not conceded the player's next stroke, the player's score would also be five because the circumstances the player would be deemed to have holed out with his last stroke and he would incur a penalty stroke.

Now what if... in a match between A and B, A putts and his ball apparently comes to rest, but is overhanging the hole. Before A reaches the hole, B concedes A's next stroke and knocks the ball away. Was B entitled to knock A's ball away?

Answer: Absolutely not! Under rule 16-2, A is allowed a reasonable amount of time plus an additional ten seconds to determine whether his ball is at rest. Since B infringed A's rights, B was in breach of Rule 1-2 (exerting an influence on the ball) and either lost or halved the hole depending on his score.

*If you or someone you know is interested in running for the 2000 CPGCSA Board of Directors, please contact Mark Malasavage at
(717) 533-3269.*

Ten Best Things to Say When You Get Caught Sleeping At Your Desk

- 10 "They told me at the blood bank this might happen."
- 9 "This is just a 15 minute power nap like they raved about in that time management course you sent me to."
- 8 "Whew! Guess I left the top off of the White-Out. You probably got here just in time!"
- 7 "I wasn't sleeping! I was meditating on the mission statement and envisioning a new paradigm."
- 6 "I was testing my keyboard for drool resistance."
- 5 "I was doing a highly specific Yoga exercise to relieve work-related stress. Are you discriminatory toward people who practice yoga?"
- 4 "Darn! Why did you interrupt me? I had almost figured out a solution to our biggest problem."
- 3 "The coffee machine is broken...."
- 2 "Someone must've put decaf in the wrong pot...."

And the #1 best thing to say if you get caught sleeping at your desk.....

- 1 ".....in Jesus' name. Amen"

Governor Ridge Lifts Drought Emergency Restrictions for 54 Counties

Press Release from Commonwealth News Bureau

Harrisburg (Sept 30) Gov. Tom Ridge today lifted the drought emergency water-use restrictions for 54 counties imposed on July 20.

"This summer, we faced a very serious drought across Pennsylvania," Gov. Ridge said. "It was essential in July to conserve water immediately. We asked Pennsylvanians to conserve water — and they did! Water consumption was cut by as much as 35 percent in some areas. Pennsylvanians' work to conserve our water - and the rains Hurricane Floyd and other storms brought to Pennsylvania — helped get us through the drought."

"We don't want to impose these restrictions one day longer than we must. So today, I'm pleased to announce that I am lifting these water restrictions for 54 counties."

Somerset County remains in drought-emergency status. There are three community water systems in the county that have not yet recovered and need to continue their rationing plans.

On July 20, Gov. Ridge declared a drought emergency in 55 counties. Gov. Ridge amended the declaration on Sept. 10 to include all 67 counties - to make farmers statewide eligible for the more than \$5 million in interim state assistance provided pending grants from the federal government. The agricultural drought emergency stays in place statewide for any area where farmers have significant crop damage.

"While the drought is over, the damage isn't," Gov. Ridge said. "And we can't forget those who were so badly hurt by it. Our farmers have lost at least \$700 million because of this drought, and we must all join together to urge Congress to do the right thing and send grants to help them recover."

Examples of the restrictions imposed last July are bans on: washing cars with a hose; watering lawns; water outdoor gardens and landscaped areas; washing paved surfaces; filling fountains; topping off pools; and serving water in restaurants unless requested.

After the Governor signed the proclamation today, he directed the Department of Environmental Protection Secretary James M. Seif to move 27 counties into a drought warning and 39 counties into a watch.

A drought watch is the first and least severe of the three drought declarations under the state's drought-operation plan.

It calls for voluntary 5 percent reduction of nonessential water use. A drought warning, the second stage of the three drought declarations, calls for a 10 percent voluntary reduction in water consumption. A drought emergency, the third and most severe stage, imposes mandatory restrictions on water use.

Following is a listing of the current drought status for all Pennsylvania counties:

Drought Emergency (1)

Somerset

Drought Warning (27)

Allegheny	Cameron	Elk	Jefferson	Warren
Armstrong	Centre	Erie	Lawrence	Washington
Beaver	Clarion	Fayette	McKean	Westmoreland
Bedford	Clearfield	Forest	Mercer	
Butler	Clinton	Greene	Potter	
Cambria	Crawford	Indiana	Venango	

Drought Watch (39)

Adams	Cumberland	Lancaster	Montour	Sullivan
Berks	Dauphin	Lebanon	Northampton	Susquehanna
Blair	Delaware	Lehigh	Northumberland	Tioga
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The latest drought information including precipitation tables and water-conservation tips are available on the Pennsylvania homepage at www.state.pa.us or directly at www.dep.state.pa.us (choose Subjects/Water Management/Drought).

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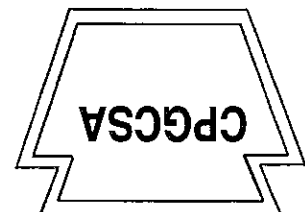
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GCSAA Seminars

The following is a listing of GCSAA Chapter-Hosted seminars that are being offered locally this fall/winter. Please mark them down, they are excellent seminars, close to home, good for certification.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Seminar</u>	<u>Hosted by</u>
November 18	Human Relations	Pocono TGA
December 14	Bentgrass Stress Management	Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS
December 15	Personal Stress Management	Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS
January 11	Ecology	Greater Pittsburgh GCSA
January 27	Management Strategies for Turfgrass Systems	Central Penn GCSA**
January 28	Enhancing Your Value As A Golf Course Superintendent	Central Penn GCSA**
March 7	Stress Management	Philadelphia GCS
March 14	Turfgrass Stress Management	Mountain and Valley GCSA

**** CPGCSA Seminars will be held at Heritage Hills Resort and Conference Center, York, PA**