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April Meeting

Tri Meeting with Pocono, Central, and Philadelphia Associations

Silver Creek Country Club

Monday, April 24, 2000

11:00 AM - Golf
4:00 PM - Cocktails
6:00 PM - Dinner

There will be no CPGCSA Board of Directors meeting.

Golf Course Profile

Silver Creek Country Club is a 27 hole golf course that was originally owned by Bethlehem Steel from 1947 - 1987 when it was purchased by the membership and renamed Silver Creek. The original 18 holes were designed by Donald Ross in 1948 making it one of the last courses he designed and visited on site. The additional 9 holes were built in 1962 by the Gordon Brothers.

Superintendent Profile

Tony Grieco is a 1984 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University Turf Program. He has been a superintendent since 1989 and received his CGCS in 1995. Tony is now entering his sixth season as superintendent at Silver Creek Country Club.

Speaker

Mr. Roger A. Stewart, Jr., CGCS will be sharing information regarding PDI (Professional Development Initiative).

2000 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

- * May 16 Colonial Country Club
Ron Diefenthaler, CGCS
Joint Meeting with Keystone
- * June 6 Mayapple Golf Links
David Weitzel, CGCS
- * July 11 Rich Maiden Golf Course
Charles Berger
- * August Open
Joint Meeting with Philadelphia
- * September Open
Association Championship
- * October 10 Country Club of York
Terry Wueschinski, CGCS
Annual Meeting

New This Year.....

There will be a \$100.00 award given to the best newsletter article submitted in 2000. A committee will be formed to vote at the end of the year and the \$100.00 award will be presented to the winner at next year's Winter Educational Meeting. All members are eligible.

If you would like to write an article for a particular month, please contact Bill Brooks ASAP.

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President's Message

After a great day at Bent Creek I feel the need to thank Vice President Dan Achenbach of Foxchase for all his hard work in bringing another successful educational meeting to our association. Dan coordinated the day from the topics and speakers to lunch. I know the time it takes to put a day like this together. The endless phone calls, faxes, organizing the schedule of the speakers, and venue. You did a wonderful job Dan. And we greatly appreciated your effort.

Concerning other association business we are pursuing goals of creating a brochure for our association to attract new members and enhance our image with existing members. We also will be reviewing our existing bylaws and trying to update, revise or totally recreate sections. The first items to be voted on will be AA and student membership classifications. Many other items have crossed our agenda including, a scholarship to be presented by our association, round table discussions at monthly meetings in lieu of speakers, and concerns and updates from PTC, Allied, PDA, DEP, SRBC, and GCSAA. I'm sure the hot topics will be the drought, FQPA and PDI. (When my wife asked what all the acronyms stood for I told her, "Don't worry. Just type it ASAP. Wanda needs it tomorrow!")

So for now mark your calendars for our April meeting at Silver Creek Country Club hosted by Pocono GCSA. I hope to see you there!

"How to Grow and Cultivate An Ulcer"

In the first place you must understand that ulcers are not normally found in your stomach. To grow one requires much ingenuity and persistence. If you don't succeed with your first efforts, keep trying. The following advice may help;

- 1 Your stomach is a big and useful organ that is built to take a lot of abuse. You can pour almost boiling coffee into it, and it will cool the coffee; you can cram frozen milk into it, and it will warm the milk. Its juices will break down solid food or kill bacteria with equal facility. Three-fourths of it may be removed and the remainder will make up for the defect. You really have to do something extraordinary to foul up such an organ. One effective way is to take your meals at irregular intervals and keep fooling your stomach. Try to skip breakfast. Take your lunch on the fly, between conferences or on your way to the bank. Instead of a meal, grab some junk food and a soda.
- 2 Try to work up an emotional upset over everything. Keep worrying about the cost of living, the atomic bomb, graft and corruption. If you have nothing else to worry about, worry about the weather.
- 3 Vacations are a waste of time. Don't take them. If forced to take one, be sure to take some work with you and keep in telephone contact with the office.
- 4 Ignore minor symptoms like abdominal pain, or nausea, or spells of dizziness. They will pass away. Prove that you are a tough guy.
- 5 Stick to your opinion and never accept the possibility that you may be mistaken. Never compromise. A rigid point of view is a sign of great intelligence.
- 6 Never delegate responsibility. Do everything yourself. That way you will be sure that everything will be done exactly the way you want it.
- 7 Don't sleep more than absolutely necessary. After some practice you will find that you can get along fine on three or four hours' sleep. If you feel sleepy in the office, take coffee, one cup or five, whatever you need to keep your mind bright and alert. When coffee no longer takes effect, try Benzedrine.
- 8 Keep going, going, going! This may sound like hard work to you, but you do know that an ulcer is a symbol of social distinction demanded by the status seekers. It is almost a membership requirement so that by the time you have a second car or a sprawling home on the elite side of town you should have a full blown ulcer as well. Then again just maybe you want to take things a little more relaxed and forget the ulcer.

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Membership News

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

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Sunset Golf Course.....Class B

Chad R. Oxenreider, Assistant Superintendent
Heidelberg Country Club.....Class C

Allan R. Herr, Sales Representative
Lancaster Ford Tractor.....Class AF

2000 Membership Dues.....The final membership dues statements will be mailed on April 15, 2000. This third notice will include the \$10.00 late fee. Please return your payment ASAP to retain your membership and to continue receiving association mailings.

Congratulations to:

Scott and Jeanine Mauchin on the birth of their twin daughters, Kylie and Lindsay on Saturday, March 25.

Congratulations to:

Tony Goodley, CGCS on completing his certification renewal.

Our Sympathies to:

The family of Richard L. Wile who passed away on February 1.

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 Scott Fischer at (717) 246-6538.

Quote of the Month...

The award goes to Kirby Putt. When I asked him how the trap rakes that I GAVE him for FREE were working out, he responded,

"Those rakes have less teeth left on them than the people in the front row of a Willie Nelson concert!"

"So if anyone is getting rid of any trap rakes that have teeth, talk to Kirby. He needs replacements for the toothless ones that he has out there. By the way, Kirby wants to let you all know that "your junk is my treasure!" So if you have anything that is old, with a little rust and corrosion, that barely runs, give him a call. He would be glad to hear from you. Pete Ramsey might have something else to say.

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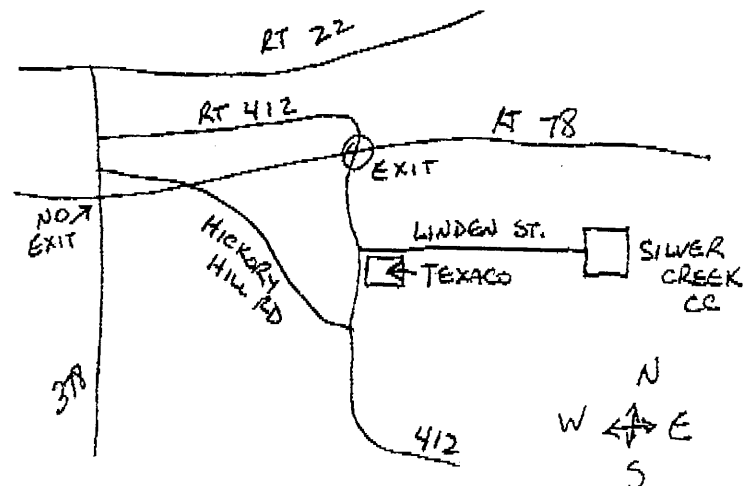
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GCSAA Scholarships

- ♦ Legacy Awards - Sponsored by Novartis, \$1,500 scholarships to children and grandchildren of GCSAA members who have been active members for five or more consecutive years. The student must be studying in a field unrelated to golf course management. Deadline is April 15.
- ♦ GCSAA Footsteps on the Green Contest - This new scholarship contest will have prizes totaling \$8,000 plus expense paid trips to GCSAA's international golf course conference and show for first, second and third place winners. It is open to children and grandchildren of GCSAA members who are following in their parents'/grandparents' footsteps in the golf course management profession. Deadline is April 15.

Directions to Silver Creek Country Club



Your best route if you are not familiar with the area is Route 78 to 412 South. Follow 412 South about 1 mile then turn left at the Texaco Gas Station (Linden Street). Linden Street dead ends at the entrance to the club.

From the Editor.....Bill Brooks

I hope everyone had the opportunity to read the article "Consistent Perfection" in the All Things Considered section of the January/February 2000 USGA Green Section Record. The article addresses the issue of golf course management in an "everything now" society. If you haven't read it, please do...and give a copy to your Green Committee.

I know that I can relate to the article 100%! Cell phones, fax machines, computers and the WEB, etc., have a direct impact on golf course management! 20 years ago this technology was non-existent. Who would have ever thought back then that now we could have as much information we would ever need at the click of a button? Information, convenience, luxury, and technology has gone through the roof in the past 20 years. I thought at one time garage door openers and TV remotes were as good as it could get! But now in the 00's (boy that sounds strange!), we have everything we want.

In 1978, U. S. Open green speeds were 8.5' on the stimpmeter. Who would have ever thought back then that now 8.5' would be considered VERY SLOW (on a daily basis at most clubs) and that speeds of 10' would be the daily standard? Who would have ever thought back then that now we would be topdressing fairways and taking stimpmeter readings on fairways.

So for the golfer, the game of golf has become a "convenient" game. In the "everything now" society we live in, the average golfer expects consistency and perfection every day regardless of the many factors we can't control - #1 being the weather. Achieving green speeds of 11' on a sunny, dry, windy day is a reasonable expectation from the golfer. Achieving that same speed the following day with high humidity after 1" of rainfall is impossible.

This past winter I received a few "interesting" complaints, both being in the month of January, which reminds me that this "everything now" thing is even creeping in during the winter months. In the second week in January, a very influential member complained the greens were slow and asked if we could mow them. Later in January, another very influential and informed member stated that we had an unfair pin placement on our second hole, a par 3. His words were, "When the ground is frozen, there is no way to get a tee shot close to the hole." I responded with a chuckle - thinking he was joking, but after a blank stare back at me and further discussion, I realized **HE WASN'T JOKING!!!** He should be thankful that the golf course and greens are even open at that time of year! So it is now getting to the point where we need to base winter pin locations on whether the ground will be frozen or not! Where will it stop?

Well, anyway, I still love my job and can't think of anything else I'd rather be doing. In my 7 years experience as a Golf Course Superintendent I have definitely seen the "everything now" society creeping in to the game of golf, **EVEN IN WINTER MONTHS** and that the only way to survive without growing ulcers, and heart attacks is to "be like a duck and let everything run off." Of course, a little prayer each day certainly helps!

Have a great year in 2000! Do your best and be like a duck!



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Green Sheet Supporters

If you are interested in being a supporter of the "Green Sheet" please call Wanda for information on how to have your company listed in each monthly issue.

Think Safety When You Power Up for Spring

As temperatures rise, most people look forward to getting out their lawn and garden tools to do their seasonal spruce-up around the house. The safety experts at Underwriters Laboratories recommend the following tips:

- ✓ Always look for the UL mark before purchasing a power tool, garden appliance or any other electrical product.
- ✓ Before using any appliance or tool, read and follow the manufacturer's use and care instructions that come with the product.
- ✓ Before each use, inspect power tools and electric garden appliances for frayed power cords and cracked or broken castings. If the product is damaged, stop using it immediately. Don't attempt to repair it yourself. Have a qualified repair shop examine the product.
- ✓ Never alter a product or remove safety features such as blade guards or electric-plug grounding pins.
- ✓ Unplug all portable electrically operated power tools when not in use. These tools contain electricity even when they're turned off but are still plugged in.
- ✓ Use and store power tools and garden appliances away from water sources to avoid electric shock. Never use power tools or appliances in the rain.
- ✓ Never carry an appliance by the cord, and never yank the cord when removing it from a receptacle. When disconnecting the cord, always grasp the plug - not the wire. Keep the cord away from heat, oil and sharp edges.
- ✓ When using power tools and garden appliances, always wear proper attire. Keep your clothing, hands and feet away from cutting blades at all times. Never wear jewelry when working with tools. Always wear safety glasses.
- ✓ Safe footwear is important, especially with walk-behind mowers. Never work barefoot or in sandals or canvas shoes.
- ✓ If you have a gasoline-fueled mower, store the gas in a UL listed safety can. Fill the mower outside, using a funnel to prevent spills. Stay away from possible ignition sources and replace the gas cap firmly when done. Before starting the mower, be sure it's on level ground, disengage all clutches and use the correct starting procedure described in the owner's manual for your mower.
- ✓ Always start the mower outdoors. Never operate the mower where carbon monoxide can collect, such as in a closed garage, storage shed or basement.
- ✓ Never leave a lawn mower operational while unattended. Curious children who are eager to help out may get seriously injured.

CREDIT: National Safety Council

(Editors Note: Use as a refresher with seasonal laborers returning to employment soon.)

Allied News

The Allied Golf Course Superintendents Association of Pennsylvania wish to thank the following companies for their support of the 2000 Hospitality Suite in New Orleans.

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Equipment For Sale

Please contact Jeff Granitz at Golf Club at Felicita (717) 599-5703 if you are interested in the following equipment.

- 1 - 1978 National 84" Triplex Mower, manuals included.
- 1 - 1992 Ryan DGA 30-06 Aerator Model #5448829110, manuals included
- 1 - 1982 National 68" Triplex Mower, manual included.
- 2 - 1987 Lesco 84" Triplex Greens/Tee Mowers, Model #300, manuals included.
- 1 - 1984 Ford Diesel Tractor with Front Load, Model #3910, manual included.
- 1 - 1987 Jacobsen Turfcut II 72" Out-Front Rotary Mower, manuals included.
- 1 - 1964 West Point Products 24" Power Spiker, Model #PS, manual included.
- 1 - 1989 Cushman, OMC-Lincoln, Broyhill 15 foot, 18 nozzle spray boom assembly with 10 inch vari-spacing option (TeeJet XR 8004VS nozzles) Model # 2443, Cushman #888458, manuals included. Never used.
- 1 - Broyhill or SDI 24 foot Sprayer Boom Assembly, manuals included.
- 1 - Royer Power Screen/Conveyer, Model #30, manual.
- 1 - 1989 Cushman Accessory Three Wheel Cab Set (includes windshield wiper motor, brake light, mounting hardware) Modification #000681. Manual.
- 1 - Bunton 22" Walk-behind Greens Mower, manual.
- 1 - 10/12 inch Sod Cutter
- 1 - 1989 Cushman, Broyhill 120 gallon Sprayer Tank, Pump, Valve and Gauge. Broyhill #2445-120. Cushman #888456, manuals
- 1 - V-snow plow, no mounting frame.

Please contact Ron Diefenthaler at Colonial Country Club (717) 545-6750 or grounds@paonline.com for information on the following equipment. Best offers will also be considered.

- 5 - 1990 Jacobsen LF 100 Mowing Units in excellent condition. The units are rebuilt, sharpened, and ready to use. \$200 each
- 1 - Jacobsen Tow-behind 5-Gang Mower in excellent condition. The units are 6-bladed, with rollers and semi-pneumatic wheels. Units are rebuilt, sharpened, painted, and ready to use, includes pull frame. \$3,000
- 1 - Jacobsen Tow-behind Aerifier Model 548 in good condition. Aerifier has new lift cylinders and hydraulic hook-ups to tractor for raising and lowering, 80" width. \$1,500
- 1 - 1990 Jacobsen Turfcut Model 422D in fair condition. Needs deck motor, 3227 hours, engine and transaxle rebuilt in 1995. 60" deck. \$1,200

- 1 - John Deere Sweeper Model 152 in good condition. Kohler 18HP engine, tow-behind, electric start, 60" width. \$1,000
- 1 - Mars Sweeper Model 444 DH in fair condition. Briggs and Stratton 5 HP engine, 48" width. \$500
- Chempro Sprayer in good condition. 136-gallon stainless steel tank, 8 HP Kohler engine, Tee-jet controller, and 18' boom with 3 way nozzles. \$2,000

If interested in the following piece of equipment, please contact Brad Shaffer at Briarwood Golf Course (717) 792-1460.

- 1 - Jacobsen F-10 in good condition with blitzer units. Tractor had winter maintenance performed and units were overhauled and ground. \$4,000/negotiable.

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!!

You Know You're a Chop When....

- ‡ You play 15 holes before noticing that the fairways were just aerated.
- ‡ You say, "I may not have enough balls to finish the round."
- ‡ You wear colored socks with short pants (which, by the way, also makes you a geek and a redneck).
- ‡ When you do take a divot in front of the ball, it's because you missed the ball.
- ‡ You have never played from the blue tees, nor have you ever received an invitation to play from someone who does.
- ‡ All your "closest-to-the-pin" awards have come from bowling.
- ‡ Your idea of course management is not hitting a house.
- ‡ You nearly poke out an eye the first time you try a long putter.
- ‡ You have a lake on your course renamed in honor of your weekly deposits.
- ‡ You finally do break 100, and spend the rest of the afternoon in the bar explaining the dynamics of your improved grip and shoulder turn.
- ‡ You tell the teaching pro you don't want to change what feels comfortable about your swing.

*by Reid Champagne and Bill Kamenjar,
Washington Golf Monthly, March 2000*

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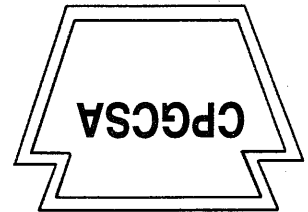
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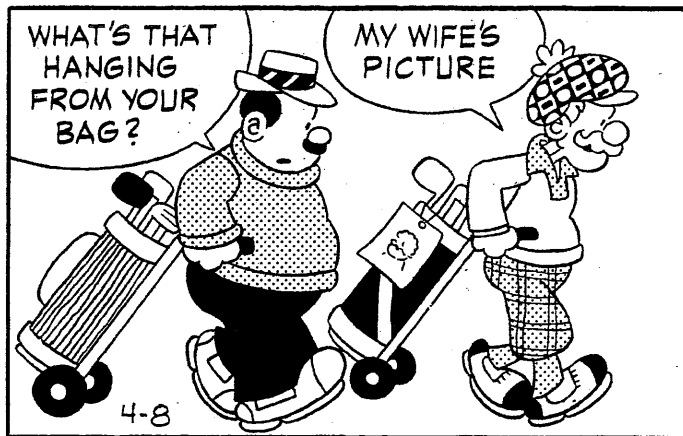
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