



The Green Sheet



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June Meeting

Mayapple Golf Links

Tuesday June 6, 2000

11:30 AM - Lunch

12:30 PM - Golf

There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors meeting at 9:45 AM.

Golf Course Profile

Mayapple Golf Links was built in 1990. Mayapple is a Scottish links style course open to the public. The clubhouse features the pro shop, locker room facilities, restaurant and bar. The course also features a driving range and practice area. Mayapple was purchased by its present owner, Mr. James Froelich in 1996.

Superintendent Profile

Dave Weitzel, CGCS has been superintendent at Mayapple Golf Links since 1997. He has been a member of the CPGCSA and GCSAA since 1972. Dave became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent in 1983. He is married with two sons. Dave's hobbies include golf, hunting and driving.

Directions to Mayapple Golf Links

- **From I-81 Northbound** - I-81 North to Exit 15. Right at bottom of off ramp, Rt. 74 South. Get in outside lane. Proceed approximately 1 mile to main entrance on right.
- **From I-81 Southbound** - I-81 South to Exit 16. Left at bottom of off ramp, High Street. Proceed 1/4 mile to first crossroad. Turn right on Fairview Street. Proceed to first stop sign. Turn left on Rt. 74 South. Proceed approximately 1/2 mile to main entrance on right.

Golf Course Water Usage Dries Up

Annual Survey Shows Golf Course Superintendents Water More with Less

Golf course superintendents are conserving more water than they did 10 years ago. According to a survey released by the Golf Course Superintendents Association (GCSAA), the managers of the nation's golf courses are protecting one of the environment's most precious resources by watering more with less.

The GCSAA's 2000 Leadership Survey probed 1,800 golf course superintendents on a variety of issues pertaining to golf, golf course management and the industry as a whole. The results revealed that 40% of superintendents are using less water on their golf courses today than they were 10 years ago. Of those using less water, 46% of superintendents are using 11%-20% less water than they were 10 years ago and almost a third (32%) said they are using between 20%-50% less water than a decade ago.

Sixteen percent (16%) of the superintendents said they are using the same amount of water as 10 years ago while only 33% answered they were using more water.

Increasingly, five out of six superintendent (83%) say they are applying water to the same or greater area than they were a decade ago. More than half (55%) categorized the larger area by describing it as either "somewhat larger" or "much larger".

I don't know of a professional who is more keenly aware of water issues than the golf course superintendent, and I don't know of an industry that has made as large gains in the area of water conservation as the golf course management industry," said GCSAA President R. Scott Woodhead, CGCS.

"Today we are much more well educated and well equipped on water management issues. Better grass selections for respective climates and computer monitored irrigation systems have been tremendous advances. Compared to other businesses, and most certainly homeowners, golf courses are among the most efficient users of water."

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President's Message

What a perfect day at Colonial Country Club. My thanks to Ron Diefenthaler, CGCS and his staff for a great day. Those of you who missed the opportunity to attend, I hope to see you at Mayapple Golf Links on June 6th.

Now for the Local News.....During the membership meeting we approved a new Student Membership Classification. We also approved the modifications to the AA Life Member Classification. I informed the membership of the association that we are inviting our AA and R members to attend our meeting on July 11 at Rich Maiden Golf Course complimentary.

Now for the National News.....Our association has received applications for the Environmental Steward Awards, if you are interested in receiving an application, please call. Also, we received the call for 2001 Nominations for GCSAA officers and board of directors. Any serious candidates should be brought forward. And lastly, GCSAA Chapter Leadership Institute is a new program available for current board members that involves 16 months of web and in person training to educate current and future leaders of the GCSAA.

Coming Up.....We are looking into costs of a social event, we will be receiving a briefing from John Dougherty on getting your SRBC ducks in a row, and hopefully your first look at the preliminary Central Pennsylvania GCSA brochure.

Finally.....Thanks to the Keystone Association for their participation in the May meeting.

*An Invitation to our esteemed
Class A - Life Members and Class R - Retired
Members of our Association.*

*It is with great pleasure that I get to extend an
invitation to you.*

*Attend the July 11 meeting at Rich Maiden Golf
Course on us, your fellow members.*

We all hope you can attend.

2001 GCSAA Seminars

Sponsored by CPGCSA

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| January 25 | Strategic Planning for Golf Course Operations
Allan Pulaski |
| January 26 | Managing on the Job Behavior
Gerry Sweda |

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Membership News

The following individuals have applied for membership into our association. If there are no written objections within the next seven days, they will be accepted into CPGCSA at the next meeting.

Gregory A. Byrne, Assistant Superintendent
Carlisle Country Club.....Class C

Dennis DeSanctis, Branch Manager
Finch Turf Equipment.....Class AF

Eric Fisher, Sales Representative
Lesco.....Class AF

David T. Frey, Superintendent
Country Club of Harrisburg.....Class A

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Philadelphia Turf Company.....Class AF

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Fisher & Son Company.....Class AF

Timothy A. O'Neil, Assistant Superintendent
Moselem Springs Golf Club.....Class C

Walter K. Robinson, Assistant Superintendent
Crossgates Golf Course.....Class C

Robert C. Werth, Assistant Superintendent
Lancaster Country Club.....Class C

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.



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By-Law Revisions

Below are the two revisions that were voted by the membership at the May meeting at Colonial Country Club.

Section 6.14 Class S - Student Members

To qualify for student membership an applicant must be a full-time turfgrass student enrolled in a formal course of education, or have completed his or her formal education less than (1) year prior to the date of application for membership. A student member shall have all the rights and privileges of the Association, except that such member may not vote, hold office or serve as a director. He or she shall pay fees, dues, and assessments.

Section 6.05 Class AA - Life Members

- 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 standing 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 (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.

2000 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

- * July 11 Rich Maiden Golf Course
Charles Berger
- * August 15 Heidelberg Country Club
Thomas C. Ocepek
Joint Meeting with Philadelphia
- * September 12 Chambersburg Country Club
Dave Rafferty
Association Championship
- * October 10 Country Club of York
Terry Wueschinski, CGCS
Annual Meeting

From the Editor.....Bill Brooks

It appeared that we were going to have a wet year until I wrote last month's editorial. The weather has since gone from cold to hot and wet to dry very quickly. So where was spring anyhow?

For those of you who weren't at the meeting at Colonial CC, you missed a great day and a great golf course! The speaker happened to be a USGA rules official. As he was explaining the 1-club-length-rule for relief from a hazard, Tony Goodley proceeded to ask the question "Can you use any club in your bag for relief?" The rules official politely said, "Yes you may." Tony seemed very happy with the response for a reason that I would find out later when I would be playing golf with him.

It was about the third hole when he and his partner hit their drive behind a large tree. The tree was large and they had no shot to the green, so I thought. Tony didn't seem to be too upset because with the scramble format you are allowed 1-club-length regardless of where your ball has landed. But I figured even a driver wouldn't get them out of trouble. It was at this point that I saw what Tony was getting at when he asked about the 1-club rule and if it's legal to use any club.

He proceeded to pull out his 20 foot long (at least it looked that long) putter to get a clear shot to the green. He ended up using that thing several times throughout the day aside from trying to putt with it. So it was obvious to me why Tony owns that thing he calls a putter. It doesn't help him make putts but it certainly gives him good relief from trouble!

On to another topic, this year we tried to think of a way to get other people to write articles for newsletters with the incentive being a \$100 check for best newsletter article. We have had no responses. The offer is open to Supers, Assistants, Affiliates and even your wives. The article can be on any topic that has some relationship to golf. Your wife might want to do an article on "How I Live With a Golf Course Superintendent". Tony - You may want to write an article on why you use that putter!

Please let me know if you're interested. Have a great month!

Upcoming Events

August 9-10, 2000

Penn State Turfgrass Field Days, Penn State University

October 9, 2000

26th Annual Western PTC Tournament, Wildwood Golf Club, Allison Park, PA

October 16, 2000

24th Annual Joseph Valentine Memorial Golf Tournament, Inniscrone Golf Club, Avondale, PA

November 14-16, 2000

Penn State Golf Turf Conference, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

January 9-11, 2001

Eastern PA Turf Conference & Trade Show, Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA

January 25, 2001

Northeastern PA Turf School & Trade Show, The Woodlands Inn & Resort, Wilkes Barre, PA

February 27-28, 2001

Western PA Turf Conference & Trade Show, Pittsburgh Expo Mart/Radisson Hotel, Monroeville, PA

Golf Events

June 1-4, 2000

Buy.com Steamtown Classic. Glenmaura Golf Club. Scranton, PA

June 5, 2000

Exelon Invitational (featuring Jim Furyk, Davis Love, III, Nick Price and Carlos Franco. Wyncote Golf Club, Oxford, PA

June 22-25, 2000

McDonald's LPGA Championship. Dupont Country Club, Wilmington, DE

June 29- July 2, 2000

U. S. Senior Open. Saucon Valley Country Club, Bethlehem, PA

July 6-9, 2000

Buy.com Hershey Open. Country Club of Hershey, Hershey, PA

September 8-10, 2000

First Union Betsy King Classic. Berkleigh Country Club, Kutztown, PA

September 14-17, 2000

SEI Pennsylvania Classic (new PGA Tour Event). Waynesborough Country Club, Paoli, PA

Mental Quiz

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz.

See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
6. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier? The lesson?

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards.

They are the ones that care.



Golf Results

The golf results from the May meeting at Colonial Country Club are:

1st	Bob Orazzi, John Gumm	51
2nd	Dan Kline, Eric Kline	52
3rd	Kirby Putt, Dave Feldman	55

Closest to Pin

#5	Dan Achenbach
#17	Randy Super

Longest Drive

#9	Steve Graybill
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The format for the June meeting at Mayapple Golf Links will be a Two Man Blind Partner Better Ball with two flights of handicaps.

Equipment For Sale

Please contact Mark Biery at (717) 646-1533 or (800) 338-1466 for information on the following equipment.

- 3 - Jacobsen Greensking IV Cutting Units. 1998. 7 - blade, hydraulic drive, grooved front rollers, demo units (Like new), sharpened. \$500.00 each.

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!!

Highest Strokes on One Hole

23	Tommy Armour in the 1927 Shawnee Open
21	Philippe Porquier in the 1978 French Open
19	Ray Ainsley in the 2nd round of the 1938 U.S. Open
18	John Daly in the final round of the 1998 Bay Hill Invitational (6th hole)
18	Willie Chisolm in the 1st round at the U.S. Open
16	Porky Oliver in the 3rd round of the 1953 Bing Crosby on the 16th hole at Cypress Point
16	Ian Woosnam in the 2nd round of the 1986 French Open
15	Hermann Tissies in the 1950 British Open
14	Greg Norman in the 1982 Martini International
14	Orrin Vincent in the 1st round of the 1992 Austrian Open
13	Tom Weiskopf in the 1st round of the 1980 Masters (12th Hole)
13	Tommy Nakajima in the 2nd round of the 1978 Masters (13th hole)
12	Arnold Palmer in the 1st round of the 1961 L.A. Open

Lightning Safety on the Golf Course

It always seems to happen when you are having the round of your life. The sky darkens, the wind picks up and the thunder begins to roll across the golf course.

The temptation always exists in these circumstances to convince yourself and your playing partners that there is enough time to finish your round, or at least a few more holes. If you play on instead of seeking shelter, your great round could become the last round of your life.

Every year more people are killed or injured by lightning than by tornadoes, floods or hurricanes. In fact, it's estimated that in the United States, as many as 300 people are killed by lightning each year.

Because they are generally open areas with scattered individual trees, golf courses are dangerous places during a thunderstorm. A lightning bolt will take the shortest route between the cloud and the ground, which means that a golfer standing in the middle of a fairway or huddled under a tree is a prime target for a strike.

However, there are several safety measures you can take to avoid being hit by lightning:

- * Seek shelter at the first sign of a thunderstorm. If the course's warning system sounds, take cover.
- * If possible, get off the golf course or go to a designated lightning shelter.
- * Do not stand under a lone tree. This is where most people are injured or killed.
- * Stay away from water.
- * Stay away from your golf clubs.
- * If your shoes have metal spikes, take them off.
- * Move away from your golf cart.
- * If stranded in the open, go to a low place such as a ravine or valley.

First aid

If a player in your group is struck by lightning, the person is no longer carrying any electrical current, so you can apply first aid immediately. The golfer will be burned and have received a severe electrical shock.

People who have been apparently "killed" by lightning can be revived if quick action is taken. If you must make a choice, treat those who are not breathing first -- those who are unconscious but still breathing will probably come out of it on their own.

First aid should be rendered to those not breathing within four to six minutes to prevent irrevocable brain damage. Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation should be administered once every five seconds to adults and once every three seconds to infants and small children.

However, if the victim is not breathing and has no pulse, cardiopulmonary resuscitation is necessary, but should be administered only by persons with proper training. You should also check for burns along the extremities and around areas in contact with metal, give first aid for shock and then send for help.

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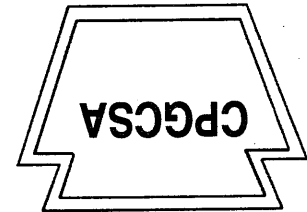
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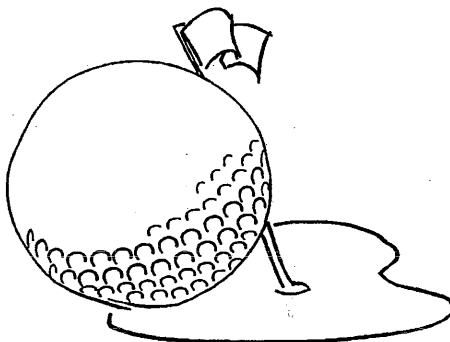


The Golf Ball

Inside a golf ball is a thin rubber band, stretched longer than the *Titanic*. The stretched thread exerts a force on the inner core of the ball exceeding 7500 pounds — the weight of a large car. The energy stored inside is enough to raise an average man two feet off the ground.

The little dimples surrounding a golf ball are there to give it lift. The average depth of a dimple is about thirteen thousandths of an inch. If it were only one-tenth of that depth, the ball's flight would be cut in half.

Next time you're chatting with your golf buddies, ask them how many dimples there are on a single golf ball. Conservatives guess around 100, progressives will venture around 200. (There are actually 332.)



For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the July Newsletter, the deadline for submissions is June 16, 2000. Please fax information to Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to [fry @ nbn.net](mailto:fry@nbn.net).

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.