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May Meeting

Joint Meeting with Central and Keystone Associations

Colonial Country Club

Tuesday May 16, 2000

11:30 AM - Lunch
12:30 PM - Speaker
1:30 PM - Golf
5:30 - Cash Bar

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

Golf Course Profile

Colonial Country Club was originally founded on September 10, 1910 on the location that is currently Colonial Park Mall. In 1950, it was determined that the original 18-hole course became too cramped, preventing changes in layout. On August 24, 1956, Colonial Country Club reopened its new doors at its current location along Linglestown Road. The golf course architect was William Gordon, it was constructed by George Morris, and maintained by Gilbert Freysinger. The golf course has 2 acres of Greens that are predominately *Poa annua* and has 54 bunkers, the majority of them grouped around the greens. There are 1.5 acres of Tees, which are a mix of Bentgrass, *Poa annua*, and Ryegrass, and 19 acres of Fairways, which are also a mix of bentgrass, *Poa* and Ryegrass.

Superintendent Profile

Ron Diefenthaler has been the superintendent at Colonial Country Club since 1999. A graduate of Ohio State University in 1983, he has been a superintendent for over 15 years at various courses in Ohio, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. Ron became a Certified Superintendent in 1991. He has served on various boards throughout his career, including President of the Northwest Ohio Chapter of GCSA and a director of OPAR, a regulation commission for Ohio pesticide applicators. Ron has been married for 10 years to Tracy and has two children, Jacob age 7 and Caleigh age 3.

Susquehanna River Basin Commission Establishes Compliance Incentive Program

April 18, 2000

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) approved Resolution 2000-03 on April 18, 2000 establishing a Compliance Incentive Program to encourage existing, unapproved water users to come into compliance with SRBC's water withdrawal and consumptive water use regulations. During the compliance incentive period, SRBC will not assess penalties or require payments for prior water use, provided that applications are submitted by specified deadlines and the noncompliance has not: (1) adversely affected the environment; or (2) interfered with other water users.

SRBC's regulations, designed to manage large water users, cover:

- ✓ Consumptive water use - more than 20,000 gallons per day (averaged over 30 consecutive days) from any source (this provision remains temporarily suspended for agriculture); and
- ✓ Withdrawals from surface or ground-water - more than 100,000 gallons per day (averaged over 30 consecutive days)

Provisions of the Compliance Incentive Program

- ✓ All currently unapproved water users must submit their water withdrawal and/or consumptive use applications by the following deadlines.

August 25, 2000 Previously notified golf courses in the Pennsylvania portion of the basin.

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President's Message

What a beautiful day at Silver Creek Country Club. Tony Grieco, CGCS and his staff did a wonderful job to make our day enjoyable.

I want to thank the Pocono GCSA for hosting the meeting and giving me the opportunity to share information with fellow superintendents in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Our speaker at Silver Creek was Mr. Roger A. Stewart, Jr., CGCS who presented information on PDI. I will summarize the key points.

- 1 The GCSAA Education system will be re-designed.
- 2 The Golf Course Superintendents competency profile will be established to assess and plan education goals.
- 3 There will be a vote in February 2001 on classification changes. This vote will involve Class B, Class A, and Certified member changes in entry requirements, ongoing requirements, and grandfather issues. The changes are yet to be determined but are expected by July 2000 for review by the membership.

Our association will send our Delegate Mark DelSantoro, CGCS to GCSAA headquarters in September for any final revisions to the bylaw change affecting members classification.

I hope you all can make our next meeting at Colonial Country Club on May 16th.

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| February 20, 2001 | Previously notified golf courses in the New York portion of the basin. |
| June 30, 2001 | All other water users |

- ✓ SRBC is waiving penalties and payments for prior water use during this incentive period.
- ✓ The approved method of compliance for consumptive use will be effective January 1, 2001, regardless of when SRBC acts on the applications.
- ✓ Applications fees are not waived during this compliance incentive period.
- ✓ Water users who fail to submit applications by the specified deadlines during the compliance incentive period will be subject to the full extent of penalties provided for in SRBC's regulations.

SRBC's objective is to have all water users in the basin compliant with SRBC's water management regulations. Universal compliance serves to enhance SRBC's ability to properly plan for and manage the basin's water resources.

For more information on the Compliance Incentive Program, we encourage you to visit our web site or to contact us by e-mail or telephone. The text of Resolution 2000-03 and SRBC's regulations and application forms are available on our web site.

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Membership News

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.

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

Congratulations to:

- ◆ Greg Borzok, Sales Representative for Lawn & Golf. Greg received a Pacesetter Award for 1999 from Textron Turf Care and Specialty Products. The Pacesetter Award is given annually to dealer sales representatives in recognition of outstanding performance in sales and total customer service. This presentation was made during the GCSAA National Conference in New Orleans, LA. Golf Legend Gary Player participated in the presentation.
- ◆ Mark Malasavage for recognition by American Golf Corporation as an Outstanding Golf Course Superintendent at the GCSAA Conference and Show.
- ◆ Scott Krout for recognition by the Jack Nicklaus Group at GCSAA Conference and Show. (Scott is the son of Whitey Krout and formerly from this area.

Quote of the Month...

The award goes to a first year summer help employee at Hanover Country Club in his first week of employment. I knew he wasn't a golfer when he brought up the following discussion. He asked,

*"How often do you move the holes?"
(referring to pin placements)*

To which I responded, "about 3-4 times per week depending on the amount of play we've had". He then asked,

"Well, why aren't there a bunch of holes out there?"

2000 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

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| * June 6 | Mayapple Golf Links David Weitzel, CGCS |
| * July 11 | Rich Maiden Golf Course Charles Berger |
| * August 15 | Heidelberg Country Club Thomas C. Ocepek Joint Meeting with Philadelphia |
| * September | Open Association Championship |
| * October 10 | Country Club of York Terry Wueschinski, CGCS Annual Meeting |

For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the June Newsletter, the deadline for submissions is May 17, 2000. Please fax information to Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to fry@nbn.net.

Directions to Colonial Country Club

From Lancaster/Harrisburg:

Take 283 North to 83 North to 81 North. Exit at 26B. Follow Mountain Road, approximately 1 mile to Linglestown Road (Route 39). Turn left at the stop sign/flagpole. Follow Linglestown Road approximately 1 mile to Fairway Lane and turn left. Clubhouse is 1/4 mile on the left.

From Lebanon:

Take 81 South to Exit 27. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp. Follow Route 39 approximately 3 miles to Fairway Lane and turn left. Clubhouse is 1/4 mile on the left.

From State College:

Take 322 South or 11/15 South to 83 South to 81 North. Exit at 26B. Follow Mountain Road, approximately 1 mile to Linglestown Road (Route 39). Turn left at the stop sign/flagpole. Follow Linglestown Road approximately 1 mile to Fairway Lane and turn left. Clubhouse is 1/4 mile on the left.

Speaker Profile

The speaker for the May meeting will be Dr. Pete Richter. Dr. Richter is a USGA Rules Official.

From the Editor.....Bill Brooks

Well, here we go with an abnormally normal year again! We have had 4" of rainfall over the past week and, needless to say, this year is looking a bit different than last year. After the extremely dry summer in 1999, I knew I made a mistake when I said to my very patient wife, "You know honey, I wish it would stop raining!" As she was reaching for the bat, I was able to calm her down by saying that I was only kidding (I really wasn't!). Have any of you run into this problem yet with your wives? She didn't really reach for a bat but it did open the door to some discussion. The outcome was me admitting that I am a whiner when it comes to the weather.

I am constantly reminded in this golf course business of how out-of-control we really are. We make plans for a week in advance only to change those plans each day due to uncontrollable situations like weather. Decisions and questions like; Do we aerify today with weather forecasts that show 60% chance of rain all day? Should we water in a fertilizer or wetting agent application when weather forecast show 90% chance of rain (I've been burned on this one before)? I have learned that this is not a ducks-in-a-row business and that we have to adapt to many different situations that come up.

2000 promises to be another challenging year. Last year was a brutally hot and dry year with Superintendents trying to find a way to get water. This year may be a year where we're trying to find ways to get rid of it. I know it won't be a "normal" year because there is no such thing as those anymore. We will all face stress to different degrees this year - that's a given.

Just remember through it all to spend time with your family!

Have a great grass growing year in 2000!

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Mid-Atlantic Green Section Website Update 4/17/00

By Darin S. Bevard

Most of the golf courses we have visited early this season have completed spring aeration of greens. Many superintendents are not concerned with fairway aeration. This task has been difficult to complete due to the wet conditions experienced in late March and into April. Although aeration is disruptive this maintenance activity is one of the most important practices employed for the maintenance of healthy turf. The short-term inconvenience is offset by long term benefits in turf quality, thus the need for spring aeration.

The cool temperatures and wet weather have led to some delays in maintenance activities and slow turf recovery. It is important to remember that the weather will likely turn warm rather quickly. The need for planning for spring maintenance activities remains strong. Here are several things to consider as you plan for the spring.

1. A reminder letter for the TAS early season discount has been mailed. Remember, by paying prior to May 15, 2000, a TAS visit can be locked in at the discounted rate of \$1000 for a half-day visit and \$1500 for a full-day visit. This amounts to a \$300 savings over the cost of a visit paid for after May 15 (\$1300 and \$1800). The visit can be scheduled at any time during the year, but payment needs to be received by May 15 to receive the discounted rate!
2. The end of the application window for preemergent herbicide applications for summer annual grasses is rapidly approaching. Although some preemergent herbicides do offer early post control for crabgrass, most of these products must be applied prior to crabgrass germination to gain good control. If an area needs to be established from seed later this spring, do not apply preemergent herbicides!

The long residual of some of these products can impact fall overseeding as well. This is why proper rates and timings of applications in the spring are crucial. These products do not differentiate between weed seed and grass seed, and most are very effective at preventing germination of all small seeded plants, including desirable grasses.

3. Maintenance growth regulator applications should be initiated soon to achieve maximum effectiveness. As the weather conditions improve, turfgrass will begin rapid growth. Growth regulators help reduce clipping yields on fairways. This is especially important in the spring when wet weather can prevent a regular mowing schedule. For greens, growth regulators slow the growth rate of the grass to provide improved playability, especially in the afternoon. Turf density and quality also can be improved. Green speeds can be increased without the need for cutting the grass too short. Growth regulators have become an important tool for effective maintenance and management of turfgrass on golf courses.

Although it is too late in the 2000 season for *Poa annua* seedhead control, those with major problems with *Poa annua* seedheads should consider an Embark Turf and Ornamental program for 2001. The newer form of Embark has proven to be very effective and equally safe where it has been properly applied. Another benefit of this program is that by inhibiting seedhead formation, *Poa annua* does not use up carbohydrate reserves for seedhead production. This leads to a healthier, more hardy plant heading into the summer stress season, and a much smoother putting surface in the early part of the golfing season. Keep this program in mind for the 2001 season if you have not tried it already.

4. Finally, we continue to get questions about the purpling of leaf blades on patches of bentgrass and *Poa annua* turf especially on putting greens. This is simply a cold temperature response of the turfgrass plant and not a disease. You can easily check to see this by examining the underside of the leaf blade. Usually, although the top of the leaf is red or purple the underside of the leaf will still be green.

In ending this update, as temperatures warm golf related activities will increase quickly. Although the weather may not always allow maintenance practices to go as scheduled this spring, it is important to maintain a solid plan and adjust as needed. Remember the early payment discount for TAS visits! As always feel free to call the agronomists of the Mid-Atlantic if we can help at (610) 696-4747.

Equipment For Sale

Please contact Curt King at Moccasin Run Golf Course (610) 593-2600 for information on the following equipment:

- 3 Verti-cut units for Greens King IV \$500.00
- VT2 Irrigation Controllers with surge protectors (comes with new cabinets) \$250.00

Please contact Ron Diefenthaler at Colonial Country Club (717) 545-6760 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

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Golf Results

The following are the results from the golf tournament at the Tri-Meeting at Silver Creek Country Club.

Low Gross

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| 1st | Kirby Putt, Pete Ramsey | 71 |
| 2nd | Dave Teague, Kurt Schaubel | 72 |
| 3rd | Mark Albino, Gary Phillips | 73 |

Low Net

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| 1st | John Segui, Lou Amadio | 60 |
| 2nd | Jim Carville, Bill Rahling | 61 |
| 3rd | Doug Ray, Chris Ward | 62 |

Closest to Pin

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|-----|--------------|
| #9 | Jim MacLaren |
| #13 | Lou Amadio |

Long Drive

Steve Ehrhart Really, Really, Far

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

- ┆ You play winter rules in May (and June, July, August, September, October and November).
- ┆ Your partner in the club two-man tournament calls the night before and asks if you're sure you don't have something more important to do the next day.
- ┆ Your excuse for every bad shot is that you picked your head up.
- ┆ You start aiming at the tree because you haven't hit anything you've aimed at in months.
- ┆ The only shots you can get to back up are ones you hit off bulkheads.
- ┆ Hitting it stiff means only that you haven't warmed up properly.
- ┆ The only place you can get anything to fall is at the bag drop.
- ┆ Your threesome can't stay ahead of the annoying foursome of two 85-year-old couples behind you.
- ┆ You never count penalty strokes or whiffs.
- ┆ You ask a fellow chop if Softspikes have affected his hip turn the way they have affected yours.
- ┆ You have invoked the leaf rule when the only trees on the course are pines.
- ┆ The higher you score, the more willing you are to invest in equipment.

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

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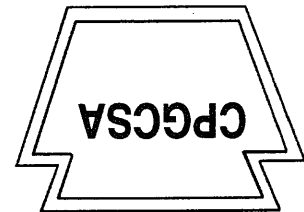
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You Vs. The Boss

Do you ever feel like the rules are different for those on the top and those on the bottom? For instance:

- * When you take a long time on a project, you're slow. When your boss takes a long time, she's paying attention to detail.
- * When you take a stand, you're bull-headed. When your boss does it, he's being firm.
- * When you don't take on a new assignment, you're not being ambitious. When your boss doesn't, it's because she's too busy.
- * When your boss makes a mistake, he's only human. When you make a mistake, what are you, some kind of an idiot?
- * When doing something without being told, you're overstepping your authority. When your boss does it, it's initiative.
- * When you please your boss, you're kissing up. When your boss pleases his boss, he's being a team player.
- * When you're out of the office, you're out wandering around. When your boss is out of the office, she's on a call.
- * When you ask for a day off, you're just slacking off. When your boss does, it's because he's overworked.

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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.