



The Green Sheet



Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

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October Meeting

Annual Meeting with Elections of
Officers

Country Club of York

Tuesday, October 10, 2000

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM - Tee Times
4:30 - 6:00 PM - Cocktails
6:00 PM - Dinner

**Collared shirts and no jeans please for golf
Coat & Tie for Cocktails & Dinner**

There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors
meeting at 9:15 AM.

Golf Course Profile

The Country Club of York is a private 18 hole course designed by Donald Ross in 1927. The course has rolling terrain carved through a mature forest. It features undulating greens with deep faced bunkers. The course measures 6,600 yards.

Superintendent Profile

Terry Wueschinski, CGCS has been Superintendent at the Country Club of York since 1971. He is a 1965 graduate of Delaware Valley College. Terry has been married to Barbara for 35 years. They have 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren. Terry enjoys Dairy Queen ice cream, cloudy days, and an occasional round of golf.

Please call the Country Club of York Pro Shop at (717) 843-9303 for Tee Times.

USGA Update

by Darin Bevard, Agronomist
September 8, 2000

In the last two weeks turf conditions have been extremely variable throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region. Turf loss in parts of Maryland, Delaware, and eastern Pennsylvania has occurred due to drought stress, while soggy conditions continued in most of Virginia, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania. Rainfall has been hit or miss, with the same areas often being hit repeatedly. Parts of the Virginia Tidewater received as much as 20 inches of rain in less than 45 days starting in late July and August. These conditions have provided more than a few management challenges.

Excessive Thatch Accumulations

Golf greens that exhibit poor drainage and/or excessive thatch accumulations have been hit hard, and turf loss has been significant. Lack of oxygen in the rootzone leads to wet wilt, and soil heating has resulted in cases of turf scald. While the consequences of poor drainage are often obvious it can be harder to convince people of the consequences of excessive thatch accumulations.

When thatch accumulations are excessive water is held in the upper portion of the soil profile. The most common damage is due to scalping. Because of the rain, greens mowing is often skipped for one, two, or even three days. Reasonable soil temperatures have been present in many cases, and the turf is growing rapidly. When the greens are finally mowed the soft and spongy thatch allows the mowers to sink in, especially if grooved rollers are used. This slight sinking causes an effective reduction in mowing height that results in scalping in more than a few instances.

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President's Message

What a day at Chambersburg Country Club, a well deserved day away from my course. A day to educate myself, to look at golf from behind the ball. A day to see my peer's presentation of their course, the most important part of the facility. My thanks to Dave and his staff for hosting our event, the course was beautiful. The weather on the other hand, shortened our event but didn't dampen our enjoyment.

Upcoming on our calendar we have the association elections and our golf championship (rescheduled from our rain shortened event at Chambersburg) at the Country Club of York on October 10th. Also, Saturday, October 14th we will be having our Family Picnic at Creekview Park in Camp Hill.

Tom Ocepek

2000 Annual Meeting and Elections

The October meeting at the Country Club of York will be the annual meeting with election of officers and directors for the 2001 meeting year. Listed below are the nominations.

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Membership News

There were no new applications for review this month.

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

Brian Farling, Superintendent
Perry Golf Course.....Class B

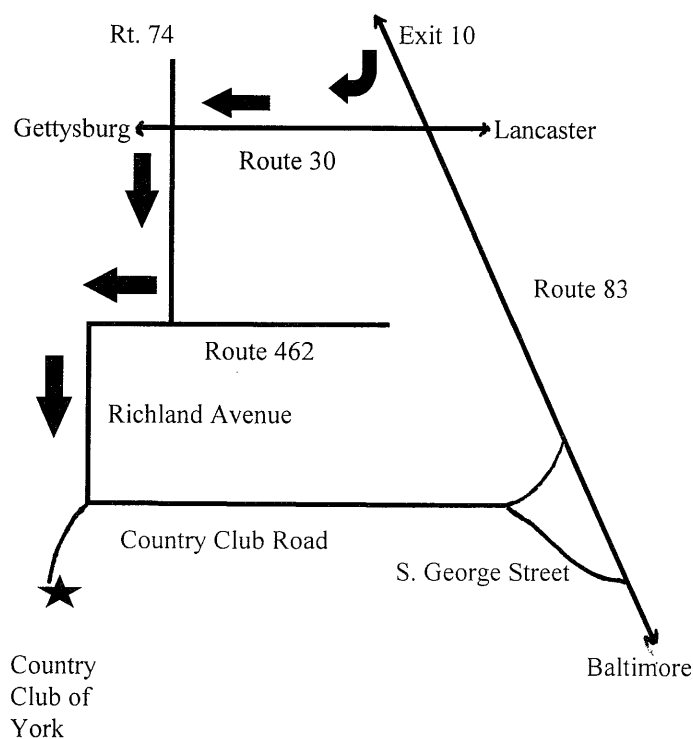
Daniel Kury, Assistant Superintendent
Groff Farm Golf Club.....Class C

Mark McCormick, Superintendent
Huntsville Golf Club.....Class B

Thomas Wojcik, Turf Division Manager
Finch Turf Equipment.....Class AF

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.

Directions to Country Club of York



Penn State Now Accepting Applications

Applications are now being accepted for Penn States Two-Year Golf Course Turfgrass Management Program for the class beginning in September of 2001. There is an application fee of \$35.00 and the deadline for applications is December 31, 2000. Applications can be obtained by calling (814) 863-0129, by writing to Golf Course Turfgrass Management Program, The Pennsylvania State University, 456 Ag. Sciences and Industries Building, University Park, PA 16802-3507 or by visiting the website at <http://www.agronomy.psu.edu/academic/tmbrotp.htm>.

Upcoming Events

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

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From the Editor.....Bill Brooks

Aerification. I love to think about the process and how nice it will be to get started. No members around for 2 whole days to trample on, drive on, look at, and criticize the course. The fresh smell of soil laying on the surface ready to be dragged in. Wow! How nice that will be!

And then the time comes. On a day when the forecast says 30% chance of a passing shower, and the decision is to not hold back, it pours! The next day when the forecast is for 100% percent chance of rain, and the decision is to hold back, the sun shines! That literally happened to us this year.

And then you decide to send someone out to drag a particular fairway which happened to be a bit too wet. Mashed mud! What do I do now? You've been there, right? Through all of this there is slight disorder on the home front with the kids wondering where Daddy is. Family should be the primary area of focus even during aerification, I might add.

And then after 171/2 fairways are completed with no damage to any heads and we can see the light at the end of the tunnel, the fairway aerifier proceeds to clip a quick coupler and breaks a 3 inch line below it causing a 30 foot geyser and setting us back another day! So this is what I looked forward to!

I'm sure you mature guys with balding (natural thinning sounds better) or a little gray hair (like I'm getting as people often let me know) have all been there! I'm still learning and I know that these events do shape our lives and that everything happens for a reason.

I guess that is why I have the plaque in my office that says GOD IS IN CONTROL. It is a constant reminder to me that I AM NOT! If I was, daily life would be simple and decisions would be easy. The weather forecasters are certainly not in control even with their sophisticated technology. The government is surely not!! Just look what is going on in the world.

But He alone is!

He reminded me of that once again this fall to the point of me having to share it with you!

Quotable of The Month

Randy Crawford questions along with many other people this year I'm sure,

"What's up with the weather?"

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In the short term, consider setting mowers slightly higher under wet conditions to prevent scalping and use solid rollers. In the long term, the goal should be to use a good combination of cultural programs including aeration, topdressing, and vertical mowing to reduce thatch accumulations.

Fall Aerification

Many golf courses have completed their fall aeration and are healing in well. Remember to communicate the benefits of core aeration to your golfers. Thatch reduction, compaction relief, and the maintenance of water infiltration are all very important. Few people enjoy the aeration process, but it is an important part of overall maintenance on all fine turf areas.

Other Considerations

With all of the wet weather, moss continues to be a problem on putting greens; more on these moss problems in a future update. However, instances of moss problems have been the worst in years.

Insects have been more of a problem late in the season. Some direct turf loss from white grubs has been apparent where less frequent rainfall has caused drought stress. In most instances the frequent rains have masked white grub damage. Indirect damage due to birds, skunks, and other animals digging for grubs as a food source has caused damage.

To prevent this problem do not worry about controlling the feeding animals, concentrate on eliminating white grubs as a food source. If September offers some dry weather white grub damage may be more apparent and widespread. Be on the lookout for these root feeding insects! If grub numbers are substantial, spend the money to control the grubs. They will be in the ground feeding on your roots until late next spring.

Cooler temperatures and longer nights are occurring with some frequency, which has relieved much of the stress on turf. Now is the time to overseed and sod to correct any isolated problems that may have occurred over the summer months. It is not the time to let your guard down, but the summer stress season is slowly coming to a close.

As always, if the agronomists of the Mid-Atlantic Region can be of any assistance, feel free to contact either of our offices. Stan and Darin can be reached at (610) 696-4747 and Keith can be reached at (412) 341-5922.

This update and other archives are available off the USGA website at usga.com under the Green Section.

Golf Results

We were unable to complete the September tournament at the Chambersburg Country Club due to rain so we will be holding the Association Championship tournament this month at the Country Club of York.

GCSAA Chapter Delegates Meeting

by Pete Ramsey

On September 7 - 10, I attended the Delegates Meetings in Kansas City. As predicted, most of the time was spent on the Professional Development Initiative (PDI). This initiative is all about continuing education. If the thought of continuing your education through seminar training disturbs you, you are in the wrong business. The days of sending in your money to Kansas and getting a nice magazine in return should have been over long ago. DON'T PANIC!!! The proposed guidelines for Class A membership, most of us are meeting already. If you attend the winter educational meeting, spend one day at Valley Forge, and have a current pesticide license, you have met the annual requirement. You even get points for attending local chapter meetings, you know the ones you went into work at 4 AM to make it to, realize you are not that good of a golfer and get home so late the kids are already asleep. Even if you can't manage any of the above you can attend the national, any other regional seminar or GCSAA online seminars. The requirements for certification are still the same except for a confidential self evaluation to help individuals identify where they need seminar training. On top of all this, members are all grandfathered in at their status in 2003. I will discuss this issue with any one concerned at the October meeting or the general membership meeting in December. I can also be reached at 717-432-3711 or online at REGC@PA.NET for any questions or concerns.

Equipment For Sale

If you are interested in the following piece of equipment, please contact Randy Super at Pine Meadows Golf Complex (717) 865-4995.

- 800 John Deere Aercore Aerator. Almost brand new. Paid \$12,500, sell for \$9,000 OBO. Has 2, needs to sell one to get fairway aerifier.

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!!

Great Golf Quotes

- ↑ "No one who ever had lessons would have a swing like mine.....Lee Trevino
- ↑ "Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening - and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented".....Arnold Palmer
- ↑ "A perfectly straight shot with a BIG CLUB is a fluke!".....Jack Nicklaus
- ↑ "It is nothing new or original to say that golf is played one stroke at a time. But it took me many years to realize it.".....Bobby Jones
- ↑ "I play with friends, but we don't play friendly games....Ben Hogan
- ↑ "While man's battle against himself is undoubtedly at the heart of golf's abiding appeal, the setting in which it is played is for most golfers, one of the most wonderful things about it.".....Herbert Wind
- ↑ "Talking to a golf ball won't do you any good. Unless you do it while your opponent is teeing off.".....Bruce Lansky
- ↑ "There are no guarantees in this game - not to mention this life - and we have only a short time to enjoy it. Even when I'm not playing particularly well, I enjoy what I do.".....Scott Simpson
- ↑ "When Jack Nicklaus plays well, he wins. When he plays badly, he finishes second. When he plays terribly, he finishes third.".....Johnny Miller
- ↑ "I probably have forgotten more about golf than I have ever learned.".....Jack Nicklaus
- ↑ "Practice puts.....brains in your muscles.".....Sam Snead
- ↑ "I never pray on the golf course. Actually, the Lord answers my prayers everywhere except on the course.".....Rev. Billy Graham
- ↑ "Putting is like wisdom partly a natural gift and partly the accumulation of experience.".....Arnold Palmer
- ↑ "Which letter?" The meticulous precise Ben Hogan when advised during a tournament in Los Angeles to aim for the famous Hollywood sign in the far distance.
- ↑ "This is the origin of the game, golf in its purest form, and it's still played that way on a course seemingly untouched by time. Every time I play here, it reminds me that this is still a game.".....Arnold Palmer, on the Old Course at St. Andrews
- ↑ "I'm going to win so much money this year, my caddie will make the top twenty money winner's list.".....Lee Trevino

Only In America

- 1 Only in America...can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
- 2 Only in America...are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.
- 3 Only in America...do drug stores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
- 4 Only in America...do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.
- 5 Only in America...do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.
- 6 Only in America...do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
- 7 Only in America...do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we don't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
- 8 Only in America...do we buy hotdogs in packages of twelve and buns in packages of eight.
- 9 Only in America...do we use the word "Politics" to describe the process, so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.
- 10 Only in America... do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

The Big Boss Phrase Book

Congratulations! You got promoted. You even have a real office with a door and everything. Now its time for you to start practicing those important-sounding phrases all bosses utter from time to time, such as:

- Thank you. We're all challenged by your unique point of view.
- The fact that no one understands you doesn't make you artistic.
- I like you. You remind me of when I was young and stupid.
- I'm not being rude. You're just insignificant.
- I don't work here, I'm a consultant.
- I'm really easy to get along with once you people learn to worship me.
- You sound reasonable - maybe it's time to up my medication.
- I'll try being nicer if you'll try being smarter.
- My toys! Where are my toys! I can't do this job without my toys!
- It only looks like I'm doing nothing. At the cellular level I'm quite busy.
- At least I have a positive attitude about my destructive habits.
- Someday, we'll look back on this, laugh nervously, and change the subject.
- How about never? Is never good for you?

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| January 25 | Strategic Planning for Golf Course Operations
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Gerry Sweda |

*There's a time to part
and a time to meet,
There's a time to sleep
and a time to eat,
There's a time to work
and a time to play,
There's a time to sing,
and a time to pray;
There's a time that's glad
and a time that's blue'
There's a time to plan
and a time to do'
There's a time to grin
and show your grit'
But....There never was
a time to quit!*

For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the August Newsletter, the deadline for submissions is **October 15, 2000**. Please fax information to Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to fry@nbn.net.

Help...We Need Articles

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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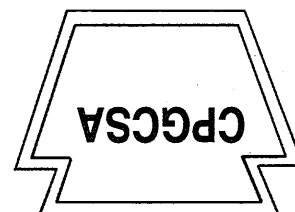
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CPGCSA Family Picnic

**Saturday,
October 14, 2000**

Creekview Park, Camp Hill

12:00 Noon - ?????

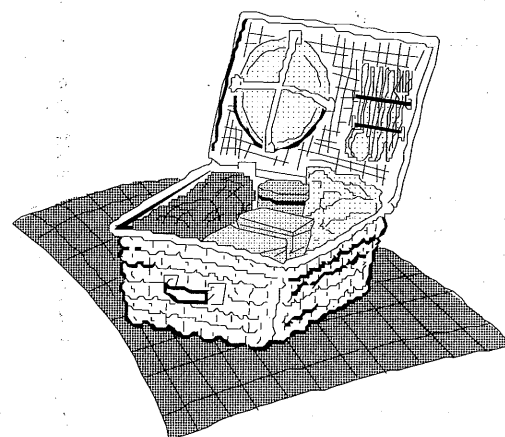
Lunch - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

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