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September Meeting

Chambersburg Country Club

Tuesday, September 12, 2000

11:30 AM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Shotgun

Cocktails - 6:00 PM (Casual)

(Collared shirts and no jeans please)

There will be no CPGCSA Board of Directors meeting.

Golf Course Profile

The Chambersburg Country Club, was incorporated on June 12, 1921 and was comprised of 41 charter members who played a six-hole course. The membership had grown rapidly enough that an additional 3 holes were added in 1924. The first clubhouse was constructed in 1925 and was destroyed by fire in 1945, then rebuilt in 1947. As recently as 1999 work was completed on the current structure. The course was expanded to 18 holes in 1976 adding holes 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15 with Ed Ault as the Architect. In 1995 Ron Force and Associates were hired as the architectural firm to do a long range plan which brought about the current Rainbird irrigation system, the changing of Holes 3, 4, 16, 17 and 18, along with the addition of more than a dozen bunkers and new mens and ladies tees.

Superintendent Profile

Dave Rafferty has been married to Bonnie for 23 years and has two golden retrievers named Beau and Dakota. He has been in the golf course business just about his whole life. He started helping out at the golf course next door at the age of 10 and at age 12 he became a member of the crew. At the age of 17, Dave was promoted to Assistant at Gospel Hill Golf Course in Erie. At 19, he assumed the Assistant position at Lakeshore Country Club also located in Erie. At 25, he was hired as Superintendent at Titusville Country Club and at 31 he became Superintendent at Chambersburg Country Club where he has been for the past 14 years.

Wet is the Word!

by Keith Happ, USGA Green Section Agronomist

In a word, it has been wet!! Pittsburgh experienced one of the wettest and coolest Julys in history. In all, 6.1 inches of rain fell, but many areas had even greater amounts. While Beckley, West Virginia had eight inches in July, portions south of there received 15-plus inches of rain during the same month. Thank goodness it wasn't hot, or catastrophic turf failure might have occurred on areas of the golf course that do not drain well. When asked about the weather, nearly every superintendent responds by saying he would rather have control over the water. In other words, superintendents would rather have it too dry like last year in contrast to the excessive rains experienced this year.

It has been tough grooming courses for play. When it is too wet, even regular mowing can cause damage. Green speeds are also naturally slower. Wet grass is slow, pure and simple.

Bunkers and bunker playability have been a hot topic this season. When it rains and sand washes, bunker consistency suffers. When sand has to be moved back up on a flashed face it will be soft. Equally, wet sand in the bottom of bunkers stays firm. The condition is a function of weather rather than maintenance practices.

The drainage capacity of sand bunkers must be examined to properly address playability problems. Perpetual labor-intensive problems can be corrected if a good plan is developed. Surface drainage patterns may need to be altered and an internal drainage system may need to be installed. Contact your local Green Section office for information on these issues. Reprint articles are available.

We are slowly gaining more information about control of spring dead spot. One of the causal fungi identified in the Mid-

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President's Message

It's time again to take pen to paper to inform you of the upcoming events in our industry. Top of the charts is the Professional Development Initiative, a new course in education and evaluation of superintendents. One of the purposes of the rating is to be able to have prospective employers know our minimum qualification for our title and classification. I feel the GCSAA initiative has more good points than bad: improved education, higher standards and targeting goals. Mr. Pete Ramsey will attend the Chapter Delegates convention in early September and give us the latest on the forthcoming changes.

On the lighter side we have scheduled a Family Day Social for October 14th. I hope many of you will be able to attend. I wish to thank those who were able to attend the last meeting at Heidelberg. I enjoyed having you as my guests.

Our next meeting will be at Chambersburg C.C. for our Association Championship. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Tom Ocepek

Green Speed Publication Available

A newly published bulletin entitled "Factors Affecting Green Speed" is available to golf course managers and golfers alike. This 4-color publication by The Ohio State University and The Pennsylvania State University covers management practices that impact ball roll on putting greens. The authors, Patty Sweeney, George Hamilton, and Karl Danneberger, incorporate research data in an easy to read format. For your free copy contact The Ohio Turfgrass Foundation (888-OTF-3445), Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council (814-863-3475), USGA Golf House (908-238-2300), or any regional USGA Green Section Office.

What Not To Do When On A Job Interview

The seven toughest interview questions and the five things never to do in an interview are revealed by human resources executive Sallie Mars in the July issue of Marie Claire magazine.

According to Mars, the five things never to do on an interview are: complain about how difficult it was to find the office; forget to bring your resume; fidget with your clothing; ask about salary during the first interview; and forget to thank the interviewer before leaving.

Mars, senior vice president of human resources at McCann-Erickson Worldwide, say the seven toughest interview questions are:

- What salary are you looking for? "Never lie about your present salary," Mars says. "If you feel you're currently underpaid and therefore are looking for a sizable increase, explain that."
- What are your greatest strengths? Pick relevant strengths. Avoid generic responses like "I'm a hard worker."
- What is your greatest weakness? Be honest and state a concrete weakness. Explain how you overcome this, and finish by giving a strength.
- Where do you see yourself in five years? Cite a realistic position. This is usually a title that is two or three steps ahead of the job you are seeking. Never mention an unrealistic goal.
- Why do you want to leave your current job? Remain positive. Being overly negative is unprofessional.
- What is an example of a time you failed? Discuss a time when you learned from a mistake.
- Do you have any questions for me? Offer at least two questions that are company-focused to show that you have prepared for the interview.

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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.

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

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

Joey Filippini, Assistant Superintendent
Golden Oaks Golf Course.....Class C

Darren Romano, Assistant Superintendent
Penn National Golf 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.

Directions to Chambersburg Country Club

From East:

Take Route 30 West to Route 997 North. Take Route 997 North to just past I-81 approximately 7 miles. Turn left on to Main Street located just before the Keystone Financial Bank. Travel .6 mile to Scotland Road, turn left and go past the Post Office and over the bridge. Club is on the left.

From North:

Take I-81 South to Scotland Exit (#8). Turn right onto Route 997 North. Turn left on to Main Street located just before the Keystone Financial Bank. Travel .6 mile to Scotland Road. Turn left and go past the Post Office and over the bridge. Club is on the left.

From the Editor.....Bill Brooks

I hope you have all had a great summer! It's been another learning experience, hasn't it? I don't know about your particular course, but mine is telling me to, "aerify me now!" And I have to say that I am looking forward to September 11 and 12 when there will be no members on the golf course, and I can enjoy the look and smell of those fresh plugs laying on greens, tees, and fairways. For me, it's a sign that fall is here and winter is close. They are the 2 best seasons of the year, you know.

Some of you may already be done aerifying but if you aren't, I hope all goes well! Have a great September!

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, Inniscone 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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Atlantic region is *Ophiosphaerella korrae*. This fungus survives in the decomposing stems, stolons, and rhizomes in the thatch. Anything that can be done during the summer to aggressively attack the thatch will help later in the year when other controls are employed. There are several fungicides labeled to control this organism; however, few provide consistently satisfactory results. To help home in on a control strategy, submit samples to a diagnostic laboratory.

The following are a few integrated strategies to minimize the damage from spring dead spot.

Thatch management is critical. A single aerification per season will not be sufficient in most cases. Combining aeration and vertical mowing is more effective. Fertilize with a minimum of 3 lb. of N/M sq. ft. per season using ammonium sulfate. Acidifying the environment where this problem exists will help a great deal. Try to maintain a pH below 6. If fungicides are used, treat approximately 30 days prior to bermudagrass dormancy. Use ample water to move the fungicide to the target site. Treating with 2-3 gallons of water /M sq. ft. will help.

Good luck, try to keep dry, and remember most of us wished for this rain last summer!

Nominations for 2001 CPGCSA Board of Directors

If you or someone you know is interested in running for the 2001 Board of Directors, please contact Bill Wall at Dauphin Highlands Golf Course (717) 986-1586.

Equipment For Sale

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!!

Golf Events

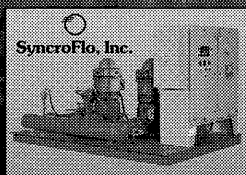
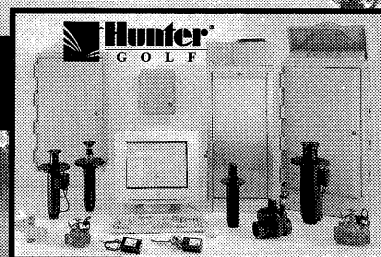
September 8-10, 2000

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

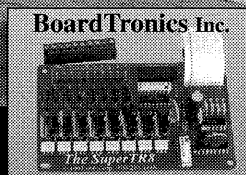
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Golf Results

The following are the results from the August tournament with Philadelphia at Heidelberg Country Club.

Low Gross

1st	Ron Garrison	75
2nd	Dave Haurbaugh	77
3rd	Steve Graybill	
4th	Dan Achenbach	

Low Net

1st	John Gehman	62
2nd	Bill Milsop	64
3rd	Penn Wood	66
4th	Mark DelSantro	67

Straightest Drive

Rich Green

Closest to the Pin

#2	Doug Rae
#4	Steve Graybill
#8	Warren Savini
#11	Jeff Musser

Longest Putt

Dan Fick

The September tournament at the Chambersburg Country Club will be the Association Championship.

2001 GCSAA Seminars

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

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.

Quotable Quotes

Marc Shotzberger at Spring Mill Country Club gave me a call to tell me that nobody can top this one!

Imagine with me if you will. 6" of rain had fallen overnight and, unfortunately there was an outing scheduled the day after the heavy rain, and the outing had to be played. Mark demanded that carts "STAY ON THE PATHS ONLY!!!!!!!!!!!"

It was later in the day that his Assistant gave him a call on the radio to report that a golfer was driving up the middle of a particular fairway with water spewing everywhere. The scene resembled that of a boat in a lake! His Assistant hollered to the guy to "GET ON THE PATH!!!!!!!!!" (I'm sure he said it without any anger whatsoever).

Marc quickly jumped on his cart to go "talk" to the guy and this is where it gets good.

Marc said, "IS THERE SOMETHING YOU MISUNDERSTOOD ABOUT CART PATHS ONLY?!!" (I won't include the expletives with that question!)

The golfer responded by saying, "YOU DON'T EXPECT ME TO WALK THROUGH THAT WATER, DO YOU?!"

Good one, Marc!

I had a situation happen recently on a day where the greens were real soft. I asked everyone who was mowing that morning to be careful how they walk on the greens to prevent any footprinting. OSHA would have been excited to find what I found that day...One of my summer help employees MOWING IN BARE FEET!

Can you top these quotes? If you can, see me (Bill Brooks) at the next meeting or give me a call and we'll publish it.

GCSAA Chapter Delegates Meeting in Kansas City

by Pete Ramsey

On September 8, 9, and 10, I will be attending the chapter conference, along with delegates from every association across the nation, hosted by the GCSAA. The purpose of the conference is for every association to voice their concerns on upcoming issues. The Professional Development Initiative will be the main focus of discussion. For those of you who are not familiar with PDI, you can refer to an August 1, 2000 mailing from GCSAA explaining the program. This document outlines the changes for Class A membership. For anyone with questions or concerns about PDI or any other issues, I can be reached at 717-432-3711 or e-mail REGC@PA.NET.

Links for Life...Saving Lives on the Golf Course

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. today, and it can strike any one, anywhere, any time- even on the golf course.

Walking the course has many health benefits, including reducing the risk of heart attack. But when a medical emergency does happen, a course can be a difficult place for emergency medical teams to reach quickly, and in cases of cardiac arrest, every minute can mean the difference between life and death.

Fortunately, there are things golf courses can do to help improve the chances someone will survive a cardiac arrest on the course. The most important is to provide access to a critical life-saving therapy known as defibrillation.

Conquering Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) strikes more than 250,000 people every year in the U. S. Only about 5 percent of them survive. The American Heart Association estimates that thousands of additional lives could be saved if defibrillation therapy could be administered in adequate time.

The healthy heart is a pump that beats in a methodic, efficient rhythm to send blood throughout the body. In the most common form of SCA, an electrical malfunction causes the heart to quiver ineffectively. Blood flow to the brain and other vital organs stops. A person in cardiac arrest quickly loses consciousness and the ability to breathe, and will die within minutes unless treatment is administered.

That treatment is known as defibrillation - a controlled electrical shock to the heart that can allow a normal heart rhythm to regain control.

Until recently, defibrillation could only be administered by highly trained medical personnel. But a generation of devices known as automated external defibrillators (AEDs) makes it possible for laypersons - such as course marshals or security staff - to administer this life-saving therapy.

How AEDs Work

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a safe, portable device equipped with a computer that can tell when a patient's heart is not beating properly. With voice prompts and screen messages, the device is designed to lead anyone with minimal training through a short series of steps, quickly arriving at a decision by the machine to shock or not.

What About Liability?

AEDs are highly accurate and will not shock a person who isn't in cardiac arrest. With training and proper use, there is virtually no risk to either the AED user or the cardiac arrest victim.

To encourage the widespread use of AEDs, more than 40 states, including Pennsylvania, have passed "Good Samaritan" laws to limit the liability of AED users who are properly trained.

How You Can Help Save Lives

It's easier than you think to make a difference that could save a life:

- * If you think someone is having a medical emergency, call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number as soon as, possible.
- * Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The American Heart Association's four-hour Heartsaver AED course covers both CPR and how to use an AED. Heartsaver FACTS is an eight-hour course that also includes basic first aid.
- * Find out what kind of safety equipment is available on your course. In addition to AEDs, some golf courses have installed radio transmitters or other communication devices at the far holes, to make it easier to call for help.

For more information, or to find out how easily you can implement an AED program, contact Michelle Markley at the American Heart Association at: (717) 975-4800 x130 or mmarkley@heart.org.

"Links for Life" - a project of Golf Digest, the American Heart Association and Medtronic Physio-Control - is a public education and awareness campaign aimed at improving survival from sudden cardiac arrest and heart attack on golf courses and in other public places.

Other organizations participating in "Links for Life" include the National Golf Course Owners Association, Club Managers Association, Golf Course Superintendents Association and the National Safety Council.

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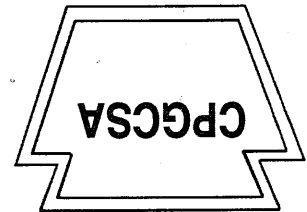
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Things to Ponder in the Year 2000

- Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
- If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
- If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
- Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
- Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
- Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
- Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
- Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?
- Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
- Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
- Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
- Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?
- Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
- Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?
- If work is terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?
- If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?

For Your Information

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

2000 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

October 10
Country Club of York
Terry Wueschinski, CGCS
Annual Meeting