

July Meeting

Regents Glen Country Club

July 10, 2001

11:00 AM - Speaker

11:30 AM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Shotgun

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Cocktails

There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors Meeting
at 8:30 AM.

Superintendent Profile

Mark MacDonald has been Superintendent at Regents Glen Country Club since October 1996 during construction and grow in. Previously Mark worked at Kennett Square Country Club, Medford Village and Merchantville Country Club. Mark graduated in 1979 from Niagara College in St. Catharines, Ontario with an Associates Degree in Ornamental Horticulture. He lives in Seven Valleys, PA with his wife Laura and daughters, Meghan, Caitlyn and Abigayle. Mark enjoys waterfowl hunting and fly fishing.

Golf Course Profile

Regents Glen Country Club is an Arthur Hills design. The course opened for play in July 1998. The Greens are L-93, tees and fairways are L-93 Southshore.

Directions to Regents Glen Country Club

Route 83 South to Exit 6W. Bear right onto Route 74. Follow to 3rd light. Turn left at light onto Rathon Street. At next light Rathon becomes Country Club Road. Continue on Country Club Road - Go through the next light and do not bear left at "Y" - Go straight (right) at Brockie Green to entrance to Regents Glen. Stay on Regents Glen Boulevard. Turn left onto Crestway and follow to the Boxhill Club. There will be a bag drop at Boxhill.

Mid-Atlantic Update

By Stan Zontek, Director
updated 6-18-01

More Reports of Hyperodes Weevil Activity

This was an interesting week for turfgrass management in the Mid-Atlantic Region. What made this week different? First, near record temperatures, along with heat, humidity and thunderstorms provided an early taste of summer. It is hard to believe that only two weeks ago we saw active Microdochium patch. Another name for this disease is pink snow mold. These weather extremes are one of the reasons why the transition zone is recognized as one of the most challenging regions of the country to grow golf turf.

What else has occurred?

There was another confirmed case of hyperodes weevil damaging Poa annua in collars. A few years ago this insect pest was confined in the New York metropolitan area, Long Island, and southern Connecticut. Is this insect moving west and south? Are we becoming better at identifying its damaging effects? Who knows.

The point is to alert turf managers that if you see areas of Poa annua, primarily on collars, beginning to wilt, collapse and die for no apparent reason it may be a good idea to start investigating closer. Take a cup cutter size plug two inches deep and begin tearing the thatch apart. Look for a white, soft-bodied insect larva approximately 3 mm long. In its early stage it has a bronze to golden head about the size of a large grain of sand. At the later stage the larva/pupa begins to develop wing-like structures and resembles a flying insect. Another diagnostic feature is, when exposed to light, it wiggles like a maggot. The adult emerges from the soil as a snout insect resembling a bluegrass billbug.

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President's Message

Thanks to Dave Visocan and the entire staff at Chester Valley Golf Club for hosting the CPGCSA June Meeting. Fortunately the weather cooperated and the course was in immaculate shape. It was a worth the trip just to walk on the course with the extra bonus of playing golf. It was clear why the Senior PGA Tour Players never had an easy time playing or walking!! Thanks again Dave, please thank everyone that works with you.

The speaker for the meeting was Mike Brownell from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. Mike spoke to us about monitoring and reporting water usage at our courses. He stated that he is the only person in the commission who is and will be finalizing the permitting process. It sounded like it will take a long time for every course in the Basin to be permitted. The bottom line was that we need to be monitoring our daily water usage by metering or by calculating the usage on paper. If anyone has questions please contact Mike (717) 238-0425 or someone else at the SRBC.

The July meeting is at Regent's Glen Country Club on the tenth with a speaker scheduled at 11:00 a.m. Time off is something we all need, please try to make this meeting a so-called day off! Very interesting weather were having, eh!!!!???

Dan Achenbach

1st Place Winners from Chester Valley Golf Club



(L - R) Thom Mahute, Dan Brickley, Josh Gehman, and Faron Stoops

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

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Steven Shadle, Superintendent
Berkleigh Country Club.....Class A

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Tom Kintzer, Quail Valley Golf Course (717) 359-8053.

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Keith Happ reports hyperodes activity in western Pennsylvania. It seems that turf managers in the northern part of the Mid-Atlantic Region now have another concern. Identifying hyperodes and determining a preventative, as well as a curative, spray program.

If there is any good news in this update it is that the hyperodes weevil is an excellent form of natural *Poa annua* control in situations where you have a high population of creeping bentgrass. In situations where *Poa annua* is a predominant grass species this insect pest can be a real headache. It also can increase the cost of golf course maintenance.

In summary, don't just assume an area of wilting *Poa annua* is simply grass under stress. Look for hyperodes weevil activity and scout for anthracnose as well. This disease continues to be active. The Mid-Atlantic Region office has developed an anthracnose Fact Sheet in cooperation with the University of Maryland and Penn State University. For a copy, please contact our office at (610) 696-4747.

As always, the agronomists from the Mid-Atlantic region, Stan Zontek and Darin Bevard are available for any questions at (610) 696-4747. Keith Happ can be contacted at the Pittsburgh sub-regional office at (412) 341-5922.



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Golf Results

TWO FOR TWO! Yet another beautiful day for our monthly outing. The day was only matched by the golf course. Chester Valley was awesome!

The golf event was a "Shamble" format with the Pro Shop picking the teams. The results were as follows with 2nd place determined by matching cards.

1st Place:

Thom Mahute
Dan Brickley
Josh Gehman
Faron Stoops

2nd Place:

Ron Krick
Chris Martin
Dick Kauffman
Tony Goodley

We hope to score a hat trick of beautiful days at Regents Glen Country Club on July 10. The format will be Low Gross and Calloway Net.

Hope to see you there!

Faron Stoops, Golf Chairman

Make History With the GCSAA

GCSAA is initiating a special golf ball collection drive to visually illustrate the far-reaching scope of the golf course superintendent profession. Members are asked to submit three golf balls bearing the logo of his/her facility. GCSAA will assemble and display the impressive collection representing members from across the country and throughout the world. The Golf Ball Showcase will first be on display at 2002 Conference and Show in Orlando and eventually on permanent display at GCSAA Headquarters.

Editors Note: For your convenience, you can bring the logo balls along with your business card to any CPGCSA meeting before September and give them to Wanda. She will package and mail them to GCSAA as a chapter.

For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the August newsletter, the deadline for submissions is July 20, 2001. Please fax information to Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to cpgcsa@nbn.net.

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Heather and Gorse

By Mark V. DelSantro, CGCS

I'm so impressed with the individuals who set up the meeting schedule this year. As a board member, one might think I should know whom to thank, but the reality is I'm still reeling in confusion since the conclusion of my higher learning career at Penn State (I'm officially a PSU Alumni Member). Chester Valley, without a doubt, was one of the best golf courses I've played over the past 31 years. While the weather was fine and I wish my partners were more beautiful, the challenge of the golf course and the wonderful condition made for an extremely enjoyable day. What's even better is that looking ahead, we have several more outstanding golf courses on the schedule, which hopefully acts as an incentive for everyone's future meeting attendance.

So when I started looking at the current events over the past month in an effort to decide upon which topic to write, I found myself in a quandary. I analyzed and evaluated numerous topics, including the scam behind the marketing of golf equipment (namely, the USGA non-compliant, Callaway ERC), the Eldrick "Tiger" Woods tournament slump (which appears to be starting all over following this year's U.S. Open), and the Sixer's magical run towards second place, among other things. But no topic peaked my interest and my emotions more than the continuing saga of a previously visited Heather and Gorse subject... thus, I feel it is time to revisit the Casey Martin story.

For those of you who have been spending too many hours at work, on May 29th, 2001 the Supreme Court of the United States ruled 7-2 in favor of allowing Casey Martin to use a golf car in PGA events. Judge John Paul Stevens wrote the favorable opinion stating that allowing Casey to use a golf car "would not fundamentally change the game," but rather "allow him to compete in athletic events offered to those members of the public who have the skill and the desire to enter." Judge Stevens furthermore iterated that the game of golf was about shot making, not walking in between the shots.

Upon reading one of the many articles written on this ruling, I suddenly found myself pondering the concepts that Shakespeare once wrote about, which was the idea of eliminating all the lawyers... being a dedicated Ursinologist of very little brain, it is my simple opinion that William maybe should have added all judges to that list as well! The issues I have with this ruling have very little to do with the sport of golf and even less to do personally with Casey Martin. The issues I disagree with are with the interpreted applications of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please don't misunderstand my position; I'm not opposed to the general concept of the ADA, but I have a hard time believing that when the original ADA policy was written up, they meant access to participation in professional sports, such as the PGA Tour.

Everything about sports is geared towards the proverbial level playing field. For instance, every time there is a stroke play tournament at our golf courses, regardless of whether they are at the club level, the state association level, or the national level, we take steps to ensure that the golf course conditions are reasonably the same for every player from the first tee time to the last. Why??? Because it is inherent to all sports that while the weather may change, every possible controllable element should be kept as consistent as possible in an effort to maximize competitive fairness. This is certainly one of the primary reasons there was a push for soft spikes a few years back... God forbid a spike mark cause a tournament-winning putt on the 18th green to drift askew. It is my opinion that no one, especially the judicial arm of the national government, should attempt to mess with the level playing field concept for fear that any one player should gain an unfair advantage over his competitors. What I'm saying is that sport is and always will be about a combination of skill and luck... skill, on-loan from the Gods, from hard work, and from practice... and luck from metaphysical universal randomness.

This Supreme Court ruling has the potential to affect all sports on all levels. It has opened a can of worms when it comes to the interpretation of competing on a level playing field and the long-term ramifications may very well alter the future of all sports, at least as we know them. For instance, exactly what criterion does one now use to determine whether they're allowed to use a golf car during PGA events??? Back problems are common place on the PGA Tour. Davis Love III hasn't played in a tournament since the Masters in April due to back and neck problems. Whose subjective opinion will determine whether or not Davis Love and any other competitor's back pain equates to a short-term disability? Furthermore, should the PGA/USGA deny their request for using a golf car, what's to keep that player from suing them claiming a breach of ADA policy? Scott Verplank, a current PGA touring pro, who played at Oklahoma State, while I was at Iowa State, is a diabetic. Is diabetes a disability? On a 100-degree hazy, hot, and humid day, when one is expending a great deal of energy walking/playing, a diabetic could certainly argue that they are disadvantaged.

Judge Anthony Scalia, one of two justices who disagreed with the decision, wrote a dissenting opinion heeding a warning of these aforementioned potential problems and more. He spoke towards envisioning the parent of a little leaguer with attention deficit disorder (ADD, or whatever they call it now) using the Casey Martin ruling as justification for asking for an extra strike, by arguing that their child is 25% less like to be able to hit the ball, and thus, in fairness, should be granted special treatment. While I find this example a bit of a stretch, I certainly understand his point. What exactly defines a disability and how does one differentiate between disabilities? Just a few weeks ago a gentleman from Illinois named Olinger sued the USGA in an attempt to use a golf car during a U.S. Open qualifier. My understanding is that he has a circulatory disorder that restricts the flow of blood to his hips and/or legs,

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making it very painful to walk. The court turned him down, he attempted to qualify via walking, and he failed. And yet, what is the difference between Martin and Olinger??? Aside from not having a group of high-powered attorneys, the national spotlight, and the public's sentiment on his side the answer is most definitively, not a whole lot!

And as for the golf being only about hitting the ball... that has to be one of the most ridiculous arguments on the entire planet. Imagine the changes in some of the major sports if this were the case... what about x-Phillie John Kruk... he could still be playing if it wasn't for running, so maybe the MLB could make up a new rule that would allow a player to hit, but to have someone else run to first for them? In basketball, what about Shaquille O'Neal? Being 7' 2", weighing 350 pounds, and having extra large hands surely is a disadvantage when attempting to shoot free throws. Since it's all about shot making, maybe the NBA could make a new rule to allow someone like Calvin Murphy to come back and shoot free throws for Shaq. Even though he can't keep up with the young guys running up and down the floor... he probably could still make over 90% from the line.

I could go on and on with ridiculous example after ridiculous example, but I think my point is obvious... every sport on the planet earth is an integration of a number of different skills. Attempting to take an athlete, subjectively measuring his inability to compete at the highest level for whatever reason, and then forcing the professional sport to make special accommodations for that athlete, arguing that it's in an attempt to level the playing field is, in fact, changing the fundamentals of that sport. Furthermore, doing this at the highest level of competition within that sport is just wrong and quite frankly, it bites at the very fairness it claims to protect! In my idealistic point of view, this is just one more example of big government getting involved where they shouldn't. That's my politically incorrect, overly traditionalistic view from the heather and gorse!

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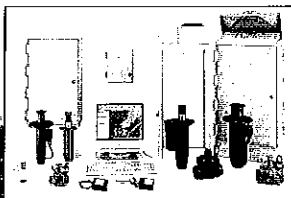
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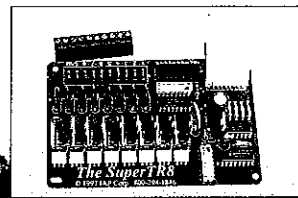
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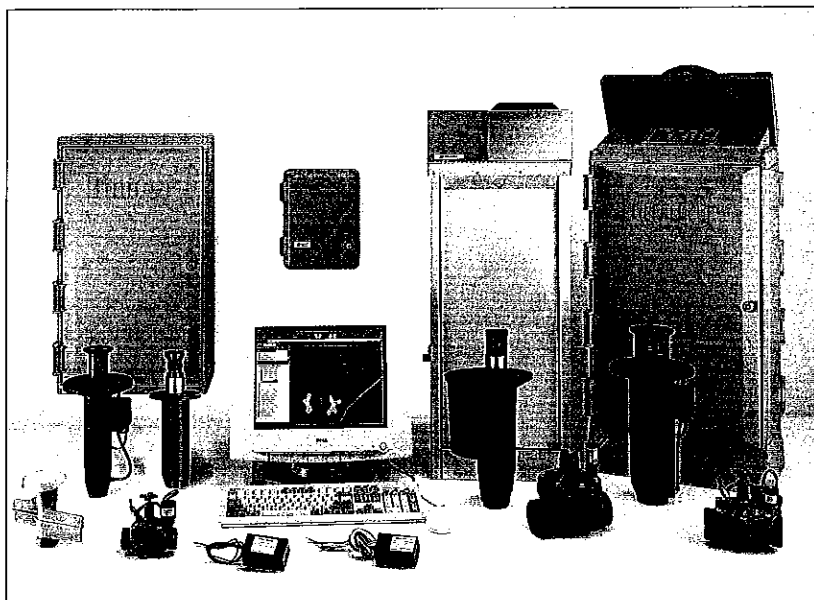
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Berkleigh Country Club

TO: First Union Betsy King Classic Volunteers

FROM: Steve Shadle, Golf Course Superintendent

Over the past few months I have received many inquiries regarding volunteer help for the 2001 First Union Betsy King Classic. Please review the schedule for volunteers and indicate what days and times you would be available to work. While we will take any help we can get in the evenings, we are most in need of morning volunteers, Thursday through Sunday. Any time you could donate would be greatly appreciated.

We will begin our mornings at 4:30 AM. Although the times have not been determined as of yet, the PM schedule will begin in the late afternoon Thursday - Friday and in the mid-afternoon on Saturday.

Please fax this form back to me at (610) 683-8021 as soon as possible. Following receipt of the Volunteer Form, an informational packet will be sent in late July. Feel free to call me at (610) 349-4114 if you have any questions or if you know of any other experienced golf course persons who would be interested in volunteering.

Thanks for the assistance!!!

2001 First Union Betsy King Classic Volunteer Form

Please indicate the days and times that you will be able to volunteer. Please, one form per volunteer. Thank you.

Thursday, August 23 ____ AM ____ PM

Friday, August 24 ____ AM ____ PM

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Please fax to Steve Shadle at (610) 683-8021.

Thanks for the assistance.

Ask The Golf Course Architect

by

Edward M. Beidel, Jr., ASGCA, RLA
Vice President and Director of Golf Services
Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc.
Towson, Maryland

So the facility owners or members have made the decision to remodel the golf course and a golf course architect has devised a Mater Plan. Now, the question is how fast can or should we implement the plan?

An aggressive remodeling program usually describes an implementation phase consisting of one to two years of construction. In contrast, extended remodeling programs encompass longer periods of time, anywhere from three years to infinity, depending upon the complexity of the master plan. Many factors, in addition to the plan itself, require consideration when deciding how aggressively the remodeling program will be achieved. Below, I will discuss several of the most important variables.

First, there must be consideration of the course's financial resources. Many private clubs have an annual capital improvement fund. The advantage of such a fund is that the members have already set aside a certain amount of money each year dedicated to upgrading the facility. When such a fund is available, this may negate the need to seek additional financial support from the members. This in turn, lessens the possibility that the remodeling project will be sidelined by a negative membership vote. When financial resources for the remodeling project are based on the revenue from the improvement fund, this amount will dictate the speed of the remodeling project.

If there is no capital improvement fund or if the amount is considered insufficient to support the scope of the project, several revenue support streams might be considered. If the facility is private, an additional source of revenue may be a special assessment or dues increase on the part of the membership. For public courses, and perhaps some semi-private facilities, increased greens fees may be an additional source of revenue. All of these are potential avenues to pursue, depending upon the enthusiasm of the membership for the remodeling project. Another consideration is the owner/club's loan history and loan capability, which may provide suitable capital for the project. Obviously, the more working capital available, the more aggressively the project can be pursued.

A second important consideration when determining the speed of the remodeling project is revenue depletion. As a result of golf course reconstruction, play is often disrupted. In an aggressive plan, the course may be closed entirely or more likely, half the course is closed for a two year period (outward nine the first year and inward nine the second year). Thus, the course that pursues an aggressive program faces decreased revenues (from fewer rounds) during a time when working capital is most necessary. In contrast, an extended program may allow the course to remain open (through the use of temporary greens and tee boxes), but the overall disruption (noise and inconvenience of construction equipment, detours and temporary features) will be experienced for a much longer period of time. Sometimes, in order to keep up the number of rounds during construction, courses will offer reduced fees to offset the less than optimal playing conditions. Finally, it must be noted that decreased revenue refers not only to fewer greens fees collected but also the domino effect that fewer rounds has on the golf course support facilities. Fewer rounds of golf means less money spent in the bar and the restaurant, as well as the pro shop. If these facilities provide substantial support to the overall operation and financial health of the course, the long-term disruption of these revenue streams that would result from a more extended remodeling plan, may dictate the need for a more aggressive strategy.

As noted above, noise and inconvenience of construction illustrate a third important variable when deciding the speed of the reconstruction project. Disruption to the players was noted above. Any time the course is shut down, there is a risk that patrons may find another course and never return, even when the facility re-opens. If only nine holes are available, players also may decide to go to a different course. For private clubs which have reciprocal agreements with other clubs, this is less of an issue. However, for public courses, closing down half the course or the entire course may not be possible, particularly in an area where there are other attractive alternatives. Again, an extended plan may result in more minimal disruption at any one time, but yet be compounded over the sheer number of years that the course is under construction. Players may tire of yet another routing or another temporary tee.

Furthermore, disruption to the course's staff also merits some thought. Under an aggressive plan, the extensive scope of the work and the relatively short time constraints usually dictates awarding the entire project to outside contractors rather than having the work or portions of the work done by in-house personnel. Alternatively, when a plan is extended over a number of years and the scope of each yearly project is small, existing course personnel may be called upon to perform many of the reconstruction tasks.

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Thus, in addition to all the duties of keeping the course open and providing satisfactory playing conditions, personnel must often perform the additional duties of golf course reconstruction. If this extended project encompasses only several years, the burden to the staff may be manageable. However, as the number of years increases, the additional demands may create staff burnout and a higher rate of personnel turnover.

A fourth consideration is whether the professional personnel involved in the program (golf course architect, contractor) will remain available for an extended remodeling program. Major golf course construction companies may not be interested in an extended implementation program, even if each yearly construction phase is part of a larger master plan. For those companies, even small projects require major commitments of time, personnel, and geographic location but yield a smaller profit margin. In contrast, an aggressive implementation takes on the scope of work usually associated with new course construction, and major companies have the equipment and personnel necessary to complete the project within the construction deadline. Larger companies, with their extensive resources, are the "insurance policy" for the course, having the knowledge and personnel necessary to "fast-track" the project. The real success of the project is re-opening on time and obviously, the more resources available, the more likely that this will happen.

If limited funds dictate an extended program, the best alternative may be to use an established, yet qualified local contractor who is comfortable working under the direct supervision of the golf course architect. This requires the golf course architect's commitment to provide frequent on-site consultation to the construction staff. Furthermore, it requires the course or club secure a commitment from the golf course architect to maintain his/her involvement throughout the extended implementation program. Because the golf course architect and contractor will be working together over an extended period of time, a good working relationship is vital.

Accessibility to materials as well as other construction costs are a final area of consideration. If an extended implementation is being considered, there should be some assurance that the materials purchased will be uniform across the years of the project. Varying the rootzone mixes for tee boxes and greens, particle gradation of bunker sands, gravel backfill for drainage components will complicate maintenance practices, which in turn will be more costly to the facility. Varying the materials also will change the playing conditions across the holes of the course, which many players will find unacceptable. Although variety in golf design and shot selection is a proper goal, variety in agronomic conditions is not considered a positive aspect of the course. Finally, extended implementation often is more costly in terms of contractor and construction costs than an aggressive plan. For example, contractor mobilization costs in an aggressive plan occur once. In an extended plan, they occur yearly. Thus, like paying interest on a loan, you end up paying more for the advantage of spreading your payments out over time.

In summary, among all of the variables discussed here, those related to project financing are probably paramount. Inconvenience to player and club personnel are another important consideration. Similarly to taking off a Band-Aid, one quick pull produces a lot of discomfort but it is over in a short period of time. In contrast, the gradual removal results in less intense pain at any one moment but stretches out the Band-Aid removal process over a longer period of time. In the end however, both methods achieve the same result. It sometimes is just a matter of the individual's, or in this case, the course facility's, tolerance level.

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