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Winter Readiness: Teaming With Mother Nature Benefits Course Preparations

updated 1-8-02

As the winter weather continues, turfgrass maintenance activities have shifted indoors. A significant amount of planning and preparation is necessary to ready the course and maintenance equipment for the spring. Television golf will return with a flurry, and with it will be an ever-increasing desire for the snow to melt and the grass to grow.

Several questions have been presented regarding course maintenance efforts during the winter season. One often asked question centers on topdressing the turf during the winter. Topdressing during the winter can be an excellent way to incorporate sand into the upper portion of the soil profile. Winter precipitation (snow or rain) will work the topdressing into the canopy, and allowing Mother Nature to help eliminates the need for dragging or brushing procedures. While it is always better to limit play on dormant, frozen turf topdressing as aggressively as possible during the winter season can provide insulation and protection during a mild winter. The plant crowns will be protected and water infiltration can be improved. A firmer surface can be created, and this will be a year round benefit. If weather allows, and there is topdressing in inventory, go ahead and apply it. Additionally, research has shown that topdressing fairway turf with sand can provide a method to deter earthworm activity.

One benefit of frozen turf is that many construction projects can be completed without adversely damaging the turf. If for example, a fairway has to be traversed with large excavation equipment, consider covering the haul road with a geo-textile fabric followed by plywood or other rigid material. This helps to limit the amount of traffic damage and repair work needed to ready the course for play.

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President's Message

Many thanks to Chris Martin for a great day and a great meal at Iron Valley. The condition of the course and layout were beautiful! I knew it was a bit windy when I saw a few of my putts get blown off line, but that added to the fun.

I already confessed to Chris that when the cold wind-driven rain blew in and conditions became unbearable on the final 2 holes, certain rules changed in our group so that we could get finished. They were:

1. Carts could drive anywhere except on greens and tees. (Chris told me his group adopted this rule too, so I guess it was ok.)
2. You could hit into the group in front of you, but try to aim away from them. (We didn't actually do this!)
3. You could not read a putt or take longer than 2 seconds over a shot.
4. You could talk, yell, jump up and down, or whatever it took to stay warm while someone else was hitting.

Actually, we really had a great time on those final 2 holes, and we were able to make pars on both!

Many thanks to Dan for a job well done this past year as President! I look forward to the challenge of serving as President this year.

Have a great holiday season!

Bill Brooks

If you are interested in hosting a Central Penn GCSA monthly meeting in the future, please contact Bill Brooks at (717) 259-8706 for further details.

Upcoming Events

- **GCSAA 73rd International Golf Course Conference and Show**, February 3—10, 2002. Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL.
- **Electrohydraulic Applications for Agricultural & Turfgrass Equipment**, February 19—21, 2002. Penn State University, University Park, PA
- **USGA Regional Conference**, Monday, February 25, 2002. Radisson Hotel, Pittsburgh Expo Mart, Monroeville, PA. (Registration is required—admission is complimentary. Registrations will be mailed in February)
- **Western PA Turf Conference & Trade Show**, February 26—28, 2002. Radisson Hotel, Pittsburgh Expo Mart, Monroeville, PA.
- **CPGCSA Winter Educational Meeting**, March 14, 2002. Bent Creek Country Club, Lancaster, PA
- **USGA Regional Conference**, March 19, 2001. Dupont Country Club, Wilmington, DE.

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*The Allied
 Hospitality Suite
 will be held on
 February 7, 2002
 at the
 Rosen Centre Hotel
 from 7:00-10:00 P.M.*

*Please check with the front desk
 for room location.*

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Several turf managers have asked about applying fertilizers during the late fall and early winter. As a rule-of-thumb if the soils are frozen don't apply a granular fertilizer; the potential for nutrient loss is much greater under these conditions. However, as long as the soils are not frozen nutrients will be utilized, and this provides an effective means of preparing the turf for the spring.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the educational opportunities offered this winter.

Mid-Atlantic Regional Conferences

Monday, February 25th Radisson Hotel, Monroeville, PA

Tuesday, March 19th DuPont Country Club, Wilmington, DE

For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the an upcoming newsletter, please fax information to Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to cpgcsa@nbn.net.



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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.

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CJH Greens, Inc..... Class AF

David S. Nehila, Sales Representative
Growing Solutions..... Class AF

Deron Zendt, Assistant Superintendent
Lebanon Country Club..... Class C

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

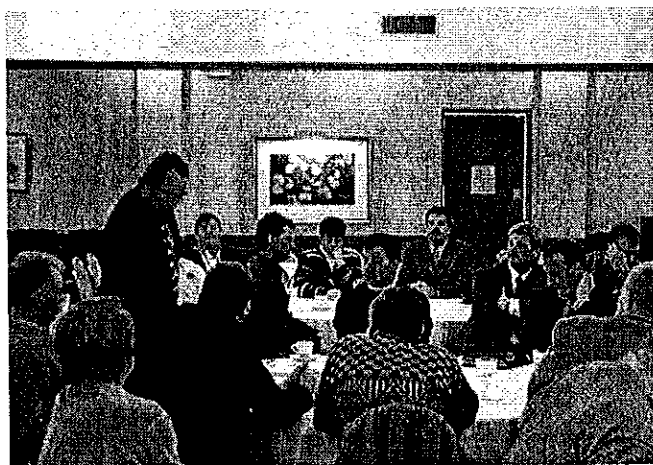
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Charles M. Lincicome, Sales Representative
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Gary L. Lomison, Superintendent
White Deer Golf Course..... Class A

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.

Past Presidents Meeting



A special "Thank You" to our Past Presidents for their support and ideas during our "Organizational Meeting" and throughout each year.

Golf News

Hope everyone is having a good winter. I've been working on projects and attending educational seminars. Who knows what the weather will bring us. But, if that's the worst thing in our lives to worry about, then we are pretty lucky.

Golfing weather is just around the corner and we will be out doing those things we love to do so much. Now that everyone is thinking about golfing, and how the off-season's exercise program, or lack thereof, will affect their swing.

Now that we are dreaming of playing, it's a good time to address next season's golf outings. The Board has received several complaints regarding the golf pairings. I will explain how and why some of the pairings are made.

Some host clubs determine the pairings. They make them up so it is easier for them to set up the carts and tee assignments.

For our Association Championship, usually held at our September meeting, I determine the pairings based on handicaps. I take the total number of players and divide them by 4 to get the 4 flights. Then I match them up with the lowest handicaps and so on.

There is no intent to upset anybody. I apologize for any ill feelings. I enjoy playing and meeting other members in our association. This past year, I was fortunate enough to play with and meet a fair number of "new" people. It was a great experience.

One way to try to alleviate any future problems, is to specify on your registration forms, those players with whom you'd like to be paired. We will submit the request to the hosting club. As for the Championship, I would prefer to keep people matched up within the same flights. But, we will try to accommodate you, whenever possible.

That's it from the golf room. Come on warm weather! See ya at the winter meeting.

Faron

Anthill Golfing

Once there was a golfer whose drive landed on an anthill. Rather than move the ball, he decided to hit it where it lay. He gave a mighty swing. Clouds of dirt and sand and ants exploded from the spot. Everything but the golf ball. It sat in the same spot.

So he lined up and tried another shot. Clouds of dirt and sand and ants went flying again. The golf ball didn't even wiggle.

Two ants survived. One dazed ant said to the other, "Whoa, What are we going to do?"

Said the other ant: "I don't know about you, but I'm going to get on the ball."

CPGCSA Family Picnic—October 6, 2001 at Creekview Park



The Whole Gang



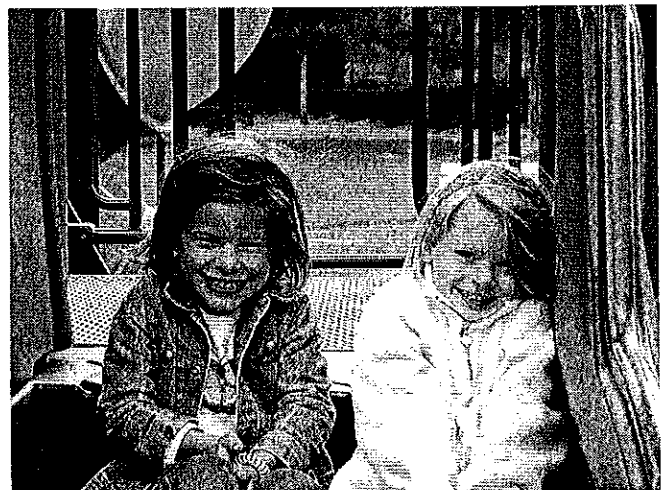
Scott Fischer— Star Kickball player
and social event coordinator



Can we play???



What a great day for competitive kickball.



Mary Ocepek and Paige Ramsey

Think You Know Everything? Did You Know?

1. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
2. Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
3. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
4. The average person's left hand does 56% of typing.
5. A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
6. There are more chickens than people in the world.
7. Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
8. The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched".
9. On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American Flag.
10. No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.
11. "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
12. All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5.00 bill.
13. Almonds are a member of the peach family.
14. Maine is the only state whose name is one syllable.
15. There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous"; tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
16. Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reinade los Angeles de Porciuncula."
17. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
18. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Government Relations

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The Environmental Quality Board adopted amendments to the state's storage tank and spill prevention program rules. The changes specifically address the corrective action required by responsible parties for releases of regulated substances from aboveground and underground storage tanks. Under the new rule, the owner or operator of an aboveground or underground storage tank is now required to verbally notify the Department of a reportable release as soon as practicable but in no case more than 24 hours (instead of 2 hours) after confirming a release. The rule took effect on December 1, 2001.

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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!!

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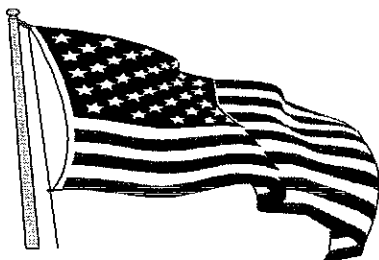
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Don't forget to return your
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with your membership dues
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Thursday, March 14, 2002

Bent Creek Country Club

Registration begins at 7:45 AM