

May Meeting

Penn National Golf Club

May 14, 2002

10:15 AM - Speaker

11:00 AM - Lunch

12:00 PM - Shotgun

Following Golf - Beverages/Snacks

There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors Meeting at 8:15 AM.

Superintendent Profile

Matt Strader has been Superintendent at Penn National Golf Club since January 1997. Prior to that he was Assistant Superintendent at Huntington Valley Country Club (92-97), Superintendent at Melrose Country Club (85-92), and Superintendent at Edgemont (83). Matt has been married to Kimberley for 14 years and they have 4 sons: Chris, David, Jeremiah, and Joshua.

Matt's assistants are Dave Dewitt and Scott Gunnell.

Golf Course Profile

Penn National is a 36 hole golf course community. The Founders Course is an Ed Ault design built in 1967. The Iron Forge Course was built in 1995 and was designed by Ault/Clark (Bill Love). Both courses have received 4-1/2 star ratings for 2002 from Golf Digest. They are 50% complete on installation of new irrigation and fertigation on the Founders Course working with John Deere Landscapes, Hydro-Designs and ISI as the contractor. Both courses will be Legacy systems controlled from one central when complete.

Golf Tournament

The golf format for the Penn National meeting will be best 2 ball net of four.

Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

By Darin S. Bevard, Agronomist
updated 4-18-02

The recent warm temperatures in the Mid-Atlantic Region have resulted in a rapid increase in turfgrass growth, leaving many superintendents with just trying to keep up with mowing. Although recent weeks have brought rainfall amounts near normal, much of the state is still in a drought emergency. Those golf courses that submitted their variance applications to the Pennsylvania DEP are now receiving approval for their plans, albeit at reduced rates of water. In those areas where the drought emergency is not in affect, we encourage you to submit plans to the DEP in case drought emergencies are declared. Remember, the law states that water use is to be recorded monthly and submitted to DEP annually. If you have not completed the necessary paperwork to use water for golf course irrigation this season, get on the stick!

For those in states other than Pennsylvania, the regulations are quite varied. Continue to monitor potential water restrictions in your area and follow the law accordingly.

Throughout most of the region, aeration has recently been completed or is planned for the very near future. Aeration is disruptive, however, the turf will be healthier during the summer months. To speed the healing of fine turf areas, make light applications of quick release nitrogen fertilizer through spoonfeeding or light granular applications. Do not apply high rates or nitrogen in the spring! This will force excessive topgrowth, possibly at the expense of rooting. Light applications will help improve healing from spring renovation and winter play.

One final area of the golf course that is often forgotten is the club house area. Remember, this area often gives the firstcontinued on page 4

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President's Message

It was on April 16 and 17 when temperatures soared to above 90 degrees and I was telling my boys at home not to leave doors open to keep the cool, air-conditioned air in the house. On April 21, it was 44 degrees and I was telling them to keep the warm, heated air in the house.

The spring weather has been interesting to say the least but we do need to be thankful for the timely rains we have been getting in April. It seems like (in our region) just as things are beginning to get dry, it rains. We can all hope that continues throughout the summer.

The weather certainly cooperated for our meeting at Heritage Hills! I want to thank Tony Goodley and his staff for providing us with a beautiful golf course. In addition to a fine golf course, the speaker gave us some great ornamental tips, the entire staff was friendly, and the food was delicious. We had a great turnout (70+) and couldn't have asked for a better day!

I haven't had the opportunity to play at Penn National, but I have heard many great things about it. I look forward to seeing you all there for our joint meeting with Keystone on May 14, especially you guys that are retired and don't have to worry any more about things like anthracnose, drought emergencies, etc!

See you then!

Bill

*An Invitation to our esteemed
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and
Class R - Retired Members
of our Association.*

*It is with great pleasure that we get to
extend an invitation to you.*

*Attend the May 14 meeting at
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your fellow members.*

We all hope you can attend.

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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.

Nelson Berry, Assistant Superintendent
Chambersburg Country Club Class C

Sean R. Jordan, Assistant Superintendent
Saucon Valley Country Club Class C

Thomas Malehorn, Sales Representative
United Horticultural Supply Class AF

Scott Schukraft, Director of Golf Course/Grounds
Huntsville Golf Club Class A

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

Timothy T. Lulis, 2nd Assistant Superintendent
Chester Valley Country Club Class C

Ed Casteen, CGCS, Sales Representative
Koonz Sprinkler Supply Class AF

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Tom Kintzer, Blue Mt. View Golf Course (717) 861-5722.

CPGCSA Merchandise

There will be CPGCSA logo merchandise available for purchase at the May meeting Penn National Golf Club.

Golf Shirts \$35.00

Wind shirts \$40.00

Hats \$10.00

Congratulations

Stephen Gross, Golf Course Superintendent at Monroe Valley Golf Course has been designated a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Approximately 1,700 golf course superintendents currently hold "CGCS" status.



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impression to those who visit and play the golf course. Other important areas include the practice putting green and the first and tenth tees. At this early point in the growing season, these areas deserve attention. There's nothing worse than seeing a club house lawn covered in dandelions.

To date, a smooth transition from winter to spring has been observed. The regular issues of aeration, Poa annua seedheads, and efforts to improve ball roll on greens seem to be most talked about on our visits. It is good to have a somewhat normal spring, although in this time of weather extremes, there is no telling what the summer will bring.

As always, if the agronomists of the Mid-Atlantic Region can be of assistance at all, you can contact Stan Zontek (szontek@usga.org) or Darin Bevard (dbevard@usga.org) at 610/ 696-4747 or Keith Happ (khapp@usga.org) at 412/ 341-5922.

For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the June newsletter, please fax information to Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to cpgcsa@nbn.net by May 20, 2002.

Equipment For Sale

The following equipment is available for purchase from Rick Eschbach at Upper Perk Golf Course. (215) 679-7790.

- Case Tractor with turf tires, Model #395. 1,550 hours, \$9,950.00
- Case Tractor with turf tires, Model #485. Plus Mount-o-matic Loader with two buckets, three point hitch backhoe and Curtis tractor cab. 1,265 hours. \$13,950.00

Please contact Tony Goodley at Heritage Hills Golf Resort if you are interested in the following. (717) 755-1919.

- Ryan G8-30
- Jacobsen 5 gang blitzer

Please contact Mike Swisher at the Lebanon Country Club (717) 272-1893 if you are interested in the following:

- Lockers— grouped in blocks of 4 or 6. \$10.00 per locker.

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!!

Heather and Gorse

By Mark V. DelSantoro, CGCS

FIRST THERE IS THE MOUNTAIN, THEN THERE IS NO MOUNTAIN, THEN THERE IS. --- Zen Saying

Life can be an awful funny thing! For those who haven't heard... my independence from employment has proven to be temporary in nature. In one of life's most ironic twists of fate, I'm about to embark on a journey that even my demented mind would not have envisioned five years ago. On April 25th I'm beginning a five-month internship with Syngenta in their Turf and Ornamental Division. Now, I know what you're all thinking... I've already taken a number of agency pricing jabs from many of my so-called peers... I'm sure the CPGCSA court jesters will continue to compare this event to the likes of Anakin Skywalker's transformation into Darth Vader. In one of my favorite books, The Art of War, Sun Tzu strongly recommends that one keep their friends close and their enemies closer. While, I'm sure my hiring by Syngenta is in no way related to this philosophy, considering my strong criticism of their pricing structures in the past, the situation seems funny (ha-ha) nonetheless.

Let me assure all of my friends in heather and gorse land that this career change of direction, as drastic as it may seem, is definitely heading down my desired path. When I got my MBA a year ago, my intent was to stay in the green industry, but not in the same capacity I'd been in for the past twenty-five years. Anyone who has ever worn a golf course superintendent's hat knows that it takes a special breed to endure the daily bump and grind for an extended period of time. I always have joked that you don't see many older, gray-haired golf course superintendents... with the seemingly insurmountable pressures/stresses of the job over the past decade, the fact of the matter is that it's the younger guys in the business with gray hair... the older guys, if they're still in the business, tend to have no hair, because they've done pulled it all out!!! In my case, ever since kids came into the picture, my mind has been in constant conflict over, among other things, two primary issues that golf course superintendents deal with on a daily basis... the time commitment and the pressure to produce perfect conditions.

Dealing with the time commitment issue, in some respects, I believe we're still living in the stone ages. Realistically, I don't believe that any normal person can consistently spend 10 hours a day, seven days a week, for an extended period of time (especially through the summer months), and not experience a drop-off in their productivity. Of course, this says nothing about their personal lives, which in many cases seems nonexistent. I know many older superintendents, who to this day still work seven days a week. Of course, I'd have an awful hard time categorizing some of these superintendents as people, let alone normal!

While starting out as a seven day a week superintendent, after a few years, I decided that spending one day a week away from the golf course was actually a good thing. Hell, I even took a summer vacation a few times! In retrospect, considering my 20-20-hindsight vision, my willingness to prioritize family over work ultimately contributed to my recent dismissal. This flows directly into my second issue...

Is it I, or has the pressure to produce conditional excellence gotten to the point of ridiculousness? I used to call it the Augusta Syndrome, but now it goes far beyond the storied gates of Augusta National. In fact, with virtually every golf course on the PGA Tour looking immaculate from January through November and with virtually every tournament being televised, the member's and/or player's expectations for perfect playing conditions have become laughable. Forget that it's the middle of the winter, the greens have gone through two months of freeze and thaw cycles, and the greens haven't been rolled or cut in months... the members and/or players want to know why the greens are bumpy and slow and the cup edges are worn, but low and behold, on TV in southern California the Poa greens are rolling at 11 on the stimp meter. And yet, how many of us are guilty to either cutting or rolling our greens in January or February when our common sense told us not to, but our survival instincts won out? Is it really any wonder, with winter play and maintenance practices, why anthracnose is active in February and March in the Philly region???

Couple these things with pompous, myopic owners, members, and players, who, regardless of how good the conditions are during the growing season, only care about their last slow, bumpy five-footer they pushed just a bit outside, and you've created a guaranteed recipe for either failure or high stress. And we all know it doesn't matter whether you're budget is low or high. The general trend is what have you done for us lately! Remember when off-season used to mean that you could relax and take some time off? Now it seems that no time is a great time for vacation and God forbid, you go to more than a few educational seminars and/or conferences during the "slow months." The choice is yours, gentlemen, Grecian Formula or Rogaine???

Well, all I can say is this... no owner, member, and/or player will have me to kick around anymore! Now, at least for the next five months, I'll be fodder for the northeast regional golf course superintendents, which include all of you! Just keep one thing in mind... I grew up as a member of a country club and by Zeus, I'm going to eventually end up a member somewhere. And when I do... you superintendents better make damn sure that I don't have a slow, bumpy five-footer that bounces off line in January and/or February! Think about it! That's my twisted, ironic, dark side, pompous, and myopic point of view from the heather and gorse.

Directions to Penn National Golf Club

From Harrisburg, Pa. and North:

Travel south on I-81 to Exit 20 south, Rt. 997. Proceed south on Rt. 997, 9 miles to Penn National on the right. Approximate travel time from Harrisburg is 60 minutes.

From Philadelphia and East:

Travel west on the PA. Turnpike (I-76 West) to Exit 16 Carlisle, then follow signs to I-81 South, south on I-81 to Exit 20, 8 miles to Penn National on the right. Approximate travel time from Philadelphia is 2½ hours.

From Allentown, Pa.:

Travel west on I-78 to I-81, then south on I-81 to Exit 20 south, Rt. 997. Continue on Rt. 997, about 8 miles to Penn National on the right.

From Baltimore, Md.:

Travel west on I-70 to Exit 35 north, Rt. 66 toward Smithburg. Turn right on Rt. 64 east. Rt. 64 becomes Rt. 997 at the Pennsylvania State line. Follow Rt. 997 through Waynesboro and continue north on Rt. 997 past Mont Alto to Penn National on the left. Approximate travel time from the Baltimore Beltway is 90 minutes.

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The Mind of a Six Year Old is Wonderful.

First Grade.....true story.

One day the first grade teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class. She came to the part of the story where the first pig was trying to accumulate the building materials for his home. She read, "...And so the pig went up to the man with the wheelbarrow full of straw and said, 'Pardon me sir, but may I have some of that straw to build my house?'" The teacher paused then asked the class, "And what do you think that man said?" One little boy raised his hand and said, "I think he said 'Holy S*#! A talking pig!'"

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Golf Results

The following are the results from the 4 man scramble tournament at Heritage Hills.

Low Gross

Chris Martin, Greg Borzok, Mike Orban, Randy Ratcliffe

Low Net

Mark DelSantro, Charlie Koennecker, Bob Beyer, Don Benner

Longest Drive

Mike Orban

Closest to the Pin

Deron Zendt

DEP Secretary Reminds Golf Course Operators about Restrictions on Irrigation During Drought

Harrisburg (April 5) - - On behalf of Governor Mark Schweiker, Department of Environmental Protection Secretary (DEP) David E. Hess today reminded golf course operators of their responsibility to comply with drought-emergency regulations now in effect in 24 Pennsylvania counties.

"Golf course operators in the 24 drought-emergency counties are required to obtain approval from the Commonwealth Drought Coordinator prior to irrigating," Secretary Hess said. "The drought regulations issued with the Governor's drought-emergency proclamation require golf courses to reduce their water use for irrigation purposes by 30 percent."

Commonwealth Drought Coordinator Stuart I. Gansell distributed a letter in March about the restrictions to 1,550 golf course professionals.

"Water-use regulations prohibit the watering of any portion of golf courses within a drought emergency area," Gansell said. "However, a golf course operator can submit to my office an emergency operations plan for watering greens, tee and fairways and such watering may be permitted if the plan is approved."

Using metered water-usage records for the past five years, golf course operators will be required to achieve a 30 percent monthly reduction in irrigated water. Once a plan is approved by the Commonwealth Drought Coordinator, golf course operators may use the computed monthly allocation of water detailed in their plan for the irrigation of greens, tees and fairways as needed.

"The drought emergency regulations for golf courses were developed with input from the golf industry through the cooperation of a number of golf and turf associations," Secretary Hess said. "These regulations attempt to fairly conserve precious water resources during the drought period, while providing for the continued irrigation needs of golf courses."

Complete copies of the regulations, instructions, and application forms are available on the PA PowerPort at www.state.pa.us, PA Keyword: "drought".

This is a news release from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania DEP. For questions regarding this release, please contact Ron Ruman at (717) 787-1323.

A Lesson From Golf

He couldn't use his driver any better on the tee
Than the chap that he was licking,
Who just happened to be me;
I could hit them with a brassie just as straight and just as far,
But I piled up several sevens while he made a few in par;
And he trimmed me to a finish, and I know the reason why,
He could keep his temper better when he dubbed a shot than I.

His mashie stroke is choppy, without any follow through,
I doubt if he will ever, on a short hole, cop a two,
But his putts are straight and deadly,
And he doesn't even frown
When he's tried to hole a long one and just fails to get it down.
On the fourteenth green I faded, there he put me on the shelf,
And it's not to his discredit when I say I licked myself.

He never whined or whimpered when a shot
Of his went wrong;
Never kicked about his troubles, but just plodded right along.
When he flubbed an easy iron, though I knew that he was vexed,
He merely shrugged his shoulders, and then coolly
Played the next.
While I flew into a frenzy over every dub I made,
And was loud in my complaining at the dismal game I played.

Golf is like the game of living; it will show up what you are;
If you take your troubles badly you will never play to par,
You may be a fine performer when your skies
Are bright and blue
But disaster is the acid that shall prove the worth of you,
So just meet your disappointments with a cheery sort of grin,
For the man who keeps his temper is the man
That's sure to win.

- - Edgar A. Guest

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From A Very Past President

We come from Lebanon, Harrisburg, and York to Allentown, Downingtown and Chambersburg. We share a profession and an association. We share problems, treatments, strategies, ideas, gossip, an occasional brew and most importantly, friendships. We go to work, to the clubhouse, the course, the range, the pump house and end up in the penthouse or the outhouse, not necessarily in that order. Eventually we go home. We are golf course superintendents and members of the Central Penn Association. Does another life exist?

So what am I trying to say in this note? Our close relationships, not job responsibilities or achievements, make us mentally strong and emotionally healthy. Considering the friendships extended to me when arriving in the Central Penn region and the really important relationships, those within our families will be the focus of this "short" note. Our family and friends are the most important people in our lives. Do they really receive the attention and care they deserve? Can we tear ourselves away from the turf often enough to keep a balance in life? It's tough to continue a successful career when our relationships are out of balance.

This May I observed the sympathy extended to Bonnie Rafferty on the untimely passing of her husband Dave. Many members attended the service and Bonnie was deeply touched by the friendship, respect and support shown during that difficult period. Dave exhibited all the best in a superintendent, in leadership and as a friend. Dave was easy going, friendly, someone you could trust and confide in and a true leader in his profession, going the extra mile in volunteer leadership as a past president of three associations.

All these qualities of a wonderful friend were embodied in a man we lost so early. He comes to mind often and these thoughts lift my spirits. Dave was not a quitter in anything. He, like many other superintendents, looked on life as an adventure. Dave lived life to its fullest and had no regrets beyond the physical limitations he fought over the years. We were all blessed to know, work with and share the friendship of Dave Rafferty. Dave was my friend and I miss him.

Friendship hopes for the best in others through triumph as well as instances of pain and sorrow. **That's what friends are for!** I have received much more from association members as friends than I could ever give in return.

As fellow superintendents we offer a support network. The question is, do we access this support and do we express the same care with our best friends in the world, our families? What can we do to help our families, those closest to us, who can be ignored or worse yet, taken for granted? Our busy positions can deprive our families of the precious time and genuine support they need.

We can reach the breaking point as business pressures run contrary to the life intended for us by our creator. Our need for true friendship is most apparent in these difficult times, yet many do not want to expose themselves or their problems to others. We need to take care of our families, our responsibilities and ourselves. Our families are there for us and it's time to recognize and put a renewed emphasis on the quality of our family relationships.

My family golf course memories are plentiful. We have memories of riding on a golf cart to check irrigation timers and the course. Sue remembers all the "stuck" irrigation heads that had to be repaired during our treks around the links. While working at a Sheraton Inn golf course our three-year-old daughter identified the Sheraton "S" logo as daddy's golf course. Anywhere the logo appeared she would proclaim that we were passing daddy's golf course. Our son enjoyed riding along with me to manage the population of muskrats. He loved to say daddy "powed" the muskrats. The rest is left to your imagination. However, our most memorable family adventures were not found on the golf course. They were found at home, at sporting events, during times with our friends, sitting together on the deck watching the setting sun, hiking, devotional time, you name it—they all bring back wonderful memories and hope for the future.

The Snyder family has embraced a unique bonding mechanism. Mountains and state highpoints have always fascinated me. After many years of scanning the road atlas and highlighting each state highpoint we began a family hobby, climbing the highest point of each state. We could never have imagined the impact of that dream on our lives over the past ten years.

We each have eighteen highpoints in our portfolio. Along the way we met a man who shared information about the Highpointer's Club. Imagine an association of 2200 crazy Highpointer's, a yearly convention, a quarterly newsletter and new friends—another association of people bonding through commonality of interest. Not very different from my CPGCSA relationships, an association where our entire family can participate. We now share stories of climbing 4,000 vertical feet in

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Maine on a hot August day, dodging cars at the highpoint of Delaware, bonding and trusting each other while climbing the heights over rock, boulder, streams and logs. We met a retired judge at a quaint, small town restaurant and learned some local history. Our son Sam's natural leadership was expressed on numerous occasions. He'd hike far ahead of the family, which often resulted in temporary loneliness as we hid behind trees and waited for him to realize that his penchant to lead too far ahead had consequences.

These are family memories that will never be erased from our minds. We are a better, stronger family by experiencing these adventures. We share a phrase that is repeated before every climb. **"Where are we going? TO THE TOP!"** I think each family can benefit from a jointly shared passion and it can be just about anything. High pointing isn't for everyone but there is something each family can do to reduce stress, stay close to each other and grow together.

Here's hoping each Central Penn member enjoys the friendship of our association, appreciates those who serve to keep it strong and always remember our family and the responsibility we have to bond, to love, to enjoy, cherish and share the high points of life.

Sam Snyder

Water-Use Restrictions for Golf Courses in the East

Water, our most precious natural resource, is nearing record low levels; local media and news correspondents are already reporting anywhere from 30—50% water reductions being mandated for golf courses. The March 12, 2002, edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer feature article, NJ Imposes Water-Use Restrictions, identifies golf course water restrictions already in effect. "Golf courses are permitted to water tees, greens, and fairways by sprinkler or other conserving mechanical means. But each course is required to reduce its water use by 50 percent."

How Will This Affect the Superintendent?

As a turf professional, you face particularly difficult choices in relation to water conservation issues. It makes sense both financially and ecologically to use less water and do your part to protect one of our most vital resources even when we are not in a crisis situation. However, water is critical to your business—from the establishment of healthy roots for uniform, vigorous turf to the distribution and effectiveness of soil-targeted chemicals and fertilizers. Patrons of your facility may also be less mindful and appreciative of your conservation efforts. They have come to expect an aesthetically pleasing experience with lush, vibrant turf; they find browning grass, even though still playable, less than appealing. If the golfers/members are dissatisfied, so is your employer—loss of revenues can equate to the loss of your job. So what choices do you have?

Save Water and Your Job!

There are several strategies you can employ to reduce water use and still satisfy your patrons.

- Use effluent or "gray" water for irrigation—it's nitrogen-rich and lessens the impact of irrigation on the fresh water supply.
- Maintain a vegetated buffer around water bodies. This reduces storm water flow into ponds and streams and the potential pollution from runoff of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Conduct routine inspections of your irrigation system for leaks. If possible, update older systems to make them more water efficient.
- Use drought-resistant plant types for roughs.
- Water at night or early morning when potential for wind and evaporation are lowest.

Another important but underutilized water management tool at your disposal is a soil surfactant (wetting agent). Water has a natural tendency to either sit at the surface of the soil where it evaporates, or drain through the soil unevenly so that it may be inaccessible to the roots of your turf. Some surfactants are formulated to penetrate uniformly into the rootzone area and provide water where it is most needed, without causing the area to become over-saturated and soggy. This allows your turf to make the best and most complete use of applied water, particularly during dry spells; consequently you can apply less water with greater benefit. Effective surfactants also allow turf managers the flexibility to dry soils for fast, firm greens while still ensuring confidence in quickly rewetting these soils to moisture levels required for quality turf performance even during hot, summer stress periods or drought conditions.

Employing a combinations of these strategies can help superintendents keep their courses attractive and maintain optimum playability despite this year's water challenges.

Cost of Raising a Child

The government recently calculated the cost of raising a child from birth to age 18 and came up with \$160,140!!! It translates into \$8,896.66 a year, \$741.38 a month, or \$171.08 a week. That's a mere \$24.44 a day! Just over a dollar an hour. Still, you might think the best financial advice says don't have children if you want to be "rich". It is just the opposite.

What do you get for your \$160,140???

- Naming rights. First, middle and last!
- Glimpses of God everyday.
- Giggles under the covers every night.
- More love than your heart can hold.
- Butterfly kisses and Velcro hugs.
- Endless wonder over rocks, ants, clouds, and warm cookies.
- A hand to hold, usually covered with jam.
- A partner for blowing bubbles, flying kites, building sandcastles, and skipping down the sidewalk in the pouring rain.
- Someone to laugh yourself silly with no matter what the boss said or how frustrated you got with that customer.

For \$160,140:

- You never have to grow up, you get to finger paint, carve wood, play hide and seek, and catch lightning bugs.
- You have an excuse to keep: reading the Adventures of Piglet and Pooh, going to the playground, and looking at the stars.
- You get to frame rainbows, hearts, and flowers under refrigerator magnets and collect red & green paper chains for Christmas, hand prints set in clay for Mother's Day, and cards with backward letters for Father's Day.

For \$160,140, there is no greater bang for the buck.

- You get to be a hero just for retrieving a Frisbee or hula-hula off the garage roof, taking the training wheels off the bike, removing a splinter, filling the wading pool, coaxing a wad of gum out of hair, and coaching a baseball team that never wins but always get treated to ice cream regardless.
- You get a front row seat to history to witness the first step, first word, first day of school, and first time behind the wheel.
- You get another branch added to your family tree, and if you're lucky, a long list of limbs called grandchildren.
- In the eyes of a child, you're the best.
- You have all it takes to heal a scratch, scare away the neighbor's dog, patch a broken heart, watch over a slumber party, punish them, and love them without limits, so one day they will, like you, love without counting the cost.

Thank God for Children!!!

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Course Management

January 24

The Microbiology of Turfgrass Soils

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June 17	Moselem Springs Golf Club Corky Knoll
July 15	Regents Glen Country Club Mark MacDonald Joint Meeting with Philadelphia
August 12	Lehigh Country Club John Chassard
September 17	Butter Valley Golf Port John Gehman
October 15	Pine Meadows Golf Complex Randy Super Annual Meeting